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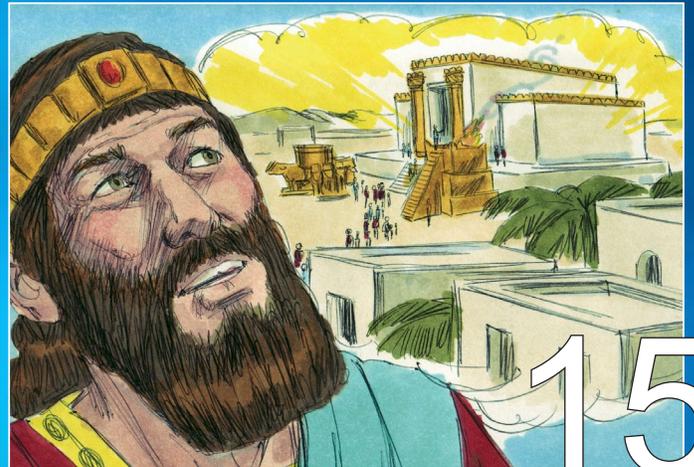


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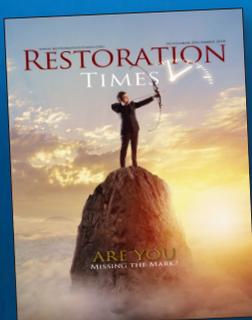
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TEN PROOFS OF TRUE WORSHIP

by Alan Manger

A long history is no proof of truth. Just because the corner church has stood for 200 years does not mean it teaches truth or is biblically sanctioned. The Roman church has stood for 2,000 years in apostasy.

Most seek out a place of worship as if they were shopping for clothes: do they fit me, do I look good in them, and what will others think?

The approach is backward when worship centers on self rather than on what Yahweh expects and accepts.

When Yahshua was out choosing His apostles to help in His ministry He gave specific instructions, not choices. “Drop your fishing nets Peter, James and John, and follow me. You will now have a new vocation. Your lives will now take a dramatic turn.” “Matthew, close your tax books and follow me.” “Luke, the days of pushing health remedies are over. Now follow me.”

He did not suggest alternatives, like,

“You can join me part-time if you can work me into your schedule.” Or, “You can join me at your convenience, whenever the mood strikes.” Or, “You have the option of going with me or John the Baptist. Either ministry is fine as I’m very accepting of alternative teachings.”

Clearly, with Yahshua it was either come with Me or don’t come at all. Whatever you do, however, realize that choices have consequences.

When we are called by Yahweh the only option we have is either to reject the call and risk being cast away or to answer His call and start a new life in Him. Those young fisherman called for discipleship did not have the option of working with Yahshua

by day and moonlighting at fishing by night.

How life-altering for those young men to become Apostles and to go from casting nets into the sea to fishing for followers of the Messiah Yahshua. They would now be teaching people all over Galilee to change their lives by submitting to Yahweh’s Word. It would be an amazing and fulfilling change of life for them as well.

At Yahshua’s trial in John 18:38 Pilate asked the most clueless question in all of recorded history, “What is Truth,” even while Truth stood staring him in the face.

If you want the Truth, follow Yahshua. “I am the way, the Truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me,” He said. The Apostle Paul summed it up in Romans 9:1:



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“I am speaking the truth as one in union with Messiah.” In Ephesians 4:21 Paul reiterated that the truth is in Yahshua.

Yahshua embodies the only way to everlasting life. He is also your High Priest, your Savior, and, as your Judge, will also determine whether you are worthy to partake in the salvation He offers.

Being the Judge, Yahshua even now is judging His followers against a standard of laws, as judges do.

As the Judge who has complete authority over redemption, He told the young man in

Matthew 19:17 that if you want everlasting life, keep the commandments.

In the age-old debate between law and grace, what my Judge said to this fellow in the New Testament is all I need to know. That is proof enough for me and I must do the same.

You want everlasting life? Then be obedient to what’s instructed in the Word. Keep the commandments of Almighty Yahweh. Forget the malarkey about no law and living your own way as you see fit.

A rebellious mindset goes all the way back to Eden, where haSatan tells Eve, “You are your own destiny. Don’t listen to Yahweh. You can replace Him if you follow me.

I was once asked Pilate-like, what is Truth? Yahshua answered that question in John 17:17, “Thy Word is Truth.” His response had a dual meaning because Yahshua is called the Word.

Churchianity likes to proceed without biblical standards, criteria, codes, or tenets. At least that is what we conclude by the popular “faith-alone” teaching. But when pressed they will admit they believe in the commandments, too. They just aren’t personally bound by them, so they think anyway.

Most want their spiritual destiny on their terms and at their convenience. They want options that don’t impact their lives, and at the same time profess that they know and love the Messiah Yahshua.

But that is impossible. Not following the biblical precepts at all times shows that you don’t actually believe or want what Yahshua taught and offers by following Him. John wrote in 1John 2:3 that proof that we know Him is keeping His commandments. Proof that we live in Him and dwell in Him is to walk as He walked, 1John 2:6. He was totally obedient to His Father Yahweh in everything. He was without sin.

With this open philosophy (which is man-made and not biblical) one denomination is as good as another. Welcome to the church smorgasbord where you can pick any fellowship that’s convenient without testing its teachings, or just look past any teachings that are not scriptural.

But where does Ephesians 4:4-5 apply when Paul said there is one body, one Master, one faith, one baptism? How can all churches be legitimate when their teachings and beliefs seriously conflict?

In light of the Bible’s warning about

apostates running around deceiving people, maybe that is why so many clerics avoid teaching the real Word—they don’t want to be found out that their doctrines violate Scripture. If they are all part of one true Body then all their teachings would agree with one another and the Word. No schisms would exist among the thousands of denominations.

True Worship is not common or compromising. Following are 10 key criteria based purely on the Word alone that identify the true Body of Messiah.

1 Hebrews 5:9, speaking of Yahshua, says: “And being made perfect he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.” More than easy believism and having faith alone, Hebrews teaches the necessity of taking an active part in our own salvation through obedience.

Paul noted that to be justified before Yahweh, which is foundational to salvation, requires more than just having nice, pious thoughts. He wrote in Romans 2:12-13: “For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before Elohim, but the doers of the law shall be justified).”

Our eternal rewards are based on what we do in life, Matthew 16:27: “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.” The life of the True Worshiper is manifest by works, 2Timothy 4:14: “Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Master reward him according to his works,” Paul wrote.

What does he mean did much evil to me? Next verse: “Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.” [“Strongly opposed our message,” *RSV. Moffatt* reads, “...has been bitterly hostile to anything I have said”]. Those who have experienced the same from family, friends or the world are in good company.

Obedience does not come naturally. It is learned, sometimes through much difficulty. If it came automatically our first parents would not have sinned in the Garden.

In Revelation 3:2 we read that the Sardis Assembly did not have good works and they were told to repent.

2 Commandment keeping is a hallmark of the true assembly. We read

in Revelation 12:17 of the time just before Yahshua returns: “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of Yahweh, and have the testimony [teachings] of Yahshua the Messiah.”

A similar passage is Revelation 14:12: “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua.” Faith in Yahshua goes along with keeping the commandments. Faith and following the commandments are not mutually exclusive.

3 Most teach that the assembly or “church” was born in Acts 2 at Pentecost, having a different belief about faith versus works than is found throughout the Old Testament. Yet we find that Israel is called the “assembly” way back at Sinai, and they also were given the laws to live by.

Acts 7:38: “This is he [Moses], that was in the assembly in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us.” Oracles are Yahweh’s laws spoken at Sinai, and these are still obligatory for the New Testament Assembly long after Yahshua died and was resurrected. His death never abolished the commandments or the necessity to obey them.

This “assembly in the wilderness” kept the Sabbaths, including the high-day Sabbaths within the Feasts. Ezekiel 20:12 reads: “Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am Yahweh that sanctify them.” The Sabbaths are a mark of the true body of Messiah, past and present.

4 Revelation 3:8 says His true Assembly will keep and teach His Word and will not deny His Name. Being part of the Yahweh family, the true body of Messiah will have His Name and His Father’s Name written on their foreheads, Revelation 14:1. They will be identified as His by the Sabbath they keep. No major denomination or church today both honors His Name and keeps His Sabbaths and Feasts.

The true Assembly will be unknown to the world. Therefore it cannot be a large denomination. In fact, if you want to find the True Worshipers throughout history, think small.

Yahweh chooses to work in the realm

of the small and then makes it grow. He covenanted with the family of Abraham, then restarted with Moses and his brother Aaron. He chose Israel not because they were the greatest in the world but because they were the least, Deuteronomy 7:7. In the New Testament Yahshua chose only 12 men to work closely with Him.

And what about us? “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of Yahweh: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not,” 1John 3:1.

The truth always resides with the few. It has always been the few who turned the world upside down. He sent His only Son to redeem the earth. Even Yahweh’s Name is made up of three weak Hebrew letters that spell out the most powerful Name in the universe.

5 As the religious establishment hated Yahshua, so will it also have animosity against any who are connected to Him through the same teachings. His people don’t fit into the world’s thinking, values, goals, or ways. He said in John 17:14: “I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”

6 The next two identifying characteristics are related. The true assembly will teach a restoration or return to teachings forgotten, ignored or covered up for 2,000 years. Malachi explains it using the words “fathers” and “children.” “Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. 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,” 4:4-6.

Fathers are the patriarchs, the children are those who descended from them, like us. And the prophesied one to bring this restoration is EliYah, a name that means my El is Yah. In fulfillment it will be believers who return to the complete truths of the Word as the fathers or patriarchs taught them.

7 Acts 3:20-21 confirms that this restoration must take before Yahshua can return: “And he shall send Yahshua Messiah,

which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which Elohim hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”

Jude 3 adds, “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.”

The believers are fulfilling prophecy and actively helping this prophecy come to pass. The True Body will be proclaiming this message in preparation for Yahshua’s return.

8 While most of churchianity dispenses with the Old Testament, True Worshipers will follow both Old and New testaments as one harmonious Scripture. Yahshua in Luke 4:4 commands us to live by every word of Yahweh. All that the first century Assembly had was the Old Testament, from which Yahshua and His Apostles developed their teachings.

A direct contradiction to the belief that the modern church is “New Testament only” is 2Timothy 3:16: “All scripture is given by inspiration of Yahweh, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of Elohim may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

The Bible’s complete unity in its testaments is self-affirming. Isaiah 8:20 reads, “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

Paul in Ephesians 2:20-21 defined the foundation of the New Testament assembly: “And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yahshua Messiah himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Master.” “Apostles” and “prophets” means the New Testament and Old Testament respectively.

The *New English Bible* reads: “In Him [Yahshua] the whole building is bonded together.” The turning of the children to the fathers describes the returning of New Testament believers to Old Testament truths, which includes obedience. These are united by the living, unifying Messiah who both lived and taught Old Testament precepts, Revelation 12:17 and 14:12.

When the New Testament refers to “Scripture” it includes the Old Testament.

After the New was written it was also called Scripture, 2Peter 3:16.

9 **The body is a family** of believers who have love for one another, John 13:35. Not only does Yahweh typically work through families, but His assembly is also a family. One day it will become a kingdom family.

10 **Contrasting with apostasy**, Acts 20 reads: “For I know this, that 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...”

We can determine the true body by comparing it to the apostate body. If a ministry teaches contrary to the Word it is not of Yahweh, which includes not just neglecting the Sabbath but also not using the true Names exclusively and snubbing the Feasts.

If the ministry promises health, wealth and prosperity or tries to minister through control, it is not of the Truth. Many have been drawn in by such groups, only to learn later that they have been duped.

The true assembly will have love for one another and will ensure that there is no hypocrisy, deception or duplicity among them.

These are central characteristics of the True Body of Messiah. If your religious affiliation doesn't adhere to all of them, it is time to investigate Yahweh's Restoration Ministry and begin to worship scripturally. 

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The Good, the Bad, the Redeemable – Yahshua addresses seven assemblies in chapters 1 and 2 of Revelation.

Seven Assemblies and Their Perpetual Issues

Ephesus – Live by the Book (Revelation 2:1-7)

Key Passage: Revelation 2:2–3 - “I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.”

The Good: Faithfully dedicated to good works, intolerant of those who were evil, vetted self-proclaimed apostles, hated teachings of the Nicolaitans who had compromised with pagan society to practice idolatry and immorality.

The Bad: Backsliding from their first love of the saints, Ephesians 1:15.

Takeaway for today: In your zeal don't neglect love for others.

Smyrna – The downtrodden assembly (Revelation 2:8-11)

Key Passage: Revelation 2:10 - “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

The Good: Humility in poverty

The Bad: Needing spiritual strength to overcome persecution

Takeaway for today: A crown of life awaits the spiritually strong and unwavering

Pergamum – In a world of evil (Revelation 2:12-17)

Key Passage: Revelation 2:13–14 - “I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.”

The Good: Unwavering even when surrounded by satanic evil

The Bad: Weak resistance to corrupt doctrines and worldly political agendas

Takeaway for today: Overcomers of sin and the world promised life everlasting.

Thyatira – Accepting of a false teacher (Revelation 2:18-29)

Key Passage: Revelation 2:20 - “Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.”

The Good: Great in love, growing in works, servant-hearted, with faith and patience

The Bad: Little or no discipline or discretion in allowing bad leadership

Takeaway for today: Bad leaders corrupt assemblies.

Sardis – Going, going...almost gone (Revelation 3:1-6)

Key Passage: Revelation 3:5 - “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”

The Good: Some faithful and pure still left

The Bad: Almost all spiritually dead and inactive

Takeaway for today: Spiritual renewal leads to life.

Philadelphia – Small but devoted (Revelation 3:7-13)

Key Passage: Revelation 3:8 - “I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”

The Good: True to Yahweh's Word

The Bad: Nothing

Takeaway for today: A model of backbone for the true Assembly, though few in number.

Laodicea – Lukewarm and indifferent (Revelation 3:14-22)

Key Passage: Revelation 3:16 - “So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”

The Good: None

The Bad: Spiritually blind, spiritually underdeveloped, and depressed

Takeaway for today: Secularism and worldly show don't cut it with Yahweh.



PAGANISM

And How It Battles the Truth

by Alan Mansager

Several sinister teachings were beginning to emerge in the early New Testament, which the Apostles recognized and denounced as destructive. These men of Yahweh were correct in their fears, as major heresies went on to corrupt worship – beginning in their day and continuing down to ours.

“If all these churches are teaching the truth, as they say they are, why do their teachings conflict with one another?”

That was the question posed by a new inquirer.

Maybe you have wondered the same thing. Besides, why do many doctrines in nominal worship not conform to what is so clearly expressed and taught in Scripture?

Obviously at some early point basic

tenets taught in the New Testament became distorted and misrepresented. Eventually their errors matured into what became accepted as “truth.” The term for this deviation from Scripture is “apostasy,” and it was alive and spreading even as the Apostle Paul was carrying out his ministry of True Worship.

Antinomianism – ‘Against the Law’

Paul warned the Thessalonians that the “mystery of iniquity was already at work” in his day (2Thes. 2:7). “Mystery” in Greek means a secret thing. “Iniquity” is lawlessness. A belief that Yahweh’s law is unnecessary came on subtly at first but increasingly began to rear its ugly head through a teaching known

as Antinomianism — a word meaning “against law.”

This heresy said that because of grace one is free of the moral constraints found in the law. It even promoted lawlessness, saying that as grace increases, the more we sin the more grace we receive. This heterodoxy greatly weakened the foundational underpinnings of the truth taught in the New Testament. And it continues its poisonous erosion of truth today.

Paul meets this heresy head-on in Romans 6:15: “What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law but under grace? Yahweh forbid.” Others, too, battled this false doctrine.

Jude writes in verse 4: “For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were

before of old ordained to this condemnation, wicked men, turning the grace of our Elohim into lasciviousness, and denying the only Sovereign Yahweh, and our Master Yahshua Messiah. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that Yahweh, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.”

“Antinomianism, i.e. faith without works, is one of the forms of error against which the Epistle of James is directed, showing that even in the apostolic age it had made its appearance...In short, its whole tendency is to produce an impression on the sinner’s mind that, if he is not saved, it is not his fault but [Yahweh’s]: that, if he is condemned, it is more for the glory of the Divine Sovereignty than as the punishment for his guilt” (*Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature*, [CBTEL]. vol. 1. p. 264-5).

We see an infusion of Antinomianism in the writings of Martin Luther centuries later. “Good works do not make a good man, but a good man does good works. And what makes a man good? Faith in G-d and Chr-st. How does a man come to such saving faith? Not through his merits, but as a divine gift granted, regardless of merits, to those whom G-d has chosen to save... By divine predestination the elect are chosen for eternal happiness, the rest are left graceless and damned to everlasting hell,” Luther, *Works*, II, p. 331; De Servo Arbitrio, in Lecky, Rationalism, I, 140.

Obedient Faith Lost Out

According to these heresies, we are saved or condemned simply by supernal whim – divine fiat – and not because Yahweh requires something of us like repentance and obedience. The truth is, we are saved by grace, but Yahweh will also not save sinners who have not repented of sin and stopped practicing sin (see Ezek. 18:21-24, 30; 1Cor. 6:9; Rev. 21:7-8).

Early, heretical teachings that infiltrated Christianity completely overlook the Covenant requiring obedience that Yahweh made with ancient Israel and with His people in the New Covenant. They ignore the fact that we are to be a separated people who “touch not the unclean thing” in order to be received of Yahweh.

They dispense with such passages as Philippians 2:12: “Wherefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my

absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

False teachings based on pagan worship totally disregard hundreds of ways in which Yahweh expects His people to walk on the higher ground of loving obedience and righteousness, 2Corinthians 6:17. Rather, they make the commandments of none effect, in deference to man-based worship. They make Yahshua’s words about living by every word of Yahweh a falsehood, Matthew 4:4, Luke 4:4.

Paul realized the damning nature of such dogma. He was distressed, knowing that teachings against Yahweh’s truth would greatly manifest themselves and increase once he was gone:

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draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears” (Acts 20:29-31).

Paul was spot-on, as false teachers were seemingly everywhere, out for their own following by deceiving their followers. The Apostle John voiced his concerns as well about destructive heresies spreading through various assemblies in his day. “These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you,” he wrote in 1John 2:26.

By seduce John meant to lead one to apostatize (Greek *planao*: “to go astray, deceive, err, be out of the way, wander”). John’s admonition followed his statements that made clear that he wrote no other

commandment but the “old commandment that we had from the beginning,” 2:7, 24. What the followers of Yahshua had “from the beginning” included Old Testament moral and spiritual laws.

Yet, here were impostors going around contradicting the Apostles’ teachings by saying that one needs not obey Yahweh. There were and still are other such heresies as well, based on the preeminence of man and not on the sovereignty of Almighty Yahweh. They focus on man and his wants first and work up to Yahweh, not vice-versa.

The desires of man over Yahweh have been the most destructive of heresies down through the millennia. It started with haSatan’s lie to Eve in Eden and is still the motivation behind false worship and the notion that Yahweh need not be obeyed.

More Heresies Unleashed

Besides the Antinomianists there were those who had a perverted notion about Yahweh and man’s immortality. They were known as Gnostics and their teachings derived from Babylonian mystery religion, along with a mixture of Eastern mysticism and Greek paganism.

One authority says about them, “No sooner had the direct influence of the apostles and their immediate successors ceased than the speculative interest and numbers of the Gnostics began to increase mightily,” *CBETL*, Vol. III, p. 893.

The Apostles had already dealt with one of the prominent leaders of the Gnostic movement, Simon (Magus). He tried to buy the Holy Spirit for selfish use in Acts 8 and was told to repent of such wickedness.

Gnosticism says man is already divine and immortal. This earth is just a prison from which humans seek freedom – having been confined here by an evil Yahweh – hence we have immortal souls. Salvation is attained by knowledge (Greek *gnosis*). The physical world is evil, according to the Gnostics, and man must escape the physical world to realize his full potential again as spirit.

According to historians, Gnosticism became a real contender with the early Faith and almost extinguished it. When it launched as a movement is unclear.

“Scholars have debated whether (1) Gnosticism was a widespread scheme that flourished before the birth of [the Messiah] and influenced Christianity from the outset, or (2) whether it was a movement that developed concurrently with Christianity

and came to affect it significantly only in the second and subsequent centuries, or (3) it was a basic alteration of Christianity that arose after the disappointment of the earliest Christians' expectation of the end of the age," "Gnosticism," *The Dictionary of Bible and Religion*, p. 396.

Unity at All Costs?

Gnosticism's impact is indisputable. Notice what the *CBETL* says about these pagan teachings on early church doctrine:

"Ever since the conquests of Alexander the Great, an intense interest had been felt throughout Asia Minor and Egypt in Hellenistic philosophy and Oriental theosophy; and while the old mythologic fables and professed systems of positive revelation had lost their authority, many thoughtful persons had discovered under these what they looked upon as a uniting bond of truth and the elements of a universal religion," p. 892.

"One is amazed at the boldness, the

fanciful nature, and the high pretensions of Gnosticism. In the course of a century and a half it comes and goes before us like a splendid vision. And yet its influence upon Christianity was profound and permanent," *Ibid.*, p. 896.

All apostasies lead back to the mother of all heresies, Babylon. Pagan myths and so-called higher, mystic teachings had a direct influence on the new movement called Christianity.

"The result was that, near the time of the first promulgation of Christianity, a number of new systems of religious philosophy sprung up independently in different countries, and exhibited similar characteristics. They were usually formed by incorporating with the national religion what seemed attractive elements in foreign systems, and softening down what was harsh and incredible in the popular faith and worship," *Ibid.*

For a maturing Christianity, what came to be considered "harsh and incredible" was the simple command by Almighty Yahweh

Himself to obey Him. Obedience, Yahweh told Israel, comes by keeping His laws and statutes, which is expected of spiritual Israel today.

John was inspired to write in 1John 5:3 that Yahweh's law is not harsh: "For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous."

Yet Martin Luther was to write. "It ought to be the first concern of every Christian to lay aside all trust in works, and more and more strengthen faith alone." "The Reformation," *The Story of Civilization*, by Will Durant, p. 374.

Luther believed that faith alone was all one needed to be absolved of sin.

Yahweh Almighty has defined how He expects His people to worship Him. We do not set the standards, He does.

Obey the One Who Is Worshipped

His requirement was for Israel of old to observe His laws, statutes and judgments if they wished to receive His blessings and promises. Obedience from the heart was much more important than sacrifices, as we read in ISamuel 15:22.

The same is shown in the New Testament Book of Hebrews. We are told that Yahshua the Messiah became the author of eternal salvation unto all them who obey Him (Heb. 5:9). And Yahshua's command is that we do the will of His Father, Matthew 7:21.

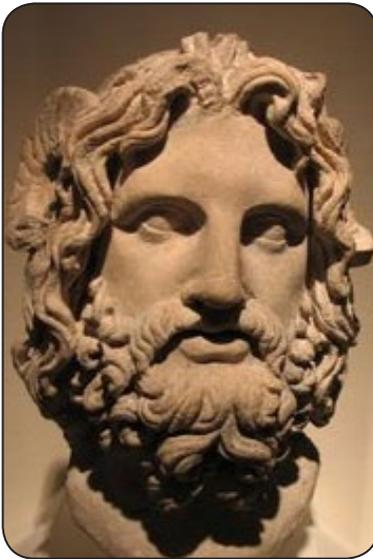
New Testament clerics teach that the rules have now changed. Obedience is out, grace alone (Antinomianism) is in. For the truth we need only to look to the last book of the Old Testament, where Yahweh says, "I change not; therefore you sons of Jacob are not consumed," Malachi 3:6.

If He does not change then His promises of blessings for obedience remain for us, too. That is exactly what Yahshua taught and practiced here on earth.

Our goal as worshipers of Yahweh the True Mighty One is to adhere strictly to the pure Word and not deviate into commandments and doctrines of men (Col. 2:22). We need spiritual strength engendered by a closeness with Yahweh and His truth so we won't be ensnared by "seducing spirits" and "doctrines of devils" that will arise in the latter days, 1Timothy 4:1.

The True Worshiper is to come out of error and sin and to worship in purity and truth – just as Yahshua showed us by His obedient example. 

Serapis



The image of the deity Serapis was allegedly used as a pattern by early Christian artists to portray the Messiah. This may be why He is commonly shown with European features of light skin, long blondish hair and narrow nose, unlike the actual features of a Middle Eastern Jew. Yahweh prohibits making such images, Deuteronomy 4:15-19.

A Case Study in Pagan Ecumenism

The heathen god Serapis embodies a mishmash of various Egyptian, Greek and Roman deities as it melds characteristics of all three worship systems.

This composite god was deliberately created early in the Ptolemaic (Greek) rule of Egypt to unite the Greeks and the Egyptians. His cult even spread to Roman territories.

Serapis was a combination of Osiris and the Apis Bull (the sacred bull of Memphis) with aspects of the Greek Zeus (the king of the gods), Dionysus (also known as Bacchus, the god of wine), Helios (the personification of the Sun), Hades (the god of the underworld) and Asklepios (god of medicine).

The name Serapis itself is a fusion of Osiris and Apis, and there is evidence that a cult of Osarapis existed before the Ptolemaic period. Serapis personified divine majesty and represented the sun, fertility, healing and the afterlife for the pagans. His consort was Isis, the wife of Osiris and the most popular goddess during the Ptolemaic Period.

With Serapis we see how disparate religions and worship can historically blend into one worship system. This is also how Christianity absorbed many pagan worship rites and beliefs as the church sought greater numbers and power among the heathen.



Beginning in the fourth century the Roman church began to define, modify, and transform its beliefs for the purpose of putting to rest the myriads of disparate beliefs and teachings that had developed in the first 300 years of the New Testament era.

It did this through committees of popes, bishops, and other church hierarchy. Even emperors were involved, giving weight and force to decisions, and benefitting from the control they received in league with the church.

There were the 21 ecumenical councils that established major doctrines. It was creed by committee vote, not by plain and clear Scripture. In fact, from one of the later councils came the dictate that the church and its traditions overrode Scripture.

Many man-made doctrines grew out of

these 21 councils that have dominated for millennia and influenced all of churchianity, including Protestant churches. Such teachings included the trinity doctrine, Easter to replace the Passover, Sunday worship over the Sabbath, worship of images and Mary as the “mother of G-d,” and the infallibility of the pope. Of course, none of these is scriptural. They are all human inventions.

New doctrines were being advocated by those who were seeking prominence. When a council would later be called the matter would be placed before the council and a vote taken and thus a doctrine foreign to Yahweh’s word would be bound upon the church. Had there been no councils, no conferences, and if people had been content to take Yahweh’s Word as their guide apostasy would not be a problem.

Faith by Committ

A large part of the errors which corrupted the church grew out of changes in church government, which was patterned after the secular Roman government.

No longer did elders rule the local congregations. Bishops, elevated above their fellow elders, now decided matters for the local church. The church said the ultimate authority on earth was the pope.



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Pope Boniface in 1302 said, “For every human creature, it is altogether necessary to salvation that he be subject to the Roman pontiff.”

New doctrines were formed by combining human philosophy and paganism with Christianity. With these changes the church became an apostate organization wholly unlike the assembly of the New

Testament. The church had joined itself to a temporal government and was no longer concerned with executing the laws of the New Testament.

Apostasy developed rapidly, with the church legislating to nullify and amend many teaching of the New Testament.

Numerous church doctrines cannot be supported by Scripture or even by reason. Take the trinity belief. Even the Roman church, which conceived of it, cannot understand it.

The *Catholic Encyclopedia* says, “The trinity as a mystery—The Vatican Council has explained the meaning to be attributed to the term mystery in theology. It lays down that a mystery is a truth which we are not merely incapable of discovering apart from Divine Revelation, but which, even when revealed, remains ‘hidden by the veil

of faith and enveloped, so to speak, by a kind of darkness’ (Const., ‘De fide, cath.’, iv). In other words, our understanding of it remains only partial, even after we have accepted it as part of the Divine message. Through analogies and types we can form a representative concept expressive of what is revealed, but we cannot attain that fuller knowledge which supposes that the various elements of the concept are clearly grasped and their reciprocal compatibility manifest,” p. 52 “Trinity.”

Acceptance of a manufactured doctrine based on mere faith can and did lead to numerous other false teachings. Yahweh doesn’t give us salvational teachings that cannot be understood and proved from the Word. The word “trinity” doesn’t even appear in the Bible. That in itself teaches volumes about the doctrine. 

Christmas

One of History's Greatest Deceptions – Hands Down!

by Alan Mansager

Father rises early, throws a large log on the fire, dresses warmly, grabs his axe and heads into the woods. He'll soon return with bundles of greenery to place around the house.

Humming cheerfully, mother prepares a ham, lights the red candles at the center of the table, and fills wine glasses for the guests who will soon arrive. Everyone eagerly awaits the gift exchange.

The decorated living room will shortly be filled with singing as the children, off from school, join the festival games while eating their fill of fruits and nuts. "Merry Mithras" they call out. "May Mithras bless us, everyone."

Welcome to the Roman Saturnalia and Feast of Mithras. It's December 25—50 years before the Messiah is born at Bethlehem. It could just as easily be 2,000 years before that, as these Mithraic rites are rooted in the customs of the ancient Babylonians and their worship of the sun deity.

Mithras is the focus of this holiday, a Roman god known as the Sun of Righteousness. This is his birthday celebration during the Saturnalia, a Feast to the Roman god Saturn.

But for Name, the Rest Is the Same

If you were to place this celebration up against today's December 25th festivities you would notice few major differences. Except that there would be tons more presents to exchange and homes would be more garish. Other than that, the masses would be just as comfortable with the rites of Mithras as with Santa Claus.

Even those who want to "put Christ back into Christmas" will sense a

commonality with the ancient sun god of the Romans. Note the following similarities:

Mithraism promised immortality to its faithful. This faith included such rites as fasting at certain times, baptism, marriage, the last rites, and liturgy with candles, incense, and holy water.

More striking than this, perhaps, are the personal similarities of Mithras and Messiah: Mithras "was the creator and orderer of the universe. He incarnated on earth...his birth on 25 December was witnessed by shepherds. After many deeds he held a last supper with his disciples and returned to heaven...after the last battle, victorious over evil, he will lead the chosen ones through a river of fire to a blessed immortality" (*Mystery Religions in the Ancient World*, p. 99).

All of this begs the obvious question: who is being honored on December 25th? The Savior, or the pagan Roman sun god? There seems to be little that distinguishes the two.

Don't feel alone if you are mystified by it all. Many ancients were also confused. Pope Leo I (440-461) chastised Christians, who on Christmas celebrated the birth of the sun deity.

Strange Mixture

From the start, the Christmas observance was mired in a pagan and pseudo-biblical combination that still scourges it today.

Why mix evergreen trees, St. Nick, Wassail bowls, wreaths, and mistletoe with the nativity scene? Is this how the Savior should be honored? Did He ever ask that His birthday be celebrated?

Search the Scriptures and you will not find one instance where He commanded or enjoined or even requested such a rite.

Surprisingly, there was no birthday observance for the Savior until 300 years after His birth. Being that no one knew when He was born, the Christmas observance was timed to coincide with the mid-winter pagan festival honoring the imperial gods Mithras and Saturn.

By a process called syncretism, the winter solstice celebration became linked with the birth of the Savior. Here is how one of many references describes it:

"In the 5th century the Western church ordered the feast [of the Savior's birth] to be celebrated on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia, as no certain knowledge of the day of [Messiah's] birth existed. Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year and to commemorate the return of the sun they held their chief festival of yule, which, like other pagan celebrations, became adapted to Christmas" (*Encyclopedia Americana*, Vol. 6, p. 622).

This source candidly admits that Christmas customs have no basis in the Bible. Notice: "Most of the customs now associated with Christmas were not originally Christmas customs but rather were pre-Christian and non-Christian customs taken up by the Christian church. Saturnalia, a Roman feast celebrated in mid-December, provided the model for many of the merrymaking customs of Christmas. From this celebration, for example, were derived the elaborate feasting, the giving of gifts, and the burning of candles. Lights also played an important part in most winter solstice festivals" (Ibid).

"But He understands ...doesn't He?" So what if we use customs derived from



heathenism? Shouldn't Yahweh be pleased just because we observe the birthday of His Son? Does it really make any difference how we do it?

Simply put, it certainly does.

Mixing forms of worship was what got ancient Israel into so much trouble with the Heavenly Father. Yahweh is extremely particular about how we worship and glorify Him. He will accept no other worship than what He prescribes. Anything less, anything added, and anything other than what is commanded in His Word — and we will reap our own condemnation. Yahweh says that worship outside of His teachings is expressly prohibited:

“Take heed to yourself that you be not snared by following them [pagan worshippers], after that they be destroyed from before you; and that you enquire not after their elohim, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their deities? even so will I do likewise.’ You shall not do so unto Yahweh your Elohim: for every abomination to Yahweh which He hates, have they done unto their elohim...Whatever thing soever I command you, observe to do it: you shall not add thereto nor diminish from it,” Deuteronomy 12:30-32.

The ritual that is most universal in the Yule celebration is the decorated Christmas tree. The brightly lit tree is a sun-worship survival, and its greenery a symbol of life and fertility worship. Jeremiah 10 condemns tree worship, a mainstay in the worship of pagan gods. “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Learn not the way of the heathen...For the customs

of the people are vain: for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, and with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not...” vv. 2-4.

Yahweh is not pleased that most have not chosen to separate themselves from the ways and worship of the world. Paul urged the Corinthians, “Wherefore ‘come out from among them and be separate,’ says Yahweh, ‘and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,’ says Yahweh Almighty,” 2Corinthians 6:17-18.

Let's Be Honest

The Corinthians had the same misconception many today have: they thought they could worship Yahweh the same way they had always worshiped — through heathen rites and customs. Just add some Bible and blend the two into a deceptive holiday cocktail.

Yahweh says if you do that, it won't be Me but some other one you'll be worshiping. He says I'm different. I demand my own unique worship from those who are mine. Not only is your worship vain, but I will also punish those who will not honor Me as I demand.

“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues” (Rev. 18:4).

Be honest with yourself and with Yahweh. Pretending you are keeping the

birthday of the Messiah by gathering around a pagan tree, coveting gifts, eating ham, standing under mistletoe perhaps to steal an immoral kiss, and using Santa Claus as a surrogate savior who keeps track of who's naughty and nice — and rewards accordingly — is all simply wrong. To our Heavenly Father and His Son, it is an abomination.

Remember what Yahweh told Israel at the foot of Sinai about the deities of false worship:

“You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I Yahweh your Elohim am a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep My commandments,” Exodus 20:5-6.

His laws are not grievous (1John 5:3), but reveal His exclusive and saving way of life. Come to know Him by being obedient.

Shun the empty ways of the world that ultimately lead to destruction. Find Him by honoring His special Sabbath and Feasts and you will discover joy and blessings through complete obedience to His Word.

Those who contend for the “biblical” side of Christmas observance, need to face the facts.

- December 25 is nowhere mentioned anywhere in Scripture, let alone as the birthday of the Messiah.
- Nowhere in the Bible can we find a single command to observe the Savior's birthday. Rather, the observance of His



death, Passover, is enjoined on every True Worshiper, 1Corinthians 11:26.

- The number of wise men is never given as three. There were at least two, denoted by the plural use of wise “men,” but there could have been a dozen or more.
- The wise men came to a “house,” not to a manger, to see the “young child,” not a newborn (Matt. 2:11). Herod ordered all children around Bethlehem up to two years of age murdered, hoping to net the young Messiah child in his murderous program, Matthew 2:16.
- The gifts of the wise men were not birthday presents, but reflected the Eastern practice of approaching nobility like a king with a gift. Further, they gave these gifts to Him, not to one another.
- The shepherds and their flocks were still in the fields at Yahshua’s birth, which would have been unheard of at the end of December in Judea, when it was cold and wet with winter rains and sometimes snow. The flocks were removed from the fields in early autumn. Evidence points to a fall timing and autumn birth of the Savior.
- A mass is a Romish observance of the “Holy Communion,” where the supposed body and blood of the Savior are imbibed in a process they call transubstantiation. Why His birthday is called “Christ-mass” is not from anything in Scripture.

Usually Christians celebrated the birthday of a saint or martyr through his “heavenly nativity.” But in this case they honored the Savior’s earthly birth in direct competition with the birth of the pagan Mithras, the invincible Sun of heathendom.

One would think that a celebration of the magnitude of the birthday of the very Savior Himself would be completely accurate and true to fact, rather than so rife with myth and error.

And why are no specifics given for such a momentous event, as they are with Yahweh’s Feasts, where we are shown exactly when they occur, down to the minute, and how to observe each one. Even how to prepare for them! This alone is enough reason to leave the Xmas observance to the world and its delusions.

Here is what Yahweh tells us through Paul: “Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness...And what agreement has the temple of Elohim with idols...?” 2Corinthians 6:14, 16. 

BRIEF HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS

It is strikingly contradictory that the supposed birthday of the righteous Son of Yahweh is celebrated with heathen rites and rituals. In fact, Christmas predates Yahshua’s birth by centuries. Many of its practices trace to the Roman Saturnalia, the most popular holiday of the ancient, pagan Romans. Its sister holiday was the month-long Brumalia, which incorporated many smaller festivals celebrating the deities of Saturn, Ops and Bacchus. The word Brumalia comes from the Latin *bruma* meaning “shortest day”. At the winter

solstice gifts and sacrifices were offered to their deities, especially Saturn, the agriculture and time deity. The weeklong Saturnalia festival began December 17. The ancients decorated their homes with wreaths and other greenery, symbolic of life and fertility. Romans spent the Saturnalia gambling, singing, playing music, feasting, socializing and exchanging gifts. Farmers would sacrifice pigs to Saturn and Ceres. Wax taper candles were common gifts during Saturnalia, to signify the sunlight’s return after the solstice.

360 C.E. *The First Church* *Observance of Christmas*

From “History of the Church Through the Ages” by Robert H. Brumback

“Christmas was based on a festival of Roman origin, taking the place of the heathen festival in honor of the sun, which was celebrated at the winter solstice on the twenty-fifth day of December, the day erroneously assigned for the solstice in the Julian calendar.

“We account for the late introduction of this festival by the circumstance that the ancient church failed to set any value on the day of Christ’s birth and placed it rather in the background as compared with the day of his death.... When the festival was at length placed in December, it afforded a substitute to the various nations who had observed a festival of rejoicing that the shortest day of the year had passed.”

The harder the world has tried to justify this date as the day upon which [Messiah] was born, the more hopelessly they become lost in the misty haze of ancient history.

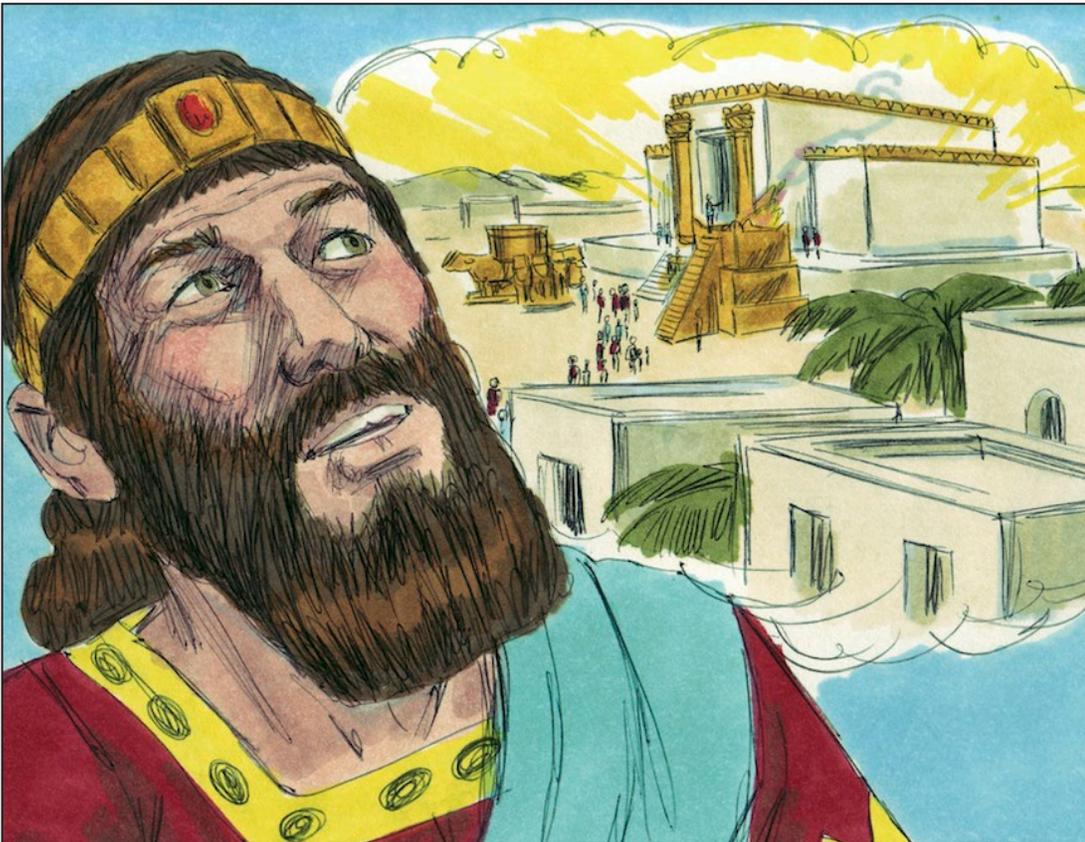
The apostle Paul condemned the Galatian brethren for observing days and months and times and years religiously. Christmas stands in a class with Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Easter. All originated with the apostate church and were fully developed by the church of Rome.

The word “Christmas” is derived from “Christes Masse,” meaning the mass of Christ. It was not celebrated by the church in the first, second, or third centuries. In the fourth century the apostate church began to honor the birthday of [Messiah] and in the fifth century, as the Roman Catholic Church developed, it became a part of their practice to celebrate the feast day of the pagan god Sol and call it Christ’s mass.

There is no information as to the day on which [Messiah] was born. [Yahweh’s] word is silent upon the subject. The logical conclusion is that if [Yahweh] had desired that the birthday of his Son be celebrated, he would have revealed it. It cannot pertain to our spiritual life for we have been supplied with all things that pertain to life and godliness.

If we celebrate Christmas we have to borrow it from the church of Rome. This day has been made a day of festivity and carousing, which is out of harmony with the spirit of [Messiah] and his teaching. It is based on tradition and not on [Yahweh’s] word. In reality no Christian should observe Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter, or Christmas, for all originated with the church of Rome. 

King Solomon's Triumph *and* Tragedy



by Randy Foliard

King Solomon's life was marked by both triumph and tragedy. From a young man he sought Yahweh's guidance and acceptance. He wrote several books of the Bible, including most of Proverbs and all of Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. In addition to his many successes, we also know that Solomon's life was one of tragedy.

As we'll see in this article, at the very end of his life he fell miserably short and lost Yahweh's favor. We first read of Solomon in 2Samuel 12:24-25. "And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he

called his name Solomon: and Yahweh loved him. And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, because of Yahweh."

Solomon was the offspring of David and Bathsheba. Remember that it was Bathsheba with whom David committed adultery. Even with David's actions, he and Bathsheba were blessed with a son. While we know that Yahweh punished David for what he and Bathsheba did, He also showed mercy. We find here that David named his son Solomon, meaning "peaceful." This is an appropriate description of Solomon as a person and as a king. In many ways Solomon's reign marked the zenith of Israel's monarchy.

We also see here that Yahweh gave

Solomon a different name, Jedidiah, through Nathan the prophet, meaning "the beloved of Yahweh."

Why David did not use this name the Bible doesn't say. The fact, though, that Yahweh gave him a name meaning "the beloved of Yahweh" shows that He had a special place for Solomon from the beginning. Among other remarkable feats, Solomon was responsible for the building of Yahweh's temple.

As we see in 1Kings 3:3-4, he had a heart to serve Yahweh. "And Solomon loved Yahweh, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

"Solomon loved Yahweh and obeyed Him as David his father did. He was guilty only of worshiping in the high places. The phrase "high places" comes from the Hebrew *bamah*. According to the *Wycliffe Bible Commentary*, this word is from an ancient Canaanite word referring to a place of elevation where the Canaanites would worship their idols. We witnessed similar idols in our 2016 Israel pilgrimage at a site known as Bethsaida, not too far from the Sea of Galilee.

In Solomon's case he wasn't worshiping Canaanite idols. The problem was, he was worshiping Yahweh where the Canaanites worshiped their pagan gods. It would be akin to a modern believer worshiping Yahweh in a church infested with idols.

Even though Solomon fell short by worshipping in the high places, Yahweh knew that his heart was right. And because of this, as we see in verse 5, He came to Solomon in a dream asking him what He should give him.

The Turning Point

This was the turning point in Solomon's life. He would never be the same after this.

Let us read Solomon's prayerful answer in 1Kings 3:6-14: "And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. And now, O Yahweh my Elohim, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased Yahweh, that Solomon had asked this thing. And Elohim said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days."

Solomon's petition is one of sincere humility. This is one of the most important attributes believers are to have. Our Heavenly Father values a person who is unpretentious. Solomon would later write in Proverbs 11:2, "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom." There's a connection between humility and wisdom. When we are humble we are the most submissive to Yahweh and

to His wisdom.

This is not true about pride, which leads to disgrace or shame. As we also see in Proverbs, pride is one of the seven sins that Yahweh abhors. Have you ever wondered why Yahweh finds pride appalling? A prideful person is self-focused and only concerned about self-gratification.

Solomon began as a humble individual. He realized how young and ill-equipped he was to lead the nation of Israel. Because of this, he asked Yahweh for an understanding heart. He realized the need for wisdom.

Yahweh was pleased with his request and because of that, not only blessed him with unparalleled wisdom, but also with



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great wealth and honor. So much so that Yahweh promised Solomon that he would be greater than all men before and after him.

Solomon's Achievements

True to the promise, Solomon's reign marked the peak for the nation of Israel. As recorded in 1Kings 4:20, Israel's boundaries were the greatest under King Solomon. "Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry."

In addition to Solomon's political influence, Scripture reveals that he was a remarkable builder. "And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of Yahweh, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city,

and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife. And Solomon built Gezer, and Bethhoron the nether, And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land, And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion," 1Kings 9:15-19.

Through taxation Solomon raised funds to support his building projects. This included the temple, his palace, the Millo and the walls of Jerusalem. As we noted in the previous installments on the Real Temple Mount (Restoration Times issues Nov-Dec 2017 and Jan-Feb 2018), the Millo is a reference to the ravine that Solomon filled between the City of David and the Ophel. In so doing he enlarged the City of David and connected it to the Ophel, which would become the Temple Mount. The Temple Mount seen today in Jerusalem was likely the Roman Fortress Antonia and the original temple mount was about a third of a mile south in the ancient City of David.

He also built and fortified other cities, includes Hazor and Megiddo, which we also had the opportunity to visit during our latest to Israel. You can still see archaeological ruins at Megiddo dating back to time of Solomon.

A glimpse of Solomon's greatness is also seen in 1Kings 10:23 and 27. "So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom ... And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the vale, for abundance."

Solomon's wealth and wisdom were greater than all the kings of the earth. He made silver common as ordinary rock in the city of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the grand jewel for Solomon and the nation of Israel. There was no city greater. This further shows the affluence that Israel experienced under Solomon's reign.

The secret to Solomon's success was his astuteness received from Yahweh. As seen in 1Kings 4:29-34, Yahweh blessed him with unsurpassed wisdom.

"And Elohim gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan

the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about. And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.”

Solomon’s wisdom surpassed all others, including those in the east country and all of Egypt. As a side note, the east country here may refer to the Babylonians, Persians, and Arabians, all east of Israel and all known for their wisdom. The point here is nobody was like Solomon; he was unique from all other men.

Dedication of the Temple

The accomplishment that Solomon is most well-known for is his work on the temple. Since we could spend this entire article focused on the temple, let’s consider only what happened after its building and dedication. “Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Yahweh filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of Yahweh, because the glory of Yahweh had filled Yahweh’s house. And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of Yahweh upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised Yahweh, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before Yahweh,” 2Chronicles 7:1-4.

This scene is reminiscent of when Yahweh consumed the sacrifices offered by Elijah the prophet. In that account Yahweh consumed not only the burnt offering, but also everything around it, including the very stones.

Here Yahweh’s glory filled the temple. A similar time is in Leviticus 9:24 when Moses finished the Tabernacle in the wilderness. The word “glory” comes from the Hebrew *kabowd* and refers to the manifestation of Yahweh’s glory or splendor. Some use the word “shekinah” as a reference to Yahweh’s glory. To the surprise of many, this word is missing from the Bible. It’s a word that

originated with Judaism and that Christianity later adopted.

The manifestation of Yahweh’s glory was so great that the priests themselves could not enter the temple. This must have been truly amazing for those priests who witnessed the manifestation! The brightness of Yahweh’s presence must have been blinding for those present. How did the people respond to Yahweh’s glory filling the temple? They bowed their heads to the ground and worshipped Him, saying, “. . . for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.”

Consider where mankind would be if not for His mercy. If not for His kindness, mankind would not exist. If not for His showing mercy to Noah, there would be no human race today. Many unjustly focus on Yahweh’s wrath and judgment in the Old Testament without equally acknowledging his compassion. While we certainly see examples of judgment, we also see many examples of His mercy. Yahweh is indeed good; He was good in the Old Testament and He is good in the New Testament.

Yahweh’s Promise

Starting in verse 12 of 2Chronicles 7, we see that Yahweh appeared before Solomon a second time.

“And Yahweh appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel. But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other mighty

ones, and worship them; Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath Yahweh done thus unto this land, and unto this house? And it shall be answered, Because they forsook Yahweh Elohim of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other mighty ones, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them,” 2Chronicles 7:12-22.

Yahweh accepts the temple as a place of worship and sacrifice. He also promises blessings for those who follow Him and punishment for those who defy Him.

Many are familiar with verse 14, which declares, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face. . . .” Yahweh’s Name is very important to Him and should also be to His true followers. In the Bible we’re told to bless His name, to call on His name, to confess His name, to declare His name, to exalt His name, to glorify His name, to honor His name, to magnify His name, to remember His name, to sing to His name, and to trust in His name.

Revelation 14:1 also reveals that Yahweh’s name is the seal that will mark the saints in the Tribulation. Yahweh’s Name occurs 6,823 times in the Old Testament. It’s no wonder we see that Israel was called by Yahweh’s Name.

We also see a reference to humility. Yahweh says that if we humble ourselves and seek His face, He’ll forgive our sins. This was spoken to Solomon in reference to Israel, but as we know, Yahweh doesn’t change.

The Book of Malachi declares that Yahweh doesn’t change; He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Those attributes we find in the Old we also find in the New. As Yahweh forgave those in the Old Testament who sincerely humbled themselves before Him, He does the same today.

Over the years I’ve heard some say, I’ve simply done too much wrong to ever find forgiveness. We can be thankful that we serve a Mighty One Who is plenteous in mercy. If we come before Yahweh



SOLOMON'S MARRIAGE TO MANY FOREIGN WIVES WOULD PROVE TO BE HIS DOWNFALL.

with sincere remorse, He won't turn us away. As a father would do anything to see his children succeed, our Heavenly Father is no different. On the other hand, for those who knowingly rebel, Yahweh will not hold them guiltless. If we willfully sin against our Creator without repenting, we will assuredly answer for that sin.

Solomon's Wives – A Warning

While Solomon had many moments of greatness, his life was not without tragedy. Scripture records in 1Kings 11:1-3 how this once great man fell from grace: "But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; Of the nations concerning which Yahweh said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their mighty ones: Solomon clave unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart."

Solomon's marriage to many foreign wives would prove to be his downfall. As if this were not bad enough, many of the women were from nations that Yahweh commanded Israel not to intermarry with.

Deuteronomy 7 lists seven of these nations and the reason for Yahweh's command. This command was not because of race or ethnicity; the Bible is not opposed to interracial marriage. What it does oppose, though, is relationships outside the faith.

Even in the New Testament we see this. The Apostle Paul in 1Corinthians 7:39 says that we're to marry only in Messiah. Why do you suppose Yahweh is so concerned about finding a spouse in the faith, whether

it be Israel of old or those today? The fact is, nobody can exert influence as a spouse can. For this reason it's often easy for an unbelieving spouse to pull the believing spouse away from Yahweh.

For Solomon it wasn't only the fact that he married strange women, but also it was the sheer number of women. Verse 3 says he married 700 wives and 300 concubines. Yahweh commanded against this very scenario in the Torah. In reference to kings, Yahweh declared in Deuteronomy 17:17: "Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold."

Solomon was guilty of violating both of these commands and as always, Yahweh knows best. As we see in 1Kings, what Yahweh predicted, happened to Solomon. His many wives pulled his heart away from Yahweh.

Starting in verse 4 we see just how far he went astray. "For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other mighty ones: and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his Elohim, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the elohim of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and went not fully after Yahweh, as did David his father. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their mighty ones. And Yahweh was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from Yahweh Elohim of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other mighty ones: but he kept not that which Yahweh commanded. Wherefore Yahweh said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and

for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen," 1Kings 11:4-13.

When Solomon was old his wives turned his heart away from Yahweh. Because of this, his heart was not right with Yahweh. He compromised Yahweh's Word for his unbelieving wives, including not only sanctioning pagan worship, but being complacent about it. In verse 7 we find that he actually built high places to many of these pagan deities, including to Molech, which Yahweh found especially abhorring.

Part of the worship of Molech included sacrificing their own sons and daughters through fire and from all accounts it appears that Solomon permitted this abominable worship.

It's hard to understand how someone like Solomon who was blessed in so many great ways and did so many wonderful things could do what he did near the end.

If nothing else, his life reveals that wisdom alone is not enough and if we're going to be found worthy we must always obey Yahweh's Word! No matter how wise we are or how much we think we know, our Heavenly Father always knows best.

While Solomon's age may have played a part in his final compromise, it's important to realize that this compromise began many years before when he took to himself his strange wives. Maybe he felt his wisdom would be enough to prevent him from going astray, but whatever the reason or rationale, it did not end well for Solomon.

When we deviate from Yahweh's Word and believe that we can somehow circumvent the consequences, we should think again. How many foolish decisions have we made in life without thinking through the consequences of those actions? Maybe if Solomon would have been more thoughtful, the end of his life would have been very different. But the sad reality is, we will never know.

If we seek Yahweh with a loving and humble heart, He will bless us and not forsake us. We should always be mindful of those things we pray for and make sure that our requests are in harmony with Yahweh's Word. Oftentimes our actions have long-term consequences, even when unforeseen. Therefore, we should always strive to follow Yahweh's Word, even from our youth. If we allow anything to come between us and Yahweh at any point in our lives, we may ruin the most important relationship we have in this life. 



Q Where does the Bible teach men to wear little beanies on their heads in worship as the Jews do?

A Nowhere. The Apostle Paul specifically teaches that a man should not have anything on his head during worship, 1Corinthians 11:4, and to do so is a dishonor. Even in this culture men remove their hats during prayer or out of respect. Conversely, it is a dishonor for a woman not to cover her head in worship, v. 5.

The Jewish tradition of the male kippa or yarmulke derives from a heathen Greek custom of wearing a beanie-like cap in sports competitions (see 2Maccabees 4:10-13). It is nowhere in Scripture, however. Greek philosophers wore the hat of the pagan god Hermes to show that they were educated, a custom still seen in the beanie under the tasseled mortarboard worn at graduation ceremonies.

In the Scriptures the male headcovering was a sign of mourning, as seen in 2Samuel 15:30, 19:4, and Esther 6:12. Had the average man customarily worn headcoverings the Scriptures would have no need to make special mention of it in these passages (for an in-depth study, see <http://yrm.org/scriptural-headship> and <https://yrm.org/beanie-torah-tradition/>

Q Are those who have been baptized in the common names and titles and not in the sacred Name still in their sins?

A Many may have repented of the works of the flesh but are still ignorant of the only Name that offers salvation. A key to repentance is to seek truth and then walk in all the light we are given, 1John 1:7.

Your question reflects a type of John's baptism, the baptism of simple repentance. In Acts 18 is a man named Apollos who was "mighty in the Scriptures." Yet, he had still more to learn. Verse 25 says, "This man was instructed in the way of Yahweh; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of Yahweh, knowing only the baptism of John."

Notice how Aquila and Priscilla furthered his understanding: "And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of Yahweh more perfectly" (Acts 18:26). The passage indicates that their instruction included the necessity to be immersed into Yahshua's Name.

Then in the next chapter, 19, Paul encounters more disciples who had not heard of baptism into Yahshua's Name, which is baptism unto salvation as well as repentance. Here is the account:

"He said unto them, have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? And they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit. And he said unto them. Unto what then were you baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance,

saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Messiah Yahshua. When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Master Yahshua." No questioning, hesitation or arguing.

When we repent and are baptized into the salvation that comes only in Yahshua's Name, we are endowed with Yahweh's Holy Spirit and begin to grow spiritually. The common titles or names do not provide salvation.

Acts 4:12 says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." "Yahshua" means "Yahweh is salvation." Only in the specific Name Yahshua do we find salvation.

Speaking of the need for proper immersion into His Name, the Savior Himself said, "...for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness."

If a sincere believer and follower becomes aware of the true Names that he has been ignorant of, then he must accept, not reject, this truth that leads to salvation. Yahweh winks at ignorance, but now commands all men to repent, 1Peter 1:14-16. For more information see <http://yrm.org/if-you-seek-baptism/>

Q What is your understanding of dispensationalism and can it be biblical?

A Dispensationalism is a teaching that says that Yahweh uses different means of administering His will to different people during different periods of history or dispensations. Most significant of its doctrines is that it seeks to address what many see as opposing teachings between the Old Testament and New Testament. The dispensations have been categorized and given names. They are:

- the dispensation of innocence (Gen 1:1-3:7), prior to Adam's fall;
- of conscience (Gen 3:8-8:22), Adam to Noah;
- of human government (Gen 9:1-11:32), Noah to Abraham;
- of patriarchal rule (Gen 12:1-Exod 19:25), Abraham to Moses;
- of the Mosaic Law (Exod 20:1-Acts 2:4), Moses to the Messiah;
- of grace (Acts 2:4-Rev 20:3 - the current assembly age);
- of a 1,000-year Millennial

Kingdom soon to come to earth (Rev. 20:4-20:6).

As a system, dispensationalism is historically rooted in the Plymouth Brethren movement in the 1830s in Ireland and England, and popularized in the teachings of John Nelson Darby (1800–82). The original concept came from a misinterpretation of 2Timothy 2:15, "...rightly dividing the word of truth." The notes of the *Scofield Reference Bible* are largely responsible for spreading this belief, especially among fundamentalist Christians in the United States. Its chief heresy is the discounting of the law as commanded for today (but see Matthew 5:17-18; Acts 7:38; Romans 3:31; 7:7, 12). The entire dispensational structure is from man's imagination with no such doctrinal divisions made or implied in the Scriptures.

Paul wrote in 2Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of Yahweh, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of Elohim may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The entire Word is given to "the man of Elohim" generally in every generation and is for everyone. It is not sliced and diced as if certain parts are only for some and not for others. Dispensationalism added to the false notion that the Old Testament is only for Jews while the New is just for Christians. For more information, see <https://yrm.org/old-testament-lives/>

Q Are the Feasts for this Era? I was told they had to be kept at the Temple in Jerusalem.

A The Feasts are for every era (see answer on dispensationalism above). Some say the Feast days must be observed with animal sacrifices at

the ancient Temple as well. Some also say Acts 18:21 is spurious.

Not everyone who kept the Feasts in the Old Testament kept them at Jerusalem. Israel kept Passover in Egypt (Ex. 12:11 and 9:26) and in the wilderness of Sinai in Arabia after leaving Egypt, Numbers 9:5. They also kept it on the plains of Jericho, Joshua 5:10.

In the New Testament, Yahshua told the woman of Samaria that the time is coming when neither in this mountain nor at Jerusalem would you worship Yahweh, John 4:21. Yahweh commands us to keep His days "at the place where He shall choose," Deuteronomy 16:16. That does not limit the location only to Jerusalem.

The weekly Sabbath is a Feast day as well. Who would maintain that it can only be kept at Jerusalem? If the Feasts cannot be kept without animal sacrifices then neither can the weekly Sabbath, as sacrifices were also required on it, Numbers 28:9-10.

Yahshua became our sacrifice and so animal offerings are not necessary for us. Our sacrifices are spiritual, 1Peter 2:5, 9. We still sacrifice, but now it's through praise, the "calves of our lips," Hosea 14:2. And we still gather on days Yahweh commanded His people to be kept "forever" (Lev. 23:14, 21, 31, 41). They will also be mandated in the coming Kingdom, Zech. 14, Isa. 66:23.

Acts 18:21 is not found in some modern Christian translations, but it is in the King James Version. George Lamsa's *Holy Bible from Ancient Eastern Manuscripts* quotes Paul, "I must by all means celebrate the coming feast as is my custom at Jerusalem..." Lamsa derives his translation from the ancient Aramaic Peshitta text. (Lamsa says "Peshitta" means "true...the original.") Aramaic was a language spoken in Yahshua's day.

Q You say that names do not change from one language to the next. But what about names like John, Sean, Ian, and Juan? They are all the same name but in different languages.

A That's a ghost argument that doesn't work in the real world. You have simply given forms of a name in different languages. If they are all the same name, then I can sign my name on a legal document using Sean, Ian or Juan and each will be accepted as legally me.

The fact remains that your given name is your name no matter which language you speak or which country you may visit. You do not change your name to a French version of your name if you go to France. You do not have your passport changed to reflect a different name and spelling of your name for each country you may visit. You have one passport with your name on it for use in every country you may visit.

If names can change by language, what is the English name for "Putin"? Or the French? Or the Spanish? What is "Donald Trump" in Russian, Swedish, or Japanese? In every country he may visit he is still "Donald Trump." There may be slight pronunciation differences, but the name would be transliterated (its letters rendered sound for sound) in each language to reflect the sound of his given name. Newspapers in the country he visits will call him Donald Trump. Radio and television news will call him Donald Trump, not some other strange and completely different name. Nor will they use a common title like "Mr." that could mean anyone, as in "Lord" for Yahweh.

Yahweh is the only One who can tell us what to call Him and the Name to worship Him by. And He has no English, French or Russian name. Just because we speak English is no justification for calling Him a common title like God or Lord, which aren't English anyway.

No wonder the Third Commandment tells us explicitly to honor His Name and not to take it in vain (meaning allow it to become obscure either by neglect or substitution).

Repeatedly He admonishes us to acknowledge His Name, 1Kings 8:3; to call on His Name, Ps. 99:6; to declare His Name, Rom. 9:17; to honor His Name, Ps. 66:2,4; to remember His Name, Ex. 3:15, and to magnify it, Ps. 69:30. How can we do that by using substitute names and titles? 



We sat down with Don Esposito from Jerusalem, Israel to discuss the impossibilities of the hybrid name Yehovah (Jehovah). From Hebrew grammar to historic sources we cover it all. Some would have us believe that the word on the streets of Jerusalem is Rabbis are confirming the name Yehovah. Is this true, or fake news?

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"I so want to get healed, whether creative miracle, or miracle in general, by YHWH. I need a break to rebuild my relationship with Him, as well as all else. I am far from HIM, and need to draw close again."

Yahweh answers prayer but keep in mind He also demands something of us as well. James 5:16 says the fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much. We are told in 1John 3:22 that we receive an answer when we obey Him. Isaiah 59:2 says our sins separate us from Him and cause Him not to hear our prayers. All of these and more teach us that we need to align ourselves with His will if we expect Him to do things for us. He comes first, then us. That includes not only

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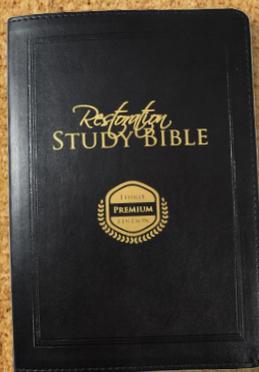
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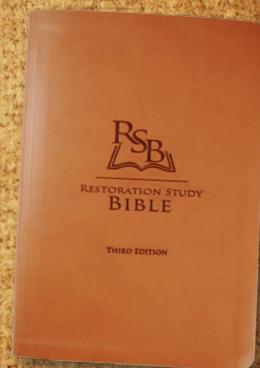
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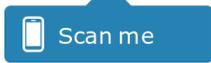
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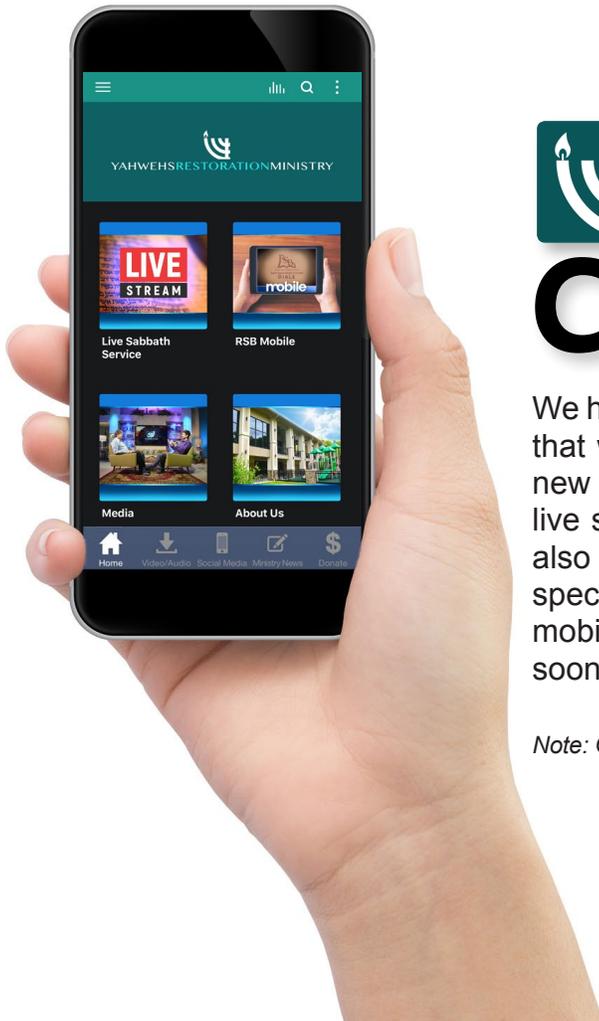
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