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Greetings Brethren,

And Shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua; the name above all names.

With this installment of the Remnant's Walk, I want to focus on Yahweh's wonderful plan of redemption to His creation. Although mankind has had a fallen nature since the Garden of Eden, Yahweh had a better plan in mind with His Son, "*The Lamb of Yah slain from the foundation of the world.*"

In His infinite mercy, Yahweh reveals this wonderful plan of salvation each and every year through His set apart Holy Days.

As human beings having our very existence being placed on time, we tend to look at everything in the linear. However, Yahweh who has always existed does not think in the linear, but the circular. Mal 3:6, tells us, that Yahweh never changes and that is why the Sons of Israel are not consumed. Yahweh made a promise to Abraham almost 4,000 years ago and we have come full circle to our time now where Yahweh is redeeming the Sons of Israel and the Promised Land of Israel to fulfill His promise to Abraham.

Yahweh's Holy Days are similar. Each and every year as the sun revolves around the earth and we go from Spring to summer, and then to fall and winter, and back to spring again, we go through the circular, yearly, reoccurring cycle of Passover and unleavened bread, which is redemption and forgiveness through the blood of Yahshua, and then, Shavuot and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. Then, the circular pattern continues in the fall with the feast of Trumpets, in which we rehearse yearly, the return of Messiah, the day of Atonement in which it pictures our being one with our maker, and Sukkoth and the last great day picturing Yahweh's 1,000 year millennial reign on this earth and afterward the final judgment on mankind.

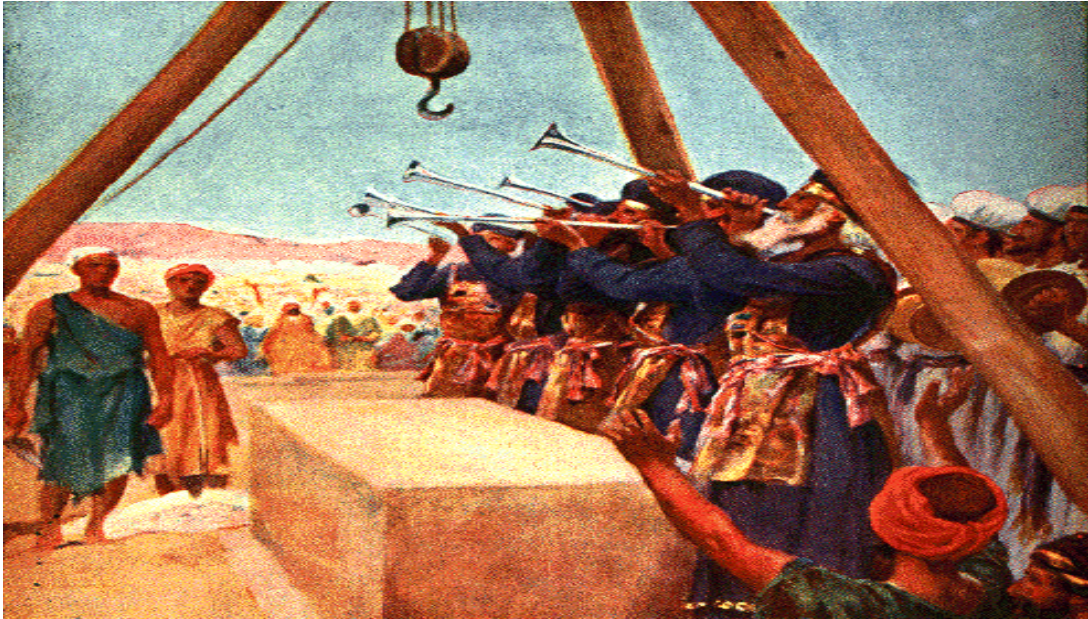
As the sun and the celestial planets make their circular orbit each year, we go through the agricultural and weather cycle that each Holy day arrives in. Then, each year when the sun passes the equator and Aviv/spring has arrived it is a new yearly cycle in Yahweh's calendar and another Passover and year are in on the horizon.

If Christianity had never lost fact of these most important days, then they would have never lost the meaning of the plan of salvation through these days and Yahweh's sacred biblical calendar. As many Christians are waking up to the lies of our fore-fathers before us and coming out of pagan religion, unfortunately, some are naively falling over to Judaism, not realizing that modern Judaism is not the religion of the bible, but is a manmade religion set up by Rabbi Akiva in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D. You can go to our study section at [www.coyhwh.com](http://www.coyhwh.com) and read some good articles on this.

My prayer to our Heavenly Father during these special Holy days are that His people worldwide would seek Him in spirit and truth, as Yahweh is spirit and requires such worship to have a true relationship with Him.

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## Are Yahweh's Festivals To Be Observed Forever?(Reprint)



We have heard all our lives that Israel was commanded to observe physical sacrifices and various ablutions forever. But is this true? Were both the annual festivals and physical sacrifices and ablutions commanded to be kept by the people forever?

### The surprising Answer

It is time we opened our bibles once again to see what the scriptures actually say. Most of us, of course, are familiar with the many texts which declare Yahweh's festivals are to be, observed" by a statute forever."

***"And this day"- the Passover - shall be unto you for a Memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to Yahweh throughout your generations, you shall keep it a feast by a statute forever (Ex 12: 14).***

***"And you shall observe the feast of unleavened bread, for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt, therefore (as a Memorial) shall you observe this day in your generations by a statute FOR EVER (Ex 12: 17).*** In this same chapter, verse 24, the Passover is again referred to: ***"And you shall observe this for a statute to you and your sons forever!"***

In Ex 13: 10 ***the feast of Unleavened Bread is commanded to be observed "in his season from year to year."*** As long as a new year occurs this festival is to be observed!

Notice what the bible states about the Day of Atonement: ***"And this shall be a statute FOREVER unto you: that in the seventh month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work" (Lev 16: 29).*** And in verse 31: ***"It shall be a Sabbath of rest unto you, and you shall afflict your souls, by a statute FOREVER."***

Concerning the feast of Pentecost" ***"And you shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be a holy convocation to you, you shall do no servile work therein: it shall be s a statute FOREVER in all your dwellings throughout your generations" (Lev 23: 21)*** Israel's generations are still continuing. Most of you are Israelites!

Again, ***"speak to the children of Israel, saying, in the seventh month, in the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation (verse 24).*** Also ***on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement (verse 27).*** You shall do no manner of work" ***it shall be a statute FOREVER throughout your generations in all your dwellings" (Lev23: 31).***

The feast of tabernacles is mentioned in verse 41 of this same chapter: ***"And you shall keep it as a feast unto Yahweh seven days in the year. It shall be a statute FOREVER in your generations."*** Notice! Here are Yahweh's annual festivals

**COMMANDED FOREVER** throughout the generations of Israel; Israel's generations are still continuing. The manner of observing is still continuing. The manner of observing the days is different now than under the Levitical priesthood, but the days are still to be observed-still to be kept holy – no servile work to be done in them!

But do these verses mean what they say? Are the annual festivals really to be kept FOREVER? But many will bring up the argument, “Were not the physical sacrifices, given in the days of Moses until the Seed – Yahshua – should come, also commanded by a statute forever? Did not Yahweh also command Israel to do those rituals forever? And if forever does not mean forever in one text, then how can we claim it means forever in another verse?”

The answer is that **NOWHERE IN THE BIBLE WERE PHYSICAL SACRIFICES COMMANDED TO BE PERFORMED BY THE PEOPLE FOREVER!** We have merely taken for granted that the bible says so! But it is not true!

What is the meaning of “Forever”  
Turn to Ps 102: 12 **“But you o Yahweh, shall endure forever.”** Does the expression “forever” mean forever in this verse? Certainly!  
And Ex 15: 18 **“Yahweh shall reign forever and ever.”** “Does the expression “forever and ever mean what it says? Of course! If it does not, then you have no sure guarantee of eternal life! No real proof that you will live forever!

But what about the sixth verse of Exodus 21 and Deut 15: 17? **“Then his master shall bring him unto the judges,.....and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall serve him FOREVER.”** Certainly if the master dies and the servant continues to live, the one is not being served by the other forever!  
The answer is that the words “forever”, “perpetual,” “everlasting,” and similar expressions, mean “continuously, without end so long as the factors involved exist.” (Cruden’s concordance).

Yahweh is spirit. He cannot die. He does live and rule forever. The factor here is Yahweh, who is without end, lives forever. But in the case of the master and the servant, the factors are two mortal human beings. Both will eventually die. So long as

both are alive the one is to be served by the other. In Ex 21: 6 the word “forever” clearly means continuously so long as both lives. Also with a husband and wife they are bound together “until death do them part.”

Now consider the annual festivals. These festivals are on certain days of the year. Do we still have days occurring each year after year? Assuredly! Then the factors involved still exist! As long as we have day and night, year after year, Yahweh’s festivals are to be continuing to be observed-FOREVER!

Notice what the Almighty declares in Jer 31: 35-36. **“So says Yahweh, which gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for light by night...if those ordinances depart from before me, says Yahweh, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me forever.”**

If you can stop day and night from recurring year after year, then you can quit observing Yahweh’s festivals! But so long as the Holy Days reoccur- as long as the factors involved exist, you must keep them!

#### **Levites have no inheritance forever**

As long as the Aaronic priesthood remained faithful they were blessed for carrying out these responsibilities. As the physical ministers of Yahweh, it is a **“statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they (the Levites) have no inheritance”** (Num 18: 24). Their inheritance came from teaching and from the service at the altar (verses 8, 11, 19). 1Cor 9: 13-14 adds: **“Do you not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so has Yahweh ordained that they which preach the good news should live of the gospel.”**

The family of Levi was not permitted the inheritance of vast property for income. They were allowed only their homes in their towns and sufficient lands around to accommodate the stock used in their physical service or to store the tithe till it was taken to Jerusalem.

It was the duty of the Levite to teach the people Yahweh’s knowledge and His law and to trust Yahweh for a living from the tithes and offerings of Israel. They were forever forbidden to spend their time making money. Notice Mal 2: 7 on this

point. If the Levites had been faithful, they would be Yahweh's teachers today serving in a spiritual ministry, having no inheritance but trusting Yahweh for income. This law in Num 18 is as much binding on Levi's descendants today as it was under Moses. It is a statute forever! Any Levite who violates this law has a mighty stiff penalty to pay in the judgment!

Here again notice that no proof exists that the everlasting statutes which enforce Yahweh's holy days are not binding. Also in Num 19: 10 and 21 notice that everlasting statutes regulate the manner in which rituals were carried out. There is no command to carry out the rituals forever. The only command refers to the manner of their performance. In each instance the rituals given in Moses' day were imposed only "till the seed should come" (Gal 3: 19), "imposed until the time of reformation" (Heb 9: 10). But the manner in which these rituals would be carried out will always remain constant.

These temporary rituals given under Moses were never originally a part of the everlasting statutes which regulate the annual festivals of Yahweh (Jer 7: 22-23).

### **Aaronic priesthood "FOREVER"?**

If Yahweh's festivals are to be observed by a statute forever, why has the priesthood of Aaron been changed when it is established by a statute forever?

Let's understand what the bible does say about the priesthood of Aaron. It does not say what most people believe! Open your bibles to Ex 40: 15 "And you shall anoint them, as you did anoint your father, that they may minister unto Me in the priest's office: For their anointing shall surly be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generation." And again Num 25: 13 "And he (Phineas, Aaron's grandson shall have it (the priesthood, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood....."

And notice Yahweh's promise in Jer 33: 17-22: "For thus says Yahweh, David shall never (lack) a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel, neither shall the priests, the Levites (lack) a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meal offerings, and to do sacrifice continually. This says Yahweh, if you can break my covenant of the day, and MY covenant of the night in their season, then also may My covenant

*be broken with David My servant... and with the Levites the priests, My ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the seed of...the Levites that minister unto Me."*

Notice it! The Levites shall never lack a man to present offerings continually. There will always be Levites available to do the job-or Yahweh's promise is not true. The Levites have been punished; there is now no temple or tabernacle whereupon to present their offerings but they have never lacked a man who could perform the rituals whenever they might be required.

In Ezekiel we find that after Yahshua's return the Levites will still be available to perform the physical menial duties of the priesthood as a reminder of their failure as a priesthood to do Yahweh's will (Ez 40:46, 43: 19 and 44: 9-23). Ez 44: 17: 23. When Yahweh declares a statute to be everlasting, HE MEANS IT!

But what about Paul's statement in Hebrew's that the priesthood has been changed – that it is not perpetual? How can Ezekiel and Paul both be correct? Is not this a bible contradiction? Is this not a proof that the festivals of Yahweh also been changed?

### **What Paul really said!**

Heb 7: 11-12 "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law (of Moses), what further need was there that another priest should arise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law (regarding who receives the tithes)." And the verses 18 – 19, "For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and un-profitableness thereof. For the law (of Moses) made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did, by the way we draw nigh to Yahweh."

The assumption of most commentators is that Yahweh was not faithful to what Paul is actually writing! In what manner is the priesthood being changed? Is another priesthood taking the place of Aaron's priesthood at the physical altar so that others instead of Aaron's descendants are to present physical sacrifices? Is another physical

priesthood substitute for that of Aaron in order to perform the rituals of the Law of Moses?

No! Aaron's priesthood was established for physical ceremonies ON EARTH. But Yahshua's priesthood is not a physical priesthood to administer ceremonies on earth. Yahshua, the high priest after the order of Melchizedek is in heaven. His is a spiritual priesthood.

Heb 8: 4-5 ***“For if He (Yahshua) were on earth, He should NOT BE A PRIEST, SEEING THAT THERE ARE PRIESTS THAT OFFER GIFTS ACCORDING TO THE LAW, who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things.”***

Do you grasp the significance of this? Yahshua has not replaced Aaron's family on earth. Aaron's priesthood is the only one which can ever perform the physical priesthood on earth. Aaron's is an everlasting priesthood on earth. But Yahshua has a greater, an eternal office of high priest in Heaven administering spiritual gifts on behalf of the whole world! (Heb 8: 4)

The earthly priesthood still belonged to the family of Aaron. In the NT Congregation Yahshua has not replaced Aaron in the administration of a physical altar or temple in Jerusalem. One priesthood was not substituted for another to do physical sacrifices on earth!

### **What was the change?**

BUT THERE WAS A CHANGE MADE; not the kind of change most people believe! The priesthood through which man approached Yahweh for forgiveness of sin and for the attainment of perfection has been changed. No longer does man have access to Yahweh through the Aaronic high priest. We have access to Yahweh through the high priest of the order of Melchizedek! We have access to Yahweh through a different priesthood today. The Aaronic priesthood is still there to do menial tasks in a coming temple, but it is no longer a mediator to Melchizedek since Yahshua is already come. But the physical service at an earthly altar still is Aaron's. No Bible contradiction here!

There was a commandment which required all Israelites from the time of Moses to the time of Yahshua's crucifixion to be physically reconciled to Yahweh through the Levitical priesthood. Yahshua mentioned this commandment in Math 8: 4 after he had cleansed a leper: ***“Go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses***

***commanded, for a testimony to them.”*** It is repeated in Mk1:14 and Lk 5: 14.

Those Levitical priests stood ***“daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins”*** (Heb 10: 11). We today do not go to the Levitical priesthood in order to approach Yahweh. That has been changed. The priesthood today is different - ***“Having therefore, brethren boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Yahshua, by a new and living way...and having a high priest over the house of Yahweh, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER, as the manner of some is”*** (Heb 10: 19-25).

The priesthood through which man approaches Yahweh has been changed. We have a new and living way through a spiritual priesthood today. And that is all the more reason we should not fail to assemble ourselves together on the annual festivals, which Yahweh has commanded by statutes to be observed FOREVER! Whenever possible we should try to come to Jerusalem and appear before Yahweh as scriptures states (Deut 16:16).

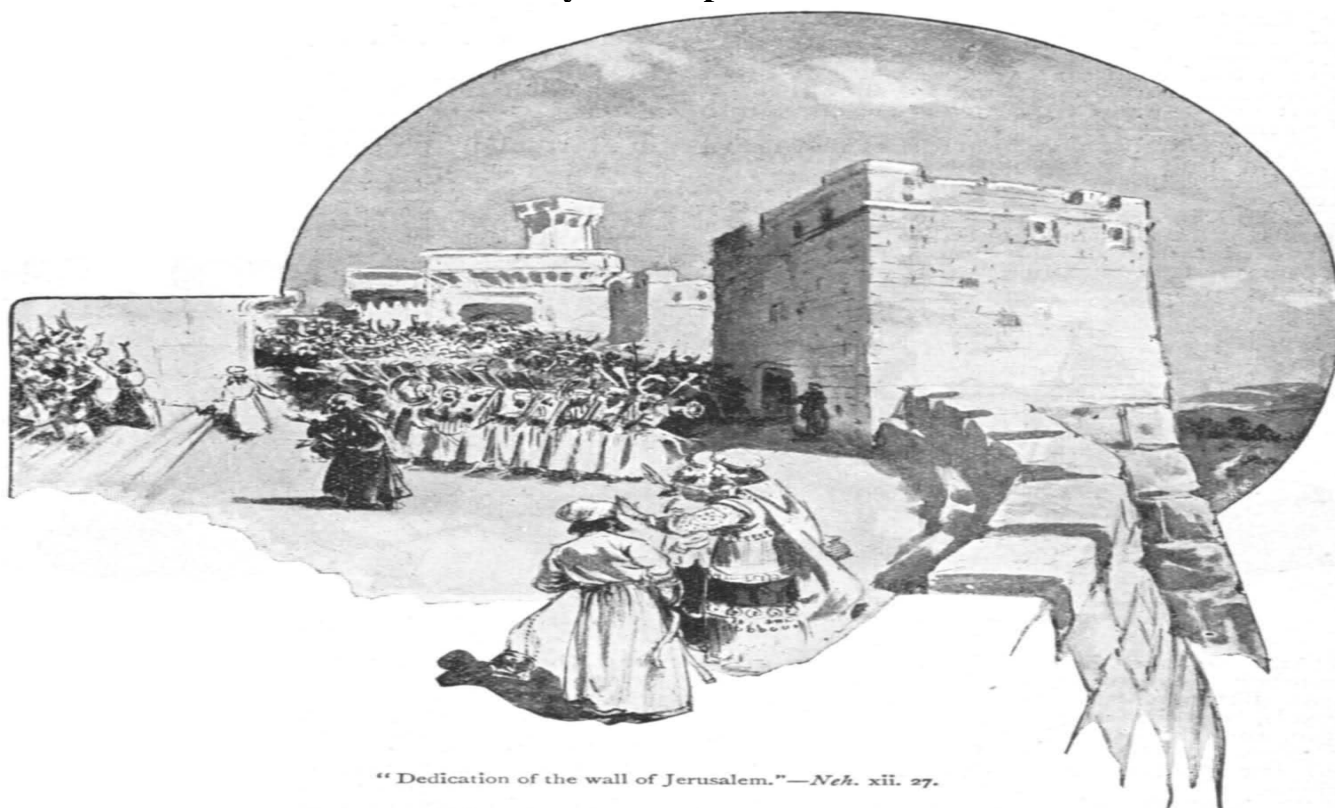
Holy Days are commanded forever! It is stated **Nine Times** in scripture! How plain! IN EVERY ONE OF THESE SCRIPTURES YAHWEH MEANS EXACTLY WHAT HE INSPIRED THE WRITERS OF THE BIBLE TO RECORD FOR US!

When He declares a law to be everlasting **HE MEANS IT!** In nine specific verses in the bible the annual festivals of Yahweh are commanded to be observed year by year- in their season-as long as day and night continue-by statutes forever! Read them again! EX 12: 14, 17 and 24, 13: 10 and Lev 16: 29, 31 and 23: 21, 24, 27, 31 and 41.

No stronger proof can be given, than these nine verses, that the Congregation of Yahweh must keep holy, these days that Yahweh made holy! Yet in not one of these places is any mention made of physical sacrifices being commanded forever!

# Where Has Yahweh Put His Name!

By Don Esposito



How exciting it is in the year 2010 to be blessed by Yahweh to be allowed to participate in and to celebrate His feast of Sukkot. So many in Satan's society, year after year, celebrate the empty pagan festivals of Christmas, and Easter, and Halloween, and how blessed are we that we have been rescued from the worthless ways of our pagan pasts and have the opportunity to celebrate these days in spirit and truth?

Let's remember what the feast of Sukkot is all about. The Holy Days are a clock in the sky that all year long reveal the plan of salvation, through the redemptive work of Yahweh by the shed blood of His Son Yahshua, for the forgiveness of our sins and to pay the penalty for those sins.

The Holy days are for the nation of Israel, whom Yahweh choose to redeem mankind back to him through.

**Amo 3:1 Hear this Word that Yahweh has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against all the family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying:**

**Amo 3:2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth**

Also, the Holy Days were never meant to be observed outside the land of Israel, and without the harvest fruits of Israel, it is actually impossible to keep them correctly.

**Lev 23:10 Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you come in to the land which I am giving to you, and have reaped its harvest, and have brought in the sheaf, or the beginning of your harvest, to the priest,**

**Lev 23:11 then he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh for your acceptance; on the morrow of the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.**

When Yahweh brought the nation of Israel to the Promised Land of Israel, He entered into covenant relationship with them. The blessings of the harvest fruits of the land were a major part of this covenant agreement. If Israel, as a nation, obeyed the Torah throughout the year, then Yahweh would bless their harvest crops and the Israelites would come up to

appear before Yahweh in Jerusalem with all their crops and animals and they would rejoice with their families and receive the blessing of Yahweh from Jerusalem, the only place on earth that Yahweh put His name, and the only place in scripture that Israel was commanded to come up to and appear before Yahweh in the 3 Holy Day Seasons.

***Deu 16:16 Three times in a year shall all your males appear before Yahweh your Elohim in the place which He shall choose (Jerusalem): In the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks and in the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before Yahweh empty, Deu 16:17 but each with his gift of his hand, according to the blessing of Yahweh your Elohim, which He has given you. 1Ki 14:21b And he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Yahweh chose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there.***

***Deu 14:22 Tithing you shall tithe all the increase of your seed that the field yields year by year.***

***Deu 14:23 And you shall eat before Yahweh your Elohim in the place which He shall choose (Jerusalem) to cause His name to dwell there, the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock; that you may learn to fear Yahweh your Elohim all your days.***

***Deu 14:24 And if the way is too long for you, so that you cannot carry it, because the place is too far from you which Yahweh your Elohim shall choose to set His name there, when Yahweh your Elohim shall bless you; Deu 14:25 Then you shall give it for silver, and bind up the silver in your hand. And you shall go to the place which Yahweh your Elohim shall choose (Jerusalem).***

***Deu 14:26 And you shall pay the silver for whatever your soul desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for fermented drink, or for whatever your soul desires. And you shall eat there before Yahweh your Elohim, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.***

Notice, first in Deuteronomy, that the person is first of all being faithful to tithe all his increase to Yahweh. Then because of his faithfulness in tithing he is allowed to use a tenth of his tithe, for the feast to come and appear before Yahweh in Jerusalem (the only place in scripture where Yahweh dwells) and receive his blessing from Yahweh for his faithfulness throughout the year.

Also notice in verse 24-25, that coming to Jerusalem was not only a good idea but it was a command, and if any male did not have the money to come, then he was to sell his possessions for money and then come up to Jerusalem and appear before Yahweh at the feast time.

When the Torah was given there was never even a hint of ever keeping the pilgrim feasts anywhere but in Jerusalem, the only place in scripture that it says where Yahweh dwells.

It was and still is a curse of our fore-fathers disobedience and our current Diaspora that we cannot appear before Yahweh in Jerusalem at feast time. Again, you must get this point very clear in your mind, it is *not a commandment* in Diaspora to come up to Jerusalem at feast time, it is a *curse* that we are living in Diaspora and cannot come up to Jerusalem.

In our Diaspora, not only did we lose our very identity as Israelites and literal descendents of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but since we lived among the gentiles and actually lost our identity and became gentiles, we have also lost our connection to the physical land of Israel and all the covenant promises that go along with the land covenant. For Israel, being in covenant relationship, *meant being in the land*, it is that simple; you simply cannot divide the people, the land, or the covenant.

***Jer 11:1 The Word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying, Jer 11:2 Hear the Words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to those living in Jerusalem, Jer 11:3 and say to them, So says Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel, Cursed is the man who does not obey the Words of this covenant, Jer 11:4 which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of***



***the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey My voice and do them according to all that I command you, so that you shall be My people, and I will be your Elohim;***  
***Jer 11:5 in order to establish the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then I answered and said, Amen, O Yahweh.***  
***Jer 11:6 And Yahweh said to me, Declare all these Words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear the Words of this covenant and do them.***

There was never a fore-thought to Israel that being kicked out of the promised land of Israel would be a good thing and would not matter much, but in our Diaspora in these end times, many sons of Israel have fully lost their connection to our Homeland and they love the captivity more than the reward of the beautiful land of Israel, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Many believers in these end times have come out of some pagan rituals, such as Sunday worship or Christmas keeping, but in their gentile pagan roots of their family's country of Diaspora, they have not truly grasped the covenant promises of the land covenant.

Many leaders do understand that many believers physical roots are not through the pagan countries of America, or Europe, or Asia, or any country other than the land of Israel; but somehow in their ignorance, they display false replacement theology that America, or some other nation, or place, is the "New Israel". They somehow think that all the covenant scriptures that are in the bible to the physical Israelites, in the physical land of Israel, now are somehow replaced by the land of America or some other land.

It is true that many Americans are Israelites by genealogy, and are living in Diaspora in the land of America, which is end time Babylon in scripture, but by no means does that make the physical land of America, the new Israel. When Israel was taken captive by Babylon in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C., the ancient land of Babylon suddenly did not become the new Israel, simply because Israelites were now captive there. Neither is the USA, the new Israel,

simply because Israelites are living in it in their Diaspora.

The land covenant was based on obedience to Yahweh's Torah, and Israel cut covenant with Yahweh to be obedient to that Torah. America neither cut covenant with Yahweh to obey His Torah, nor did they as a nation ever have all the laws of the Torah, as the laws of the land.

One main reason Israel was kicked out of the Promised Land by Yahweh was because they did not keep the land Sabbaths and the weekly Sabbath sanctified. America never had a Sabbath law in their books and as a nation never even remotely kept the Sabbath laws or land rests, they also never sanctified the name of Yahweh to the nation of America, as well as never having most of the 613 laws of Torah on their legal books, although some of their laws are based on the Torah.

America is not the new Israel; this is just another symptom that Ephraim has been in captivity too long. The Israelites who are captive in America/Babylon have loved their captivity more than the reward of the Promised Land.

Some, also in their ignorance, think that they have the authority to place Yahweh's name, where ever they are having their feast site in their captivity. There was a flyer a short time ago saying *come to the feast of Sukkot where Yahweh has placed His name, Colorado Springs*. I would have to ask for scripture and verse, and sorry to say, you will not find it.

I have read many leaders falsely attack any believer who is not keeping their calendar for the Holy Days, and yet *the place* of an appointment is just as important as *the time* of an appointment. And I have yet to see one Sabbath keeping leader either mention the importance of the land covenant, or the keeping of the feast days in Jerusalem, according to scripture.

In our Diaspora, we have lost the connection to the wonderful land covenant promises that Yahweh speaks about in scripture.

***Amo 9:14 And I will bring back the captivity of My people Israel. And they shall build the waste cities, and live in them. And they shall plant vineyards,***

**and drink the wine of them. They shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.**

**Amo 9:15 And I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be pulled up out of their land which I have given to them, says Yahweh your Elohim.**

**Jer 33:23 And the Word of Yahweh was to Jeremiah, saying,**

**Jer 33:24 Have you not observed what these people have spoken, saying, The two families that Yahweh has chosen, He has also rejected them? And they despise My people, no more to be a nation before them.**

**Jer 33:25 So says Yahweh, If My covenant is not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of the heavens and earth,**

**Jer 33:26 then I also will reject the seed of Jacob, and My servant David, not to take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I will bring back their captivity and have pity on them.**

We are living in one of the most exciting times in the history of man. We are living in the times where these scriptures have already started to be fulfilled and will continue to be fulfilled in the coming days ahead.

We have already seen our brother Judah come back home to our homeland after 2,520 years of captivity, and Yahweh willing, if we are alive to witness it, we will see Ephraim and the Northern tribes of Israel also be planted back on their land to live with Yahshua Messiah during the 1,000 year millennium.

It has been well over 2700 years since Ephraim and the Northern tribes have been blessed to keep the feast days in Jerusalem and appear before Yahweh, the King of the Universe at feast time. But as prophecy stated that it would happen once again, Yahweh has opened a door to Israelites in Diaspora to appear before Him at feast time.

**Eze 36:37 So says the Adonai Yahweh: Yet for this I will be sought by the house of Israel, to work for them. I will increase them with men like a flock.**

**Eze 36:38 Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed**

**feasts, so the wasted cities shall be filled with flocks of men. And they shall know that I am Yahweh.**

Yahweh has opened a door for the Northern tribes of Israel to again appear before Him in Jerusalem at feast time, to receive their blessing for turning back to the Torah, and appearing before Him, as He stated in scripture.

This started with just a handful of believers and has turned into a wonderful celebration now with between 100 and 200 believers appearing before Yahweh to praise His name and the name of Yahshua in the city of the Great King (Math 5:35). How do we not know that Yahweh only allowed such modern technology as airplanes, to simply give Ephraim a chance to see his promised homeland from his captivity to give him hope in the troublesome end times ahead?

Jerusalem is Yahweh's headquarters, and the place where the original Apostles ruled the early congregation from.

**Mic 4:1 But it shall be in the end of the days, the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established on the top of the mountains; and it shall be lifted up from the hills; and peoples shall flow on it.**

**Mic 4:2 And many nations shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob. And He will teach us from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For the Law shall go forth out of Zion, and the Word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.**

Yahweh in this end time is restoring all things, and part of that restoration is His sovereignty over Israel and in particular, Jerusalem. I believe when someone would only want to go to Jerusalem at feast time because it is an actual commandment, then He is missing the point of the blessing; in our Diaspora it is not a commandment that we must go to Jerusalem at feast time, as it is actually, as previously mentioned, a curse of Diaspora not to be able to appear before Yahweh, but it is an honor to represent Yahweh at feast time in His Holy City.

Let me also state that although Yahweh's intent was for Israel to keep the feast days in the Holy Land, that in our Diaspora, if we can't attend in

Jerusalem, than we should keep the feast wherever we are.

Some have tried to say that Yahweh is everywhere and use the scripture where 2 or 3 gather there I am also. Yes, it is true that Yahweh is everywhere, as He is omnipresent, but when you gather in your captivity in Babylon and pray to Yahweh, *He comes to where you dwell*, as where, when you appear before Him in Jerusalem, *you come to where He dwells*. And believe me; it is very different, as when Moses appeared before Yahweh in His presence at the burning bush.

As parents we visit our children and grandchildren and it is always a blessing to see family, but isn't it a special blessing when your children come to see you. As the expression goes, you can pray to Yahweh anywhere in the world, but in Jerusalem it is a local call.

Others have tried to use the following scripture in John, to say that we no longer need to appear before Yahweh in Jerusalem, for the Holy days.

***Joh 4:20 Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship.***

***Joh 4:21 Yahshua said to her, Woman, believe Me that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem.***

***Joh 4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is of the Jews.***

***Joh 4:23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such, the ones worshipping Him.***

The first thing is that the subject of whether to come to Jerusalem for the pilgrim feast is not even in question, but rather the point of needing a temple and a sacrificial system in order to worship Elohim. The Jews said you must do your sacrifice of your animal in Jerusalem and the Samaritans said to sacrifice your animal in Mount Gerazim. Yahshua was saying that no longer would you need to seek Elohim through the sacrificing of animals, in a sanctuary, which was only a shadow, but now the truth or reality was in Him, and true worship through His sacrifice and Holiness.

It has nothing to do with coming or not coming to Jerusalem for the Holy Days, as in John 5:1 right after this it states;

***Joh 5:1 After these things, there was a feast of the Jews, and Yahshua went up to Jerusalem.***

So would Yahshua tell this woman it is no longer necessary to appear before Yahweh in Jerusalem and then in the next verses go to Jerusalem to appear before Yahweh?

Also, some have misquoted the Apostle Paul that he stated it was no longer important to come to Jerusalem for the Holy days, but again if we use scripture as our guide look at what Paul states;

***Act 18:20 And they asking him to remain over a longer time with them, he did not agree,***

***Act 18:21 but took leave of them, saying, I must by all means keep the coming feast at Jerusalem***

Some have used replacement theology to say that Jerusalem is now representative of the church or heaven, but look at what scripture states about Jerusalem even in the end time.

***Zec 12:6b And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her place, in Jerusalem.***

Look at where also Yahweh will be dwelling in the end time;

***Joe 2:32 For it shall be, all who shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be saved. For salvation shall be in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, as Yahweh has said, and among the survivors whom Yahweh shall call.***

***Joe 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of Yahweh is near in the valley of decision.***

***Joe 3:15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall gather in their light.***

***Joe 3:16 And Yahweh roars from Zion, and He gives His voice from Jerusalem. And the heavens and the earth quake. But Yahweh is a refuge for His people and a fortress to the sons of Israel.***

***Joe 3:17 And you shall know that I am Yahweh your Elohim dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. And Jerusalem***

***shall be a holy thing, and aliens shall no more pass through her.***

***Joe 3:21 And I will cleanse their blood which I did not cleanse. And Yahweh is dwelling in Zion.***

Clearly in the end time, Jerusalem is back in her place, after over 2500 years of captivity, and Judah is a nation once again, even more exciting is that Yahweh is still dwelling in Jerusalem and Mount Zion, The original City of David in these end times, and as we read in Ezekiel 36:37-38, so is Ephraim and the Northern tribes of Israel also blessed to be able to again appear before Yahweh and represent Him in the City of the Great King, in Jerusalem.

***Psa 122:1 I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of Yahweh.***

***Psa 122:2 Our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.***

***Psa 122:3 Jerusalem is built like a city that is joined to itself, together.***

***Psa 122:4 There the tribes go up, the tribes of Yahweh; to the testimony of Israel; to give thanks to the name of Yahweh.***

To the ones that have been chosen to be with us in Jerusalem this year as Yahweh's representatives at His headquarters, praise Him for this great blessing that you will be blessed with.

But to our brothers and sisters in Diaspora that have not been blessed to be with us in Jerusalem this year, I ask you to read Psalm 137 and meditate on it, and pray for next year in Jerusalem.

***Psa 137:1 There by the rivers of Babylon we sat down; also we wept when we remembered Zion.***

***Psa 137:2 We hung our lyres on the willows in its midst.***

***Psa 137:3 For there our captors asked us the words of a song; yea, our plunderers asked joy, saying, Sing to us a song of Zion.***

***Psa 137:4 How shall we sing the song of Yahweh on a foreign soil?***

***Psa 137:5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget;***

***Psa 137:6 let my tongue cleave to my palate, if I do not remember you, if I do not bring up Jerusalem above the head of my joy.***

As we are coming out of the worthless pagan ways of our past and as we are anxiously waiting for Yahshua's return to earth and the manifestation of the Children of Yahweh, let us never forget the great and precious promises that we have of returning to the land of our fore-fathers and living in the Promised Land of Israel. Let us look forward to the day that all the earth will appear before Yahshua in Jerusalem at feast time.

***Zec 14:16 And it shall be, everyone who is left from all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.***

***Zec 14:17 And it shall be, whoever will not go up from the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of Hosts, there shall even be no rain on them.***

***Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up, nor come in, then the rain shall not be on them, but the plague with which Yahweh shall strike the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.***

It was never Yahweh's intention that His covenant people, the Sons of Israel, would have to be expelled from the covenant land of Israel. The end time believers are the very beginning of the restoration of all things and what a blessing it is to be able to be part of the restoring of Yahweh's feast to the covenant land of Israel and Jerusalem. Oh how we look forward to each feast we are blessed to keep there and one day soon, if we are alive and are blessed to be there, then we will see the very feet of Yahshua stand on the Mount of Olives and celebrate that first Sukkot with Him in His Kingdom.

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# CAN YOU BE TRUSTED?



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(Reprint)

*Loyalty and trust are absent from many personal relationships today. What about your own?*

A long-standing friendship between two men was shattered when one betrayed a secret the other confided in him. Information that was considered strictly personal was divulged to other people.

The betrayed man was stunned and heartbroken - he was shocked. A friend he thought he could trust turned out to be a devious traitor!

How highly do you value a confidence? How deep does your loyalty run? Can you be trusted - relied upon to keep private information to yourself? Do you conscientiously guard the personal secrets others confide in you? When friends and associates bare their innermost feelings and seek your advice, do you resolve to keep it quiet?

Let's reverse the situation. How many of your friends can you trust with your deepest secrets? Can you be honest and open with them about your personal hang-ups, problems and frustrations, and know they will not betray you? Or do you fear they would react with shock and abhorrence and pass the information on to others?

Even among our closest associates, it seems hard sometimes to find a friend we can really trust. We hear gossip and rumors almost every day. Loyalties are betrayed with reckless abandon.

## **This condition prophesied**

This deplorable condition in our society has come to be an accepted way of life. We seem to have lost the integrity that true friendship demands.

How odious this must be to almighty Elohim, whose character reflects the highest level of trust!

The Bible forewarned that this condition would prevail at the close of this age. Yahshua stated, “And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another” (**Matthew 24:10**).

The apostle Paul more specifically emphasized that traitors and untrustworthy people would abound: “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors” (**2 Timothy 3:1-4**).

Have you and I become guilty of these sordid evils by violating the sacred trusts that others place in us?

### **Why trust is rare**

Why are trusting friendships so scarce in the world today? A principal reason may be the “loose-tongue syndrome,” or the callous disregard for the reputation of others. It seems that we give little thought to the damage we inflict on people when we gossip and besmirch their good names.

For example, have you noticed how often a conversation that begins on an uplifting note soon deteriorates into destructive slander? Blunt opinions are carelessly expressed, sharp remarks and suspicions are freely voiced. This is highly displeasing to Yahweh and openly defies His Word.

James wrote: “Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge” (**James 4:11**).

Of the seven specific things Yahweh says He hates, three have to do with gossip and slander: “These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, *a lying tongue*, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, *a false witness who speaks lies*, and *one who sows discord among brethren*” (**Proverbs 6:16-19**).

Another reason we are prone to break confidences is that we probably were not taught at an early age the importance of protecting our friendships. We were probably exposed to the occasional hypocrisy and cynicism of our parents, who prattled about the mistakes and foibles of their friends neighbors, and even relatives. Thus, we unconsciously absorbed the gossip habit into our thinking processes.

How very important it is that we teach our children to be faithful to the trusts placed in their care - to view them as a cherished obligation.

A word of caution: Please realize that we’re referring to the moral obligation our children have of protecting the privacy of others, and not to serious or immoral acts that need to be reported.

One of the most destructive sins is exposing past mistakes people have since repented of, or revealing weaknesses they are trying to overcome. Probably nothing is more humiliating to a person who is genuinely repentant than to have his past life brought up and discussed by others who will not leave his sins buried under the blood of Yahshua Messiah.

### **Yahweh’s admonition to forgive**

This is why Paul admonished the Corinthians to forgive and comfort the man who was put out of the congregation for an immoral act but was reinstated after repenting (**2 Corinthians 2:7-8**).

Unforgiving individuals are ruthless and cruel, and will surely be judged by Yahshua Messiah for their merciless treatment. **Mark 11:26** says, “But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” Moreover, Yahshua warned: “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you” (**Matthew 7:1-2**).

The Word of Yahweh is explicit concerning what our attitude should be toward other who are struggling with sin. True love covers sin (Proverbs 17:9). That is, it thinks the best about others and gives them the benefit of the doubt. Instead of babbling their sinful deeds to the world, true friends will do all within their power to rescue a stumbling neighbor from his plight.

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted” (Galatians 6:1).

For sure, true friends will not add to the shame and disgrace of neighbors by spreading vicious rumors.

Are you given to gossip? Do you revel in advertising sin that others commit? Do you betray the trust of someone who, ensnared by an evil habit, cries out to you for help?

If you do, then Yahweh, in His Word, brands you a traitor who may be in greater peril than the one you are accusing: “The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly” (**Proverbs 18:8, AV**). And, “A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends” (**Proverbs 16:28**).

### **A different kind of tale bearing**

Related to the sin of tale bearing is a practice equally as harmful: telling people the juicy tidbits of gossip we hear others say about them.

Obviously, such indiscriminate mouthings do not serve the cause of peace nor build bridges of goodwill. Instead, they sow the seeds of discord and create division. Yahweh commands us to speak evil of no one (**Titus 3:2**). In principle, this means it’s just as destructive to pass on gossip to the person affected as to a second party.

Try to make the theme of your life one of true and dependable friendship and you will rise in favor with Yahweh and man.

### **Importance of trustworthiness**

An excellent example of just how highly valued trustworthiness is, can be seen through the screening procedures of the United States’ Federal Bureau of Investigation.

When a person is being considered as a prospective agent, everything about his life is examined - his background, hometown, habits, known friends, and acquaintances, after-work activities and more. Every detail is taken into account.

And, though a candidate may be found to have good character and reputation, if he cannot maintain a trust - if he habitually divulges confidential information - that person will never be appointed an agent.

On a grander scale, Yahweh is also looking for men and women who allow His Spirit to develop in them even higher standards and attitudes. Respect and fidelity are among the highest qualities of character Yahweh treasures.

Notice the description of the kind of person who will stand before Yahweh and be blessed: “Yahweh, who may abide in your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart; he who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honors those you fear Yahweh; he who swears to his own hurt and does not change; he who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved” (**Psalm 15:1-5**).

Are you striving to become this kind of person? We all need to deeply examine our attitudes. Are we guilty of the very things we distrust in others? Is it possible that the suspicions we often insinuate stem in part from our own guilt feelings, or our own tendencies to participate in rumor spreading?

Let’s search our own hearts. Do we put others down simply to minimize our own shortcomings and lift ourselves above them?

Of course, we should not ignore or condone wrongdoing. That is, we should not try to protect people who are guilty of illegal acts. Even more important, we should not conceal the actions of a brother who is sowing discord among the people of Yahweh and trying to divide the flock.

In the case of a friend who is weak and sinning, the Bible instructs us to go to him privately, in a spirit of meekness, and try to help him (**Matthew 18:15-17**). We should not want to make him a public spectacle of ridicule so as to destroy his dignity.

True, faithful friends are priceless. The Bible commends the brother who “loves at all times” and the “friend who sticks closer than a brother” (**Proverbs 17:17, 18:24**).

The Bible points to the friendship between David and Jonathan as a sterling example of unflinching loyalty, of what true friends should be like. **2 Samuel 1:26** states that the love that they had for each other was stronger than a man’s love for a woman. The friendship was so unshakeable that they would have given their lives for each other. Can you imagine either of them turning “Judas” on the other - betraying a secret or a confidence or spreading vicious gossip?

What can be said of us in the way we treat our friends? Can we also be trusted to carefully guard a confidence, to faithfully uphold someone’s honor?

The greatest example of true friendship and devotion in the entire universe is Yahweh Himself. The Bible tells us that all our faults and secret sins are open to His view (**Hebrews 4:13**). He knows us through and through.

Yet Yahweh, who is love, plainly reveals that He does not talk about our sins when we repent (**Ezekiel 18:22**). He forgets them in His mercy (**Hebrews 8:12**) and casts them far from His presence: “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us” (**Psalm 103:12**).

In stark contrast, Satan, our great adversary, constantly accuses us before Yahweh day and night (**Revelation 12:10**). He is a renowned liar and depraved slanderer (**John 8:44**) whose primary aim is to destroy our character.

It behooves each of us to make sure we are emulating Yahweh and letting Yahweh create His faithful character in us (**Ephesians 4:23-32**). If we are not on guard, we’ll find ourselves often serving Satan and doing immeasurable harm to other people. As we serve Yahweh and draw close to Him, let us strive to honor our neighbors and develop friendships based on loyalty and trust!



# YAHWEH'S TORAH – GOOD FOR YOU! (REPRINT)

Strict. Strait. Stern. Uncompromising. Unmerciful. Ritualistic. Restrictive. Repressive. Hard. Harsh. Legal. Solemn. Iron-fisted. Negative. Austere.

That's Yahweh's law. Or so we have been taught.

Because in the English language the word “law”, has come to carry the connotation of unrelenting, cruel authority. “Law” has come to mean the opposite of “fun”. And this is especially true of Yahweh's Law. Because most people believe that Yahweh's law is tougher, rougher, more confining and more debilitating than man's law.

That's what “religion” has drummed into our heads. The Hebrew word translated “law” is written in the Hebrew letters *tav, vav, resh hey*, and is pronounced “Torah”. And it is absolutely absurd to transform torah into a straitjacketing set of restrictive rules which deprive man of fun.

The noun torah is derived from the verb “yarah”. Yarah is a kin to “or”, the Hebrew word for light, to see. However the exact grammatical form of yarah from which torah (law) is derived – which is “yoreh” is in a special Hebrew conjugation (called the “Hiphil) which emphasizes CAUSE. In other words, yoreh literally means to cause to see, or more fully, to cause to see the light – and has thereby come to mean to teach and to instruct. (The Hebrew word for teacher or constructor – “moreh,” is built from the same root.) Another word which helps us understand the real meaning of torah is “tor”, which can mean turn, course, order.

Putting all the concepts together, we find that torah means Yahweh's law is “*an order of teaching*” or a “*course of instruction*” which causes man to see the light of Yahweh's truth.  
Order of teaching! Course of instruction!

How radically different from the stern, harsh, unmerciful restrictions which the English word “law” conjures up! The word “curriculum” expresses what torah – what Yahweh's law – really is. A “curriculum” is the “order of teaching” or “course of instruction” which teachers use to bring their students from point A to point B. For example, the third grade curriculum is designed to bring students from the second grade level in reading, writing, arithmetic, etc. Likewise, Yahweh's overall curriculum – Yahweh's law, Yahweh's torah – is the “*order of teaching*” and the “*course of instruction*” which Yahweh designed for the express purpose of bringing man from the carnal, human level of thinking and existing up to the incredible Yahweh level of thinking and existing. Because that's the purpose of human life – that's why Yahweh created all of us – to literally become part of His family (1Jn3: 1-2, PS 17: 15, Jn 10: 34, etc). And Yahweh's torah is the only way to reach His awesome goal.

In this context, we note the comments of the eminent Hebraist, Samson Raphael Hirsch. He states that torah comes from the verb “*harah*”, which means to receive a seed within oneself or to conceive. More specifically, torah is derived from the causative form of this verb (Hiphil conjugation) - which is “*horeh*”, meaning to plant a seed in someone else or to beget. That's the crux of torah – TO BEGET.

Which all together means that Yahweh's law is not” a set of straitjacketing rules for limiting the human experience as the religions of this world would have us to believe. Rather Yahweh's law is the totality of Yahweh's revelation to man-Yahweh's complete plan for reproducing himself through human beings (Gen 1: 26). Yahweh's law is the full expression of Yahweh's desire to beget, nourish and develop a future member of His eternally ruling Yahweh family in every one of us! Yahweh's Torah then is corrected stated as holy, just and good (Ro 7: 12).

## *Answers to your Questions.....*

**Q-** What is the necessity for believers to continue observing on the annual seven feasts after the cross? Are they not the mere shadow of things, blotting out or canceled the code written by Moses, he took it away nailing it to the cross? Is it not enough as to observe these three feasts beside the weekly Sabbath (i.e. Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot) but not mixing with the old yeast or the Old Testament style?

**A-** When you look at the Holy days in Lev 23, you clearly see that the Sabbath is the very first Holy Day. So if someone believed the Holy days are shadows that were fulfilled through Messiah, why would one keep the first Holy Day mentioned (the Sabbath) and not the others? There is no logic to this. Also, why keep Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot, and say the others Holy days are Old Covenant.

This would be totally illogical and would not fit the biblical command. Either someone would keep them all or none of them. Look at Leviticus 23 and you will see there is not any distinction between these Holy Days! They are all in one group and we are to keep all of them as our Savior did.

**Lev 23:1** And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

**Lev 23:2** Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, **The appointed feasts of Yahweh which you shall proclaim, holy gatherings, shall be these:** These *are* My appointed seasons:

**Lev 23:3** Work is to be done six days, and in the seventh day *shall be* a Sabbath of rest, a holy gathering; you shall do no work; it *is* a Sabbath to Yahweh in all your dwellings.

**Lev 23:4** **These *are* appointed seasons of Yahweh, holy gatherings which you shall proclaim in their appointed seasons:**

**Lev 23:5** In the first month, on the fourteenth of the month, between the evenings *is* the Passover to Yahweh.

**Lev 23:6** And on the fifteenth of this month *is* the Feast of Unleavened *Bread* to Yahweh; you shall eat unleavened *things* seven days.

**Lev 23:9** And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

**Lev 23:10** Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you come in to the land which I *am* giving to you, and have reaped its harvest, and have brought in the sheaf, or the beginning of your harvest, to the priest,

**Lev 23:11** then he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh for your acceptance; on the morrow of the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

**Lev 23:14** And you shall not eat bread, nor roasted grain, nor fresh ears, until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your Elohim; ***it is a never-ending statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings.***

**Lev 23:15** And you shall number to you from the next day after the Sabbath, from the day you bring in the sheaf of the wave offering; they shall be seven complete Sabbaths;

**Lev 23:16** the next day after the seventh Sabbath, you shall number fifty days; and you shall bring near a new food offering to Yahweh;

**Lev 23:21** And you shall make a proclamation on this same day; *it is* a holy gathering to you. You shall do no work of service. ***It is a never-ending statute in all your dwellings throughout your generations.***

**Lev 23:23** And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

**Lev 23:24** Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first of the month, a Sabbath shall be to you, a call to a memorial, a holy gathering.

**Lev 23:25** You shall do no work of service and you shall bring a fire offering to Yahweh.

**Lev 23:26** And Yahweh spoke to Moses saying,

**Lev 23:27** Also, on the tenth of this seventh month shall be a day of atonement; there shall be a holy gathering, and you shall humble your souls and shall bring a fire offering to Yahweh.

**Lev 23:28** And you shall do no work in this same day, for it *is* a day of atonement, to atone for you before Yahweh your Elohim.

**Lev 23:29** For any person who *is* not humbled in this same day shall be cut off from his people.

**Lev 23:31** You shall do no work; ***it is a never-ending statute throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.***

**Lev 23:32** It *is* a Sabbath of rest to you, and you shall humble your souls in the ninth of the month at evening; from evening until evening you shall keep your Sabbath.

**Lev 23:33** And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

**Lev 23:34** Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* a Feast of Booths seven days to Yahweh.

**Lev 23:35** On the first day *shall be* a holy gathering; you shall do no work of service.

**Lev 23:37** These *are* the set feasts of Yahweh which you shall proclaim, holy gatherings, to bring a fire offering to Yahweh, a burnt offering, and a food offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, the thing of a day on its own day;

**Lev 23:38** besides the Sabbaths of Yahweh, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you shall give to Yahweh.

**Lev 23:39** Also, in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you gather the increase of the land, you shall keep the feast of Yahweh seven days; on the first day a Sabbath, and on the eighth day a Sabbath.

**Lev 23:40** And you shall take to yourselves on the first day the fruit of majestic trees, palm branches, and boughs of oak trees, and willows of the valley, and shall rejoice before Yahweh your Elohim seven days.

**Lev 23:41** And you shall keep a feast to Yahweh, seven days in a year, a never ending statute throughout your generations; in the seventh month you shall keep it.

**Lev 23:44** **And Moses proclaimed the appointed feasts of Yahweh to the sons of Israel.**

All of these Holy days are called Sabbaths and are commanded assemblies. There is NO distinction to Yahweh, they are all Holy time and commanded Sabbath days.

If you look in the New Covenant, you will see believers keeping all 7 feast days.

**1Co 5:6** Your boast *is* not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens all the lump?

**1Co 5:7** Then purge out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, **even as you are unleavened.** For also Messiah our Passover was sacrificed for us.

**1Co 5:8** **So let us keep the feast,** not with old leaven, nor with leaven of malice and of evil, but with unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

This is written 30 years after the crucifixion to mostly a gentile congregation. If they were not keeping the feast days, as most Christians don't today, they would have no understanding to what Paul is writing, but clearly he tells them in verse 7, that they are already unleavened, (they have taken the leaven from their homes) and in verse 8, he clearly tells them to keep the feast. Interesting enough this is written in the command form in the grammar of the Greek and Hebrew. So Paul is directly telling them they are commanded to keep the feast of unleavened bread.

Acts 27:9 mentions the feast of Yom Kippur, and again very interesting when Paul mentions this, he uses a word that only means the fast of Yom Kippur, not any fast day. There are many references to Paul and the early congregation keeping ALL feasts of Yahweh, including the Sabbath, the very first mentioned in Lev 23, and all other 7 annual festivals. Nowhere does it ever mention that any of these Holy Days are done away in Messiah.

If you look at Colossians 2:14-17, the handwriting of ordinances or, better rendered, **a legal contract of debt**, such as an IOU, (which was our penalty for the sins we committed) was legally paid for by Yahshua and our debt for sin was completely blotted away.

There is absolutely NO WAY that this could be referring to the Holy Days, as the Holy days were never against us, and, to the contrary, they tell the very plan of salvation each year, in every Holy Day season.

That is why in verse 16 of Col 2, we are told to let NO MAN judge us in the way we are keeping Yahweh's Holy Days according to scripture. Don't let people attack you for not eating leaven for a week after Passover, or for building a Sukkah during Sukkot, because these holy days **REMAIN** shadows of coming things.

**Col 2: 14** and, by his mandates, **He cancelled the legal contract of our sins**, which existed against us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His torture stake.

**15** And by putting off His mortal body, He exposed the powers of evil, and through His person put them openly to shame.

**16** Therefore do not let anyone (outside the body) create a disturbance among you about eating, or drinking, or in how you keep the feast days, or the new moon, or the Sabbath day,

**17** which **remain shadows of coming things**, but the body of Messiah

Did you catch that in verse 17, **THEY (the Holy Days and Sabbath) REMAIN** shadows of coming things. Yahshua returns on the feast of trumpets, and Sukkot pictures His 1,000 year reign.

Also, the Sabbath day is in the same category as the Holy Days, so if you think you are not to keep the Holy days according to Col 2:16-17, then you would not keep the Sabbath day either. You cannot separate the Sabbath from the Holy days when they are in the same category.

Yahweh's Holy Days are a yearly reminder of not only His love for us as His children and creation, but, also of His redemptive work of salvation, through the shed blood of His Son Yahshua, our redeemer and Messiah.

The Passover season clearly pictures, **"the true Lamb of Yah, slain from the foundation of the world."** We see in Leviticus 17:11, that it is **"the shedding of blood that makes atonement for the soul."**

Only, after accepting this fact, and allowing the blood of Yahshua's sacrifice to cover our sins and fallen nature, can we enter to the throne of Yahweh, through covenant relationship. That is why we take the Passover before we de-leaven our homes, because, as humans, we do not have the strength to do this on our own, before entering covenant relationship.

Then, we have the feast of firstfruits, which pictures the manifestation of the Children of Yahweh, in this present world, and the beginning of the 50 day count to Shavuot, and the making of the two loaves of Judah and Israel and the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Thereafter, we now come to the fall Holy Days, of Trumpets (Messiah's return), Yom Kippur or Atonement, which shows Yahweh's reconciliation and the wedding supper of the Lamb, and the festive feast of Sukkot, which pictures the soon coming Millennium, and the thousand year, peaceful reign of King Messiah.

Sukkot is a time of happiness and joy, as the Torah tells us that if we have been faithful during the year, and Yahweh has blessed our increase due to this fact, than we are to come to appear before Him in Jerusalem (Deut 16:16) and worship and give Honor to Him as the only Sovereign of the universe.

As we know, Israel was not faithful in this regard (Ezek 20:2-21). They rebelled completely against the will and Torah of Yahweh and were cast out into the nations for over 2700 years now. We also know though, that we are in the times of reformation where Yahweh is redeeming the Sons of Jacob back to Him (Is 48:20-22).

***Isa 48:20 Go out of Babylon; flee from the Chaldeans. Tell this with the voice of rejoicing; let this be heard, let it go out to the end of the earth; say, Yahweh has redeemed His servant Jacob.***

It is an unavoidable fact that everything which Yahweh is doing in these end times is about redeeming the Sons of Israel. He is redeeming them back into covenant relationship; He is redeeming them back to the truth of His Torah and away from their paganism that they learned among the nations, and He is redeeming them back to the promised land of Israel.

With over 2700 years of the children of Israel being in Diaspora, and being scattered among the nations, and being assimilated into their societies and culture, many have lost one of the greatest aspects of our inheritance; that being, the very land of Israel.

With the lies of replacement theology (claiming the church has replaced Israel and heaven has replaced Jerusalem) even many covenant believers (which have come out of the church system) have not truly grasped the importance of the land covenant of Israel.

After 2700 years of Israel keeping Sukkot in Diaspora, Yahweh has opened a door over the last decade for His people to once again appear before Him and light a lamp in Jerusalem at feast time for the name of Yahweh.

Yahweh has opened a door over the last decade, for the Congregation of Yahweh Jerusalem, to be able to appear before Him at feast time in our Diaspora and represent the name of YAHWEH, in His chosen city. It is one of the greatest blessings in one's life to be chosen by Yahweh to come to Jerusalem at feast time and represent His name.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS .....

Dear Don, Petra, and staff,  
Thank you so much for the letters and updates of what Elohim is doing through your ministry. As the world grows ever darker, it is clearer than ever that there has always been two separate streams of history; the evil controlled by Satan and his ministers, and the good in service to the true Elohim, seeking to do His will on the earth.

Our prayers for your continual provision, protection, and inspiration as well as Elohim's hand on Israel and her people. The coming war with Iran and her client terror groups appears ever closer. America is now also actively seeking to divide the land and sell the Jews out for oil and evil gain. May Yahweh have mercy on us all when His justice (which will not rest forever) finally falls on our rebellious people.  
Ca USA

Dear Brother Esposito,  
I was born and raised Mormon, 100% paganism! Over the course of time I have come to the truth and I wish to be baptized and to become one of Yahweh's covenant sisters. I have repented of my past sins and wish to move ahead and be baptized. I have chosen your congregation after reading "the Great falling Away". You are bold in telling the truth and you don't make a market of Yahweh's truths.

My heart belongs to Yahweh and to the people and land of Israel. I am not in the position of ever coming there, but Yahweh has directed me to you, as opposed to any of the other congregations here. As far as I am able to ascertain I am the only Messianic believer here.  
I look forward to hearing from you. ND USA

Dear congregation of YHWH,  
I have been receiving your brethren letter now for a year; I really appreciate and enjoy these letters very much. Though I have not read all the articles, the ones I have read have helped me understand so much truth from the bible including the articles in the Remnant's Walk as well as and especially the Sabbath booklet. I love it! I have begun to observe the Sabbath on my own. I hope that I am doing the right thing in honor of this Holy Day. Do you have a congregation close to me? If so I would like to attend a Sabbath service.

Do you believe in the trinity or rapture? All the messianic groups that I have checked out here in Indianapolis do, and I do not know if your group is considered messianic. I do not believe the scriptures teach such. I believe that Yahweh is the Father and Yahshua is not Yahweh the Father but His Son and Yahweh can keep us out of the hour of trouble without taking us to heaven. Am I wrong on this line of thinking? I very much want to break away from false religion and find the truth.

Also, I really appreciate the work you do for and in Israel and how you are one of the few groups who seem to stand up for Israel. I pray often for the nation of Israel and I feel it is a shame that so many hate and persecute them, especially so many so-called Christians. I know Yahweh will bless them in the end. I look forward to your response.

Thank you very much, IN USA

**Response:** Thank you very much for your letter and you are absolutely right in the fact that neither the trinity nor the rapture are found anywhere in the bible and are false beliefs. You are also correct that Yahshua is NOT Yahweh the Father but is Yahweh the Son, Yahweh being a family name. You can check out full studies on these topics on our website at [www.coyhwh.com](http://www.coyhwh.com) and in the bible study section refer to study number 3, "The family of Yahweh" and also lesson number 13 called "Enduring until the end". We invite you to come and spend a feast with us sometime in Israel; it will change your life and also the way you reads scripture as it comes alive from Yahweh's Holy Land.

Dear Don,  
Hope this finds you and your family well. I would like to place another order for your Hebraic Roots bible. This time I need 14. We are all really enjoying this beautiful bible. I would also like to request your new teaching on the New Moon and the calendar. How did we get so far off on these important festivals? TRADITION! Thank you again, TX USA

**Response:** thank you for your comments on the new bible. Also on the calendar; the problem is that Yahweh's biblical calendar is celestial (Gen 1:14) as well as agricultural to the harvests in Israel. Once one gets back to the importance of the land in Israel it becomes easy from there.

# Educating with love



(Reprint)

A child's future success depends on his or her early education. Parents are responsible for educating their children for life. More than ever before, parents themselves need educating today to know how to rear children properly – helpful steps and suggestions that can promote positive physical, intellectual and emotional growth in youngsters.

The overall principle is this:

True education begins with one word – love. So important is love and its ramifications that little learning of real value and worth takes place without it. Love is basic. It should be because of love that children are conceived. It is by familial love that children grow and mature properly.

In an atmosphere of warmth and security, the infant thrives. He is secure in his mother's arms and his father's embrace. Their presence in his world- they provide for this every need. They remedy his discomforts and his longings. They calm his fears. Safety is being with them. They are to him his creators and procreators – his loving authority. It is in a loving family environment that children learn best, through trust, sharing and unity. This is especially true in the area of communication.

## **Learning about communication**

The child learns to trust his parents explicitly. Every word they say is truth to him. He has no reason to question – nor can he, yet. Their voices provide comfort. He is enthralled by them. He catches the sound of their words.

Did you catch that? Yes, your words are observed and noted by your infant. He doesn't understand the meaning of most words yet, but he is learning fast.

And he's learning the inflections you put on certain words. He notes, and his body responds to, the rhythm of their syllabication. Are the words spoken in joy, happiness, wonder, disappointment, sorrow and anger? Whichever, he observes them all and they become part of him.

His keen ears are picking up the beauty of language with its rhythm and emotions. You are teaching him the mode with which he will think and express his ideas.

## **A wide gamut of words**

How is your language? Is it spoken correctly? If not, neither will your infants be, unless you make a conscious effort to correct yourself. Children should be exposed to a wide gamut of words. How should you accomplish this?

First, simply by talking to them while with them; Just talk - normally, naturally, frequently.

Tell your child often, how much you love him! Hug him frequently and let him know what a fine baby he is. As you go about your tasks, explain what you're doing. Remember, he's watching. Use a well-modulated voice.

Maintain a warm, friendly relationship, though you must retain your authority in a loving, guiding, advising fashion. Talk with, not down to your child. Keep the contact going throughout the day. Talk about everything. Don't restrict your communications to corrections only. Being mainly corrective is a sure way to damage the relationship with your child.

But don't think you should never correct him. Correct and correct firmly when correction is necessary, and it will be. But you should have so much else going with him that correction becomes an acceptable part of the whole picture. He will learn early that correction is a natural, necessary part of life, not a discouraging, humiliating disaster to be feared and avoided.

It's vital to watch your child's attitude; All else rests on it. He must be developing an attitude of

obedience and responsiveness. If he is not, you could face hard years ahead, as his lack of responsiveness turns to further rebelliousness that can increase as he increases in size.

### **Teach your child you listen**

Teach to listen?

Isn't listening more or less automatic? Aren't sounds and noises all around us? Yes, sounds surround us. They are all over. There are outdoor sounds and indoor sounds. We hear them and get quite accustomed to them. Hearing may become more or less passive.

But listening, as opposed to merely hearing, is a skill. Listening is an active process requiring conscious attention. It is essential to learning and becoming educated. Be sure that your child is developing this skill. In order to learn he must hear and attend to what he is hearing. He must recognize and interpret what is taking place. Then he responds.

Encourage your child to be sound conscious. Don't make it a habit to repeat directions, though you should realize there are sometimes valid reasons to do so. Often, you must simplify the terms after the original instruction is given. Having him respond on first instruction, rather than having to tell him several times to do something, gives him a gigantic advantage.

### **See sounds?**

Help your child "*see sounds*". Have him notice your lips as you make them.

Make the sounds for the letter b. What fun you and your child can have pushing air out of your mouths as you say the sounds of *p,t,c,k*. Let him place his hands near your lips while you do so.

As he grows, play games with sounds. Point out items in your home that start with various sounds. Whisper directions to your child and have him

carry them out. This can be a lot of fun. Have your child close his eyes, and then ask him what he hears. Have him identify various sounds such as door opening, putting a lid on a pan, a musical instrument, scraping a surface, opening a window, tapping your foot, clapping your hands, wrinkling paper, bouncing a ball.

### **Following instructions**

Oral instructions can be increased according to your child's age. Start with one-, then two building up to three, four, five stepped instructions. Have your child carry them out in order, go halfway across the room, turn right, sit in the red chair, tap your foot, fold your hands. Hopping and jumping add to the fun.

Vary this game with useful home responsibilities: Crawl across the room, pick up two bits of paper and stand, then slowly and carefully walk backward to the wastebasket, put them in with your right hand, walk back normally. You can think of many activities to fit your family's needs here.

Have your child explain how he gets from the kitchen to his bedroom, from your front yard to your backyard, from home to school.

You do four of five different things, then have your child recall the things you did in the order you did them.

But to make these fun games and not merely rituals, be sure to limit the time for intense listening according to the child's age. Use loving judgment.

Generously praise, hug and kiss for outstanding listening. Give your child much listening for enjoyment. He needs informal listening in play, too, and incidental hearing.

Following directions is a learning process. It involves listening and responding. It begins simply, then, if carefully nurtured, develops into a worthwhile lifelong habit.



## ***PROVE ALL THINGS! THE NAME OF THE SAVIOR!...***

Personal names are transliterated not translated. The word water in English is translated aqua in Italian. There is no connection whatsoever to these two words; they are totally different in two different languages. But personal names such as George Bush are not translated but transliterated into any given language. This means that the name stays the same, it may just be phonetically pronounced a little different in each language. Listen to a broadcast in Spanish and you will hear all Spanish words and then a name such as George Bush. So names stay the same no matter what language they are in.

The next question you may ask then, is why is our Hebrew Savior's name in most bibles changed from his original Hebrew name of **Yahshua** to the Greek form "*Jesus*". The word Jesus at best is a poor transliteration of Yahshua and at worst is transliterated from an ancient Greek god of healing called IE – Zeus. In Greek there is no letter J and the J has a "ie" sound. The answer to the above question is it shouldn't be changed from Hebrew to Greek. It not only strictly goes against the third commandment to take YHWH's name in vain, but it also breaks every rule of grammar. In vain means to change, falsify or to make common, and changing the name of Yahshua to the name Iesous is definitely going against this command. Let's for a moment take the argument of some that the name Iesous is a proper transliteration of the name Yahshua.

There is no grammatical rule in any language to transliterate a name into one language before transliterating that name into your language. **NONE!** So why would we do this. Why would we transliterate the name Yahshua into Greek and then English? If we are going to use the English transliteration of Yahshua it would be in English Joshua. Joshua and Yahshua phonetically sound very similar.

Also in Hebrew every word goes back to a 2 or 3 letter root word and has some meaning. Yah Shua means Yahweh is Salvation, or the Salvation of Yahweh. Jesus or Iesous in Greek has no root or meaning. Also, it is stated in the book of John that Yahshua said He came in His Father's name.

In scripture the Father's name is revealed in Exodus 3:15 as YHWH, and pronounced Yahweh. The name Yah- Shua is directly from the name Yahweh.

One other scripture that clearly shows the name of our savior was Hebrew and not Greek is in the book of Acts when Paul is recounting about when Yahshua first appeared to him. Look carefully at what Yahshua said to Paul.

***Act 26:14 And all of us falling to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me, and saying in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul why do you persecute Me? It is hard for you to kick against the prods.***

***Act 26:15 And I said, Who are you, Sir? And He said, I am Yahshua whom you persecute;***

Very clearly, Yahshua spoke to Paul in Hebrew and would have used his Hebrew name, not Greek; remember there is not even a letter J in Hebrew or Greek.

It is clear that our Savior was of Hebrew stock and was, according to scripture, the Son of David in the flesh as well as the Son of Yahweh. So why would we refer to our Hebrew Savior who came to redeem Israel for the sins committed under the first broken covenant by a Greek name? Maybe in the past you could claim ignorance, but now you know the truth and don't have to be ignorant any longer. Let us give honor to the one name under Heaven and earth where all men will be saved

### **Yahshua Ha' Mashiach !**

***Act 4:12 and there is salvation (Yahshua means Yahweh is Salvation) in no other One, for neither is there any other name under Heaven having been given among men by which we must be saved.***

***Psa 34:3 O magnify YAHWEH with me; and let us exalt His name together.***

It is clear there is only one name given for Salvation. How can you exalt something you don't acknowledge? Give the glory to the name of the Father Yahweh and His Son Yahshua.

# Stories from the Mission field

By Sharon Thomas

I have so many things I would like to share with you that I believe will be beneficial to the brethren from my trip to Kenya. First let me say that the Kenyans are very friendly and loving people. From my first hug at the airport I was no longer an unknown, but a sister in every sense of the word.

Not knowing what they would have me do, I nearly fainted when they told me they would like my focus to be on their youth (ages 13 to 25) and the women. My first thought was which of those youth would want to hear anything from a little old gray haired woman. I didn't have too much time to fret over my concerns because my first meeting with the youth was at the national youth camp. But before I addressed the youth, I had to learn a lesson in humility. In retrospect I know it was a much needed lesson and I praise Yahweh for humbling me.

My conversations with the youths for the most part, went very well. At all of the camps I spoke to them about choices and allowed time for questions. In many ways the Kenyan youths have the same questions and concerns and those in the USA.

There was a time when I went with Thuku to visit 3 women. One was a widow with small children another was being counseled for baptism and the other woman was a believer for over 20 years. While on the way to the house I wondered what I could say to all 3 women that would be relevant to each one. I was stumped. I prayed and dedicated my meeting with these women to Yahweh and asked him to give me the words to say. To this day when I think about how Yahweh gave me the words it brings tears to my eyes because this was another time I had seen HIM in action and HE saw fit to use me. Here was another altogether different lesson in humility. When the light comes on you just can't praise Yahweh enough!

There was another time when I was visiting Brother Tuei's congregation. Mary, my interpreter shared a room at Tuei's house. We had twin beds and once the lights were out the room was completely dark. During the night I kept hearing a popping noise and thought I smelled smoke near the head of the bed. I shined my flashlight at the wall looking for the cause of the popping but there wasn't even a socket in the wall. I assumed I was dreaming and went back to sleep. This went on at least 4 or 5 times during the night. When we woke up in the morning I was telling Mary about the noise and the smoke I thought I smelled during the night. No sooner did I finish the sentence; a fire broke out at the head of the bed where I was sleeping. All I could do was cry because I know that my life was spared by the grace of Yahweh. It turned out one of the sons spliced some wires and connected them to a CD player and it shorted out.

One Friday I was at a pizza place waiting for a pizza I had ordered. I struck up a conversation with an American woman while waiting for the pizza. She had a Kenyan woman with her, which I assumed was either her house girl or interpreter. I said hi to the Kenyan woman and once our pizzas were ready, we went our separate ways. Three weeks later I was shopping with Harriet. We had taken 3 wrong matatus (*Kenyan public transportation van*) and the 4th one dropped us off half way to Harriet's house. We had to cross the street and walk to the next staging area to catch another matatu home. As we were walking a Kenyan woman driving her car slowed up next to me and asked if I remembered her. I was racking my brain trying to remember where I may have met her. Harriet asked me who she was and I told her I was not sure. She asked her how she knew me in Swahili. She explained she was with the American I was talking to in the pizza place.

She gave us a ride to the house and Harriet invited her in. We found out that she was some type of TV personality. She invited us to come to her house that Saturday and we explained about the Sabbath and that we could not come but we invited her to come worship with us. Well one thing led to another and we spent the next 2 1/2 hours witnessing to her. She called her husband and told him what she was learning and he stated he wanted to come over and learn also. So they made an appointment to meet to be preached to some more. That was the Thursday before I left. That day it was confirmed for me that there is no such thing as a coincidence when it comes to Yahweh and HIS plans.

For the most part the time I spent in Kenya was very enjoyable. I was invited to many homes to spend the day or to spend a week. The hospitality was second to none.

One problem that arose was that I did not wear a head scarf or a hat to cover my hair. When I explained why I did not cover my hair, the elders, women and youth for the most part were satisfied with my explanation from the scriptures. The congregation in Shamata was a different story. By the time I was to go there, they already knew I did not cover my hair and many of them did not want me there because of that. I asked Joseph (*the elder from Nairobi who hosted Sharon*) if I should cover my hair while in Shamata just to keep the peace and he told me to be myself. So I went with my hair uncovered. Many of the women would not even look at me. I was the subject of Joseph's sermonette and elder Thuku's sermon chastising them for being blinded by their traditions and this is the time for change. He quoted Mark 7:7.

That same day I was asked to address the youth after service. After the youth were dismissed I asked if anyone had any questions. I thought I would give them an opportunity to ask why I did not cover my hair but no one asked. Instead they wanted to know about the US and how we spend the Sabbath. The same elder that spoke out about his wife keeping her hair covered asked a question concerning the scriptures and what my interpretation was. I reminded him of judicial order and he did not ask another scripture related question.

Up until now I've told you about things that affected me directly. Now I would like to share my concerns about the assemblies as a whole. I'm concerned that tradition is more important than truth to any and all in the assemblies. I'm concerned that very many of the elders are getting old, sick or tired and it seems no one is being groomed to take their place. I'm concerned the members don't know the difference between a covenant and commandment. I'm concerned that the young men are not being mentored in any way. I'm concerned the youth are dying on the benches right before the elder's eyes. There are not programs to prepare the youth for baptism, service or leadership.

Finally I learned art of hospitality from Harriet, the dangers of prejudging from the Shamata congregation and I learned that a woman's ministry does not just consist of coordinating a potluck.

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# PASSOVER PILGRIMAGE 2011

It is truly one of the most exciting experiences that you will have in your life, to take a Pilgrimage in the land of Israel. After reading the Holy Scriptures for so many years, to be able to see it all with your own eyes will be a life changing experience.

We are living in these times where Yahweh has brought Judah back to the land of Israel after 2500 years of Diaspora. Come and share what Yahweh is doing in His land Israel in these end times. We will start the pilgrimage picking you up at the airport and going to Beersheba, the very place that Abraham started the covenant with Yahweh, and you will actually get to go to the well that is believed to have been dug by Abraham himself.

Then, we will go and visit Kadesh Barnea in the wilderness, where the children of Israel came to when they originally came out of Egypt. We will learn all about the culture they lived in for 40 years in the wilderness and even spend a night there sleeping in a Bedouin tent.

We will also go to a special biblical garden outside of Jerusalem that will teach you everything you need to know about the original agricultural calendar that ancient Israel used. You will see firsthand ancient sundials that were used, and will be taught how to use them and even how to calculate the time of the vernal equinox if you are on your own.

They will also actually teach you about the barley harvest in Israel, so you can see for yourself what is Aviv barley and know what the biblical definition of the New Year is. In this process you will be taught what the ancient wave sheaf ceremony really was and you will participate in actually making a wave sheaf for the feast of firstfruits.

We will then head north to Caesura on the Mediterranean Sea and finish the day up at Mount Carmel where Elijah fought the priest of Baal. The next day we will spend travelling around the Sea of Galilee and see the very places that our savior walked. We will then ride up and ascend to Jerusalem Friday to prepare for the Passover week in the Holy City. We will visit several places during our week in Jerusalem and all the pilgrims will leave the feast complex Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>.

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