

# Remnants Walk

*The one claiming to rest in Him, ought to walk, himself, even as He walked. 1 John 2:6*

*Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also*

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We encourage all those who consider themselves to be true believers to ask: “which congregation do I belong to? The true faith our Savior Yahshua the Messiah set down in the year 30 CE, or the false doctrine, drenched in paganism and sun worship, as set up by Constantine in the year 325 CE?” The two are vastly different and we cannot serve two masters. *(Matthew 6:24)*

One, a Hebrew Congregation with a Hebrew Savior that was completely Torah observant. The other was and still is a counterfeit, lawless church, sealed by the decrees of Constantine and implemented for the sole purpose of deceiving and enslaving mankind. *(Revelation 12:9)*

The articles contained in this publication are motivated by the Word of Truth, the Holy Scriptures, inspired by our Almighty Father Yahweh and Yahshua Messiah, His Son. Words made manifest through the power of the Holy Spirit. *(2 Timothy 3:15-17)*

May this free gift bring you closer to our Father Yahweh through His son, our savior and soon returning King, Yahshua the Messiah. In His wonderful name. Shalom...



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# Personal

by Don Esposito

Greetings Brethren,

And shalom in the wonderful name of Yahshua Messiah. Our family was at the dentist the other day, and when we are there, he is always asking about things such as our homeschooling. However, this time he was asking me about my work in Israel and abroad, and I was telling him about the work I do internationally.

He then commented how blessed we were that in a world where so many people's lives are so complicated that our life is so simple and happy. He sees that when we come to his office we are always together, Petra, Moriyah and myself, and that we are always dressed modest, and do things as a family, and this made an impression on him.

The world today is filled with false narratives, and people chasing after material goals and missing out on the simplicity of life, and the happiness that comes with it. Families don't eat together any longer, and hardly see each other and are only all together for just a few minutes each and every week.

They are chasing the false values of the devil, and missing out on the great plan of salvation that Yahweh is doing with mankind today. Yahweh is in the end phase of a six-thousand-year plan of redemption that started in the Garden of Eden, and has been progressing all the way up unto today.

That plan has included sending His only begotten Son Yahshua to this earth almost 2,000 years ago to suffer, and die, and pay the penalty for each one of our sins, if we repent, and accept the wonderful gift that Yahweh is offering to us.

Yahweh is calling out a remnant today from a twisted and rebellious world to represent Him in His soon coming Kingdom, and to be transformed by His Spirit to become literal sons and daughters to Him forever.

What a wonderful, awesome gift that is being presented to any human being who will humble himself, and accept his fallen nature, and repent. People chase all kinds of worldly mammon, and yet right before our very eyes is being offered the most precious thing that is so unbelievable it is beyond human conception.

***Mat 13:44*** Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to treasure being hidden in the field, which finding, a man hid; and for the joy of it, he goes and sells all things, as many as he has, and buys that field.

***Mat 13:45*** Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to a man, a merchant seeking excellent pearls;

***Mat 13:46*** who finding one very precious pearl, going away has sold all things, as many as he had, and bought it.

As Yahweh's firstfruit believers, may we cherish our special calling with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and may we do all things to the glory of Yahweh.

B'Shem Yahshua,

*Elder Don*

# PRIORITY

## What are your Priorities?

Your very salvation depends upon the priorities you set in your life as a Believer.

Do you know how to set priorities? When several things need to be done, are you able to decide which ones should come first in order of importance? Suppose you're sitting peacefully in your living room watching the news on television. Suddenly you notice that the room is filling with smoke. Your house is on fire!

What do you do first? Do you get down on your knees and ask Yahweh for His help in stopping the fire? Do you call the fire department? Do you dash through the other rooms of your house to see if some other member of your family is caught in the fire? Do you run outside to get the hose and try to put the fire out?

All of those things may be necessary, but what do you do first? That is the big question!

Let's take another example. One evening, you are in the middle of housecleaning. Your rooms are in disorder and neither you nor the other members of your family look presentable. The phone rings. It is your employer. He tells you that he will be over in a few minutes because he has something important to tell you.

What is the first thing you should do? Do you hurriedly put the house in order? Do you change your clothes and put on something more appropriate for the occasion? Do you check the kitchen to see if there is something you can offer your boss when he arrives? Once again, all these things may be necessary, but what must you do first? It's a question of setting right priorities.

Priorities play a major role in our lives. We all have good intentions, at least most of the time. But what really counts is executing an intention at the appropriate moment - doing the right thing at the right time. As Solomon wrote, there's a time for everything under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). Growth results from learning to put first things first.

### Right and wrong priorities

Remember the story of Martha and Mary, the two sisters Yahshua visited? Both sisters liked and respected Yahshua very much; both of them did what they thought was most important when He came to see them.

“Now as they went on their way, He (Yahshua) entered a village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Master's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving” (Luke 10:38-40).

There is nothing wrong with “much serving,” is there? All of us are called to serve - Yahshua Himself was the greatest servant of all. However, in this instance, priorities were at stake.

“Master, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?” Martha asked Yahshua. “Tell her then to help me.”

Yahshua answered: “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful (at this moment). Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her” (verses 40-42). Just then, the most important thing Mary and Martha could do was listen to Yahshua's teaching.

When Yahshua called His disciples, some of them hesitated. Others followed Him right away because they had their priorities straight. Simon Peter, for instance, “fell down at Yahshua's knees, saying 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man' ” (Luke 5:8).

Why did Peter say that? Because he and his fisherman friends had witnessed, a few moments before, an astonishing miracle Yahshua had performed (verses 4-7). Simon Peter and his companions had their priorities right. Upon hearing, Yahshua tells them, “ ‘Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.’... they left everything and followed Him” (verses 10-11). No wonder Jacob, John, and Simon later became apostles!

However, not everyone reacted the way these three men did. Not everyone had the right sense of priorities. For instance, a man who had expressed a desire to follow Yahshua turned away from Him when he heard Him say, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head" (Luke 9:58).

Another man turned Yahshua's offer down, arguing that he first had to bury his father (verse 59). Now what's wrong with that? Nothing! But Yahshua set the man's priorities straight. He told him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of Yahweh" (verse 60).

Yet another man, upon being called, told Yahshua, "I will follow you, Master; but let me first say farewell to those at my home" (verse 61).

Again, there is nothing wrong with saying farewell to those dear to you. But much more was involved in this particular case. Primarily, Yahweh didn't come first on this man's list of priorities. Second, you can almost detect a feeling of sorrow in his answer. He seemed to regret being called there, and then, perhaps hoped his loved ones would convince him not to leave them for the sake of the Good-News! That's why Yahshua told him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of Elohim" (verse 62).

### **Priorities and your calling**

Do you remember the circumstances of your calling? How did you first react? Did you perhaps want to bury someone or something before deciding to really follow Yahshua? Did you hesitate to turn away from the world, finding it hard to choose between those of your household and Yahshua? What was your attitude then - and what is it now?

Unfortunately, some in the Congregation are still burying their dead fathers! Some are still looking back and trying to pursue their personal ambitions before deciding to follow Yahshua! Time is running short. Rearrange your priorities before it's too late!

If you put first things first, Yahweh will always take care of your needs. This doesn't mean you should neglect your part and stop taking care of your household. It simply means that you are to put first things first - be filled with Yahweh and His Work. This is your first vocation. You must endeavor to please Him with your attitude and growth.

As Yahshua said, "But seek first the kingdom of YAHWEH and His righteousness, and all these things [all that you need] will be added to you" (Matt 6:33). Do you believe this promise of Yahweh? If so, live by it!

Your baptism was symbolic of your decision to put Yahweh first in your life, no matter what the circumstances. Do you still feel the same way today? You accepted the condition to love Yahweh more than anyone or anything else, "with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). This is the greatest commandment of all. Does it have first priority in your life? And after that, does the second great commandment - loving your neighbor as yourself - have all priority in your life (verses 38-39)?

As you can see, even love has priorities! First, you must love Yahweh, and then love your neighbor. This doesn't mean you should neglect loving your neighbor because you love Yahweh first. It's just a matter of priority. Actually, if you really love Yahweh - if you obey His commandments and do His will - you will automatically love your neighbor, because you cannot love Yahweh without loving your neighbor (1 John 4:20). Remember not to neglect anything on your list of priorities.

### **Yahweh came first in Abraham's life**

If you had a child whom you loved with all your being - if he was your only child, and you had eagerly waited and prayed for years for him - would you be willing to give him up?

Abraham was put to such a test. Humanly speaking, it didn't make much sense. Why did Yahweh give Abraham such a seemingly cruel order, saying, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriyah, and offer him there as a burnt offering" (Genesis 22:2).

Abraham must have spent a sleepless night struggling with his thoughts, wondering why Yahweh demanded of him such a sacrifice. He loved Yahweh, for sure. But he also loved his son Isaac very much. He had to choose between his love toward Yahweh and his love toward his son. The choice was all the more difficult since he did not understand its purpose.

Nevertheless, whatever his thoughts and concern, he set his priorities right. He "rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac...and went to the place of which Yahweh told him" (verse 3).

Would you have done this? Would you have obeyed Yahweh to the point of being willing to sacrifice your only son, whom you loved? Abraham passed the test. How about you? Does Yahweh come first in your life, before anyone else, even members of your family? If you cannot put Yahweh first in your life today, how can you put Him first tomorrow, when things will get tougher?

### **David's priorities**

Kings David and Saul had totally different attitudes. David's attitude made him a man after Yahweh's own heart, whereas Saul's caused him to be rejected. Have you ever considered that one of David's most important qualities, far outweighing his mistakes, was his sense of priorities? Priorities are also linked to loyalty, as when you have your priorities straight, so will be your loyalty.

Saul was jealous of David and had gathered 3,000 men out of all of Israel to seek David and kill him. Strangely enough, the circumstances changed, offering David a unique chance to capture and kill Saul when the latter was resting in a cave. What an exceptional opportunity! After all, the two men were at war with each other - Saul had proved himself to be merciless.

“And the men of David said to him, 'Here is the day of which Yahweh said to you, “Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you” ‘ “ (1 Samuel 24:4).

It would have been only natural, humanly speaking, for David to kill Saul and justify himself by saying that Yahweh had promised to make his enemies fall into his hands. But David didn't reason that way. He “arose and silently cut off the skirt of Saul's robe. And afterward David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt’ ” (verses 4-5).

Why? Why should David's heart smite him? He didn't commit any crime! No, but on his list of priorities obedience to Yahweh came first. “He said to his men, 'Yahweh forbid that I should do this thing to my master, Yahweh's anointed, to put forth my hand against him, seeing he is Yahweh's anointed’ ” (verse 6).

There you are! Even though Saul wanted to kill him, David refused to do any injury to the king. His loyalty to Yahweh and respecting Yahweh's anointed came before fighting for his own life. David's tremendous attitude is an example to all of us today. Is there any wonder why he will be a king in the soon-coming Kingdom of Yahweh? As for Saul, he carnally sought his own selfish interests, going after power and personal exaltation. That's why Yahweh rejected him.

### **Obey Yahweh rather than men**

The disciples of Yahshua, before receiving the Holy Spirit, did not have the necessary power and faith to fight the enemy. They forsook their Master and fled when the Roman soldiers arrested him. The promise they had made to Yahshua, a few hours earlier, to never forsake Him was not engraved on their list of priorities. But after their conversion, the disciples learned their priorities. Loyal, and faithful to their mission, they preached the Good-News, despite threats and persecution.

On one occasion when they were brought before the council, the high priest condemned them saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name.” But they answered, “We must obey Yahweh rather than men” (Acts 5:27-29).

A question of loyalty and priorities! The disciples' lives were at stake, but they were willing to follow Yahshua's instructions even if it meant death. They had learned that “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matt. 10:39).

On your own list of priorities, do Yahweh, His congregation, and His Good-News come before your own life? Or do you perhaps desperately cling to your own life for fear of losing it? Is your loyalty to Yahweh and Yahshua or to yourself? Remember Yahshua's words! Unless you get your priorities straight, you may end up by losing your life.

### **Bible study and prayer**

As a true Believer you should be aware that Bible study and prayer are two indispensable tools in your growth to become a child of Yahweh. But how often do you use these tools? How much time do you spend with Yahweh and His Bible each day? Remember, your priority is what you get done!

Some in the Congregation consider Bible study a hard chore! They don't seem to find time for it in their daily schedules. They don't realize that the more they study the Bible, the more they learn about the will of Yahweh, and the way to please Him. If you are truly a Believer, the Bible must have priority over all of your other readings and studies. You are doing yourself a favor when you study the Bible. Bible study is a privilege, not a chore or a task.

And how is your prayer life? Do you look forward to speaking to Yahweh every day? Do you actually enjoy praying? Or has prayer become for you just a routine, a duty that you have to perform? If your priorities are straight, prayer automatically comes first in your life. It becomes the happiest moment in your day, because it enables you to spend some time with the Supreme Creator of the whole universe, the Almighty Yahweh who loves you and finds time to listen to you. Think of it! If He has time to listen to you, why wouldn't you find time to talk to Him?

It takes much effort to faithfully respect your priorities. It takes thinking and hard work. If the Congregation today is not quite ready for Yahshua's return, it is because, as a whole, we don't push hard enough, and often lose our sense of priorities.

In a world that has cut itself off from Yahweh, Satan wants you to reverse your priorities or cast them aside altogether. Don't let that happen! Follow Yahweh. Obey Him, put Him first - and you will be much happier.

### **Tithing**

Tithing is a law. It's a blessing. When you tithe, you don't do Yahweh a favor; you do yourself a favor.

How do you pay your tithes? What's your attitude? Do you give the first tenth of your check as soon as you receive it, or do you give it only after you have paid your other bills? Remember, Yahweh always comes first, and until you give Yahweh His 10%, none of the other 90% is yours. The first check you write is always to give Yahweh what is His. What a wonderful example for all of us to follow! Put Yahweh first in your life. Some of Yahweh's people have lost the blessings that result from paying tithes, because they bargain with Yahweh. They have lost their sense of priorities. They don't realize that tithing is a privilege and a blessing, not a burden.

Today, some people try to abide by the letter of the law and not the spirit. They try to bargain with Yahweh when paying their tithes. They will cut corners to see how much they can save, or how little they can possibly give. With that attitude, tithing becomes a chore and not a blessing. Yahweh loves a cheerful giver and He is able to provide you with every blessing (2 Cor. 9:6-7). Are you a cheerful giver?

### **The purpose of your calling**

Do you really know and understand the purpose of your calling? Did Yahweh call you specifically in order to save you at this time, or to entrust you with a certain task in this world? That's a question every congregation member should ask himself - and understand the answer.

You were not called just to be saved, but to be part of a team to do a job. That's a priority - a priority for your being called! Your own salvation for the moment is not the first priority; your fulfilling the task is. If you faithfully do your part and persevere until the end, you will be saved. However, if you neglect your share and turn away, Yahweh will raise someone else to do your part. And as long as you are fulfilling your commitment to be part of Yahweh's family-team bringing salvation to others, you will also secure your own salvation when Yahshua returns.

We in Yahweh's Congregation today are the firstfruits. In a sense, it's like having received a birthright from Yahweh. We are the first ones called before the big harvest, with a mission to prepare for that big harvest.

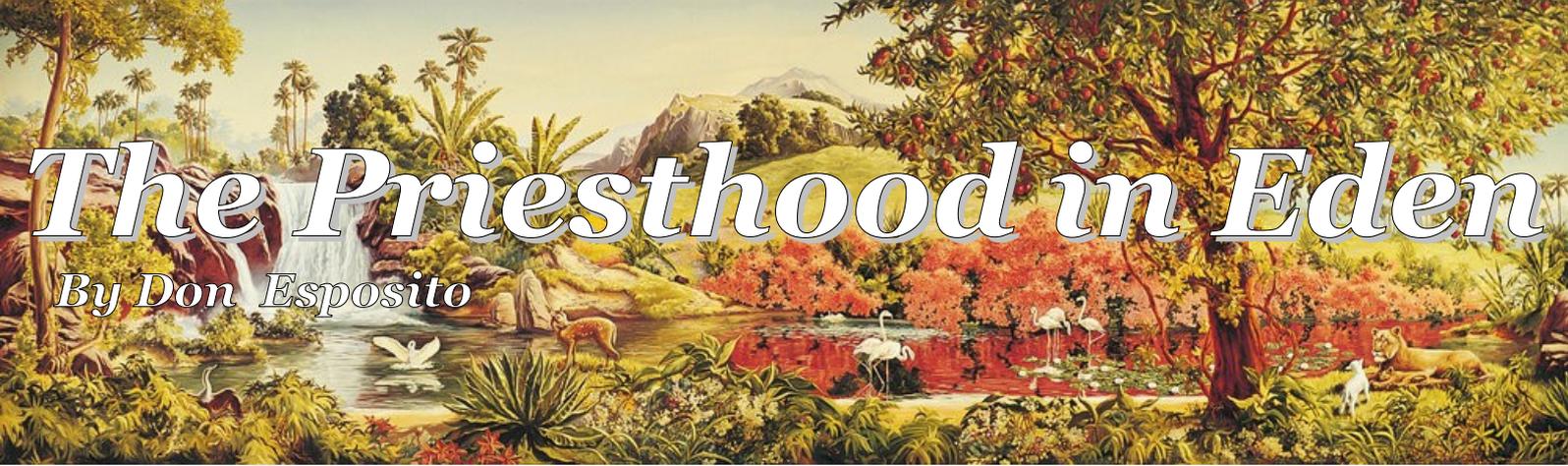
Unfortunately, some have sold - or are selling - their birthrights, just like Esau did. But once Esau lost it, he ended up despising it. In like manner, once you lose your sense of priorities, you lose your sense of values. Don't neglect your birthright. Don't disdain it. Set your priorities straight.

Perhaps one of the hardest priorities of all is to humble yourself, and count others better than yourself (Phil. 2:3).

Satan wants you to be puffed up. Yahweh wants you to be humble. Satan will do everything in his power to make you feel that you are better than others. But Yahweh wants you to count others better than yourself. That's the difference between Yahweh's teaching and the teaching of the world under Satan's influence.

As Yahweh's people, we need to learn our priorities. The Bible is our manual. The Teacher is Yahweh, through the writings of the prophets and the apostles, and most of all through the very words of Yahshua. Whatever the circumstances, let our loyalty and first priority always be to Yahweh. That's our first and foremost priority!

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# The Priesthood in Eden

By Don Esposito

The Levitical priesthood with the ceremonial law was not part of Creation in the Garden of Eden, but was added at Mount Sinai (Gal 3:19), due to the Golden Calf Incident, and was a temporary measure to keep the people in covenant relationship until the promised Messiah would come.

However, there was an eternal order of priesthood from Eden. The pattern Yahweh set in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve's fall was that sin brought the shedding of innocent blood.

Gen 3:21 And Yahweh Elohim made coats of skin for the man and his wife, and clothed them.

Yahshua Yahweh had to be a priest in order to do this sacrifice. He was of course not a Levite, but He was indeed the High Priest of the Melchizedek order, the highest priesthood in the universe.

Heb 7:14 For it is evident that our Master has risen out of Judah, as to which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. 17 For it is testified, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek" (Psa. 110:4).

Scripture gives no doubt that Yahshua was indeed this very Melchizedek, as there is only one King of Peace and King of Righteousness and one High Priest; and we know that His name is Yahshua, the very Son of Yahweh.

Heb 7:1 For this "Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High Elohim," the one meeting Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, "and blessing him;" 2 to whom also Abraham "divided a tenth from all" first being interpreted, king of righteousness; and then also king of Salem, which is, king of peace, 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, nor beginning of days, nor having end of life, but like (as) the Son of Yahweh, His priesthood remains forever).

Yahshua was the Lamb of Yah who was slain from the foundation of the world. From the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve chose free choice, instead of 100% faith in Yahweh. By failing at their job to bring Yahweh's Word to the rest of His creation, Yahshua, who was the High Priest of the Melchizedek order, was destined to be born of the seed of Eve, and to be the second Adam, and accomplish the job that Adam failed to do.

Ro 5:19 For as on account of the disobedience of one man, many became sinners; so also, on account of the obedience of one, many become righteous.

Did you catch the phrase in Romans 5:19 that on account of the disobedience of Adam that many "became" sinners? How could Adam's sin cause others to become sinners unless his sin directly caused the rest of creation to lose out on receiving the Torah, and not bearing the fruit that he could have otherwise.

1 Cor 15:45 So also it has been written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul;" the last Adam a life-giving Spirit (Gen. 2:7). 46 But not the spiritual first, but the natural; afterward the spiritual. 47 The first man was out of earth, earthy. The second Man was the Master out of Heaven. 48 As is the earthy man, such also are the earthy ones. And such as is the heavenly Man, such also are the heavenly ones. 49 And as we bore the image of the earthy man, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. 50 And I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood is not able to inherit the kingdom of Yahweh, nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

1 Cor 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

It is important to understand that Melchizedek was an eternal order of a priesthood of which Yahshua has always been High Priest. Adam, in Eden, was to become part of this priesthood and help Yahweh fulfill His purpose at Creation by bringing His eternal character (through His Torah) to the rest of His creation made outside of Eden.

By Adam bearing no fruit and by failing at his job to qualify to enter this priesthood it set an appointment with Yahshua, the Lamb of Yah slain from the foundation of the world. It is also no coincidence that Yahshua's appointment to die for mankind's decision of free choice, instead of 100% faith in Yahweh, happened on the Mount of Olives on the area called "The place of appointment;" the very place outside of Eden, which Adam was cast out to when he sinned.

I find the enlightenment of this knowledge by Yahweh most exciting for several reasons.

1. We can be assured that Yahweh did not create the world through incest, a practice that He calls abominable.
2. We see that it was always Yahweh's will to have a kingdom of priests and this was to be Adam's job also in Eden. We see today that Yahweh is accomplishing this kingdom of priests through our training to be Melchizedek priests under Yahshua and accomplish in spirit what Adam failed to do in flesh (Ex 19:5-6).
3. From the Garden of Eden, we can prove from Scripture that it was the eternal order of Melchizedek and not Levi that Yahweh had set up to serve Him.
4. We can also see where Adam failed as servant to Yahweh by choosing free choice instead of 100% faith in Yahweh and His Word. This study widely expands the blessing of Abraham for unconditional obedience, even though he knew not where he was going or what would happen once he got there, and even being willing to sacrifice his very own son, being assured that Yahweh would raise him up.
5. We can prove that the Torah, in principle through the Ten Commandments, was not only there at Creation, but that Adam's job, as a servant of Yahweh, would have been to bring the Torah to the rest of creation, and multiply Eden.
6. We see that we have the same responsibility as Adam was supposed to have in Eden. That although we need to bear fruit and multiply and fill the earth with the knowledge of the salvation of Yahweh, that we are also to be sanctified as Adam was in Eden. Eden is an actual place, but it is also a state of mind. It is also clear from this study that as Yahshua said to Adam in Eden, and again to New Covenant believers in John 15, that if we don't bear fruit we will die. This also is highly significant since in Christianity most of the focus is put on the person's personal salvation, and not on bearing more fruit for the Kingdom.
7. This is extremely important that Yahweh is revealing this now, because Yahweh works in the circular, not the linear, and we have come full circle, and Yahweh is bringing His creation back to Eden.

Rev 22:1-5 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, bright as crystal, coming forth out of the throne of Yahweh and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of its street and of the city, on this side and that side of the river, was a tree of life producing twelve fruits: according to one month each yielding its fruit. And the leaves of the tree were for healing of the nations.

3 And there will be no blight any more: and the throne of Yahweh and the Lamb will be in it; and His servants will minister to Him.

4 And they will see His face; and His name will be on their foreheads.

5 And night will not be there; and they have no need of a lamp or a light of the sun, because Yahweh Elohim will give them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Joel 2:3 a fire devours before it, and a flame burns behind it. The land is as the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them is a desolate wilderness; yea, also there is no escape to them.

Isa 51:1-3 Hear Me, pursuers of righteousness, seekers of Yahweh: Look to the rock from which you were cut, and to the hollow of the pit from which you were dug.

2 Look to your father Abraham, and to Sarah who bore you. For he being but one, I called him and blessed him and increased him.

3 For Yahweh comforts Zion. He comforts all her desolations, and He makes her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Yahweh; joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of singing praise.

As Yahweh is restoring the Garden of Eden before our very eyes, may we follow the example of Yahshua (the second Adam) and bring Yahweh's Torah to the rest of His creation, and be fruitful and multiply, and fill the land with fruit for His soon coming Kingdom. May we also learn from Adam and Eve's mistakes, that 100% UNCONDITIONAL obedience to Yahweh and His Word are what is important, and not our own free will or choice.

1 Sam 15:22-23 And Samuel said, Does Yahweh delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of Yahweh? Behold! Obeying is better than sacrifice; to give attention is better than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion (bitterness) is as the sin of divination (sorcery); and stubbornness is both iniquity and idolatry.

How important is Yahweh's judicial order? How important is it to trust in the setting in our lives that Yahweh has ordained? How important is 100% faith and obedience to Yahweh and hearing His voice every day of our life? How important is bearing fruit for Yahweh's Kingdom? It is the road to entering back to Eden. What tree are you eating from?



## **Yahshua our Messiah endured His awful death alone - completely cut off from Yahweh. Why? The answer should sober all of us.**

Thick, black clouds swept across the Jerusalem sky. The Jews, preparing themselves for the deeply emotional Passover service, grouped around in the gathering gloom and wondered where the light had gone. It was not even 3 o'clock in the afternoon! The high priest, in the midst of the confusion, was trying to organize the people assisting him with the last-minute arrangements needed for the annual ritual.

In the murky darkness, on a hill just outside the city, the ultimate High Priest was about to perform the most meaningful sacrifice of all. And for the first time in His life, Yahshua experienced what it was like to be alone.

Only several hours before, as the mob came to arrest Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, Yahshua had told His disciples, "Do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matt. 26:33).

Now, it seemed, Yahshua was no longer able to count on that help. At the end of His human life, when the pain and anguish reached their peak, Yahshua could not rely on the strength that had seen Him through the trials of the previous 33 years. Why, in His greatest hour of need, was He left alone?

### **Why cut off?**

When Yahshua cried out, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My Elohim, My Elohim, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" (Matt. 27:46), He was not merely mouthing empty, emotional words. He knew that, hanging there on a stake, He was now totally alone, totally cut off from His heavenly Father. That is the condition most of the world finds itself in today! And most of the world is totally unaware of it.

This condition is brought about by sin. Isaiah was inspired to make it plain: "But your iniquities have separated you from your Elohim; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear " (Isaiah 59:2).

When sin is present in our lives, we are cut off from contact with Yahweh. Sin and Yahweh are totally incompatible. The two just cannot exist together. Therefore, unless the penalty of our sin – death - is paid, we cannot ever regain the contact with Yahweh that is necessary for eternal life. And that, of course, is where Yahshua the Messiah enters the picture.

As the Creator of all mankind, His life was worth more than the sum total of all humanity. His death paid the penalty for every sin committed on this planet. But in paying this penalty, He had to take all these sins on His shoulders: "For He (Yahshua) who did not know sin, for your sakes made Himself sin, that we might through Him become the righteousness of YAHWEH" (2 Cor. 5:21).

And again: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and Yahweh hath laid on Him (Yahshua) the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

As the clouds overhead darkened, and the pain in His body became almost unbearable, Yahshua knew He bore the sins of the world. And He knew He was bearing them alone.

Earlier, when He had been in mental agony, His Father had sent an angel to strengthen and encourage Him (Luke 22:43). Time after time in the humiliation of His scourging, Yahshua had drawn on the strength of His Father. The burden of responsibility - knowing that to fail in His mission would mean the oblivion of mankind - weighed heavily on His mind, and He constantly renewed His resolve through prayer to Yahweh in heaven.

Now, in the hour of Yahshua's greatest need, there was nothing. Even if He were forced to abandon His own beloved Son, Yahweh the Father was not willing to compromise with sin.

That's the way it had always been: "I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them...And I will surely hide My face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought" (Deut. 31:17-18). "Then they shall cry out to YAHWEH, but He will not answer them. He will even hide His face from them in that time, as they have done evil in their doings" (Mic. 3:4).

Yahweh, therefore was left with no alternative. If Yahshua had become "sin" for us, then Yahweh had to forsake Him. He would have to face the final minutes alone.

Yahshua, at last, could really comprehend what it meant to be cut off from Yahweh. He had come to this sick earth not just to give His life for all mankind, but also to experience human existence. By doing so, He would be able to intercede to the Father on our behalf with far more meaning and fervor.

"For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted just as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). And so, it was, on that fateful spring day, Yahshua knew what it was like to be completely alone in the world.

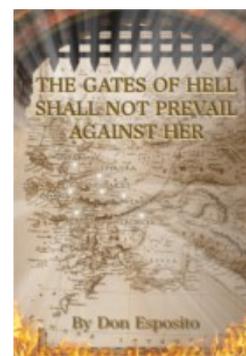
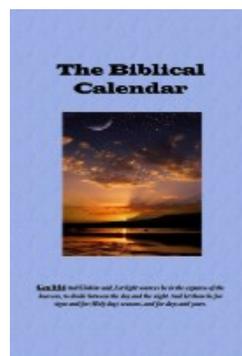
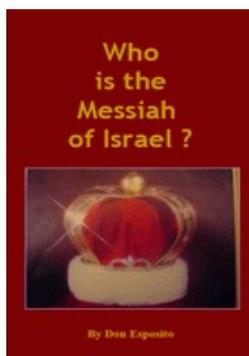
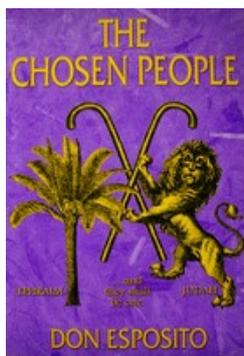
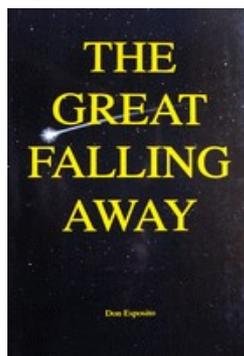
As He hung there in torment, the words penned by King David became vivid in His mind. "My El, My El, why have You forsaken Me, and are far from My deliverance, from the words of My groaning? O My Elohim, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and in the night, and there is no silence to Me." (Ps. 22:1-2). Read all of Psalm 22 and try to put yourself in Yahshua's position. Try to imagine what it would be like being cut off from the strength and encouragement we have in Yahweh's Congregation from our heavenly Father.

## Yahweh doesn't compromise

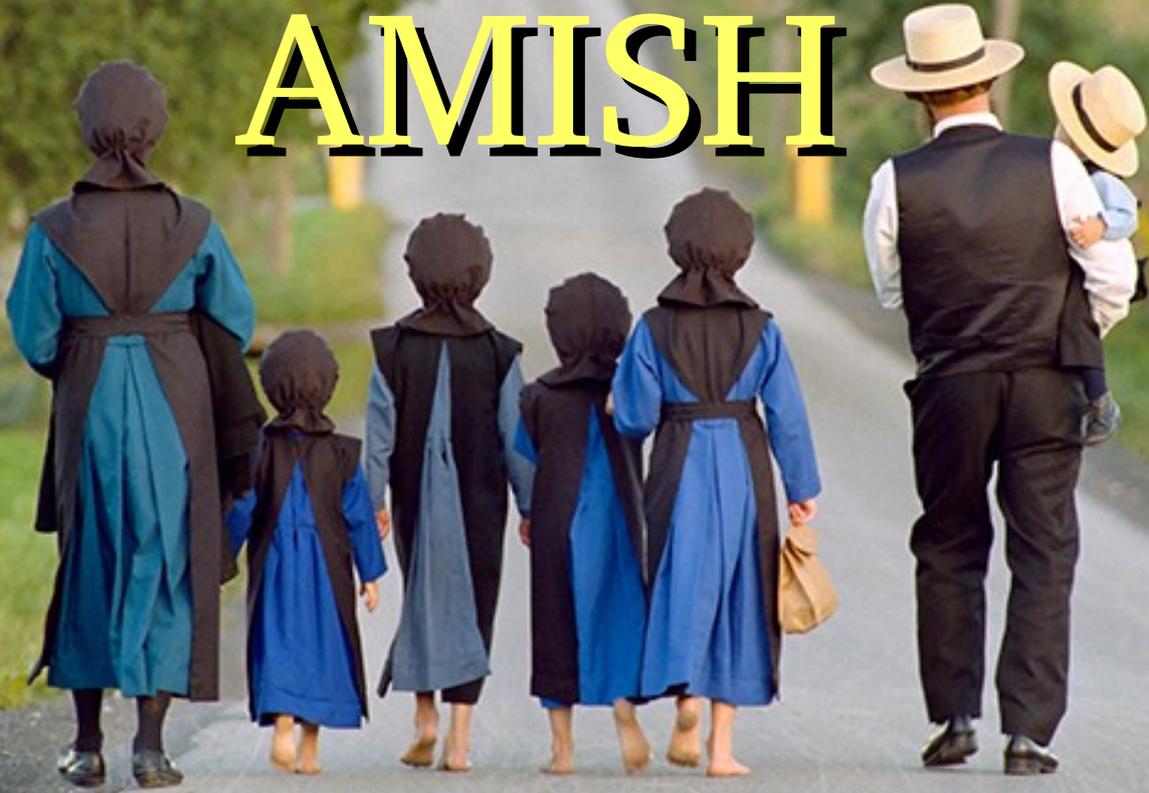
This episode at the very end of Yahshua's earthly life contains several important lessons we need to consider carefully. It should reinforce in our mind that sin - any transgression of Yahweh's spiritual law - will result in an estrangement from our heavenly Father. The fact that even Yahshua Himself had to experience that separation shows without a shadow of a doubt that Yahweh will not compromise with sin. And every time we sin, we become responsible for the brutal torture and suffering Yahshua had to endure. This knowledge should move us to live the most perfect lives we can.

This episode should also increase our faith. Yahweh says He does not compromise with sin, and we can believe what Yahweh has written in His Word. Not only should that encourage us, it should also make us aware that Yahweh means business when He emphasizes the punishment intended for those who willingly persist in wrongdoing. Yahshua died for our sins. His suffering, especially His mental agony when He knew He was totally alone in the ordeal, should make us consider what will happen to us if we refuse to repent of transgressing Yahweh's Torah.

There can be no reasoning around the situation. Yahweh did not compromise with His Son, nor will He when it comes to the rest of humanity.



# ASK THE AMISH



**Ask The Amish will be a new section of the Remnant’s Walk with reprint articles and letters from the Amish community from a publication called “*Family Life*”, which started back in 1967. Some original authors are listed in the publication, some are not. If there is an author listed, they would be listed at the end of the article with an original publishing date. Some Amish chose not to put their names on articles they write.**

Going about doing Good

We are to be witnesses or good examples to others, right in our own homes, communities and congregations. That is the place to start. If we are not Christians there, we will not be Christians anywhere else.

Being a witness “unto the uttermost part of the earth” could well mean to the evil and materialistic world around us. There are many around us who see godless pleasure, wealth and comfort as the only goals in this life. Some of those see only our failings, and are hostile to us. But then, there are also others who look upon our ideals and have a secret longing for something better than only the empty values that the people of the world are craving for.

There was once a tourist, who after seeing the Plain People, remarked “I feel that this is the way life should be lived, but I know few of us on the outside could stay content to live that way long, because we are now so used to our affluent way of life.”

We are to be a witness to the world, but at the same time, we are to be separate from it, (2 Cor 6:17). How could we better be “the salt of the earth” and “a light to the world”, than by contentedly living a plain life, and by giving up the idols that the world holds so dear? (“The Scriptures Have the Answer” 12-84)

### The Gods of This World

Where are our Christian churches today? A look at the main body of the Mennonite Church reveals that as late as the early 1900’s, the women wore plain stockings, a modest length dress of plain material, complete with a cape and an apron, and an appropriate prayer covering tied at the chin. The men wore suspenders, and a straight-collar coat.

As the years passed, changes came one by one. The dresses became shorter, flesh-colored stockings appeared; the cape and apron gave way to the skirt and blouse, then finally the miniskirt. The prayer covering lost the strings and became smaller and smaller, until today it has been completely lost or remains a remnant of what it once was. The wearing of the straight-collar coat gave way among men to the lay-down collar and neck-tie.

The coming of radio, and later Television, introduced youth heroes like Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley. Many of the Mennonite youth carried pictures of these singing stars in their billfolds, and therefore idolized them. Within the past twenty years, women in the main body of the Mennonite Church, who traditionally wore long and uncut hair, began wearing cut hair. Many Mennonites deplored these changes, yet nevertheless they came. The question is, why did these changes come? The answer seems to point to a trend within the church to look and live like the rest of the world.

It is not our purpose to degrade the Mennonite Church. We have used this example only to show what can and what did happen in a short span of fifty or sixty years. The question is, do the plainer Mennonite groups, including the Amish, have anything to boast of? The answer is no. The very same spirit which ate into the core and majority of the Mennonite Church is much alive and working away within the Amish churches today. Perhaps the changes come much more slowly or over a long period of time; yet the same spirit is there, slowly working away. If you talk to older people, from an older settlement, they will likely admit that their settlement has changed from what it was fifty years ago. The dresses may be shorter, prayer coverings on the women smaller to please the eye. The houses are finer and have more decorations. The church has adopted more of a trend toward modernization, and so forth. When undesired practices enter and become rooted into the congregation, it becomes almost impossible to root them out or to bring back what it has lost. Perhaps you ask, “What can I do to better the conditions in my congregation?” The place to start is in your own heart (D.B.,6-79).

### A Spoiled Generation

Several years ago, I noticed a small cartoon in a newspaper that caught my attention. It showed a picture of a living room in a typical modern home. A brightly lighted and gaily decorated Christmas tree was in one corner. A ten-year old boy stood in the middle of a wide assortment of toys he had just unwrapped. There was an electric train piled to one side of him, a brand-new bike leaning against the wall, a catcher’s mitt at his feet, and in his hands, he held a model airplane. The room all around him was strewn with expensive toys and gifts and wrapping paper.

It was a simple cartoon, but it told the complete story. He held the last gift in his hand and was looking around for more, with a frown on his face. Under the cartoon was the caption, “You mean this is all I get?” What a spoiled child! His parents had spent a couple of hundred dollars on several dozen toys, games, playthings and gadgets. Instead of being awed and grateful, he complained because he did not get more. Instead of complaining, his eyes should have been shining and his lips saying, “You mean I get all this?”

However, it is hard to believe that a child could be so spoiled, the truth is that all of us have more in common with this child than we like to think. In a way all of us have become spoiled children, unbelievably blessed by material things, yet standing in the midst of plenty and waste, and asking, “You mean this is all I get?”

We have life rather easy compared with our forbearers. They were hunted, persecuted, tortured, and killed. The government passed special laws against them. We have religious freedom, and the government passes special laws in our favor [ we don't expect to suffer] torture or pain [ alas punishment for faith].

Our immigrant forefathers toiled with their axes and hoes, to wrest a living from thick forest and tree-stump covered clearings. We have rich dark soil, loose, fertile, and productive, and teams of horses to work it with. They had to make almost everything, from their axe handles to their homespun clothing. We go into town and buy what we want. No weary hours working into the night, carving, weaving, and spinning.

Our forbearers had a diet with little variety—corn mush, potatoes, meat. Our tables are loaded with delicacies they never even heard of—bananas, oranges, and pineapples. They wore clothing that was rough, stiff, and uncomfortable. We have super fabrics with nylon added to last longer, or Dacron to keep out the wrinkles.

We have it easy. We have grown fat, soft, lazy, and spoiled. We have forgotten how to suffer, and we even refuse to be inconvenienced. Everything has to be handy. Our ancestors had to walk several hundred miles to visit relatives. They would ride horseback over rough and dangerous trails, taking several weeks or months to make the trip.

Today Greyhound Buses speeding over superhighways, aren't fast enough for us. We want a taxi to pick us up at our doorstep and chauffeur us wherever we want to go. It's too much bother to change buses, carry suitcases, and wait in depots. Will our children in turn find it too much bother to hire a taxi, and decide to buy a car themselves, so they can go when and where they like?

It does seem to work that way. The luxuries of one generation become the necessities of the next. Let's just look in one area of life, the water supply. When our forbearers came into this country, they carried their water from a spring. There were many trips for water, morning, evening, and even throughout the day. It was tiresome, time consuming labor, but it was accepted without question, because it had to be done.

Gradually, as homes became more permanent, wells became common. What a luxury this must have seemed! A well within a hundred feet of the house! No more long trips down the hot, dusty, windy path for water; now it was close, convenient and handy. All they had to do was lower the bucket into the well, then hand over hand pull it up with fresh, sparkling, clean fresh water.

After a generation or two, pumps came in the scene. Ah, once again how handy it seemed. No more straining backs and tired aching arms, pulling up that rope to bring in a bucket of water. Just grab the pump handle and up comes the water. It was much quicker and easier.

Nevertheless, what one generation thought was so easy the next found tiring, they felt that pumping water by hand was a hardship, and took so long. So up went the windmill. Ah, the whole family was amazed at the convenience of it all. No more standing and puffing, and pumping. All they had to do was walk to the well and dip the water from a large wooden tank. It seemed so much easier, that this generation never imagined that the next might balk at the trip to the well. But that is exactly what happened.

What? Walk to the well and carry all that water! I guess not. So, in goes a system of water pipes. Ah, what a grand luxury. Water pumped right into the house, water waiting and ready 24 hours of the day at a turn of the spigot. Turn it open and there's water to wash the face, water to cook a meal, and water to fill the tea-kettle.

Fill the tea-kettle, did you say? What for? To heat water to wash the dishes? Ha, guess again. That's not for us. We're the next generation. Who has time to heat water when we want it? Why, with the water heater installed, all we need to do is turn the tap and there is all the hot water we like.

That brings us to the present. What will the next generation want? We immediately think, "But hot water in the tap, that's so handy to wash dishes with, we can't imagine that our children won't be satisfied with that."

No, of course not. Our parents couldn't imagine that we wouldn't be satisfied with their luxuries, either. What we appreciate our children take for granted.

Satan likes to make us believe, that if only we had this or that, we could be so much happier. If only the church would allow this we'd be satisfied. We wouldn't ask for more. We'd be content.

Would it really work that way? Let's look around with our eyes open. If having an abundance of material things would bring contentment, then those who have the most should be the most contented. Who has more material things than the people of this world? Anything they like they can go and buy. New cars. Fancy clothes. Vacations to faraway places. Anything. You name it, and the world has it. And if they don't, they invent it.

Then are they contented? Are they satisfied with what they have? The answer is obvious. One look at the headlines of a newspaper should convince anyone. Riots. Strikes. Demands. Boycotts. Protests. Marches. Welfare. Unrest. Crime. Divorces. Suicides. Rebellions. Violence. Tensions.

There was never a generation that had so much and appreciated it so little. Young people grow up, and never raise a finger to work. Still they are dissatisfied and run away by the thousands. No, the people of this world are not content with all the luxuries they have. Yahshua said long ago, "A man's life does not consist of the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15).

The time has come for each one of us to stop and ask some questions. Where are we as Plain People? Where have we come from? Where are we going? What factors have brought us to where we are today? In what ways have we suffered too much from Materialism? To what degree do we have the same spirit as the world has the spirit of always wanting more? What are the solutions? Perhaps the first step is to become aware of how good we really have it, and to realize what spoiled children we have become.

Another thing that would help would be to renew our convictions on the teachings of the Bible showing the importance of simple living. We need to rediscover that a simple way of life, separated from the world, is indeed Yahweh's pattern for His people.

However scriptural simple living is, it is not an automatic passport to the Kingdom. Thousands of people live simple lives with just a tin roof over their heads and a dirt floor beneath their feet, and so few earthly possessions that they can load them all on an oxcart. They still lead ungodly lives, wallowing in sin and poverty. Hand in hand with our simple living must be a devout faith in Yahweh, honesty of conviction, and an earnest desire for brotherhood. Olden times were simpler, but that does not mean that everything that is old is good. Our goal is not to pattern after the early Americans, but after the early Christians (believers).

Will the same trends and influences that have wrecked families' communities in the world, also destroy us in time? If we follow the same route, travel in the same train, we cannot expect to arrive at a different destination. Trailing fifty years behind the world isn't going to get us where we want to be. Those who ride in the caboose are going to be in the same place as the engineer. There is constant pressure in the surrounding society to conform in such areas as travel and work. Yet, there is plenty of evidence, if we care to see it, that such things as tractor farming and automobile travel, are deadly in the long run, eroding the values of brotherhood, simple living, family sharing, and meaningful community relationship.

If we allow ourselves to become like spoiled children, always wanting more and more, we cannot expect long to resist the temptation these and other modern inventions present to us, and our children. If our love of ease becomes greater than our willingness to deny ourselves and to sacrifice, we are well down the road of no return, the one way street of modernism and materialism.

We don't need more conveniences as much as we need more convictions. In this world of emphasis and luxury and earthly possessions, it may be difficult to be content with little. But it is impossible to be content with much ("Views and Values", E. Stoll, 7-73).

# ARE YOU BUSY?

## From the Book: The Great Falling Away

SATAN called a worldwide convention. In his opening address to his evil demons, he said, "We can't keep the Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from an intimate, abiding relationship experience in Messiah.

This is what I tell you to do:

Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout that day!"

"How shall we do this?" shouted the demons.

"Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6 - 7 days a week, 10 - 12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments, soon their home will offer no escape from the pressures of work! Entice them to play the radio or DVD player whenever they drive. Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice.

Keep the DVD player, TV, CDs and their Computers going constantly in their homes. Let them become busy at doing nothing, and become enthralled with meaningless, vain social media and worthless pleasure-seeking activities! And see to it that every store, restaurant and business everywhere plays non-biblical, worldly music constantly. This will preoccupy their minds with messages of the flesh and break that union with the Messiah. Fill the coffee table with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds for 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail-order catalogues, sweepstakes and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services, and false hopes. Make sexuality pervasive. Put sexy, beautiful models on the magazines so husbands will lust after external beauty, and they will become dissatisfied with their wives. Give them movies that portray a luxurious, gaudy, lustful lifestyle that does not actually exist. Keep them too busy to go out in nature to reflect on Yahweh's wonders. Give them thrills at amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and movies instead.

**KEEP THEM BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!**

And when they do meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip, envy, or self-righteousness, so that they leave with troubled consciences. This will restrict their conversations to shallow, vain, unimportant topics. Go ahead; let them be involved in soul winning. But crowd their lives with so many causes they have no time to seek power from the Messiah. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and families for the cause. They will lose sight in how important a human soul really is. **IT WILL WORK, I TELL YOU. IT WILL WORK!**"

It was quite a convention. And the evil demons went eagerly about their assignment of causing "Yahweh's people" to be busy, busy, busy, and to rush here and there. The evil demons even stole the Yahweh ordained day of rest! **ASK YOURSELF...** Does this describe MY family? WHO is glorified by my lifestyle? Does Yahweh want my life to be DIFFERENT?

Am I WILLING to do what it takes to change?

# The Family of Yahweh since Creation

By Don Esposito

There are many different theories and doctrines about the nature of Elohim. Some try to state that Yahshua and Yahweh are the same being, even though there are almost 100 scriptures to disprove this false doctrine.

1 Corinthinas 15:27 For "He subjected all things under His feet;" but when He says that "all things have been subjected, it is plain that it excepts "Him" (The Father) who has subjected all things to Him (Psa. 8:6).

1 Co 15:28 But when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One (The Father) who has subjected all things to Him, that YAHWEH may be all things in all.

And yet others will try to say that Yahshua did not pre-exist, and is a created being, whereas this theory is also debunked by many scriptures from both the Tanach, and the New Testament.

Joh 17:5 And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the existence of the world.

However, in Scripture, there is only one clear cut doctrine about the relationship of Yahweh with Yahshua that runs from Genesis to Revelation without one scripture to contradict it. And that is that Yahweh is a family consisting of two members, Yah Yahweh, the Father, and Yahshua Yahweh, the Son.

I will explicitly prove this biblical fact in this article; and I find it amazing that so many who call themselves believers deny this crystal-clear biblical fact and doctrine, when Yahshua calls Yahweh His Father more than one hundred times in the New Testament, and Yahweh calls Yahshua His Son many times also.

So, if Yahweh is called My Father by Yahshua, and Yahshua is called My Son by Yahweh, what else can their relationship be, but of a family unit?

Mat 3:16 And having been, Yahshua went up immediately from the water. And, behold! The heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of YAHWEH coming down as a dove, and coming upon Him.

Mat 3:17 And behold! A voice out of the heaven saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well pleased.

And as a matter of fact, in every situation in Scripture that is dealing with the Creation account, Elohim is always seen as two separate beings, both doing the creating.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth;

As we see from the very first sentence in the Bible "Elohim" created. In the Hebrew language, you do not have an 's' to show plurality, but an "im". So, the word El or Eloah is singular, and Elohim is plural. And for those who would want to disagree, if you go down to verse 26, we actually even see the pronouns for Elohim being plural, clearly showing 2 beings.

Gen 1:26 And Elohim said, let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;

Even the Rabbis try to say that the plurality is including angelic beings, but clearly mankind is not made after the angelic beings, but in the image of Elohim. However, the fact that even the Rabbis are admitting that there is no other way to take verse 26, but to see that Elohim is speaking in the plurality is quite an admission that there were two beings involved at Creation.

Also, look at Ecclesiastes the twelfth chapter.

Ecc 12:1 Remember now your Creators in the days of your youth,

Once again, as the reference is going back to the Creation account, the word for Creators is in the plural, denoting more than one being. Let's take a look at a Creation reference in the book of Isaiah, that is most revealing on this subject. First, we see that from Isaiah the fortieth chapter going up to the fifty-fourth chapter that it is all about the servant, or Messenger of Yahweh, who will be the Messiah of Israel and the world. Then, in Isaiah the forty-eighth chapter we see Yahweh speaking about Creation in verse 13, and then, referencing His Servant in verse 14 and 15.

Isa 48:13 My hand surely founded the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens; I called to them, they stood up together.

Isa 48:14 All of you gather and hear: Who among them has declared these things? YAHWEH has loved him. He will do His pleasure on Babylon; yea, His arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

Isa 48:15 I, I have spoken; yea, I have called Him, I brought Him, and he causes his way to prosper.

Then, amazingly in verse 16, the servant of Yahweh calls the reader to hear something startling. He announces that He was also with Yahweh at Creation, and was sent by Yahweh to be His Messenger.

Isa 48:16 Come near to Me; hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning. From its existence, I was there; and now Adonai YAHWEH, and His Spirit, has sent Me.

And then in chapter forty-nine it goes on to say that this Messenger/Messiah of Yahweh will actually be the Savior of the whole earth.

Isa 49:5 And now, says YAHWEH who formed Me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob back to Him: Though Israel is not gathered, yet I am honored in the eye of YAHWEH, and My Elohim is My strength.

Isa 49:6 And He said, It is too little that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You, my Y'shua\*, to be for a light of the nations, to the end of the earth.

So, we see that not only is the Messenger of Yahweh the Savior of Israel, and the world, but that Yahweh even shows that His name will be Yahweh's Salvation. The word y'shua in Hebrew and Aramaic means salvation; but this messenger, who will be born of a virgin (Is. 7:13-14) will not just be salvation, but will be Yahweh's Salvation (Yahshua), as all life comes from Yahweh.

Does the New Testament corroborate that Yahshua was a co-Creator with Yahweh, the Father?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with Elohim.

Joh 1:3 Everything existed through His hands, and without Him, not even one thing existed of the things, which have existed.

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. And we beheld His glory, glory as of an only begotten one from the Father, full of grace and of truth.

Col 1:15 who is the image of the invisible Elohim, (Yahshua), the right of the First-born of all creation.

Col 1:16 For all things were created through Him, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible; whether imperial thrones, or dominions, or angelic orders, or authorities, all things were in His hand and have been created by Him.

Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and by Him all things are sustained.

Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the body, the Congregation, who is the Beginning, the First-born of the resurrection of the dead, that He be preeminent in all things;

Col 1:19 because it pleased Elohim to complete all things in Him,

And with Yahweh's Messenger, His name must be Yahshua, because He will be a Son to Yahweh and have the family name of Yahweh in His name.

Exo 23:20 Behold, I am about to send a messenger before you, to guard you in the way, and to bring you to the place which I have prepared.

Exo 23:21 Be on guard before Him, and listen to His voice. Do not be rebellious against Him, for He will not forgive your transgressions; for My name is in Him.

Luk 9:35 And a Voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved; hear Him!

Luk 9:36 And as the Voice came, Yahshua was found alone. And they were quiet. And they reported to no one in those days, nothing which they had seen.

Heb 1:1 In many ways and in various ways of old, Elohim spoke to the fathers in the prophets;

Heb 1:2 in these last days He has spoken to us in the Son, whom He appointed heir of all; and by whom he made the worlds;

Heb 1:3 for He is the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His being, and upholding all things by the power of His Word; having made purification of our sins through Himself, He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Heb 1:4 and He is altogether superior to the cherubs, just as the name He has inherited is a more excellent name than theirs.

Heb 1:5 For to which of the cherubs did He ever say, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You?" And again, "I will be a Father to Him, and He shall be a Son to Me."

The cherubs were not created to be literal children of Yahweh, but Yahshua as the only begotten of Yahweh was a literal Son to Him. That is why cherubs only have the generic title of "El" in their names, such as Micha"el", and Gabri"el", but the Son has the family name of Yahweh in His name, YAHSHUA. And what is even more mind blowing is that each baptized, first fruit believer also is a begotten child of Yahweh through belief in Yahshua for forgiveness of sin, and having the Holy Spirit imparted in them by the laying on of hands of a true, ordained elder of Yahweh.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of the One having raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, the One having raised the Messiah from the dead will also make your mortal bodies live through the indwelling of His Spirit in you.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of YAHWEH, these are sons of YAHWEH.

Rom 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received a Spirit of sonship by which we cry, Abba! Father!

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of YAHWEH.

Rom 8:17 And if children, also heirs; truly heirs of YAHWEH, and joint heirs of Messiah, if indeed we suffer together, that we may also be glorified together

This is why it is so important to be baptized correctly in the family name of Yahshua Yahweh for the forgiveness of sins, but also to be begotten by the Spirit of Yahweh into His family.

Mat 28:19 Then having gone, disciple all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son,

This is our great destiny, to now be begotten, like an embryo by the Spirit of Yahweh, but at Yahshua's return we will shed these mortal bodies, and be a glorified spirit being in the family of Yahweh.

This is why Satan wants to hide the great names of Yahweh and Yahshua, because He knows they are the only names that bring salvation.

Act 4:10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Yahshua, Messiah, the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom YAHWEH raised from the dead, in this name this one stands before you whole.

Act 4:11 This One is the Stone rejected by you the builders, the One who has come to be into the Head of the Corner;

Act 4:12 And there is salvation in no other man, for neither is there any other name under Heaven having been given among men by which we must be saved.

In Genesis, the first chapter, Elohim made mankind in His image, to look like Him, and now we must grow into His likeness and character to become like Him, and to rule with Him in His soon coming Kingdom. Yahshua is our older brother, who redeemed mankind back to Yahweh the Father, and paid the penalty of our sins, which was death. And now He is a faithful older brother and bridegroom who loves us and wants to share His inheritance with us forever.

Heb 2:9 but we do see Yahshua, who humbled Himself to become a little lower than the cherubs through His suffering and His death, but now is crowned with glory and honor, so that He tasted death for the sake of everyone except YAHWEH.

Heb 2:11 For both the One sanctifying and the ones being sanctified are all of one nature; for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Heb 2:12 saying, "I will announce Your name to My brethren; I will praise You in the midst of the congregation."

Heb 2:13 And again, "I will be trusting on Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children whom YAHWEH gave to Me."

Rev 5:10 and made us kings and priests to our Elohim; and we shall reign on the earth.

There is no denying it! Yahweh is a family made up now of Yah Yahweh the Father, and Yahshua Yahweh the Son, two separate, eternal beings united by the one Spirit (Ruach) of Yahweh. And also, the wonderful Good-News that He has also set us apart to become His children, and literal family members with Him. What an awesome plan; what an awesome destiny!



# Are You Ready?

She stopped again to listen. Had someone stopped outside? Quietly she resumed reading to the children. Again, she paused. Others had recently been arrested, but how would the children learn if she didn't teach? And so, she continued, but as she quietly read, she listened.

It was a time of persecution. A time when printing was dangerous and Bibles precious. A time when believers met quietly and were watched closely. A time when those who were serious about following the Master Yahshua met in secret. They would rather risk imprisonment than be connected with the government-approved "Congregation." They were willing to risk torture and death to follow Yahshua. They would not compromise.

So, the young woman had carefully barred the door, gathered the children, whispered a prayer, and sat down to teach. She felt blessed to have a Bible. Many did not. What a tremendous opportunity to have the actual Word of Elohim! So, she listened as she read the stories and taught the lessons behind the stories. She listened as they softly sang. Listening is simply part of persecution. Those who are surrounded by it know.

Suddenly the door crashed open and the peaceful calm was instantly shattered. Children frantically scrambled for safety along walls as local officers poured into the room, angrily shouting and demanding this illegal activity stop. The children watched in horror as men grabbed the young woman by the hair, yanked her to the ground, and pounded her head repeatedly against the stone floor. The young children, backs against the wall, watched with terror-filled eyes as the woman finally lost consciousness from the pain and collapsed. The men were soon gone, taking the Bible and leaving the badly mangled woman and traumatized children behind. A time of persecution.

## Persecution

We have grown up listening to stories like this; stories of those who would rather be tortured than compromise. Accounts of faithful believers who, through the ages, have endured tremendous oppression. We marvel at their steadfastness and faith. A faith of such value they would die for it. But this event didn't happen hundreds of years ago. It occurred just a few months ago in one of the many countries currently experiencing persecution today. For many believers, it is still a time of persecution.

## Surviving Persecution

Recently a local businessman asked about the tremendous torture that Disciples of Yahshua have endured in the past. During the discussion he turned to me and asked, “Could you do that?” The question followed me for several days. I thought of early believers who were slowly let down into boiling oil; or the Waldensians, driven from home and across the Alps in winter, many of them barefoot. Could I do that? My mind went to accounts during the Reformation, and on to those enduring persecution today. Believers right now who are in hiding or being tortured in ways too cruel to print. Not all are faithful. Many have given up after enduring tremendous suffering. Would I be faithful? Do I possess that kind of strength? How about you?

Me?

Do you possess a faith that could triumph over torture? If you knew that violent persecution was going to be a reality next month, would you be prepared? What would you do differently? I would like to briefly examine four areas of our lives that I believe would be affected. As you consider these areas, imagine that persecution is just one month away.

### 1. Prayer

How would potential persecution affect your prayer life? Take a moment and analyze your times of prayer. Examine both the frequency and fervency. It is possible to slowly drift into a prayer life that consists of a few well-worn phrases repeated over food, and five minutes of letting Elohim know how rough we have it down here before crawling into bed.

But have you ever wondered why it took Yahshua all night to pray to His Father? Why wasn't He content with a few minutes a day? Is it possible He had a better grasp on both the weakness of flesh and the available power? Perhaps those who live today, constantly listening for a knock on the door, could explain to us why it can take all night to make connection with the Father. Maybe we could learn from them what it is like to grab the horns of the altar and not let go until we know our hearts have connected with His.

And what about praying with other believers? When early believers were confronted with threats from the authorities, they immediately gathered for prayer. It was their initial response. When the first threatening came the Bible simply says, “And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to Elohim with one accord...” Acts 4:24. Again, when Peter was imprisoned, the believers gathered in the home of Mariam the mother of John. The account says that “many were gathered together praying.” Gathering together for prayer.

I wonder how persecution would affect the basic purpose of our gatherings. Would prayer just be something it is good to do to finish off a nice evening? Something that goes nicely with reading and a few songs, or would it suddenly become the very purpose of our being together? Would it even be possible to separate from fellow believers without it? Gatherings for prayer are regarded as necessary among the suffering underground congregation today, and perhaps persecution would change our view of group prayer as well.

### 2. Love for the Truth.

Congregation history at times can read like a serial story of multiple reactions. Do you really love truth? Really? When you hear an opinion differing from true doctrine, is your first reaction to spend time communing with Elohim in prayer and searching His Word? Or do you sense this inner craving to immediately contact a like minded believer and expose the fallacies of the overstated viewpoint? How would coming persecution affect this process? Imagine again that persecution is just one month away. Are you sure about the viewpoints you are debating? Can you prove the doctrines of truth that you have been blessed with? Do you shun those who try to bring heresy into the congregation? When all of your friends, family, and congregation support group are gone; when all that is left is you, the persecutor, and your faith in Elohim; are you sure?

Many a man has carried a professed set of beliefs for years, only to dump them at the prospect of potential pain. As you analyze your love for truth, ask yourself this question: have you ever made a drastic change in lifestyle simply because of something that spoke to you from Elohim's Word?

It is very possible to read primarily to find ammunition against the latest reaction or to prepare for a devotional or sermon. But do you ever read just to seek His will? Are you listening for His voice? How would coming persecution affect your love for truth?

### 3. Daily Exhortation

I have marveled at the fervency of letters between believers during persecution. They wrote as though their own survival depended upon the faithfulness of other believers, and many times it did. They wrote letters of doctrinal strength, sent notes of encouragement, poems of warning and comfort, and wrote many, many songs of exhortation. Examine your own life briefly. When was the last time you looked a brother or sister in the eye and gave them words of encouragement in the battle or words of loving admonition? How often do you send a note or phone call of encouragement?

The writer of the book of Hebrews says that we should be exhorting each other daily (Heb. 3:13). We like to talk about the importance of keeping all the commands of the Bible; how are you doing with this one? Perhaps coming persecution would affect this area of your life. Maybe your exhortation would be more fervent and a little more frequently. Do you see personal spiritual accountability from other believers as a necessity to your survival or just something for those who are weak? Be honest. Do you really feel a need to be challenged by others? Perhaps this question can best be answered by how we respond when we are challenged.

### 4. Transient Treasures

Looking death in the eye has a way of challenging a man's values. I wonder how coming persecution would affect your value system. What is valuable to you? Perhaps in your life it is a business or property. Or maybe you take pleasure in collecting a particular item, and enjoy looking for one more of these items to add to your growing collection. Or possibly it is a nice home, with attractive furniture and beautiful landscaping. Or maybe it is the latest gear for your favorite hobby or activity. All of us have things that are important to us, so identify what that is and then answer this question. Would coming persecution affect your regard for the things you treasure?

It was January 24, 1539 in the city of Rotterdam. A young Anabaptist woman named Anna sat down in her prison cell to write a short note to her young son Isaiah. She knew this would be her last correspondence. As she was sentenced to die that day, she knew this was her last opportunity to teach. What should she say? She gave him good instruction, but near the end of her letter she said this, "Deal with an open, warm heart, give your bread to the hungry, clothe the naked, and do not allow yourself to have anything twofold; for there are always some who lack". Notice the advice from a dying mother: Do not have two of anything because some don't have enough. How would coming persecution affect your accumulation of assets?

### **"But We're Not There ..."**

Today we continue to read about the persecuted Congregation. Even while you read this, many are in prison, in hiding, and attempting to follow Elohim under seemingly impossible circumstances. While we know this to be true, it seems distant and we really don't fear persecution within the next month. Because of this, it is easy to be somewhat unconcerned because, "We're not there." Somehow it is easier to understand the need for a persecuted Congregation to be diligent in the spiritual battle, than it is to grasp the importance for vigilance in a congregation immersed in prosperity. But is it possible we are deceived?

Which is more dangerous to Christianity: physical persecution or the subtle effects of peace and affluence?

Persecution is an awful thing. Many have succumbed during torture. But persecution has never been as devastating to Elohim's people as the slow, creeping, subtle effect of wealth and prosperity. We see this truth throughout the Bible. Elohim didn't have to remind His people to cry out to Him when the Egyptians were bearing down from the rear and the Red Sea was blocking escape in the front. No, Elohim's people have more difficulty focusing when the Egyptians are gone. When the herds and flocks multiply and things are going nicely. We understand this tendency, but sometimes our lives demonstrate that we fail to believe it. If we really believe prosperity has the potential of being more dangerous to our faith than persecution, why would coming persecution alter our diligence?

### **Prosperity: Blessing or Curse?**

Prosperity is not another type of persecution. Persecution is an attack on the kingdom of light by the forces of darkness, while prosperity is a blessing and given for a purpose. When Elohim gives a man access to resources, He is giving him a tremendous opportunity to use those resources for His kingdom. But with that opportunity comes a great temptation, and prosperity used improperly can become a snare and a curse. It will take much more voluntary consecration and self-denial for a believer to survive prosperity than persecution.

While being rocked in the arms of affluence, it is easy to forget how desperately we need those gatherings for prayer. We need times of crying out to Elohim for guidance in a confusing world, as we attempt to find a safe path for ourselves and our little ones. We are being fed a continual diet of untruths by our culture today. Personal success and social ranking are determined by ability, possessions, and fame. We are told beauty can be purchased, and security and safety can be acquired and insured. Is it possible to endure the constant bombardment of lies from our society without a strong love for truth and the encouragement of faithful believers? If exhorting one another daily is needed in persecution, think how much more we need it today. We need those conversations throughout the week reminding us to focus on lasting value. We need those calls from brethren who want to share a verse, a warning, or just meet for prayer.

### **Are You Ready?**

This is a question that ultimately only you can answer. Few of us have ever experienced physical persecution, and until we do, our response to it will not be fully known. But examining our spiritual diligence while enveloped in prosperity can give us a clue. For while persecution and prosperity are different by nature, they do share a common characteristic. They both tend to expose a man's heart. Perhaps how prepared I am for persecution tomorrow, can best be known by my use of material resources today.

Are you ready?

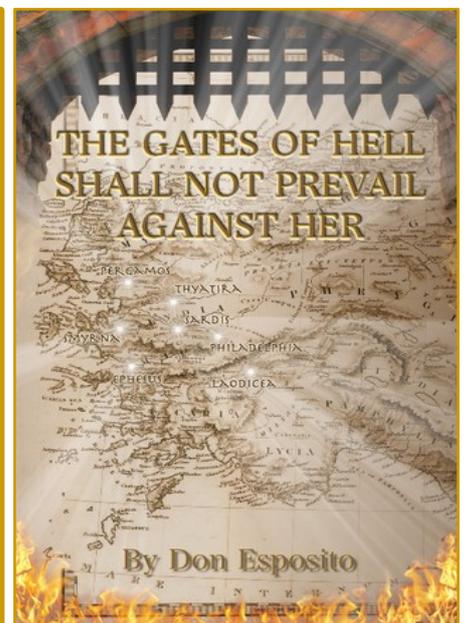
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# Letters From Our Readers...

Dear Brother Don,

*I'm so happy and blessed to have received the wonderful Bible and the wonderful book "The Gates of Hell shall Not Prevail against Her". I had your book "The Great Falling Away". I have been reading your books over and over. I'm absolutely thrilled and amazed by them.*

*I'm not kidding when I say this, I really was feeling like Elijah sometimes, but I dare not say that to my heavenly Father. I have never met or talked to anyone in my 37 years of being born again that even came close to the way you believe. Why can't people read the Bible and take it serious? I try to share some things with the "Christians", and it's like I'm talking to a wall! I have also been taught by our Father, His name is not "God", and our Savior's name is not "Jesus". It's sometimes hard to communicate with folks, who don't know anything except things that these "preachers" are teaching.*

*It is Satan who planted this cancer (lie) in the body of Messiah. You say things like Rev. 3:8 and it blows my mind. Whoever pays attention to that? People gloss over the Word in some trashy translation, and they don't even catch it! HELLO! Why does our Father say things? I don't take Yahweh's Word lightly; there is a reason for every single word in His book. There is just so much that it would take me 10 hours to write it all. I agree with all you say.*

*The Sabbath, It is a test commandment. Yahshua said in John 4:15, If you love Me, keep My commandments. People say, "Well you know, if you broke one, you broke 'em all. And I think, 'Well, dummy, don't break 'em.' In other words, I don't practice sins or have secret sins that people can't see. I always say lol... who you hiding from? I believe it's very simple; they love the world, the flesh, and the lust of the eyes more than our Elohim. That's why Yahshua said 'His little flock'. Oh, how I wish I could sit down with you and fellowship. WOW we are going to have a wonderful eternity!*

*I will continue to share as much truth (which I love) as I can. I've been praying for you brother, you have been a blessing in my life, now I know I'm not the only one who believes in the councils of our Father!*

*\*All the council of Yahweh ( Acts 20:27)!*

*Bless you, Much Love and Respect,*

*A Brother in Prison*  
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Dear Brother Don,

*I want to thank you for your book The Great Falling Away. I read it and am still reading it over and over again. Brother, I am currently in jail, and I am asking Yahshua for truth and wisdom. I have been lost for a long time, and I gave my life to Messiah 3 years ago, and I thought I was on the right track, but I wasn't and the enemy came in my life again, and I am in here in prison for doing drugs and falling short of the glory of Elohim.*

*Brother, I have been locked up for 4 months for letting the devil trick my mind and I believed his lies and hurt my wife by doing childish things. When I snapped out of it, I turned myself in, and asked Yahshua for forgiveness.*

*Elohim answered my prayers and your book landed in my hands! You are so right, please teach me how to serve Yahweh, and deny myself and serve the Heavenly Father in Spirit and truth. I don't know nothing about Yahweh's Holy Days as I was raised a Catholic. And every Church around here are wrong, and I wanna learn so I can witness for my Father. I feel so alone here, out of place, but I know Yahshua is calling me and I must deny myself and serve Yahweh.*

*Brother, I want to take the next step and serve Elohim the rest of my life in Spirit and truth. Can you help me? I lost everything and I don't even want anything any longer, but to seek the Kingdom of Yahweh above all else, and I know that Elohim will direct my steps every day I read and humble myself. The Heavenly Father is so good to me, and I know in my heart He has delivered me from all my addictions.*

*Thank you for reading this letter,*

*From a Brother in Prison*  
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*Dear Elder Esposito,*

*Shalom Aleichem, I hope this letter finds you all well? Thank you, thank you, thank you, for all your love and support. Our congregation, "Ebed HaDerek", is blessed and still growing. We would like to do a group study on the book "The Great Falling Away", can you send 4 more copies?*

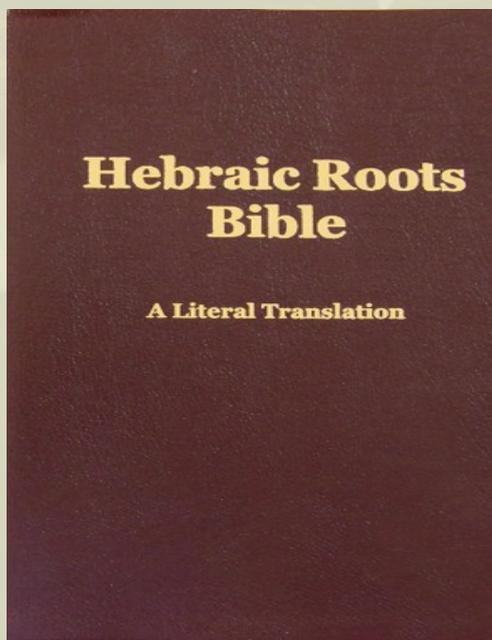
*We are doing our best to keep focus on the Scriptures and on Yahshua's return; we see all the signs going all around us! There is tremendous persecution here for our devout faith in the truth. So many here refuse to see the details of the false teachings that have crept into all of the modern churches :-), we pray for them and lead by the example given to us in Yahshua's Word. We cannot try to force our understanding on theirs, yet we can be a positive reflection of faith, by living out what we now understand. WOW! How blessed we are to know the difference :-). Your help sharing these truths has blessed us all! We pray for you.*

*I've come to realize NOT everyone is ready to receive this truth, yet as we walk in repentance and grace, they either come close or run away...the heart revealed. The chaplain here continues to attack our congregation. We are now reaching out to the surrounding communities for an outside volunteer/sponsor; this will allow us a Sabbath time for worship services... pray for us? Amazing it is to see so many in prison have their eyes opened! WOW! I don't deserve to lead this group, yet He has chosen the foolish to lead the wise. I cannot explain. I had none of this revelation just 7years ago! Now you cannot stop me from sharing it with others. I cannot thank Him enough. So I will press on and complete this race and task he has set before me so honored, yet so unworthy!*

*Ahav Rabbah*

*Your brother in Yahshua Messiah,*

*Leader from Prison Congregation*



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# Answers to your Questions

**Q): Why in Genesis 3:20 does it say Eve is the Mother of All Living if Cain went off to other cities and people Yahweh created?**

A) Actually Gen 3:20 properly translated states:

Gen 3:20 And the man called the name of his wife, Eve; because she became the mother of all living.

Now when we look at the scripture in context this proper translation makes perfect sense, because when Eve was created by taking the side out of Adam, her husband, she is simply called Ishah in Hebrew, meaning woman.

But, then the fall of mankind happens in chapter 3 when Adam and the woman rebel against Yahweh, in which He said if they ate of the fruit of the Tree of Life that they would die.

But, by Yahweh's redemptive mercy in verse 15, we see the very first Messianic scripture, prophesying about a seed to be born to the woman, who will redeem mankind.

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

And now, since the prophecy for redemption is to come from the woman, her husband calls her Chavah (Eve) which means life, because she will now become the mother of all mankind who will now not perish, but will be saved through this promised Seed.

The story continues in chapter 4 when Kain is born. As Scripture states, she (Chavah) has gotten a man Yahweh, as she thinks Kain is the promised seed, and the name Kain means to redeem, to purchase, to buy back. And then when his brother comes out, (they were twins) she names him Abel or in Hebrew Havel, which means vanity, or nothingness, as she already thought she gave birth to the Messiah, Kain.

This thought pattern of thinking the Messiah would be born at that time, went all the way until Noah was born, which means comfort, but of course we know the prophecy of Gen 3:15 was speaking of Yahshua defeating Satan.

**Q) If we read in Isaiah 44:24~ it states Yahweh created by Himself and alone stretched out the heavens. Also, that Elohim did not speak through His Son till the last days. Why do some not agree with that verse and teach the Son spoke in the OT?**

A) You are misinterpreting the English translation of a Hebrew scripture.

Isa 44:24 So says YAHWEH, your Redeemer and your Former from the womb; I am YAHWEH who makes all things; stretching out the heavens, Everything comes from me, even spreading out the earth. Who was with Me?

In the original Hebrew it is not stating that Yahweh was alone, as we know He had cherubs with Him, but it means that all life comes from Yahweh. And the second part of the verse is rhetorical asking who was with Him? And the answer is given in Isaiah.

Isa 49:1 Hear Me, coastlands, and you people from afar, and prick up your ear, YAHWEH called Me from the womb; He mentioned My name from My mother's belly.

Isa 49:6 And He said, It is too little that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You, my Y'shua\*, to be for a light of the nations, to the end of the earth.

And look what Yahweh's servant states about Creation:

Isa 48:15 I, I have spoken; yea, I have called him, I brought him, and he causes his way to prosper.  
Isa 48:16 Come near to Me; hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning. From its existence, I was there; and now Adonai YAHWEH, and His Spirit, has sent Me.

Yahshua, the servant of Yahweh clearly states He was there from the beginning of Creation, and it also states this in John the first chapter.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.  
Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with Elohim.  
Joh 1:3 Everything existed through His hands, and without Him, not even one thing existed of the things, which have existed.

This also confirms Genesis the first chapter where Elohim creates the heavens and the earth, and Elohim is in the plural denoting more than one being. This is confirmed in verse 26 when it states about the creation of man:

Gen 1:26 And Elohim said, let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth.

Again this creation is in the plural. Yahweh is a family name consisting of Yah Yahweh the Father and Yahshua Yahweh the Son. Six times in the New Testament Yahshua is called Yahshua Yahweh, and 68 times in the Old Testament Yahweh is called Yah Yahweh.

Here is one example of Yahshua Yahweh in the Old Testament.

Gen 18:1 And YAHWEH visually appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre. And he was sitting at the door of the tent in the heat of the day.  
Gen 18:2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked; and, behold, three men were standing by him. And he saw, and he ran to meet them from the entrance of the tent. And he bowed to the ground.  
Gen 18:3 And he said, YAHWEH, if now I have found favor in Your sight, I beg You, do not leave from near Your servant.

Clearly, Abraham did not see Yahweh the Father in these verses, as no man has seen Yahweh the Father, but he saw a man whom He called Yahweh. And this Yahweh states in chapter 19:24.

Gen 19:24 And YAHWEH (on earth) rained fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah, from YAHWEH out of the heavens.

So, the Yahweh who was with Abraham in chapter 18, was now raining fire and brimstone from Yahweh out of the heavens. Clearly showing two Yahweh's, Yahweh the Father, and Yahweh the Son.

There are many many more references like this in both the Old Testament and the New Testament showing Yahshua pre-existed and is eternal like His Father.

Joh 17:5 And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the existence of the world.

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