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1 John 2:18, Little children, these are the end times, and as you heard that the anti-messiah is coming, even now many anti-messiahs have arisen. By this we know that it is the final hour!

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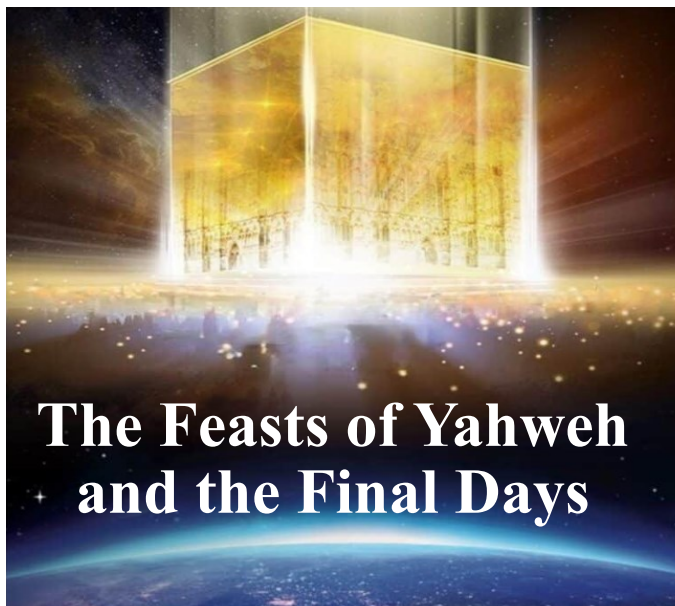
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Throughout the Bible, the term “harvest” is used not only to speak of ripe food crops but also refers to Yahweh’s judgments and “harvests” of mankind—the very purpose for His creation. After the flood in Noah’s day, Yahweh promised: **While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease (Genesis 8:22)**.

The seven annual holy days are a blueprint of Yahweh’s plan to save and redeem His people. These festivals are commanded to be holy convocations and are a shadow of things to come. Their observances teach Yahweh’s people of His coming Kingdom where the chosen will have positions of authority in His reign on earth. The seventh and last holy day of the year represents the culmination of the seventh thousand years of man.

This present life is a preparation for Yahweh’s people to rule with the Messiah when He returns. We are learning and developing into the image and the character of Yahshua. The power of Yahweh and His Holy Spirit within us are in the process of training our minds, hearts, and souls in the Way of truth and righteousness. Our purpose in this life is to use the gifts Yahweh has given us to further the cause of His Kingdom through His people.

This is the time for training, so that we may learn how to use everything Yahweh has intimately woven inside us when He lovingly formed us in our mother’s womb. We must be continually practicing and perfecting ourselves for His Kingdom. Look up, prepare, and be ready to be developed into everything Yahweh created you for. Ask Yahweh to show you what you need to learn and to grow through during this season to help you to the next one.

Yahweh’s annual festivals are a time of gathering to rejoice and celebrate the blessings Yahweh has given us. They are in fact a key to the future Kingdom. Understanding what the festivals of the Bible mean is understanding the plan of salvation.

Yahweh’s plan of redemption is tied to His harvest festivals, which He separates in His Word into three cycles, or rhythmic occurrences, throughout the year. These Feasts correspond to different stages of the agricultural cycle in ancient Israel and are also understood as symbolic of spiritual harvests.

The first harvest cycle includes the Passover (Pesach) and the seven days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the first and seventh day being holy convocations:

This feast time, celebrated in the spring, marked the beginning of the barley harvest. It also commemorates the Israelites’ exodus from Egypt when the people killed a lamb and put its blood on the door posts and lintel. As followers of Yahshua, we know that He is the true Lamb of Yahweh who fulfilled the type and shadow in His death at Passover. When we put our faith in His shed blood, we are justified by faith. It pictures our acceptance of Yahshua’s broken body and shed blood, which He offered as our Savior. About 700 years before it occurred, Yahweh inspired the prophet Isaiah to describe what would happen and why: **Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by Elohim, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:4–5)**. By Yahshua’s stripes we are *healed*! And it is more technically correct to translate the phrase “He has borne our griefs” as “He has borne our *sicknesses*.” In the New Testament, Matthew describes Yahshua healing many people who were sick, and then cites this as the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy: **And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses,” (Matthew 8:16–17)**.

But remember, this is only the first step in Yahweh’s plan for us! Next, we need to *grow* in grace and knowledge (2 Peter 3:18) and begin to put our old sinful ways and habits completely out of our lives. This overcoming process is pictured by the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**. Salvation is a process. We are now “being saved” (1 Corinthians 1:18) and ultimately shall be saved—if we endure to the end (Matthew 24:13). Paul explains, **For if when we**

were enemies we were reconciled to Yahweh through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His *life*, (**Romans 5:10**). If we observe just the Passover, we leave Yahweh's plan incomplete. We leave Yahshua nailed to the tree—end of story! Yet remember—our Savior rose again! And it is through His *resurrected* life that we *shall be saved*.

Yahshua told His followers, **If you want to enter into [eternal] life, keep the commandments, (Matthew 19:17)**. He also told us to “repent” (**Mark 1:15**)—that is, turn completely away from sin and go the other way, the way of righteousness. In other words, Yahweh requires that we make a covenant with Him to put sin out of our lives—to stop breaking His law and start keeping it. And then He expects us to follow through.

The second harvest cycle is commemorated in Pentecost (Shavuot) or the Feast of Weeks:

This Feast is the next step in our walk with Yahweh. Celebrated fifty days after the Sabbath within the Feast of Unleavened Bread, this feast marks the end of the barley harvest and the beginning of the wheat harvest. It is also known as the “Feast of Firstfruits.” This is the

Feast where Yahweh begins to write His law upon our hearts. Acts 2 gives us the manner of its fulfillment, as the Spirit came upon the disciples in the upper room, and they all heard the voice of Yahweh speaking in their own language. Pentecost does not deal with our justification, but with our sanctification. It is the Feast wherein we begin to learn obedience and learn how to be led by the Spirit during our sojourn in the wilderness.

All of us together in the Spirit-begotten Body of Messiah—the “little flock” (**Luke 12:32**)—will be only the “Firstfruits” of the great spiritual harvest that will occur after the millenium. Yahweh's second annual harvest time, the Feast of Pentecost or Feast of “Firstfruits,” pictures the fact that only a very small spiritual harvest is being reaped by Yahweh at this time. He is *not saving* the whole world now. The Feast of Pentecost reminds us that Yahweh is now calling only a small “firstfruits” spiritual harvest, but that He will bless this small harvest by *empowering* us with His Spirit so that we can overcome and grow spiritually even though living in “this present evil age” (**Galatians 1:4**). One vital lesson of the “firstfruits” is that Yahweh is only calling out a small number of people—the “firstfruits”—in this age. The early spring harvest in Israel was a small harvest compared to the major

harvest that came in the autumn.

As Yahshua said, **Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it, (Matthew 7:13–14)**.

But now Messiah is risen from the dead, and has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep...and each in his own order: Messiah the first-fruits, then those who are of Messiah at His coming, (1 Corinthians 15:20, 23).

The third harvest cycle of the year includes the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot), or the Feast of Ingathering, and the eighth day holy convocation after the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles:

These Feasts, celebrated in the fall, mark the ingathering and end of the entire annual harvest season, including fruits such as grapes and vegetables. They are the final step in our walk with Yahweh. They give us the fullness of the Spirit and bring us fully into the promise of perfection in our relationship with Him. These are the three main steps in our spiritual growth and maturity as we grow up into the fullness of the stature of Messiah.

The first three of Yahweh's commanded holy convocations picture spiritual aspects of the plan of Yahweh. The last four Festival days all fall in the seventh month—the month of finality or completion—and picture the completion of Yahweh's plan on earth.

The cataclysmic events at the *end* of this present age leading to Yahshua's return are pictured by the **Feast of Trumpets (Leviticus 23:24)**. The Feast of Trumpets occurs on the very first day of the seventh month of Yahweh's sacred calendar. It ushers in the final events of His plan. It pictures the *massive* intervention of Yahweh in human affairs—climaxing in the second coming of Yahshua as King of kings.

Trumpets were literally used in ancient Israel as alarms of war. In our day, at the climax of a series of wars and worldwide upheavals, Yahshua Messiah will return and the dead will be raised “at the *last trumpet*” (**1 Corinthians 15:51–52**). This will be the time of the “first resurrection,” **the resurrection of believers who have died in Messiah**, for those who have placed their faith in Yahshua, accepted His sacrifice, and kept His testimonies and commandments.

Revelation 20:6, Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection! The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of Yahweh and of Messiah and will reign with Him for a thousand years. This describes the blessings and holiness of those who participate in the first resurrection. It states that the second death has no power over them, and they will be priests of Yahweh and Messiah, reigning with Him for a thousand years.

Then, following Messiah's return, Satan will be bound and put into the bottomless pit "so that he should *deceive* the nations *no more*," (**Revelation 20:3**). Finally, with Satan bound, man can become "at one" with Yahweh. Then they can willingly learn Yahweh's ways and be blessed.

This is clearly pictured by the fifth spiritual Festival—the **Day of Atonement**. On this sacred day, the High Priest would carry the blood of the **bull** and **goat** through the veil and into the Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle—the Holy of Holies. He would then pour the blood onto the altar over the Ark of the Covenant and, in doing so, make atonement for the children of Israel (**Leviticus 17:11**).

The book of **Hebrews, chapters 9 and 10**, tells us that the blood of the bulls and the goats offered up to Yahweh in the ancient Temple was a **foreshadow** of the blood of Yahshua. Through the shed blood and death of Yahshua, we are **forgiven once and for all!**

The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) holds significant prophetic meaning for believers, pointing to themes of repentance, sacrifice, and ultimately, Yahweh's ultimate plan of redemption. Followers of Yahshua see it as a foreshadowing of Yahshua's atoning sacrifice, where His blood, offered once for all, secures eternal redemption. **Hebrews 9:11-12** explains that Yahshua, as the ultimate High Priest, entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood, securing eternal redemption.

Yahweh is just! He will place on Satan's own head the enormous *guilt* he bears for stirring up mankind against Yahweh, for *deceiving* humanity into thinking Yahweh is "unfair" and that His laws and righteous ways are not good.

Finally, humanity will learn to *appreciate* Yahweh and His ways, to genuinely *love* and *worship* the true Yahweh of the Bible, for at this point, the "atonement" for humanity's sins will be complete.

After Messiah's return, Yahweh pours out His Spirit and begins to enlighten all humanity with the true understanding of His great *plan*. **At that time, Yahweh says, The earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea, (Isaiah 11:9).** This is pictured by our joyous observance of the sixth Festival in Yahweh's plan—the seven-day **Feast of Tabernacles** or "Feast of Ingathering" (**Exodus 34:22**).

Our Savior, High Priest, and King Yahshua intervenes to *save* a rebellious humanity and to bring genuine *peace* to the world. Will just the "true Followers of Yahshua," or the Israelites, observe the Feast of Tabernacles? Notice **Zechariah 14:1-4: And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of Hosts, on them there will be no rain. If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which Yahweh strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.**

The great plan of the ages, the purpose for which Yahshua died, the reason the martyrs were so willing to suffer untold agony, is about to come to fulfillment in this generation in which we live. Do you believe it? We don't know all the details of how it will all come about, but we know that for those who are overcomers in Messiah Yahshua our Master, the future indeed is bright. And for those who reject His Word and the counsel of the Spirit in these days of preparation, the future is the darkest man has ever known.

While the Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated for seven days, the **eighth day** is a separate Feast day that concludes the series of Yahweh's festivals. The eighth day after the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles is significant as it symbolizes the final judgment and the culmination of Yahweh's plan for humanity, particularly for those who did not have a full opportunity to learn Yahweh's way of life during their initial lifetime. This day represents a time when all who have died will be resurrected to a mortal life to receive instruction in Yahweh's ways and an opportunity to choose eternal life, described in **Revelation 20**. This resurrection is not a punishment, but rather an opportunity for those who missed out on salvation during their first life to learn Yahweh's ways and make a choice about following Him.

This is the time that next represents the wedding feast of the Lamb from **Revelation 19**. This is a time of consummating the marriage. Consummation speaks of becoming one, and it also brings forth new life. The eighth day can be likened to the consummation of our marriage to Yahshua and the new life that has been implanted in us through His Spirit.

Yahweh will purify the earth with fire (**2 Peter 3:10-12**). He will create a new heaven and a new earth (**Revelation 21:1**) and **there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away**. New Jerusalem will descend from heaven and become the capital of the entire universe (**verse 2**). After this restoration of all things, Yahweh the Father, along with Yahshua Messiah, will establish His throne in this magnificent holy city (**verse 3**). The glorified sons and daughters of the everlasting Yahweh will live forever in His family.

The Culmination

Finally, the eighth day after the Feast of Tabernacles, the seventh of the annual holy days, is the last Feast day of the scriptural year and marks the fulfillment of Yahweh's plan for mankind. Let this day remind us why we do everything else—what it's all leading up to. Yahweh will have successfully reproduced His creation in His true image and spirit, yet the

Bible hints that we will remain busy as it will actually be only the beginning for us! It may be that we will create, beautify and spread Yahweh's rule over the entire universe!

A clue of what we will do next is found in the book of Isaiah: **Of the increase of His [Messiah's] government and peace there shall be no end, (9:6-7)**. Luke also confirms this, stating that **of His kingdom there shall be no end, (1:33)**.

Death and destruction will be no more (**1 Corinthians 15:24-26**). Rivers of living water will flow from the capital city. Yahweh the Father and Yahshua the King will dwell with their immortal, spiritual family for all eternity (**Daniel 7:18, 27**).

That yearning for **eternity, which was set in our hearts** from the beginning, will be spiritually brought to life on this day, when we will begin our new life in the new heaven and new earth. **2 Corinthians 4:16-18** tells us: **Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.**

With the members of the Elohim Family all in unity of purpose, filled with the love of Yahweh, and now fully having the mind and Spirit of Yahweh, the possibilities are staggering. Such understanding should leave you speechless!

Yahweh bless you now as you seriously consider these things in this season of Harvest, a separation from the world that now is, and the final in gatherings. Eternity will change your life – both now and forever!

With this wonderful potential ahead of us, we can eagerly echo the Apostle John's words in **Revelation 22:20**: "Even so, come, Master Yahshua!" HalleluYah!!



Matthew 25 & Teruah



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While the obedient students of Yahshua are in the feast of Teruah/ Trumpets frame of mind, with that amazing observance near, in Yahweh's seventh scriptural month, it is a good time to reflect on some of the themes of that day—a day which initiates all four of Yahweh's call-to-meeting days of the 7th month. The word describing this appointed time with our Elohim is the Hebrew word, "Teruah" (H8643). *Strong's Hebrew Dictionary* defines the word as implying great noise, whether from shouting, the blowing of trumpets, or some other noisy alarm. The Teruah sound was noise so great that it may be thought to "split the ears", as the root word of Teruah, "rua", indicates. We might even say that it refers to a noise or clamor so great that it could "awaken the dead" (but more about that later)!

As we travel through the annual cycle of Yahweh's appointed times each year, it is clear that Yahweh attached his annual meetings to the harvest seasons of Israel. Passover and the days of unleavened bread take place just before the harvesting of the winter barley crop, which was the very first harvest of the new year, starting at the month of Abib in the early-mid spring. The firstfruits wave-sheaf offering occurring at that same time symbolizes first of all, the offering of Yahshua, as the very first of the firstfruits of the earth (1 Corinthians 15:20). Secondly, the barley also symbolizes all his brothers and sisters, who are the firstfruits of the earth (James 1:18; Revelation 14:4), other "sons of Adam", cleansed and purified by the work of the "Captain of [our] salvation" (Hebrews 2:10), Yahshua the anointed king, the Son of Man and, therefore, acceptable and dedicated to father Yahweh (Romans 14:18).

Moving on through the year, Pentecost, or the day of the completion of our appointed seven weeks of counting, is timed to occur at or near the early summer harvest of the winter wheat in Israel. It is the second early

harvest there, and is highlighted by the public ritual of the wave-offering of the two loaves of leavened bread, made from the new year's harvest. It's timing corresponds to the consummation and ratification of Israel's covenant at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:1) and the establishment of physical Israel as Yahweh's hidden treasure above all the peoples of the earth (Exodus 19:5). It was announced by the Teruah-like alarm of "*the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people in the camp trembled*" (Exodus 19:16). In the New Covenant Scriptures, Yahweh's appointed day (Numbers 28:26) is recorded as being the day of the noisy (Teruah again?) descent of the spirit of Yahweh upon the first believers, the 120 students of Yahshua (Acts 2:1-2, 6). It was the day of the consummation and ratification of a new type of believer, grafted into the assembly of Israel, believers of whom Yahweh states, "*I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people*" (Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 8:10, 11:16). So it is a day symbolizing the making of covenants with Yahweh, for both physical Israel and his adopted sons and daughters.

However, once the flurry of early-year appointed times have completed in late May or early June by our calendar (early in the third month of Yahweh's calendar), there is then a long pause, a quiet time, until the appointed times of the seventh scriptural month. Those later observances occur in September or October by the Gregorian calendar and correspond to the end of the major harvests of summer fruits—olives, dried grapes and figs, as well as the garden crops. Yahweh's appointed times of assembly in the fall are all initiated and announced by the noisy clamor of the Day of Trumpets, or Teruah—the first day of the seventh month.

The preceding "dog days of summer"

as they are often called, the three months between Pentecost and the great feasts of the seventh scriptural month, may be thought of as also representing the time that the virgins of Matthew 25 "*all slumbered and slept*" of Matthew 25:5. Prophetically it may also correspond to the 2,000-year time from when the first century assembly was persecuted and went underground, until the great world-wide events prophesied to occur at the end of the age—at the Messiah's return. So, being in that frame of mind, let's review that parable of Matthew 25 word-by-word, looking for additional insights.

At first, notice that as some of the commentators also document, there should not be a chapter division between the "Olivet Prophecy" of Matthew 24, and this chapter, chapter 25, that starts with the parable of the 10 virgins. Matthew 24 starts with Yahshua's revelation of signposts along the way, from that time to this, and finishes with warnings about the Messiah's return. As a matter of fact, the real theme of nearly all of Matthew chapter 24 and chapter 25 is not just the geopolitical sign-posts along the way to the Messiah's return in visible power, but the fact that preceding that return his people will be in a state of "*slumber and sleep*", and then a great Satanic deception will fog the minds of the peoples of the earth, including many of those in the Assemblies. In Matthew 24, verse 24 our prophet and teacher warned us, his students, "*For [at that time] there shall arise false Messiahs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*" So we need to consider that severe warning as we continue on past the end of what is arbitrarily labeled as chapter 24. These verses speak of a unique time in all of human history, the great tribulation—a time unprecedented. It is a time also spoken of as "*the time of Jacob's Troubles*" in Jeremiah 30:7. Note how this parable follows-on from the timing of

the events foreshadowing the return of Messiah Yahshua that he spoke of during the previous chapter. We are warned to be ready, to read the signs of the times, to be actively working to feed the household of Elohim. Our great Teacher instructs us, *“Who then is a trustworthy and wise servant, whom his master has made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his master when he comes shall find so doing. Truly I say to you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods”* (Matthew 24:45-47). We must, individually and collectively as an assembly, be striving continually to be that kind of servant!

So in studying carefully the symbols of Matthew 25, consider first that all 10 “virgins” were “Parthenos”—pure, chaste, unmarried (verse 1)—they were the unmarried daughters-in-law to be of Yahweh, engaged to his son. They all started with an active role in seeking the truth from the bridegroom, for it says that they all *“went out to meet the bridegroom”*—they all actively sought him (verse 1). They had all been made pure at Passover by the blood of the lamb, without leaven, as typified by the Yomim Matzah—the days of Unleavened Bread. The bride was now *“purified and made white”* (Daniel 12:10) by accepting his forgiveness for her *“sins that are past”* (Romans 3:25) and promising to do whatever he commanded her to do. Like Esther/Hadassah she had undergone the grueling year of preparation and purification for her husband to be (Esther 2:12), purification with the *“oil of myrrh”* (Esther 2:12). But now the time of separation from the one who “loved her to death” was soon to be over, the time for mourning was to be ended, the sweet fragrance of the oil of purification was now internalized, the spirit of the New Covenant was now within her and no longer just without.

These young women were then adopted-in at Yom Shabuah (Pentecost) into the eternal covenant (Isaiah 59:21). Yet we read how after that new covenant creation at Yom Shabuah (Acts 2) and the works of those first apostles, they all slumbered and slept (vs 5). The long, quiet, easy-going, sleepy days of summer were upon them, the time when the crops are neither planted nor

harvested. It is the time of waiting patiently for the harvest as it mostly grows by itself, watered by the rain from heaven, as in the land of Israel where, *“the land, where you go to possess, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinks water of the rain of heaven”* (Deuteronomy 11:11). As Master Yahshua stated in Mark 4:28: *“The ground produces grain by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head”* (ISV). No human intervention is needed. So, with the household of Elohim seeming to carry on alone, all 10 virgins fell asleep, they lost their religious fervor, only to be awakened by the clamor, the shout (vs 6) of Yom Teruah. At the darkest, most desperate time of the day, at midnight, the cry went out, *“Behold, the bridegroom is coming, you [!], go out to meet him!”* Suddenly it was time for the Assemblies to *“Prepare to meet your Elohim Oh Israel!”* (Amos 4:12) was thundered! The delay was over—prepare to meet your husband/king! Paul spoke of that future “great awakening” when he wrote to the Thessalonians, *“...for the Master himself shall descend from heaven with a cry and command ...and the sounding [rua] of the trumpet of Yahweh: and the dead in Messiah will rise first”* (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

But there was a problem for 5 of the young maidens. They had not taken enough oil with them in order to make it though the long evening of slumber and sleep. They had lost their purification oil, their enlightenment oil. They no longer had that dedication to do and to be whatever their bridegroom desired of them (John 15:14). They were no longer fully committed to obey the directions, the laws of their betrothed husband. During the intervening days of summer, they had *“left their first love”* (Revelation 2:4) and were now left out in the dark. Their candlestick, their spiritual enlightenment, was now *“removed out of it’s place”* (Revelation 2:5) with the result that they were condemned to remain on the outside of the bridal chamber, in darkness (Matthew 25:12). They had been warned by their Husband-to-be: *“Remember therefore in what way you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore you shall not watch, I will come on you as a thief, and you shall*

not know what hour I will come upon you” (Revelation 3:3). Paul expresses the same thought, quoting Master Yahshua of a surprise visitation of our Master and Bridegroom when he warns the Thessalonians, *“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Master so comes as a thief in the night”* (1 Thessalonians 5:2). But they did fall asleep, all 10 of them did(!), only to be awakened in surprise, unprepared, by the alarm, the Teruah of the Bridegroom’s return. And on awakening, only half of them were ready to illuminate the way to the Bridegroom.

Lamps provide illumination, enlightenment, and understanding, as does the spirit of Yahweh—his attitude, mind and character. To know him we must know his wishes and follow his commands. To really know him we must be his friend, as was Moses ... as was Abraham (Exodus 33:11; Isaiah 41:8).

A friend knows a friend’s name—they have a personal relationship with him! And a friend knows their friend’s wishes and will, and wants to help and assist their friend in any way they are able. Yahshua told his Students, *“You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you”* (John 15:14). Without the light of his spirit reveling the spiritual nature of his commands, his law, we are in the dark, not knowing father Yahweh’s wishes, not knowing the desires of his son that we are to marry. The lamps of Matthew 25 are fueled by oil, no doubt the pure oil of the olive tree that has been so important to the people of the land of Israel since time immemorial. The lamps, the menorah of the tent in the wilderness, were fueled by that oil of the land’s trees. The menorah illuminated, gave visibility to, the law contained within the Ark of the Covenant. That 7-armed lampstand illuminated the way to the very presence of Yahweh above the mercy seat, above the lid of the ark. Yes, it all ties together: the lamp for light, the light of his spirit, his nature, his character now within us. That spirit, that nature was and is revealed to us by our Teacher, Yahshua, who is described as *“...the true light, which lights every man that comes into the world”* (John 1:9). We are commanded to be the reflection of his light when he commands his students, *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see*

your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Then there is the pure oil that provides fuel for the lamp, the law that the light illuminates also produces light of his spirit within which provides insight into his law and gives to his dedicated sons and daughters a love of his law. The commandments provide understanding of Elohim's nature, of who our friend truly is and how he thinks. The wise one of the book of Proverbs tells us, *"For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life..."* (Proverbs 6:23). The Psalmist tells us, *"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path"* (Psalm 119:105).

Without the light of his spirit revealing his internalized law, we risk falling victim to the great deception of false messiahs and false prophets our Teacher warned his Students of in Matthew 24:24. During those teaching sessions with his Students, and on that solemn night before he was tortured to death in our place, he told them, *"No one comes to the Father, but by me"* (John 6:44), and *"I have openly shown your name [Yahweh's mind, his attitude, his nature and spirit] to the men which you gave me out of the world: yours they were, and you gave them [to] me..."* (John 17:6). What a gift! What a treasure! He has given to us the insight, the light that illuminates his desires for us by the oil of his law that keeps the lamps burning. But without the oil of his name and of his spirit and his law which fuels the light of **the internalized understanding of the law** that it provides—we will not have on the proper wedding clothing, the righteous robes of the kodesh ones. If that happens when the bridegroom returns, we will be *"cast into the outer darkness..."* (Matthew 22:12-13). We are no longer worthy of the feast we should be waiting for with alertness and great anticipation, keeping ourselves pure. We are given the pure white robes of righteousness by the work of the Messiah, our bridegroom, the lamb (Revelation 7:14), but without following the light of his spirit within that illuminates the rules of the king's house, his law, and his

spirit that internalizes his law and gives it true meaning, *"...you shall grope at noonday, as the blind gropes in darkness, and you shalt not prosper in your ways: and you shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save [you]"* (Deut. 28:29). If that is the case, he provides a way of reconciliation and commands us: *"Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works"* (Revelation 2:5). We can then renew our friendship with him and his ways of life through his son because *"he is trustworthy and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9) ... *"if we confess our sins,"* as it says earlier in the same verse. And it is *"the blood of Yahshua Messiah his son [that] cleanses us from all sin"* (1 John 1:9).

Our Teacher, our Bridegroom has the seven spirits that are before his father's throne (Revelation 1:4). They are his father's seven spirits: *"These things says he that has the seven Spirits of [Elohim]"* (Revelation 3:1). They burn brilliantly as *"seven lamps of fire burning before the throne"* (Revelation 4:5), providing insight into the nature and character of Yahweh, which we are to internalize and then project to the world, as did our Teacher and Redeemer Yahshua who is the light of the world. They provide insight or seeing, for they are the *"seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of [Elohim] sent forth into all the earth"* (Revelation 5:6). They are *"horns"* in that they project his and our *"power over the nations"* (Revelation 2:26), by which he will *"rule them with a rod of iron"* (Revelation 2:27). With this knowledge, we will not be fooled by the great deception that is to fog the minds of most of the people of the earth. These lamps and the oil that fuels them is what was, and is also needed by the people of Yahweh, both then and now. We must be the 5 alert, and trustworthy virgins, with our lamps filled, producing the brilliant light to project Yahweh's nature to the nations, as well as the rules of the house, his internalized Torah laws, by which his son will soon govern. And that is the good news of the king-

dom—a kingdom, a king, and the righteous laws he governs by!

The light of the Kodesh place was the menorah, the 7-branched lamp located just outside the most Kodesh place. It lit the way to the box containing the law written in immutable stone and to the presence of Yahweh above the mercy seat. The menorah is said in Exodus 25:37 to function so as to give light above, across, and before the *panim*, the "face" or front of the most Kodesh place. The Messianic Scriptures use the symbol of light to represent Yahshua's enlightenment as in Matthew 4:16; Luke 2:32; John 1:5, 7, 8, 9, 3:19, 8:12, 9:5; Ephesians 5:14; 1 Peter 2:9; Rev 21:23. It also represents those enlightened by him and his words: Matthew 5:16; Luke 16:8; John 12:36; 1 Thes 5:5. So the Menorah of Exodus 25:37 that enlightens the Kodesh Place represents none other than Yahshua himself (and those of us given the gift of being able to reflect the radiance of his nature into all the world).

Yahweh has always wanted his adopted sons and daughters to show forth his light, his perfect spirit nature, to all peoples. If we internalize his spirit, which is the spiritual understanding of his Torah law, we can demonstrate to the world the love he has for all people if they will only follow "the rules of the house." His spirit within leads us to act according to his moral laws which bring peace and harmony (shalom) to each and every individual son of man, as well as all human society. They allow us to be lights to illuminate the way to the most kodesh place, within which is the very presence of father Yahweh, as he does. We must never forget that our Teacher told us and his Students of that time, *"You are the light of the world ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and esteem your Father which is in heaven"* (Matthew 5:14, 16). Be counted among the five wise, prepared virgins who had enough oil in their lamps to recognize his spirit, revealing his internalized law which illuminates our way to the Bridegroom and to the wedding feast.

HalleluYah!



Deep Spiritual Truths—

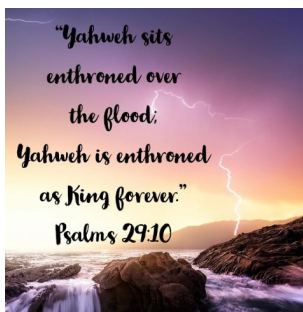
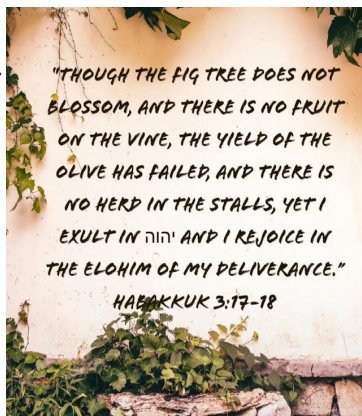
From Yahweh's Sacred Word

Part 14

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Within these few lines of scripture, we read of the extremes of both anxiety and victory, which are representative of the state and of the spirit of Yahweh's people in this world. We must consider that there may come a time when the comforts of our life today will come to an end. When our own circumstances look bleak, we tend to question Yahweh's providence and become discouraged in our spirits. In those times, we must resolve to delight in the victory we have in Him, and remember that when all is gone, He is not gone.

If we can rejoice in such times, we know that our hearts are not set upon the things of this world, nor is our happiness dependent on them. This is the strength of our joy in Yahweh, that He is the Elohim of our eternal salvation, the salvation of our souls, and that His Holy Spirit cannot be taken away by our trials, but may be strengthened by them. In these last days, may Yahweh make known His power, His mercy, His promises, His providence for the safety and welfare of His people. Whatever may become of us, let not the Elohim of Israel be forgotten in the world, but be discovered even in the midst of the dark years, before that great and terrible day, that we may be able to stand and behold His exalted appearance!



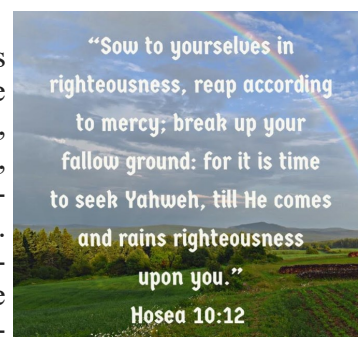
Psalms 29:10

The very essence of our spiritual worship is giving to Yahweh the glory due to His name. We must be holy in all our worship, wholly devoted to Him, and to His will. There is a great beauty in holiness. When we come

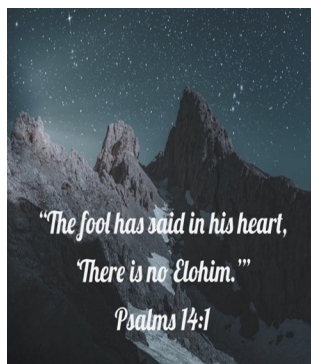
before Him as the Redeemer of our sins, in repentant faith, and love, He will accept our imperfect service, pardon the sin that cleaves to us, and approve of that portion of holiness which the Holy Spirit enables within us. In the thunder and lightning and storm, we see and hear Yahweh's great power and majesty. The fear caused by these displays should remind us of man's weakness in the face of His mighty power, and of the defenseless and desperate condition of the wicked in the day of judgment. But through the working of the Divine Word upon the souls of men, under the power of the Holy Spirit, the proudest are cast down, the secrets of the heart are brought to light, sinners are converted, the cruel, sensual, and unclean, become harmless, gentle, and pure. If we have heard that mighty call, and have made our refuge the hope that is set before us, let us remember that we need not fear our Father's voice. While those who are without shelter are in great fear, let those who dwell under His wings praise Him for our security, looking forward without dismay to the day of judgment, sheltered as Noah in the safety of the ark.

Hosea 10:12

The seeds of Yahweh's Word should daily be planted in our hearts, dwelling richly in us, and growing into a harvest of righteousness. If our lives are a testimony of His love, the Providence of all goodness and truth, our reward will be according to His mercy, which is boundless, in both this world and entering into the one to come. We must transform our hearts and minds to a renewed life, as virgin soil must be cultivated for the good seed to take root, bringing forth the fruit of a holy life, from a holy heart. This is the time now when we must seek Yahweh and His righteousness that we may be prepared for the com-



ing of Yahshua, for He, when He comes, will give us true righteousness, whereby we shall be righteous before Yahweh, and heirs of His Kingdom.



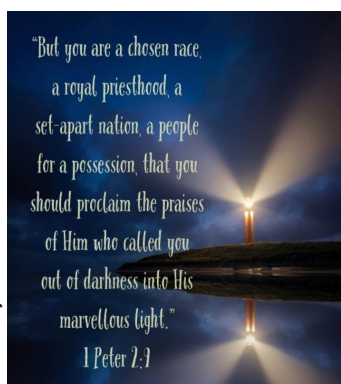
Psalms 14:1

To sin is always foolish, and the greatest of all foolishness is the sin of attacking the very existence of the Most High and those who believe, not just in the mind, but in the very heart. To say there is no Elohim is to deny the plainest evidence. Can anything in existence be more

foolish than to think that all the marvels of heaven and earth can come by chance, when all the knowledge of man is not able to create a gnat? To see a thing that begins not from itself, and therefore, not know there is something from which it begins, is against all truth and natural reason. The foolish one says that what exists caused itself to exist. The mouth that never made itself to speak, talks against the One who did, and says, that which is made exists, and that which made it, does not. Yet the foolish sinner, the atheist, feels the influence of the believer's true nobility and is offended by it, for he sees the Creator there. Let scoffers beware, for the union is very close between Yahweh and His people, a spiritual indwelling, for Yahweh is in the generation of the righteous. Our Refuge is returning to avenge His own elect, and all the unbelievers will see His light, for behold, He comes quickly! Blessed are all those who wait for Him!

1 Peter 2:9

Yahweh's special relationship with us, His covenant people today, is a spiritual Israel, a chosen race. We are not a race in the sense of our family, ethnicity, skin color, or country of origin. We share a single spiritual Father who has made us His holy nation, called out and set apart from other people of the world, to be a royal priesthood unto Him. We have the honor and responsibility of coming into Yahweh's very presence, in and through Yahshua, our King. As such, declaring His greatness is one of the greatest reasons for our very existence. He has called us out of the darkness of this world and a meaningless life, to an eternity with Him. We are His special possession. We belong in His light.



Isaiah 32:8

The fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy is found in Yahshua and His Kingdom.

If we look for prosperity and security on a physical level, we look in vain, for the promise is for spiritual prosperity and security. In this world we will find danger, distress,

trial, and tribulation. Yahweh did not send His Son to help us escape the problems of life, but to provide us strength to endure. If our lives are going well and we have relatively safe dwellings, we should be thankful, but not complacent, aware that earthly stability may vanish. True security can only be found through Yahweh and His loving-kindness, through His Son, in the Spirit. May we live humbly as faithful servants, willing to suffer the loss of all things for His eternal glory. Let us not seek safety in the world, but through confidence in Yahweh's Salvation!



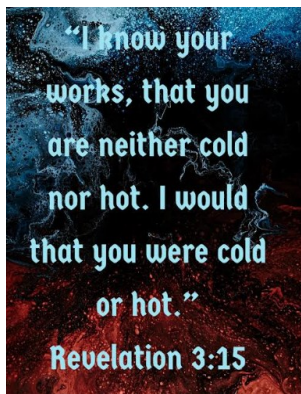
Psalms 42:1-2

This psalm expresses intense desire to know Yahweh intimately, a desperate need for something vital.

Yahshua tells us that blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and for the only true and living Elohim, the fountain of living waters,

without whose presence and righteousness we are most lost and destined to die forever. From His living water comes forth grace and mercy that never dries up, and which satisfies and stills the thirst of the soul. The next best thing to living in the light, the guidance, the presence of Yahweh's love is to be unsatisfied until we have it, to intensely desire it every day, every hour. May our thirst for Him and His Word be a perpetual thirst, and not to be forgotten, a continual longing in our hearts after Yahweh.





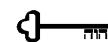
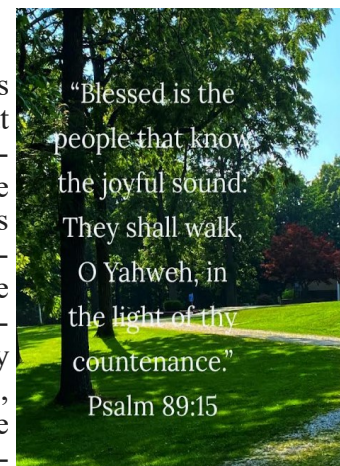
Revelation 3:15

Yahshua admonishes the Assembly that He would rather they be either in a state of spiritual fervor, or even in a state of open and professed coldness and indifference, as opposed to any condition where love is professed, but does not exist in the heart; where vows are made, but not fulfilled.

Someone who is honest, whether he is right or wrong, is more honorable than one professing what he does not believe or what he does not truly feel deep in his soul. Yahshua desires for us to know how necessary it is to fill our souls with zeal for the Good News of salvation. So, dear brethren, let us draw nearer to Yahshua's love until the light of it shines in our own faces, until the fervor of His love, like coal laid upon the fire, penetrates into our very substance and changes even our coldness into a burning flame. And then, though the world does not understand, our fervent zeal for Him, His Word, and His ways will be clearly seen, and the Father will say concerning us: "This is My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased."

Psalms 89:15

"Blessed is the people," is not a mere statement, but an exclamation of jubilation and rejoicing! The word rendered here as 'joyful sound,' is the Hebrew word "teruah," the trumpet blast calling Yahweh's people to joyously assemble for His feasts, proclaiming His presence among them, and to express their gladness in bowing before Him in loving worship, being blessed with the light of truth, and being enabled to continually walk in it. Let us remember and know on Yom Teruah, the Feast of shouting and the blowing of trumpets, that these blessings have become our own; the trumpet of the Good News of salvation has sounded through the darkness of the world, and the Son of righteousness will soon return to gather His own unto Him. Let us attend to the joyful sound that we may forever walk in His glorious light!



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True Repentance vs. the Mystery that Works Iniquity

**IF WE ARE NO LONGER
UNDER THE LAW,
WHAT ARE WE
REPENTING FROM?**

By Joseph Miller



Part 2

Scriptural Proof

Upon reading Hebrews chapters 8-10, one will discover that the ceremonial ritual laws (pertaining to the Tabernacle, priesthood and sacrifices), were the specific “added laws,” having their fulfillment in Yahshua. These were the Levitical laws that were added to the first Covenant that Israel had broken through their idolatry in making the golden calf. “Who changed the truth of Elohim into a lie and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever and ever, Amen.” -Rom. 1:25. Initially these sacrifices and ceremonial ritualistic offerings were not even attached to this Covenant that Mosheh broke before them, Exo. 32:20. Do we have proof of this? Yes!

“For I spoke not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: But this thing I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your Elohim, and you shall be My people, and walk you in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.’ But they listened not nor inclined their ear but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, yet they listened not unto Me, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff: They did worse than their fathers.” -Jer. 7:22-26.

The *HRB* footnote reminds us, [“When Israel first left Egypt, Yahweh had intended for them to be a kingdom of priests to Him, Exo 19:5-6. However, due to the golden calf incident, Yahweh chose Levi to be a mediator for Israel (Exo 32:26-30) with the sacrifices and ceremonial laws until Messiah would come and rightfully return the priesthood of Melchizedek.”]

We, too, know that Yahweh never even desired these sacrifices. “Hath Yahweh delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Yahweh? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” -1 Sam. 15:22. The *RSB* includes this exemplary footnote: [“This goes to the heart and purpose of ancient sacrifice. Yahweh was teaching obedience to Israel as well as today by showing that a sacrifice is mandated when we disobey. Anciently it was an animal, today it is Yahshua’s blood. The ultimate lesson sacrifices teach is obedience. If Israel would have obeyed, they would not have needed the added law of sacrifice. Galatians 3:19.”] “For I desired mercy and NOT sacrifice; and the knowledge of Elohim more than burnt offerings.” Hos. 6:6. “To do justice and judgment is more acceptable than sacrifice.” -Pro. 21:3.

These daily sacrifices and the ritual system of laws pertaining to the Temple (tent, tabernacle) were never able to truly convert the sinner’s heart. Hebrews 9:9-10, “...while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: which was a figure [symbolic parable] for the time then present in which were offered both gifts [offerings] and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect as pertaining to the conscience; which stood only in meats and drinks, and diverse washings, and carnal ordinances imposed on them until the time of reformation.”

This shed blood of animals only provided a temporary covering for sins, being unable to completely remove them and circumcise the heart. These sacrifices reminded the Israelites constantly of their sins and their need for a savior, whose blood would finally sanctify and release them from the penalty of sin, which is death.

“For the law [added law] having a shadow of good things to come and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year con-

tinually make the comers thereunto perfect...But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year." -Hebrews 10:1-3. This "shadow of things to come" spoken of here is identical to "the time of reformation" spoken of in Hebrews 9:10, which is referring to Yahshua's sacrifice. It becomes transparently clear by reading these verses that these "added laws" were the specific and only laws put into abeyance. Had Yahshua done away with the Sabbaths and dietary laws, it would have been explicitly explicated here also!

Two Sets of Works

It is recorded in Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Yahweh: (2:9) not of works lest any man should boast." This is yet another proof-texted passage thrown around by antinomians in their vainglorious attempt to say that Paul did away with the law. However, when we read the very next verse, a different message is brought forth.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yahshua unto good works, which Yahweh hath before ordained that we should walk in them." -Eph. 2:10. Here we see two sets of works that have come into focus. The "works" mentioned in Eph. 2:9, is the same law which came "430 years after," -Gal. 3:17, and also the same law, "added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made." Gal. 3:19. This is the same added law/works, that was "our schoolmaster to bring us to Messiah." -Gal. 3:24. Paul calls these same works of the law, "dead works" in Hebrews 9:14.

Before the sacrificial and temple set of Levitical "added laws," we see again the evidence emerge of an already existing set of moral laws, which as Ephesians 2:10 declares, were "ordained before" that we should "walk in them," i.e. "keep following." This second set of "good works" is the same set of "works" James, (properly Jacob), speaks of keeping. "You see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" -2:24. He plainly stated in 2:17-18, "faith without works is dead...show me your faith without works and I will show you my faith by my works." In other words, he's saying, "How are you going to show me your faith/belief by being disobedient? I'll prove my faith/belief is sincere by my obedience."

The proof of your confession and faith is found in your obedience to keep His already "before ordained" commands, ("good works"). YRM's *RSB* has the following note at James 2:20, reminding us, ["...faith justifies the man and works justify faith. Paul wrote that obedience comes through faith, Rom. 1:5, and that the law is established through faith, Rom. 3:31."]. Furthermore, we will be rewarded "according to our works" -Rev. 2:23, (how well we kept them). In fact, we will be called "OVERCOMERS" for KEEPING THESE WORKS, "And he that overcometh and KEEPETH MY WORKS unto the end, to them will I give power over the nations." -Rev. 2:26.

However, let the Scriptures be clear. No amount of law keeping, whether good works/moral law, or dead works/added law, can ever earn us eternal life and justification before Yahweh. We still need to believe that Yahshua's blood covering has washed away our sins in turn paying

the death penalty that was held over us. Only by having absolute faith in Yahshua's sacrifice and atonement can we achieve this.

"Where is the boasting then? It is excluded, By what law? Of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." -Rom. 3:27-28. Paul's explanation here reiterates this and he goes on to elaborate this idea through the analogy of Abraham's faith. "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory (a reason to be proud); but not before Elohim. For what sayeth the Scripture? Abraham believed Elohim and it was counted unto him for righteousness." -Rom. 4:2-3.

The question we now have is this: Isn't this contradictory in light of what James records in 2:21? "Was not Abraham our Father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?" Well, how does James harmonize these ideas? He answers this apparent contradiction within the next verse: "Seest thou how faith wrought (worked together) with his works (his obedience), and BY HIS WORKS WAS FAITH MADE PERFECT." -Jam. 2:22.

Abraham's obedience here was the evidence of his faith. Again, James had already incorporated this idea when he reiterated in 2:20, "FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD." The *RSB* note at Romans 4:2 helps explain, ["if Abraham were justified by works, this passage does not contradict James 2:21 as James explains in verse 22 that it was Abraham's works that made his faith perfect. Abraham's faith justified him, Gen.15:6. Faith does not negate works, but works justify and prove faith."] Their preceding note at Rom. 3:28 also assists us to infer, ["While believers are neither justified nor declared sinless through their works, they are sanctified or set apart by the life they live. Works are an essential part of a believer's life because by them the individual develops the same character and mind of Messiah..."]

Remember, in Rom. 3:31, Paul says that in no way is the law done away with through our faith. Rather by our faith, we establish the importance of walking in obedience and keeping His commandments. The *HRB* note at Rom. 3:31 expounds, ["In all of Paul's epistles the argument is never whether one should obey the Torah. The argument is how we get justified before Yahweh. Is it through the sacrificial system with ceremonial functions or is it strictly through the blood of Yahshua? The Torah sanctifies a believer after he is justified and teaches him right from wrong, Ps 119:105. Obedience is the evidence of one's faith."] Quoting the Puritan minister Samuel Bolton (1606-1654), "The law sends us to the gospel for our justification, the gospel sends us to the law to frame our way of life."

Once we have repented and accepted Yahshua's sacrifice through the confession of our lips that He is our risen Savior, are we then considered worthy to proceed forward and take the next step of immersion into Yahshua's Name. Only now are we justified in Yahweh's sight. From this point on, it now becomes our privilege and humble honor to walk forward in sanctification, glorifying Yahweh by our obedience to His Covenant Torah. The DOERS, not the hearers, are now justified before Yahweh, Rom. 2:13.

Our faith comes first and is our first step forward. Like one foot before the other, our next step proves our belief is sincere by walking in obedience unto these "good works

which Yahweh ordained before.” True faith is believing EVERY WORD of Yahweh. If you believe that the “handwriting of ordinances that was against us, that was nailed to the cross” (Colossians 2:14), were the Old Testament laws, then you are exhibiting that you have no faith in Yahshua, and that you do not believe Yahweh’s Word to be perfect, as He said in Psalm 19:7.

Assuming that the Sabbaths, both the seventh day and the seven annual, were also done away, takes having faith in man and in man’s false interpretations within man’s unscriptural study Bibles, because NOWHERE within the entire contents of the Scriptures is this thought ever spoken. Instead, we find the Messiah and Paul both keeping these days as examples for us. We even find the command for Gentiles to keep the Sabbath in Acts 15:21. It would be here on the seventh-day Sabbath, where the True Body of Messiah, those worshipping both in spirit and in truth, could further edify these new converts. As the saying goes, “The bigger the lie, the more people will believe it.” This statement is solidified in Scripture to be a reality as, the whole world is deceived, Revelation 12:9.

Through clever counterfeits and the twisting of Scripture, something our adversary has done from the beginning, we can begin to see the unseen hand behind the curtain, pulling the strings in his clandestine play upon humanity. As we will continue to prove, there is a most amazing truth to be discovered in keeping these commands, if the enemy has worked this hard to make you think they no longer exist!

“Truly, then, having overlooked these times of ignorance, Elohim now commands all men everywhere to repent.” -Acts 17:30.

Return to the Path Home

We see here that repentance is a key first step and essential element within this process. This requires a permanent about face, change of direction in one’s life, turning away from modes of false worship with “surrendering” heartfelt desire to walk forward in obedient love. If you are able to read this then that means that Yahweh’s goodness, kindness or grace has allowed you to reach this apex in your life. As Romans 2:4 told us, His grace, is what “leadeth thee to repentance.”

The Hebrew word (*Strong’s* #7725) ‘shuwb’ reflects this true repentance and has the meaning of, [“turning back, return to the starting point, bring back home, convert, fetch home again, recover, deliver, refresh, recompense, requite, rescue, restore, reverse, to make to set again, cause turn back, withdraw.” (*Strong’s*)] This return back to the point of departure indicates that we have strayed off His path and intended course. By not following His directions, we have been led to wonder in the wilderness transgressing His prescribed commands (sin), which has separated us from Him.

We discover this directive also mapped out within Yahweh’s ancient pictorial Hebrew language. From right to left, ‘shuwb’ is spelled, ‘shin-waw-beit’. The letter ‘shin’ looks like and represents two front teeth which press or return together. This gives us the verb or action here, sub-

ject to the predicate object. This object is expressed by the letter ‘beit’ which is the pictograph of a house or home. The middle letter ‘waw’, looks like a hook or nail and is used as a conjunction to combine or establish. Placed within the middle of our word, it combines our transitive verb (press toward, return) to our directed object (the home, house). In essence, we could call the ‘waw’ here, “our route, direction, or path.” Uniting the meanings of these letters together, we discover that “repentance (shuwb) provides the path to return home.” To say this another way, when we repent, we “return to the direction of home.”

Is this world your home? If it is, it shouldn’t be! Yahweh’s Word tells us NOT to be a part of this world! (John 15:18-19; 17:14), to NOT love the world, neither the things in the world (1 John 2:15), NOT to conform to the pattern of this world (Rom. 12:2), and that we need to come out of the world and its false religions! (Rev. 18:4). Do you consider yourself wise in this world? Do you not know that Yahweh has, “made foolish the wisdom of this world...and hath chosen the foolish ones of the world that the wise might be put to shame...chosen the weak ones of the world so that He might put to shame the strong things. And He hath chosen the humble families in the world, and the lowly (despised), and them who are insignificant in order to belittle them who think themselves important.” -1 Cor. 1:20, 27, 28.

“For we have NOT received the spirit of the world, but the spirit from Elohim...” -1Cor. 2:12. “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of Elohim abideth forever.” -1 John 2:16-17. Yahshua also plainly made known to us, “My kingdom is not of this world.” -John 18:36.

If your foundation or home is built in this world, you have just read that it will soon be passing away. Our foundation should be built to support our everlasting future home in Yahweh’s kingdom. The entrance to our pathway to return to our Home with Yahshua in His kingdom starts with our repentance. “The works of His hands are verity and judgement; ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE SURE.” -Psa. 11:7. The word ‘sure’ here is better understood when we return to the Hebrew word behind this translation, ‘aman’ (*Strong’s* #539). This word implies, [“to build up or support, to foster as a parent or nurse.” *Strong’s*]. *Webster’s* defines ‘foster’ as, [“to bring up: NURTURE, to promote the development or growth of: ENCOURAGE.”]

Yahweh’s commands, His directions, His Word, are also “a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path” -Psa. 119:105. Following “ALL His commandments” will encourage the growth and development necessary while providing the light in this dark world to follow His Way Home into His Kingdom.

The 18th chapter of Ezekiel succinctly further illustrates Yahweh’s merciful longsuffering and forbearance for us (His creation), along with His desire for our complete conversion and turnaround, to turnover our lives, committing to finally follow Him, returning to His Way. “But if the wicked will turn (shuwb) from all his sins that he hath

committed and keep all My statutes and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him; in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith My Sovereign Yahweh: and not that he should return (shuwv) from his ways, and live? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, saith My Sovereign Yahweh. Repent (shuwv) and turn (shuwv) yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed, and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith My Sovereign Yahweh: wherefore turn (shuwv) yourselves and live ye.” -Eze. 18:21-32.

In the above narrative, we distinctly see that these provisions have only been made for the House of Israel. Quoting Jer. 31:31, we also find record in Hebrews 8:8 that, “For finding fault with them, He saith, ‘Behold the days come,’ saith Yahweh, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah.’”

Written here to the Hebrews, we see that the promise of this New Covenant is not for any other nation, but exclusively for the House of Israel and the House of Judah. So the question is, if these promises are only for Israel and Judah, where do the Gentiles fit in and how can they plot their course to find pasture in Yahweh’s Kingdom? Isaiah foretells us this answer. “Thus saith Yahweh, ‘Keep ye judgement, and do righteousness, for My Salvation (Yahshua) is near to come, and My righteousness will be revealed. Blessed is the man who does this and the son of man who lays hold on it; keeping the Sabbath, from defiling it; and keeping his hand from doing every evil. And do not let the son of the foreigner speak, he who joins himself to Yahweh,’ saying, surely, ‘Yahweh separates me from His people...And the sons of the foreigner, who join themselves to Yahweh to serve Him, and to love the Name of Yahweh, to be His servants, everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and takes hold of My covenant: even them will I bring to My Holy Mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted on My altar, for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the people, states Yahweh, who gathers the outcast of Israel; yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered to him.’” -Isa. 56:1-8.

This passage clearly shows us that there was always a directive provided for even the strangers and foreigners (Gentiles) to be able to reach Yahweh’s Mountain. In scripture, a mountain is allegorical to a kingdom.

Again, as we have previously mentioned, the Scriptures declare, “One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance forever in all your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before Yahweh. One Law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.” -Num. 15:15-16. “One law shall be to him that is home born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.” -Exo. 12:49. So, even before Yahweh

sent His Son Yahshua to shed His blood for the forgiveness, propitiation, atonement, and reconciliation of our sins, instituting a New Covenant, there was already a path for the stranger/foreigner/Gentile, to reach His mountain / Kingdom!

There is Only One Way

There has always been only one Way. It’s an all or nothing Covenant. No single person or nation has ever been able to pick and choose which commands they will or will not keep and/or change His laws to worship Him the way they think is right in their own eyes. “And now, Israel, what doth Yahweh thy Elohim require of thee, but to fear (ya’re) Yahweh thy Elohim, to walk in ALL His ways, and to love Him, and to serve Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of Yahweh, and His statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?” -Deut. 10:12-13.

Today, after we have accepted Yahshua’s sacrifice, our sacrifices are no longer physical but spiritual, which in fact has been His will and intention all along. “For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of Elohim more than burnt offerings.” -Hoshea 6:6. “For thou desirest not sacrifice; else I would give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart,” -Psa. 51:17, these Yahweh does not despise.

“Yahweh is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.” -Psa. 34:18. “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose Name is qadosh (sacred), ‘I dwell in the high and qadosh place with Him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.’” -Isa. 57:15.

The word ‘contrite’ comes to us from one of three Hebrew words, daka’ *Strong’s* #1792; dakka’ #1793; or dakah #1794. They each have the idea of being mentally and physically broken down and crushed into pieces. Sometimes this is what it ultimately takes to get our attention before we are finally ready to submit to His will and Way.

Speaking from experience, it took me being very lost, shattered, torn and tattered, before I was found and finally pliable, safely back in the Potter’s hands, able to be molded into the vessel of His desire. “Before I was afflicted, I went astray: but now I have kept thy word...It was good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn thy statutes...Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding that I may learn thy commandments...I know, O Yahweh, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.” -Psa. 119:67-75.

After we have accepted Yahshua’s sacrifice and repented from our past disobedience, transgressions and errors, we now present our bodies, offering them as a living sacrifice, Rom. 12:1. These bodies, which are not ours, are the temple of the Spirit of Elohim and have been bought with the irredeemable price of Yahshua’s innocent shed blood, 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Mat. 27:4. “By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to Elohim continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name. Not being for-

getful of doing good and sharing, for Elohim is well pleased with such sacrifices.” -Heb. 13:15-16. “And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare His works with rejoicing.” -Psa.107:22. “Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of hands as the evening sacrifice.” -Psa. 141:2.

Most importantly, once we have repented and accepted Yahshua’s sacrifice, we all have to be immersed into the exclusive Name of Yahshua. “Repent and be baptized, EVERY ONE OF YOU, in the Name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts. 2:38. Acts 5:32 informs us that this Holy Spirit is only given by Elohim, “to those obeying and believing Him.” This means it can also only be transferred through the laying on of hands, by an obedient ambassador and ordained Elder of Yahweh (1 Tim. 3:1-11; Tit. 1:5-9). There is no other way around it. For both the Gentile and even the one who can trace his ethnicity directly back to line of King David, this is the only way of being grafted into the New Covenant. “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED.” -Acts 4:32.

Our own Scriptures have told us all along that we are to become part of Israel, not replace it! The True Body of Messiah today is still the “Israel of Yahweh.” “For in Messiah Yahshua, neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy upon the ISRAEL OF YAHWEH.” -Gal 6:16.

“Wherefore remember that ye being in the time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time, ye were without Messiah, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the Covenants of Promise, having no hope, and without Elohim in the world: but now in Messiah, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Messiah. For He is our Peace, who made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us...Now therefore ye are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of Elohim.” Eph. 2:11-14,19.

“For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel.” -Rom. 9:6. So, “Who are the Israelites”? This was the rhetorical question asked by Paul in Romans 9:4. The answer? “In every nation, he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted by Him.” -Acts. 10:35.

The blessings promised to Abraham have now been made available to believers in Messiah in all Nations; however, they are still conditional upon one thing—righteousness, which is obedience! So then, who is a “Jew”? Of course, Rev. 2:9 and 3:9 speak of “the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.” However, a True Jew, properly a “Yahudim”, is one who is vocally and wholeheartedly praising Yahweh while following His voice. Paul further provides the definition, “For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Yahudim, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of

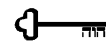
the heart...” Rom. 2:28-29. So, what is this circumcision? “Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS OF YAHWEH (IS EVERYTHING).” -1 Cor. 7:19.

As from the beginning, this “circumcision of the heart” has been the meek and humble love and devotion Yahweh has always desired. Jeremiah had warned these Israelites, “uncircumcised in the heart,” -Jer. 9:26, “Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh and take away the foreskins of your hearts.” -Jer. 4:4.

Remember the words spoken in Ezekiel 36:25-27? “Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols. I will cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a new heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to WALK IN MY STATUTES, AND YE SHALL KEEP MY JUDGMENTS AND DO THEM.” Here we foresee from where these prophetic ramifications of the New Covenant were branched out, and once again, following His Commandments and keeping His Covenant is a never-ending prerequisite to make the return to the pathway home into His Kingdom.

As the sign of the New Covenant, the repentant and believing nations of Gentiles and Israel, can also now both be sprinkled clean with the waters of baptism, becoming grafted into the Olive Tree. There is much to be revealed about this process from reading the 11th chapter of Romans.

“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.” -Rom. 11:25. “I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy...For if their casting away is the reconciliation of the world, what will their restoration be, except life from the dead? Now if the firstfruit is holy, so also the lump. And if the root is holy, so also the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree were grafted in among them, and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the Olive Tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, it is not you that bears the root, but The Root Bears You. You will say then, the (natural) branches were broken off that I might be grafted in. Well! For unbelief (and disobedience) they were broken off. And you stand by faith. Do not be high minded, but fear. For if Elohim did not spare the natural branches, fear that it may be, He will not spare you either.” -Rom 11:11,15-21.



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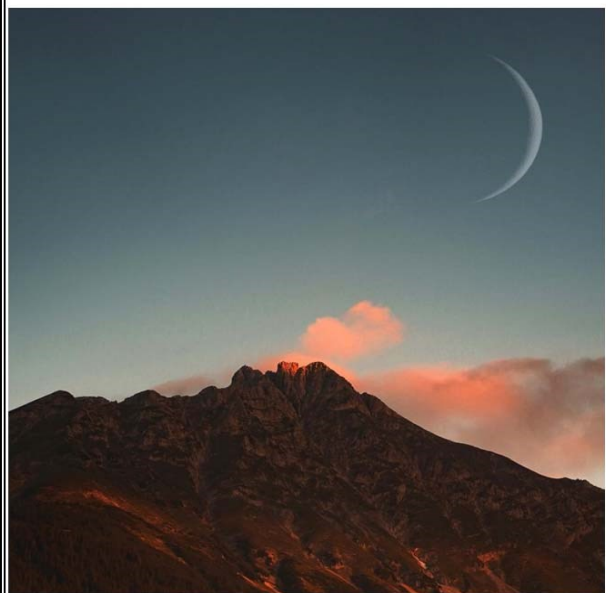
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