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(Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)



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"Yahweh" is the correct anglicisation of the word generally translated "the LORD".

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HOWEVER, we welcome all those who serve YAHWEH ADONAI {THE LORD GOD} the Creator of the Heavens and the earth, no matter what Name they know Him by, including THE LORD, Allah, Hashem, Jehovah, YHWH, etc.

We ALSO WELCOME all those who are seeking to know whether YAHWEH is who we say He is and to know whether YAHSHUA Messiah {Jesus Christ} is who we say He is.

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THE USE OF HEBREW WORDS AND THE NAMES OF THE CREATOR

In recent years we have become increasingly aware that in certain instances the traditional English words applied to certain Scriptural concepts and also to the names of the Creator do not adequately succeed in communicating the full depth of meaning contained in scripture. This is one of the factors behind the Amplified Bible.

In addressing this issue, we have progressively felt impressed to make use of the Anglicization of the Hebrew words or names in preference to the traditional English words and names in order to bring a more relevant understanding of the Scriptures and associated concepts. Some of the terms used in our documents are defined in this section for convenience.

We were also shown clearly by YAHWEH {generally incorrectly translated "the LORD"} some years ago that the scriptures written from the time of YAHSHUA MESSIAH {generally incorrectly translated Jesus Christ} were originally written in Aramaic, a dialect of Hebrew and NOT in Greek as commonly supposed. While in most cases this has little or no impact on translation, there are certain instances where the impact is material. For this reason, we are increasingly resorting to Hebrew words in cases where we are aware of problems.

We have recently adopted the convention of placing words which we believe to have negative translation implications in curly brackets after the word we understand to be more appropriate such as Yahshua {Jesus}.

It must be stressed that we understand the use of these words to be firstly a courtesy intended to please our Heavenly Father and secondly as a means to ensuring the spiritual technical correctness of our understanding thereby removing potential footholds for Satan to attack us.

YAHWEH {THE LORD}

YAHWEH is the proper name for our Creator and occurs 6,828 times in the Pre-Messianic Scriptures {Old Testament}. Vines states:

*"LORD : The divine name YHWH appears only in the Bible. Its precise meaning is much debated. **God chose it as His personal name by which He related specifically to His chosen or covenant people.**" (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, (Copyright (C) 1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)*

By way of analogy, my proper name is "James" and i have the designation of "husband" to my wife, it would not be indicative of a meaningful marriage relationship if my wife were to constantly refer to me as "husband" rather than "James". In the same way, it is not indicative of a meaningful relationship with our Creator to refer to Him as "Lord" rather than "YAHWEH" when He has given us His name to use and uses it throughout scripture.

For more information refer to the book "The Sacred Name" published by Qadesh La Yahweh Press, available on the internet at:

<http://www.yahweh.org/publications/pdf1/sacrednm.pdf>

THE LORD (Baal)

In contrast, the word "Baal" in English translations could more accurately be translated "lord" or "the lord". Thus by a quirk of the early translations, the word Baal which could easily be translated "the lord" is used to represent a pagan deity and the word Yahweh, which is not capable of translation, is translated "THE LORD". It therefore seems important that we progressively accustom ourselves to using the correct name for our Creator.

YAHSHUA {JESUS} AND MESSIAH {CHRIST}

By the same token, our Saviour was a Jew and He spoke Aramaic or Hebrew, as evidenced by the various scriptures which quote his direct words, as in Matthew 27:46 *"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, **"Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?"** that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*" (NKJ)

In His darkest hour, our Saviour spoke His language and the Greek translators saw fit to preserve His words. "Jesus" and "Christ" are both Greek words which are a legacy of the intermediate translation from Aramaic to English. Accordingly, in the absence of valid English words, it seems more respectful to use the Hebrew words which are, in a sense, also too deep to translate.

Accordingly, the word "YAHSHUA" is used in all recent document's issued by this ministry, in place of "Jesus", and "MESSIAH" is used for "Christ". Older documents may still use the more widely used words.

I am aware that there are disputes regarding the correct spelling and pronunciation of the Name of the Saviour but, at this time, after seeking Yahweh on the matter for about two years, these are the spellings and usages with which i feel comfortable. If you hold a different view on spellings and the like, i ask you at this time to give me the space for YAHWEH, Himself, to correct me if correction is, indeed, needed. But, at the same time, please ask Him to speak to you directly concerning the spelling that you are accustomed to.

In particular, please note the commonality between YAHweh and YAHshua in terms of the use of "Yah" as the first part of both names. Furthermore,

note that the Hebrew word for deliverance and salvation is "yeshua" and there are strong indications that "Yahshua" means "the deliverance of Yah", for me this removes all doubt as to whether the Name of the Saviour is "Yahshua" or some other spelling.

ANOINTED {MESSIAH / CHRIST}

The word translated Messiah frequently occurs in the pre-Messianic Scriptures translated as "the anointed one" or "My anointed" or similar. Since both "Christ" and "Messiah" have come to take on meanings which go FAR beyond "Yahshua the anointed one" or "anointed with the set apart Spirit of Yahweh", we are increasingly adopting the convention of using "anointed" or "anointed one" instead of "Messiah".

ADONAI {LORD}

The Hebrew phrase translated "Lord GOD" as distinct from "LORD God" and "the LORD" refers to YAHWEH as YAHWEH ADONAI. In conventional English usage this is often rendered "THE LORD GOD". YAHWEH ADONAI is perhaps the deepest and most reverent form of address for our Creator.

ADONAI is the term most directly equivalent to the English word "Lord" when applied to YAHWEH as distinct to "baal" as a general term for an earthly lord.

Consider **2 Samuel 7:22** *""Therefore You are great, O YAHWEH ADONAI {Lord GOD}. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears." (NKJ)*

By the same token, YAHSHUA MESSIAH is ADONAI, that is, Jesus Christ is Lord. ADONAI carries much deeper spiritual reverence and significance than "Lord".

ELOHIM / MIGHTY ONE {GOD}

The Hebrew word generally translated "God" is "Elohim" which means "Mighty One". "God" is in fact the name of a pagan deity and it therefore seem appropriate to avoid applying it to our creator.

In practical terms, "elohim", which can be applied to men, idols OR the Creator simply means "mighty one". Thus, when we refer to Yahweh Elohim, we are saying effectively, "Yahweh our Mighty One". Recently we have started to use "elohim" or "mighty one" instead of "God" or "god".

TORAH {LAW}

The five books of Moses (Genesis Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy), and most specifically the commandments given by YAHWEH through Moses which govern the entire fundamental relationship of man with YAHWEH.

In broader terms Torah includes the full body of so called "Old Testament" but it is fundamentally the essence of the Laws of YAHWEH that do not change and never will.

Recognize that insofar as the physical animal sacrifices and certain other aspects of Torah were FULFILLED by YAHSHUA MESSIAH, these Laws do not apply to us today in their PHYSICAL form although the **spiritual** laws and principles that they represent, REMAIN valid today.

IMMERSION {BAPTISM}

The word baptism is derived from the Greek word meaning "immersion". As with certain other words, "baptism" has taken on a particular religious significance which is materially different from the meaning of the word "mikvah" in the Hebrew. Immersion in Scripture is a routine part of the cleansing process from any defilement and NOT a once off procedure. There are also various immersions defined in Scripture including immersion for cleansing from sin and immersion in the set apart Spirit of Yahweh {baptism of the Holy Spirit}.

BODY / ASSEMBLY / CONGREGATION {CHURCH}

The word generally translated "church" also has a pagan connotation and has taken on a religious significance beyond a technical term simply referring to the assembly or congregation of believers. The concept of a "congregation" applies just as much to the "congregation" in the wilderness with Moses as it does to modern day congregations. However, in a sense, the term church as it is used today frequently is an alternative word for the "Body" of Messiah. The global congregation of ALL who believe.

BELIEVER / MESSIANIC {CHRISTIAN}

For the same reason that we use the term "Messiah" instead of "Christ", we prefer to use "Messianic" instead of "Christian". However, since our understanding is that "Messianic" applies to those who are LIKE Yahshua in their level of anointing and the works that Yahweh, we prefer to use the term "believer" in most cases.

CHESED {LOVE}

There are two concepts in Scripture both translated "love" in most English translations. The one is carnal love which can include lust, the other is the covenant "love" of YAHWEH. The Hebrew word for this is "chesed" and the Greek word is "agape". These words are translated "loving kindness" and "charity" in some translations.

However, the essence of the sense of this form of "love" is that which is depicted in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 which is most effectively interpreted in the Amplified Bible (in the passage that follows "CHESED {love}" has been inserted in place of "love").

¹ If I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not CHESED {love} (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual, devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers (...), and understand all the secret truths and mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not CHESED {love} (God's CHESED {love} in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody). ³ Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned or in order that I may glory, but have not CHESED {love} (God's CHESED {love} in me), I gain nothing.

⁴ CHESED {love} endures long and is patient and kind;
CHESED {love} never is envious nor boils over with jealousy,
is not boastful or vainglorious,
does not display itself haughtily.

⁵ It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride);
it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly.
CHESED {love} (God's CHESED {love} in us) does not insist on it's own rights
or its own way,
for it is not self-seeking;
it is not touchy or fretful or resentful;
it takes no account of the evil done to it
[it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

⁶ It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness,
but rejoices when right and truth prevail.

⁷ CHESED {love} bears up under anything and everything that comes,
is ever ready to believe the best of every person,
its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances,
and it endures everything [without weakening].

⁸ CHESED {love} never fails

[never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].
As for prophecy (...) it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they
will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose
its value and be superseded by truth]. (AMP)

Clearly, YAHWEH'S CHESED {love} is far beyond the carnal, selfish emotion that we call "love" in this age. It is also important to understand that YAHWEH'S CHESED is robust, can be severe and was strong enough to send His only Son to the Cross to die the most horrible death for OUR sins. CHESED is selfless and without covetousness. Until we have a deep revelation of YAHWEH'S covenant CHESED {love} as distinct from "love" as we use the word today we are not likely to truly understand YAHWEH, YAHSHUA, MESSIAH, THE SET APART (HOLY) SPIRIT or His Word. A deep understanding of CHESED and covenant is VITAL to interpreting the issues of the end of the age!

SET APART { HOLY }

The word translated "Holy" in most English translations is, essentially, a technical term which means "set apart". The word translated "sanctified" also means "set apart" and the word translated "saint" ALSO means set apart.

Thus anything which is Holy is SET APART unto Yahweh. We have recently started to use the term "set apart" instead of holy for all the above cases in order to make visible the commonality of concept that flows through all that we refer to as "holiness". We also prefer "set apart" since "holy" tends to have a religious sense which is easily stated but not understood.

This also has an impact on understanding "the Set Apart Spirit of Yahweh", that is "The Holy Spirit". There is a tendency to assign a unique and separate identity to "The Holy Spirit" when, in fact, "the Set Apart Spirit of Yahweh" is the Spirit of Yahweh that is set apart to minister to His set apart people {saints} as distinct from the aspect of Yahweh *"in whom we live and move and have our being"* (Acts 17:28).

STAKE { CROSS }

The Greek word translated "cross" means "stake". There is mounting evidence that Yahshua was impaled or hung on a stake, that is suspended between ONE nail through both his hands and ONE nail through both his feet. There are strong Scriptural and mechanical reasons why this is more likely than a cross and certain spiritual reasons which indicate that Satan would benefit from having us use the term "cross" instead of "stake".

Accordingly, we have recently started to use the terms "stake" and "impaled" / "hung" or "executed" instead of "cross".

ISHSHAH { WOMAN / WOMEN / WIFE / WIVES }

According to Strong, Vines and other references the root word for woman, women, wife and wives in Hebrew is always "ishshah", Strong's number 802. As far as we have been able to determine the only way to determine the quantum and the marital status of an "ishshah" is through the context.

Strong defines 802 'ishshah (ish-shaw'); *"feminine of 376 or 582; irregular plural, nashiym (naw-sheem)"; a woman (used in the same wide sense as 582): KJV-- [adulter] ess, each, every, female, X many, + none, one, + together, wife, woman. Often unexpressed in English."*

In translating ishshah it is also important to understand that research indicates that in Bible times it was virtually unheard of for a woman above the age of puberty to be unmarried. Therefore, all women before the age of puberty are referred to as "virgins" and since all adult women were either married, widows or harlots there was no requirement for a word to describe an adult "virgin". Thus, where ishshah is encountered, unless she is clearly either a widow or a harlot then it is almost certain that she was a "wife".

In addition, since throughout scripture it was common practice for more than one woman to marry a man and since Genesis 2:24 states that when a man marries a woman she becomes "one flesh" with him, there was frequently no need in Bible times to distinguish between one or many women if they were married to the same man they were all "ishshah" unless specifically otherwise specified.

We thus find that contextual interpretation filtered through modern practice can dramatically influence which English word is used and have therefore concluded that it is preferable to use "ishshah" in most instances.

Note also that the Greek word "gune" apparently has many of the same characteristics as "ishshah" although we have been told that the Greek is more specific than the Hebrew. Accordingly, we have elected to use "ishshah".

CONTENT

Content of articles is, to the best of our knowledge and belief an accurate reflection of the truth regarding the subject under discussion and in accordance with the Word and the Will of YAHWEH. However, we are fully aware of the fact that we are, like all human beings, susceptible to error. Accordingly we ask that you prayerfully consider all that we publish and trust the Holy Spirit of YAHWEH to guide you into all that is truth and to blow away all that may be leaven in what we publish.

Where we publish material from other ministries, we seek to avoid censoring the articles and therefore, while our decision to publish represents acceptance of the main message of the article, there may be components which do not necessarily accord fully with what we have published in other articles. In such cases we ask you to ask the Set Apart {Holy} Spirit to show you what the truth is. Publication of material from another ministry does not in any way represent a formal endorsement of this ministry by that ministry or vice versa, we simply seek to publish that which YAHWEH {the Lord} leads us to publish.

Insofar as we are all a long way from being like YAHSHUA {Jesus}, we ask you to bear with us where you really feel we have missed it. Please feel free to notify us of anything that you consider to be an error. In such cases, we ask you to focus on that which is of Yahweh in what is published and not to become focussed on that which you consider to be leaven. Our objective is to build bridges and NOT to enter into divisive disputes and trust the Set Apart {Holy} Spirit to lead all of us into the truth.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER MINISTRIES

Where we feel impressed to share a message from another source or ministry, we do not consider it appropriate to censor or edit and therefore present the message in full. Accordingly, if there are elements of the message which do not accord with what has been previously published by this ministry, as always, we leave it to the reader to discern what is of Yahweh and what is not, in what others write as much as in what is written by us. Likewise, the publication of a message does not necessarily imply endorsement of every jot and tittle of that message, only that we believe that the heart of the message IS from Yahweh.

By the same token, if we share one message, it does not imply that we hold a view, whether positive or negative towards the ministry as a whole or towards other works of that ministry. It is NOT for us to judge, it is for us to communicate that which we believe will assist those on our lists and leave them to draw their own conclusions.

As has been stated previously, we will all stand alone before the Judgment Seat! We at End Time Issues are messengers, who willingly acknowledge our fallibility and human frailty. Each person MUST discern the truths of Yahweh for themselves and NEVER come to a place where any human being is regarded as being infallible.

OUR PRAYER

It is our prayer ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJ)

SEEKING FOR GOD'S TRUTH - THE KEY TO UNITY

Following on from the recent messages on "God's Wrath for the Church" and "Who or What is the Remnant" it has become increasingly apparent that a MAJOR dimension of what YAHWEH¹ (THE LORD) is doing in the world today, is to restore ALL TRUTH, to the Body of Christ (YAHSHUA²).

The appendix contains a selection of scriptures relating to truth.

1. KEY SCRIPTURES:

Key scriptures include:

- a. **YAHSHUA² (JESUS) IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE**

John 14:6

*6 Jesus [YAHSHUA] said to him, "I am the way, **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (NKJ)*

From this we see that YAHSHUA (Jesus) IS THE TRUTH, in other words, to reject truth is to reject YAHSHUA and, conversely, to Love YAHSHUA is to Love Truth. YAHSHUA is THE WAY to the Father and that way IS TRUTH because YAHSHUA IS THE TRUTH. YAHSHUA is THE LIFE and that life is TRUTH because YAHSHUA IS THE TRUTH.

Thus our future is intimately bound up with YAHSHUA and therefore it MUST BE BOUND UP WITH TRUTH.

If we LOVE YAHSHUA (Jesus), we MUST LOVE TRUTH!

The word "truth" is 225 aletheia- which Thayer defines as

- 1) objectively:
 - a) what is true in any matter under consideration
 - 1) truly, in truth, according to truth
 - 2) of a truth, in reality, in fact, certainly
 - b) what is true in things pertaining to God and the duties of man, moral and religious truth
 - 1) in the greatest latitude
 - 2) **the true notions of God which are open to human reason without his supernatural intervention**
 - c) the truth as taught in the Christian faith, respecting God and the execution of his purposes through Christ, and respecting the duties of man, opposing

alike to the superstitions of the Gentiles (non-Jews) and the inventions of the Jews, and the corrupt opinions and precepts of false teachers even among Christians

- 2) subjectively:
truth as a personal excellence:
that candor of mind which is free from affection, pretence, simulation, falsehood, deceit

From this we see that TRUTH is a far reaching and all embracing concept which describes who God is in an extremely important way. If we do not have this appreciation for how far reaching God's definition of TRUTH is, we potentially miss a large amount of great importance.

b. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH GIVEN TO GUIDE US INTO ALL TRUTH**

John 16:13

13 "However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, He will guide you into **all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (NKJ)

The word translated "all" is 3956 pas- which Thayer defines as follows:

- 1) individually:
each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything
2) collectively:
some of all types

This word is totally inclusive, therefore it does not apply to selected truths, or only those truths which are palatable or known to us, it refers to all truths.

It is apparent from this scripture that reaching ALL TRUTH is a journey, for which we need a GUIDE. We do not get filled with the Holy Spirit and know all truth, we get filled with the Holy Spirit that He may LEAD US TOWARD all truth on a journey which will take our entire lives, no matter how diligent we are.

c. **THOSE WHO DO NOT LOVE THE TRUTH WILL PERISH**

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 states:

8 *And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.*

9 *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,*

10 *and with all unrighteous deception among **those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.***

11 *And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,*

12 *that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (NKJ)*

This passage clearly indicates that those who perish will perish because they did NOT receive the love of the truth that they might be saved. If we do not love the truth, we will perish. The love of truth is necessary that we may be saved. This love of truth IS the love of YAHSHUA, we cannot love YAHSHUA and not love truth!

d. **YAHWEH'S WORD IS TRUTH**

Psalm 119:160 states:

160 ***The entirety of Your word is truth,** and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever. (NKJ)*

In John 17:17 YAHSHUA, Himself states:

17 *"Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth.** (NKJ)*

If the entirety of YAHWEH's Word is truth, we dare not reject any portion of it because we do not understand it or it is unpalatable to us.

e. **THE OPPOSITE OF TRUTH IS LIES AND SATAN IS THE FATHER OF ALL LIES**

In John 8:44, YAHSHUA, Himself states:

44 *"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he*

speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. (NKJ)

Satan is the father of lies, he has NO TRUTH, that is, SATAN IS ALL LIES, in other words, ALL LIES ORIGINATE WITH SATAN and, **to the extent that we believe a lie, we are giving allegiance to Satan.**

Accordingly, if we truly are seeking to serve YAHWEH [THE LORD] our God with ALL our heart, with ALL our soul, with ALL our strength and with ALL our mind, we must seek ALL TRUTH!

f. **WE MUST ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST**

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 states:

*10 For **we must all** appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

*11 **Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord**, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. (NKJ)*

We must ALL appear before the judgment seat of Christ and will receive judgment according to what we have done in this life. That which we will receive if we have done wrong is of such magnitude that we are adjured to know THE TERROR OF THE LORD!

There is certainly a severe price to be paid for sin on the Day of Judgment and, surely, that price will be FAR MORE SEVERE for those who have had access to the Bible in numerous translations and access to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, than will be the case for those who have not had such access.

g. **JUDGMENT BEGINS IN THE HOUSE OF GOD**

1 Peter 4:17-18 states:

*17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with **US** first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

18 Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (NKJ)

Clearly the CHURCH (US) WILL BE JUDGED FIRST and only afterwards, the unbelievers. Furthermore, Peter asserts that the righteous will be SCARCELY SAVED!! We must therefore ALL fear being found wanting on the day of Judgment. Accordingly, we must have a REVERENT FEAR OF YAHWEH and YAHSHUA.

h. YAHSHUA HIMSELF COUNSELS US TO FEAR THE JUDGMENT OF YAHWEH

YAHSHUA, Himself, counsels us in Matthew 10:28:

28 "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather **fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.** (NKJ)

We are enjoined to FEAR THE JUDGMENT OF THE FATHER, who alone, is able to consign our bodies and soul's to hell!

There are clearly some powerful reasons to LOVE TRUTH AND HATE LIES.

i. ALL LIARS WILL HAVE A PART IN THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH

Revelation 21:8 states:

8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and **all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.**" (NKJ)

ALL LIARS SHALL have a part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone. They will not necessarily remain there for eternity, but they shall be CLEANSED WITH FIRE FROM THEIR SIN!

There are therefore some VERY GOOD REASON's not to be found to be a liar on the day of judgment.

j. **IF YOU BELIEVE A LIE YOU WILL STILL PERISH!**

Proverbs 21:28 in the NIV states:

A false witness will perish, and whoever listens to him will be destroyed for ever. (NIV)

This particular translation is only apparent in certain editions of the NIV but it was given to me by the Holy Spirit after I had specifically asked about the fate of people who believed lies.

1 Kings 13:11-32 confirms this. The passage is included in the appendix but, briefly, YAHWEH sent a prophet to speak correction and told him not to eat or drink on the way. Another prophet came to him and told him that YAHWEH had sent him to tell him to eat and drink with him and the first prophet believed him, but verse 18 records that the SECOND PROPHET WAS LYING! In verse 21 we see the Judgment of YAHWEH which subsequently came to pass.

18 He said to him, "I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'"

(He was lying to him.)

19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

20 Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back;

*21 and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, **"Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you,***

22 'but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which the LORD said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water," your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.'"

In other words, it does not matter if you BELIEVE A LIE told you by your father, your pastor or ANYONE ELSE, if you believe that lie and act on it, THAT SIN WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR ACCOUNT on the day of Judgment unless you repent.

Accordingly, if someone teaches you that YAHSHUA changed a certain provision of the so-called "Old Testament" and, in fact

He did not, if you believe that statement, which is a lie, then YOU will pay the price on the day of judgment.

By the same token, if there is an error in translation and you act on that error in translation YOU will pay the price on the day of judgment!

k. CONCLUSION

From the above scriptures it is a necessary conclusion that:

- i. If we love YAHSHUA (Jesus) we MUST LOVE ALL TRUTH.
- ii. If we reverence and fear YAHWEH, (THE LORD) we MUST FEAR HIS JUDGMENTS.
- iii. We CANNOT RELY ON OTHERS to define truth for us. We can listen and apply our minds and our prayers to discerning whether what they say is truth or not BUT ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT WE WILL STAND ALONE! Thus, we cannot hide behind our pastor, our favourite teacher or book, or any other source. We HAVE THE WORD OF GOD - THE BIBLE and we HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT, the Spirit of Truth, to lead us into ALL TRUTH. **The more we have had access to these resources, the more severely we will be judged.**

As we have seen in previous writings from this ministry, there are STRONG REASONS to conclude that judgment is currently taking place in the Church and that GREAT TRIBULATION is coming on many as a consequence.

The sections that follow will seek to provide some additional perspectives on the matter of seeking truth.

2. FURTHER DIMENSIONS OF SEEKING ALL TRUTH

a. WHEN THE CHURCH COMES INTO UNITY THE WORLD WILL SEE YAHSHUA

In John 17:22-23, YAHSHUA, Himself states:

22 *"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, **that they may be one just as We are one:***

23 *"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and **that the world may***

know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (NKJ)

One of the most important reasons why the earnest seeking for ALL TRUTH, led by the Holy Spirit, is so important, is that YAHSHUA, Himself, desires that we should be one as He and the Father are one. The recent article on the "remnant" gives greater insight into why this is important.

In particular, YAHSHUA indicates that the world will not believe until they see perfect unity in the Church.

b. THE BRIDE MUST BE WITHOUT SPOT OR BLEMISH

We read elsewhere that the Bridegroom will return for a bride without spot or blemish:

Ephesians 5:25-27:

*25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,
27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. (NKJ)*

2 Peter 3:11-14:

*11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?
13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, **be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;**
(NKJ)*

Since we look to the imminent return of our Saviour, it behooves us to seek to be without spot and blameless and

without blemish. We must therefore seek HIS TRUTH in order to come to this place.

3. WITH LOVE OF THE TRUTH COMES THE BREAKING DOWN OF DENOMINATIONAL BARRIERS

As I have prayed into this subject over a number of years and, as YAHWEH has dealt with me on the issues around questions that I have repeatedly asked the Holy Spirit regarding scriptures that I did not understand, promises of scripture which did not seem to work and different opinions expressed to me by different believers, it has become increasingly apparent to me that LACK OF LOVE OF TRUTH is a vital component in the innumerable denominational barriers that exist.

As He has taken me to meet people from numerous denominations, and even from other faiths, He has revealed to me by His Holy Spirit people who know Him and love Him in diverse faiths and places. They don't necessarily know His name and they are frequently unable to believe that He could be "Jesus Christ" because of the innumerable atrocities committed through the ages in that name.

Readers may not be aware that a great German reformer is alleged to have said towards the end of his life that "the only good Jew is a dead Jew" and that this formed the basis on which people who called themselves "christian" participated in the atrocities of the Second World War! They may also not be aware of decisions of the Roman (Gentile) church in the centuries after YAHSHUA was crucified and rose again, in which decisions were actively taken to depart from generally accepted interpretations of scripture with regard to the day of the Sabbath, legislation of monogamy (a pagan rite), authorizing the murder of persons who did not accept Jesus Christ as Lord, etc, etc. The list of atrocities committed in the name of "Jesus Christ" is endless and appalling. Consequently, Jew, Moslem and Gentile cannot conceive that this man could possibly be the Messiah foretold in scripture.

Within the so-called "christian" church, we find innumerable denominations, many of which despise many other denominations and regard them as being total heretics and servants of Satan. Many will refuse to do business with those from certain other denominations or refuse to have them in their homes or speak ill of them whenever the name of that denomination is mentioned. In the process, they do not take account of the fact that they are sitting in judgment and will be judged accordingly.

In the process of being repeatedly confronted by the Spirit of YAHWEH with regard to my own beliefs and prejudices, He has repeatedly placed me in situations where I have found myself in contact with those of denominations many of which are despised by many

believers. In the process I have met men and women who LOVE GOD but who have some errors in what they believe and who, in turn, reject the errors that others have. BUT I have also found them to have TRUTHS WHICH I LACKED!

4. WITH LOVE OF THE TRUTH COMES EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

One of the GREATEST OBSTACLES TO EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM IS FALSE DOCTRINE AMONGST CHRISTIANS.

To understand why the Gospel of Jesus Christ has so little success with Jews and Moslems, all that is required is to sit with an open minded Jew or Moslem for half an hour and LISTEN to WHY THEY SAY JESUS CANNOT BE THE MESSIAH. If you have a revelation of what is being alluded to here, you will HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE that based on what they say, the Jesus Christ presented by the "christian church" cannot possibly be the Messiah!! There is no way that YAHSHUA instructed His followers to murder those who did not convert! There is also no way that He could have changed a whole variety of other commandments of Torah. Until the "christian" church reforms itself, loves the truth MORE than its denominational traditions AND REPENTS, it will continue to be weak and ineffectual in evangelism to billions of people who have a deep revelation of truths which "christians" totally disregard.

5. THE BOTTOM LINE IN DENOMINATIONAL DIVISION

The bottom line in the divisions that exist, whether within the Protestant denominations or between Protestant and Catholic, Jew and Christian, Moslem and Christian or even other groups, is that EACH GROUP HAS SOME TRUTH WHICH MOST OF THE OTHERS LACK and each group rejects some of the truths which most of the others have.

Thus, for example, most so-called "christian" groups accept that Jesus Christ is Lord, that He is the incarnate Son of God, that He was crucified, died and was buried and rose again on the third day. Beyond that, there is little on which there is uniform agreement and EVEN within the confines of the seemingly simple statement above, there are differences.

From that point on, the divergence becomes increasingly pronounced. A few examples may help at this point:

a. WATER BAPTISM BY IMMERSION

The Baptists and various other groups have a deep revelation that baptism by complete immersion in water is a vital ordinance of the faith BUT many other groups do not regard immersion in water as necessary, some regard it as an

ordinance that passed away when the first apostles died. However, there is great division on this matter.

b. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH THE EVIDENCE OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Similarly, some regard the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues as a VITAL ordinance and gift of the faith. Others contend that it has passed away and that all tongues today are of the devil.

c. ETC

The list is endless and includes the Saturday Sabbath, the correct name of YAHWEH and YAHSUA, marriage doctrine, who exactly YAHSUA is, supernatural healing, prophecy, the apostolic, the use of titles like "pastor", "reverend", etc, divorce, the celebration of "christmas", the ministry of deliverance, etc, etc. Interpretation of scriptures relating to "end time events" is another area of heated divergence, some preach "pre tribulation" others "post tribulation", some say it is at hand, some say it has already happened and others that it will not happen for another thousand years.

THE CONSEQUENCES

Most discussions become heated and acrimonious with each party seeking to ram their beliefs down the others throats.

The nett effect is that if two people meet and discover that both profess to believe, they will get on fine UNTIL THEY FIND SOMETHING TO DISAGREE ON. Once they find something they cannot agree on, each will defend their beliefs increasingly forcibly until a point is reached where they will become so heated they will not continue the relationship. In many cases, one or both will resort to insults and verbal abuse.

If this happens in a fellowship or assembly, a split is almost inevitable and the next thing there will be two "churches" in the same street with similar names, believing similar things but UNABLE TO AGREE on something they regard as central to their faith.

In the process, WE CARVE UP THE BODY OF CHRIST INTO SMALLER AND SMALLER GROUPS! AND, in the process we HURT our beloved Saviour!!

6. FACTORS BEHIND THIS - PRIDE AND A LACK OF LOVE

In simple terms, the obvious factors giving rise to these situations are:

a. PRIDE

People become proud of the "revelation" they have, even if that revelation is not of YAHWEH, and they insist that they are correct.

b. LACK OF LOVE

Because people do not walk in the love spelt out in 1 Corinthians 13:4 to 8, they are easily offended and easily cut ties.

c. JUDGMENTALISM

These two factors give rise to a situation where people are quick to judge one another AND to condemn one another as heretics, etc.

d. LACK OF REVERENCE

Underlying this entire situation is a lack of revelation regarding the coming judgment and the penalties for believing lies noted above.

e. DEMONIC ACTIVITY

Behind all of this is massive demonic activity. Joyner, in the Final Quest reports visions in which massive demonic activity was taking place WITHIN the church. Pride and many of the other forms of behaviour that underpin division, are founded on demonic principalities and strongmen which oppress the flesh of believers. Without effective revelation AND spiritual warfare against these principalities, unity remains illusive.

THE ANSWER - LOVE YAHSHUA

In simple terms, if we ALL develop a love of YAHSHUA (Jesus) such that we desire to know ALL truth AND IF WE FEAR THE JUDGMENT SEAT such that we earnestly desire to be free of lies when we stand before the judgment seat, we will start to listen earnestly to one another if we find differences of opinion.

Furthermore, if we walk in the fullness of 1 Corinthians 13 love, **(1 Corinthians 13:1-8):**

1 *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, **but have not love**, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.*

2 *And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, **but have not love, I am nothing.***

3 *And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, **but have not love**, it profits me nothing.*

4 **Love** suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, **thinks no evil**;

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but **rejoices in the truth**;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 **Love never fails.** But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. (NKJ)

AND, if we apply the principles of **Galatians 6:1-2**:

1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself **lest you also be tempted.**

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (NKJ)

We MUST, OF NECESSITY, approach differences of interpretation of scripture WITHOUT PRIDE AND WITHOUT JUDGMENT. In particular, we need to learn to agree to disagree and THEN earnestly seek the Holy Spirit and study the Word of God for confirmation of the validity of our own and the other person's opinion. Frequently, the truth will be found between the two opinions, IF WE HAVE EARS TO HEAR!

It is vital that we all recognize that the only reason that there is so much division in the Body of Christ today is because there is SO MUCH ERROR and that, consequently, the probability is VERY HIGH that we each have considerable error.

f. **RICK JOYNER'S VIEW OF THE "MOUNTAIN OF GOD"**

In the visions reported by Rick Joyner in the book "The Final Quest", he was shown the "Mountain of God" as, essentially the Mountain of God's Truth. Different groups of believers were encamped on different ledges on the mountain, defending different truths of scripture from Satan's demonic onslaughts of lies. Many of these groups were on isolated ledges where they were hardly aware of what was going on elsewhere on "the mountain". Some had been intensely persecuted and fought viciously to defend themselves from any other believers who attempted to draw close to them.

Few, if any, had visited all the ledges (truths) on the mountain and accepted and adopted them.

The consequence of this, from YAHWEH's perspective, is a rag-tag army which, for the most part, is more divided and less united than those who serve Satan.

**g. THERE IS NOT EVEN AGREEMENT ON WHAT
 CONSTITUTES THE BIBLE**

The Bible runs to thousands of pages and tens of thousands of verses, written by dozens of authors, describing events over thousands of years. Consequently, there are probably few, if any, people on this earth who could accurately remember AND understand every word and every verse in the Bible, EVEN IF it were a book written by men! We dare not assume that we fully comprehend the book, even taking the most simplistic view of it. Therefore, we must accept that others know parts of the book better than we do.

The Bible was written by the inspiration of the Spirit of God. It is therefore far more complex and intricate and deeper than any book that could be written by man. The Jews refer to the SEVENTY FACETS OF THE TORAH'S JEWELLED WORDS. This increases the difficulty for any single human being to fully comprehend all that is written in the Bible AND fully apply it, to the realms of the IMPOSSIBLE. We dare not ever believe we fully understand the Bible. There will ALWAYS be someone who has more in depth knowledge and experience of certain passages of scripture than we do.

YAHWEH is omnipotent (more powerful than all the rest of creation), omniscient (knows ALL things) and omnipresent (present everywhere). Therefore, what He has disclosed about the things of God in the Bible is immensely complex and far beyond the capacity of the human mind to fully comprehend and grasp. We dare not believe we truly know and understand God - we may hope to have a revelation and experience of Him in some dimension which is within the limitations of our intellect and ability to comprehend. Therefore, there will always be others who know something we do not.

The current English translations of the New Testament are just that, translations. They are based on the work of men and those men have almost all worked from a Greek translation from Aramaic and Hebrew, they are therefore "second generation" translations and therefore even more prone to error.

Furthermore, there are at least two major sets of Greek manuscripts which differ from one another on well in excess of one thousand verses! In addition, there are Aramaic manuscripts, allegedly of greater age, which do not fully agree with ANY of the Greek manuscripts!

In addition, there are differences of opinion between Protestant, Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Church of the East on what constitutes the so-called "Canon of Scripture". There are a variety of other "books" of the Bible which some recognize and others reject. Our modern New Testament contains only those books on which ALL can agree.

Furthermore, there are some who believe that the fact that there are 66 books in the current English translations, where 6 is the number of man, remembering that 666 is the 'Number of the Beast', referred to in Revelation, indicates that man has tampered with the Bible and there are books missing!

In ADDITION, there are literally dozens of English translations, some based on different source manuscripts, some translated by individuals, supposedly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, others translated by committees working over decades in some cases and NONE of these translations agree fully. Some include verses others omit, others disagree on the correct translation of words and phrases. Some attribute these differences to differences in transcription of Greek or Aramaic source documents, others blame deliberate sabotage by other denominations!

The NETT EFFECT is that there are major denominational differences in some cases based primarily on DIFFERENT TRANSLATIONS from the Greek Translation!

Consequently, we do NOT HAVE A DEFINITIVE BIBLE to work from.

Over and above this, some groups claim direct prophetic revelation from God in terms of how they interpret certain passages of scripture and further claim modern prophetic guidance which has given rise to further documents which are regarded as having the same or similar standing as the 'canon of scripture'.

The bottom line is that we have immense potential for difference and strife and little foundation for unity!

Yet, as we have seen, UNITY IS A REQUIREMENT OF YAHWEH (THE LORD)!

h. CONCLUSION : THE ANSWER

In simple terms, the answer to this division, to bring unity to the Body of Christ (YAHSHUA) would seem to include the following:

- i. Fear God and His Judgments.
- ii. Love God and LOVE HIS COMMANDMENTS and seek to keep them.
- iii. LOVE PROFOUNDLY both friends, enemies AND fellow believers.
- iv. Recognize our human frailties and weaknesses. In particular, recognize that it is impossible for any human being to have all truth AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE CALLED TO OPERATE AS A BODY!!
- v. Seek to be completely delivered of pride and to be cloaked in humility. Pray to the Father to humble you and to utterly destroy ALL pride in you.
- vi. Love your neighbour as yourself and, if you perceive him to be in error, pray for him and seek to share the truth you think you have in love and compassion.
- vii. Constantly read the Word of God FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION perhaps at least once or even twice a year would be a good minimum.
- viii. Constantly pray and ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to teach you and to answer your questions regarding scriptures you don't understand or aspects which you cannot agree on with a brother or sister believer.
- ix. CALL NO MAN TEACHER. **Matthew 23:8-10 states:**

*8 "But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.
9 "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.
10 "And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. (NKJ)*
- x. Judge not that you are not judged. **Matthew 7:1-3 states:**

- 1 *"Judge not, that you be not judged.*
- 2 *"For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*
- 3 *"And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? (NKJ)*

- xi. Pray for those you believe are in error, AFTER YOU HAVE PRAYED FOR YOURSELF IN CASE YOU ARE IN ERROR! "Father, I ask you to show me where ever I am in error in this matter and I ask you to show wherever he / she is in error in this matter." Expect God to answer you but also expect the answers to come through people and sources you have difficulty accepting.

7. ANOTHER ASPECT - CATEGORIES OF TRUTH

In considering the subject of this document, it is perhaps important to recognize that there are different categories of truth. It seems to me that, if we recognize this, we will find that, in many cases, the areas on which different believers do not agree are actually not really important. In fact, it is possible that it will not require too much for 80% of believers to agree on the 20% of doctrine which REALLY IS IMPORTANT and agree to disagree on the 80% of issues that are not that important:

a. FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH - MESSIAH HAS COME

THE FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH OF THE FAITH must be that the Messiah came to earth as a man, was crucified, died and was buried and rose again on the third day to purchase salvation.

If we limit ourselves to this statement, the only basis of contention with other monotheistic believers and particularly Jews and Moslems is whether the Messiah has already come or not and, if He has come, whether the man that most "Christians" know as "Jesus" the "Christ" was the Messiah. However, since this man was a Jew and not a Greek, he was probably most likely called "Yahshua" (some say Yeshua, some have other spellings) the "Messiah". It is likely to be a lot more difficult for a Jew or Moslem to believe in a man with a Greek name than in one with a Hebrew or Aramaic name.

Insofar as those who call themselves "christian" for the most part agree that there will be a "second coming" of the man we know as "Jesus Christ" (or YAHSHUA Messiah), it perhaps becomes less important to prove to Jews and Moslems that He has

already come once, than to agree with them that He is coming! Once that point of agreement is reached, one can then discuss what He is going to do when He comes and, thereafter, hope to demonstrate that many of those things have already taken place. We MUST seek points of agreement and contact and THEN BUILD BRIDGES USING THE GOSPEL OF PEACE AND THE TRUTHS WE SHARE. We will NEVER get anywhere by condemning Jews and Moslems because they don't believe that Jesus Christ was the Messiah!

AND we will never get anywhere while we reject principles of Torah which are inviolate and claim that the man Jesus Christ totally discarded things which YAHWEH said would never change.

b. KEY BELIEF : SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY GOD

In resolving differences, the key belief must surely be that the Bible IS the Word of God.

YAHSHUA said in **John 10:35** "... (and the Scripture cannot be broken)," (NKJ)

2 Timothy 3:14-17 states:

14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NKJ)

One of the key areas of difference is that both Jew and Moslem alike have an unshakeable conviction of the sacredness of the Five Books of Moses, the Psalms and the Proverbs AND regard all the books of the Old Testament as given by God. Many Protestant "christians" seem to regard these books as obsolete or discretionary. This makes resolution of differences very difficult indeed. Many other "christians" subscribe to doctrines in terms of which Jesus changed large portions of the Torah and made them obsolete. BUT, generally, they cannot cite explicit scripture to back this up and closer investigation, tends to reveal the source is from the teachings of men and not Scripture.

Where one person regards the Bible in it's original text as inspired by God, sacred and infallible and another regards it as "just another book", resolving this difference becomes the key stumbling block to resolving ANY OTHER DISAGREEMENT.

If someone cannot accept the Bible as given by God because THEY don't understand it or agree with it, they have reduced God to the level of their understanding AND since the Bible repeatedly refers back to itself, particularly in the context of prophecy fulfilled regarding Messiah, unwillingness to accept scripture as the final authority creates great difficulty.

In simple terms, if there is a difference of opinion and that difference results from one party regarding scripture (NOT a particular translation or source document but that which was originally given by God) as infallible and the other does not, there is not much that can be achieved until this difference has been resolved.

The essential bottom line to this argument seems to be that, if the Bible is NOT what it claims to be, then it contains enough warnings about lying, etc that the entire book must then be rejected on the basis of IT'S OWN guidelines. Someone who is unable to accept the level of intellectual integrity necessary to agree that either scripture IS what it claims for itself or it is worthless and then seeks to selectively use scripture to support a particular position, does not leave much basis for resolution of differences. Apart from anything else, at that level of difference, the requirement to Love God and Love Truth is not well established. So we see that the Love of God AND Love of Truth are vital cornerstones in resolving differences and bringing unity.

This difference can perhaps only be resolved by prayer leading to divine intervention as the person who does not accept scripture must, of necessity, be ranked as being close to an unbeliever. They may have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord, but they will require supernatural assurance of the validity of the Bible before they will be able to be persuaded of anything from the Bible.

In contrast, if both parties AGREE that the Bible IS the Inspired Word of God, both should be ALARMED if they cannot agree on it's interpretation. Thus, for the balance of this discourse, it is taken as a given that we are dealing with two parties who claim to believe the Bible IS Inspired by God.

This, in turn, gives rise to a wide variety of issues where there is still not agreement within the Body of Christ (Body of

Messiah), but, nevertheless, the foundation for resolution of differences is theoretically present.

On this level, it is perhaps important to recognize that there are an enormous number of believers, including Jews and Moslems who ALL AGREE that the Five Books of Moses (The Torah) are Inspired by God, almost as many agree that Psalms and Proverbs are inspired by God. However, MANY regard the other books of the Jewish Bible (the Old Testament), in other words the prophets, historical accounts, etc as being subject to GREATER POTENTIAL ERROR than the Five Books of Moses, Psalms and Proverbs. This includes all devout Jews and Moslems. They will thus always turn to Moses (Torah), Psalms and Proverbs as the definitive scriptures and, in principle, this would seem to be a sound principle as the remaining books of the Old Testament are generally supportive and build on Torah and should not be looked upon as adding to or changing Torah, except in terms of aiding interpretation and application by way of examples and prophetic statements.

Many of these same people, regard the books of the "christian New Testament" in the same category as the books of the prophets, etc and, in all probability, it seems to me that this is also how God sees them.

YAHSHUA, Himself said in **Matthew 5:17-19**:

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfil.

18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

19 "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (NKJ)

In this passage, YAHSHUA indicates that He fulfils both the Torah AND the Prophets and that not one jot or tittle will pass away from Torah? till all is fulfilled. From this, it seems to me that one can conclude that YAHSHUA perhaps accorded higher status to the Law (Torah) than to the prophets, since the commandments are in the Torah. So we can conclude that perhaps all books of the Bible carry equal status with God but that possibly there is a basis to accord higher status to the Five Books of Moses (Torah) and Psalms and Proverbs noting that there are occasional inconsistencies within the other books. There are certain accounts within Kings and Chronicles where

numbers, etc do not appear to agree, in the same way that there appear to be minor inconsistencies between the four Gospels, Acts and the Epistles. I say, "appear" because I continue to find seemingly rational explanations where additional information is brought to bear.

But, based on this brief discussion, I would like to suggest, based on personal experience, that in many cases there will be enough information in the Five Books of Moses and Psalms and Proverbs to resolve most differences of opinion on matters which relate to judgment.

c. CRITICAL TRUTHS RELATING TO JUDGMENT

The Critical Truths, which must be dealt with, relate to the coming judgment and the penalty that is associated with judgment. In this regard, Revelation 21:8 provides a concise summary of the penalty for being found wanting on the Day of Judgment - a "part" in the Lake of Fire and Brimstone which is the Second Death, as set out above. Exactly what the "part" is, is rather less important than the fact that we are told THERE WILL BE A PART!

To better understand the basis of this judgment, we must surely turn to the TEN COMMANDMENTS in Exodus 20:1-23 as discussed in detail in the message on "The Wrath of God for the Church" which addressed the point that the church was "breaking all ten of the commandments". To summarize:

- 1 ***'You shall have no other gods before Me***
- 2 ***'You shall not make for yourself any carved image***
- 3 ***'You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain,***
- 4 ***'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,***
- 5 ***'Honour your father and your mother,***
- 6 ***'You shall not murder.***
- 7 ***'You shall not commit adultery.***
- 8 ***'You shall not steal.***
- 9 ***'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.***

10 ***'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbour's house, his field, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.'***

We then read in verse 22 ***"These words Yahweh spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me."***

As noted in the message on the Wrath of God, these commandments were given PERSONALLY by YAHWEH AND were written in STONE, they have never been changed and they never will change.

There should be very little difficulty amongst believers, including Jews and Moslems, and, in fact, many other faiths, as to the validity of these commandments.

What exactly they mean and how to apply them is, again, a different matter and not within the intended scope of this document.

d. ORDINANCES OF THE FAITH

Within the Body of those who believe in YAHSHUA Messiah (Jesus Christ) there are a number of ordinances and sacraments, etc which start to become contentious. To list a few:

- (1) Water baptism by immersion.
- (2) The symbolism or otherwise of the "communion elements".
- (3) Tithes and offerings.
- (4) Sunday "Christian Sabbath".
- (5) The "gifts of the Spirit", tongues, etc.
- (6) Prophecy.
- (7) "Christmas Day".
- (8) etc, etc, etc there is an enormous list.

My intention here is not to raise contention, but to demonstrate points. In essence, there is a verse which indicates that salvation requires both confession of Jesus Christ as Lord AND baptism and there are numerous accounts of instances where salvation and baptism went hand in hand BUT there are those who argue that water baptism IS NOT ESSENTIAL for salvation. This has, over the years, given rise to major contention AND division. People have been thrown out of churches for being water baptised.

In the context of this discourse, this demonstrates several principles which seem important:

- i. Given the number of examples of water baptism by immersion in the New Testament, why would anyone want to object to it? This comes down to "if I love the truth and Jesus was baptized and many others were baptized, surely, as an act of Love towards Jesus I would WANT to be baptized?"
- ii. On the other hand, IS DISAGREEMENT ON THIS POINT SUFFICIENT TO SEVER TIES AND REJECT ONE ANOTHER?

There does not seem to be scripture to warrant such rejection.

The point with many such issues is simply, if we cannot agree, let us agree to disagree and both pray for revelation for both of us!

e. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF WATCHMENT**

Recognize that in this matter, as in every matter of disagreement, Ezekial 33 and 3 give an important principle. **Ezekial 33:7-9 states:**

7 *"So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.*

8 *"When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.*

9 ***"Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die***

***in his iniquity; but you have delivered
your soul.*** (NKJ)

In simple terms, if YAHWEH has revealed a particular truth to one, that person is responsible for sharing that truth with others. Once they have shared the truth, they are free of further responsibility. In other words, if one has a truth, share it with whomever THE LORD leads. PROVIDED one shares it in a loving fashion without pride or other offensive behaviour, one has discharged ones duty. Whether they accept or reject the truth one has given them is NOT ONES RESPONSIBILITY. We are NOT required to FORCE them to believe. They will be judged accordingly on the Day of Judgment but that is their responsibility, NOT yours.

Accordingly, once one has entered into a reasonable discussion and sought to address objections, etc to the best of one's ability, there is no point in further discussion AND there is generally NO REASON to sever ties with them, certainly in the area of the ordinances of the faith. One might choose not to attend meetings where they practice conduct which one truly believes to be contrary to scripture, but it does not mean that one should sever all ties with them - NOTE this refers to matters such as those cited above, NOT flagrant and clearly recognizable sin such as flagrant fornication, etc. However, most of the Body of Christ is divided over matters such as, 'is baptism by immersion absolutely critical, or not'.

Note also that were there are differences, it is frequently possible to choose to discuss certain things at times where people who do not agree are not present and such people should extend the courtesy of simply withdrawing from the discussion where something they do not agree with is discussed. However, IF all parties are truly seeking truth, this should NOT be necessary. We should be willing to listen to others who claim to have a revelation discussing their revelation because, as we listen, we may discover what it is that troubles us OR we may get the answer to a question we had not yet thought of asking and that answer may be all that is necessary for us to accept an important truth.

IF WE NEVER TALK TO PEOPLE WE DON'T AGREE WITH, HOW WILL WE EVER RESOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES? All that will happen is that both parties will continue to believe they are correct and, at best, one party will be correct BUT both parties could be materially in error!

f. USEFUL AND IMPORTANT GIFTS

There is much in scripture regarding the blessings of the faith, such as the gift of tongues, prophecy, healing, etc.

Again, this is a source of great division.

The same principle applies. If two people can agree that Jesus Christ is Lord, then surely they do not need to sever relations on issues like tongues, etc.

The reality is, that for those who have a revelation and personal experience of these gifts and blessings, they ARE very important and, for those who do not, they can be very disconcerting, particularly when they have witnessed them abused or misused or even where they have witnessed demonic counterfeits.

The reality is that scripture clearly warns about counterfeit miracles, etc in the last days and there ARE many demonic counterfeits around. If someone HAS experienced or witnessed some of these demonic counterfeits, they will have great difficulty accepting the reality of the true gifts. Likewise, someone who has been greatly blessed by the genuine gifts and never seen the demonic counterfeits operating, will have great difficulty in understanding the other persons point of view.

If we apply the principles of 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and particularly, "believe the best of all men", we should have less difficulty with this. Again, even if we cannot agree, we should be able to agree to disagree IF both parties avoid using abusive and judgmental language.

A simple statement to the effect that "My current experience and understanding cause me to have great reservations about this (subject). I will pray about it and I ask you to give me the space not to accept what you say at this time. If you truly believe that what you have told me is correct, then I ask that you pray for me that the eyes of my understanding will be opened to this" is far more in line with Jesus' teachings than some harsh judgmental statement to the effect that the other party is clearly serving Satan and is beyond redemption. Apart from anything else, at that point, even if the party expressing that opinion was in right standing before God in terms of his beliefs up to then, he then moves immediately into serious sin by judging, condemning and cursing a brother or sister in Christ and, could move rapidly into a situation of blaspheming the Holy Spirit, the sin for which YAHSHUA said there is NO REPENTANCE. Thus, if we fear God and love the Saviour, we should not resort to this form of conduct!

g. APPLICATION OF SCRIPTURE

Many of the disputes arise with regard to form, ritual, process, exact interpretation of scripture, etc. The same comments as before apply. If there are two scriptures, seemingly relating to the same matter, which appear to contradict one another, then, surely, there is either a dimension that is not understood, OR there is a translation or manuscript error behind one or other verses.

Again, agreeing to disagree and handing the matter over to the Spirit of God to resolve, is the appropriate answer. There is no need for severing of relations.

h. INTERPRETATION OF BIBLE PROPHECY

An aspect which has been contentious since the time of YAHSHUA Messiah and is in the process of becoming HIGHLY contentious today, is the subject of interpretation of Bible prophecy.

For example, there are a LARGE number of high profile individuals who have interpreted scripture to indicate that the church would be "raptured" (that is, taken from the earth) in a very spectacular and visible fashion, some time between mid-1996 and January 2001. On the face of it, they were WRONG. BUT, there are indications that something DID happen during that period but it was NOT what they were expecting and it DID NOT take place in the way they were expecting.

To the extent they were mistaken, they need to repent. I was certainly mistaken in some of what I wrote and, to those who have read what I had to write with regard to Y2K and certain other aspects, I repent insofar as what I wrote contained a degree of error in terms of what did and did not happen.

The reality with regard to the fulfilment of prophecy, is that full revelation of prophecy BEFORE it is fulfilled, has seldom, if ever, been given to the church or to Israel. It is only on looking back that we can clearly see what the prophets foresaw. We are not given prophecy to build dramatic epic movies on, we are given prophecy to guide our hearts to discern what the Spirit is doing. Accordingly, if two people disagree on the interpretation of Bible prophecy, particularly when it relates to what and when, recognizing that YAHWEH and YAHSHUA repeatedly speak in parables, there really is no basis for a falling out. If both parties walk in love and gentleness and recognize their potential to be at least partly wrong, they should have no difficulty in agreeing to disagree.

i. EACH BELIEVERS JOURNEY IS UNIQUE

Each of us come to the "Mountain of God", salvation, by our own unique road with it's own unique combination of knowledge and

experience. Recognizing this, YAHWEH charts a course for our growth "in Christ" (in YAHSHUA) which is tailored to the INDIVIDUAL!

By the same token, we EACH HAVE A DISTINCT AND UNIQUE CALLING! We are each being prepared for a specific destiny, each will rule a different city or counsel a different ruler on different matters in the life to come. In the present life, each will perform a specific function in the Body of YAHSHUA. Accordingly, each of us must be equipped with a unique set of scriptural and spiritual knowledge and experience in order to effect our calling.

Consequently, EACH OF US HAVE A DISTINCT SET OF TRUTHS. We may have much in common with many other believers but in any group of believers we will have areas where our knowledge and experience is, OF NECESSITY, different. If we keep overlooking our points of common ground and keep harping on our points of difference, we will NEVER bring the body into unity.

If a woman has come to salvation after years of prostitution, she will have much in the way of knowledge and experience AND CALLING that will differ from a chaste woman who married as a virgin and has lived faithfully with her husband for thirty years. It will not be difficult for the chaste woman to find aspects of the ex-prostitutes life which are not in line with her own. Even if her own life is a model of Christian virtue in that area, the fact that YAHWEH has not yet reformed the ex-prostitute in that area does NOT entitle the other woman to condemn her. YAHWEH may leave aspects of that womans life alone for years as He seeks to heal her from the spiritual carnage of her former life, spiritual and psychological wounds which the second woman will not be able to comprehend. This example may be extreme enough and obvious enough that most of us would not fall into the trap. However, the principles apply in far more areas and far less obvious areas, than these.

j. EXTREME VIEWS

Another area where division is often encountered relates to extreme experiences. For example, in the case of the two women mentioned in the previous paragraph. The ex-prostitute, after years of terrible abuse may have a deeply rooted opinion that ALL men are out to take advantage of her, no man can be trusted and she may HATE all men. The chaste woman, who has lived all her life in a secure home where her husband has cherished her and loved her as Christ loves the church, and grew up in a family where her father was the same, may not be able to comprehend that ANY man could behave that way. They will have great difficulty communicating and the

chaste woman will have great difficulty ministering to the ex-prostitute.

The potential for angry disputing over scriptures relating to a wife submitting to her husband in EVERYTHING between these two women will be enormous with the ex-prostitute having immense difficulty comprehending how any woman could even consider doing such a thing. She might also express herself using harsh and judgmental language, because that is the way she has lived all her life. If both parties do not have a love of the truth which exceeds the ability of their paradigms to bring division, their ability to communicate effectively will be extremely limited.

In a similar vein, the Charismatic gifts can flow in a beautiful and edifying fashion but there are also severe demonic manifestations and counterfeit gifts flowing through proud and immature people which will turn many people off the true gift. UNLESS we are prepared to accept that if there is scripture to support something, there MUST BE A GODLY solution and if the current manifestation causes people to question whether it could be God, there may WELL BE ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED, division is inevitable.

8. CONCLUSION : SEEK UNITY IN THE BODY

In conclusion, I hope that I have, at least to a limited extent, challenged you to recognize the importance of seeking unity, of seeking truths that others lack and, in so doing, drawing closer to God and further from Satan.

In closing, I MUST STRESS, Satan's objective is MAXIMUM DIVISION, a house divided against itself CANNOT STAND and, currently, the house of YAHSHUA Messiah is TERRIBLY DIVIDED and Satan is dominating the world more than at any time in history. Only through unity, in marriage, in congregations and in the body as a whole, can Satan's hold on the earth be broken.

In the days ahead, God willing, I hope to share with you some of the truths which YAHWEH has been revealing to me in recent years, many of which are not widely known or understood and many of which are preserved by individual groupings that are not always widely regarded as hearing from God.

I pray that this will assist you in your quest to overcome to the end and to be found a faithful servant on that day. A wise and not a foolish virgin, a sheep and not a goat, wheat and not tares a good and not a worthless steward, etc. That you may rule and reign with Christ on a throne for eternity and not find yourself cast into outer darkness with weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

May YAHWEH bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you.
In the name of YAHSHUA Messiah of Nazareth, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
Amen.

James Robertson
5 February 2001

PARTIAL LIST OF SCRIPTURES RELATING TO "TRUTH"

Proverbs 30:5-6 states:

5 *Every word of God is pure; he is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.*

6 ***Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.*** (NKJ)

Isa 59:14-21

14 **Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.**

15 So **truth fails**, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice.

16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.

17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; the coastlands He will fully repay.

19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," says the LORD.

21 "As for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

(NKJ)

1 Kings 13:11-32

11 Now an old prophet dwelt in Bethel, and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; they also told their father the words which he had spoken to the king.

12 And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" For his sons had seen which way the man of God went who came from Judah.

13 Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him; and he rode on it,

14 and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. Then he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

15 Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

16 And he said, "I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place.

17 "For I have been told by the word of the LORD, 'You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.'"

18 He said to him, "I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" (He was **lying to him.**)

19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

20 Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back;

21 and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you,

22 'but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which the LORD said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water," your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.'"

23 So it was, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 When he was gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the corpse.

25 And there, men passed by and saw the corpse thrown on the road, and the lion standing by the corpse. Then they went and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 Now when the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard it, he said, "It is the man of God who was disobedient to the word of the LORD. Therefore the LORD has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him."

27 And he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled it.

28 Then he went and found his corpse thrown on the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse nor torn the donkey.

29 And the prophet took up the corpse of the man of God, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back. So the old prophet came to the city to mourn, and to bury him.

30 Then he laid the corpse in his own tomb; and they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!"

31 So it was, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb where the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones.

32 "For the saying which he cried out by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the shrines on the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, will surely come to pass."

(NKJ)

Matthew 22:16

16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and **teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.** (NKJ)

Mark 12:14

14 When they had come, they said to Him, "Teacher, we know that **You are true**, and care about no one; for You do not regard the person of men, but **teach the way of God in truth.** Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? (NKJ)

Luke 20:21

21 Then they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but **teach the way of God in truth:** (NKJ)

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth.** (NKJ)

John 1:17

17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and **truth came through Jesus Christ.** (NKJ)

John 3:20-21

20 "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

21 **"But he who does the truth comes to the light,** that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." (NKJ)

John 4:23-24

23 "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will **worship the Father in spirit and truth;** for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (NKJ)

John 8:32

32 "And you shall **know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**" (NKJ)

John 8:40-51

40 "But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you **the truth which I heard from God.** Abraham did not do this.

41 "You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father-- God."

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

43 "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

44 **"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**

45 "But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 "Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

50 "And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

51 "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." (NKJ)

John 14:6-7

6 Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." (NKJ)

John 14:16-17

16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

17 **"the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him;** but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (NKJ)

John 15:24-27

24 "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

25 "But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father**, He will testify of Me.

27 "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. (NKJ)

John 16:1-15

1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

2 "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

3 "And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

4 "But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'

6 "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 "of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

11 "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 "However, when He, **the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

15 "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. (NKJ)

John 17:1-26

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

2 "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

4 "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

7 "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

8 "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

10 "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

11 "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

12 "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 "But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

15 "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

16 "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth.**

18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

19 "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be **sanctified by the truth.**

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

23 "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25 "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

26 "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." (NKJ)

John 17:17

17 **"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.** (NKJ)

John 17:19

19 "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be **sanctified by the truth.** (NKJ)

John 18:37-38

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause **I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**"

38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all. (NKJ)

Acts 26:25

25 But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but **speak the words of truth and reason.** (NKJ)

Romans 1:17-19

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

18 **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,**

19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. (NKJ)

Romans 2:2

2 But we know that the **judgment of God is according to truth** against those who practice such things. (NKJ)

Romans 2:1-16

1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds":

7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;

8 **but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness-- indignation and wrath,**

9 **tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek;**

10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

11 For there is no partiality with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law

13 (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;

14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,

15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel. (NKJ)

Romans 15:8

8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the **truth of God**, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 5:8

8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of **sincerity and truth**. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

6 **does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;**

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (NKJ)

2 Corinthians 4:1-3

1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, **but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God**.

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, (NKJ)

2 Corinthians 6:4-10

4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,

7 **by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,**
8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;
9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;
10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. (NKJ)

2 Corinthians 13:7-8

7 Now I pray to God that you do no evil, not that we should appear approved, but that you should do what is honorable, though we may seem disqualified.

8 **For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.** (NKJ)

Ephesians 1:13

13 In Him you also trusted, **after you heard the word of truth,** the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, (NKJ)

Ephesians 4:25

25 Therefore, putting away lying, **"Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.** (NKJ)

Ephesians 5:8-11

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

9 **(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),**

10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. (NKJ)

Ephesians 6:14

14 Stand therefore, having **girded your waist with truth,** having put on the breastplate of righteousness, (NKJ)

2 Thessalonians 2:9-14

9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

10 and with all unrighteous deception **among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

12 **that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because **God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,**

14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NKJ)

1 Timothy 2:3-6

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
4 who desires all men to be saved and to **come to the knowledge of the truth.**

5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, (NKJ)

1 Timothy 3:14-15

14 These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly;
15 but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, **the pillar and ground of the truth.** (NKJ)

1 Timothy 6:3-5

3 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,

4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,

5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and **destitute of the truth**, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself. (NKJ)

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.** (NKJ)

2 Timothy 3:6-7

6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

7 **always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.** (NKJ)

2 Timothy 4:3-5

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4 and they will **turn their ears away from the truth**, and be turned aside to fables.

5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (NKJ)

Titus 1:14

14 not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. (NKJ)

Hebrews 10:26-31

26 **For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,**

27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people."

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (NKJ)

James 1:17-19

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

18 Of His own will He **brought us forth by the word of truth**, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; (NKJ)

James 3:13-18

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, **do not boast and lie against the truth.**

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (NKJ)

James 5:19-20

19 Brethren, **if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,**

20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. (NKJ)

1 Peter 1:22

22 Since you have **purified your souls in obeying the truth** through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, (NKJ)

2 Peter 2:1-6

1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; (NKJ)

1 John 1:1-10

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life--

2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

6 **If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.**

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (NKJ)

1 John 2:3-4

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

4 **He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (NKJ)**

1 John 2:20-22

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

21 I have not written to you **because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.**

22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. (NKJ)

1 John 3:18-19

18 **My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.**

19 And by this we know that **we are of the truth**, and shall assure our hearts before Him. (NKJ)

1 John 4:6-8

6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (NKJ)

1 John 5:6

6 This is He who came by water and blood-- Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because **the Spirit is truth.** (NKJ)

2 John 1:1-4

1 THE ELDER, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who **have known the truth**,

2 because of **the truth which abides in us** and will be with us forever:

3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, **in truth and love.**

4 I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. (NKJ)

3 John 1:1-4

1 THE ELDER, To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth:

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

3 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and **testified of the truth that is in you**, just as you walk in the truth.

4 **I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.** (NKJ)

3 John 1:8

8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we may **become fellow workers for the truth.** (NKJ)

Psalm 119:30

30 **I have chosen the way of truth;** your judgments I have laid before me. (NKJ)

Psalm 119:142

142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and **Your law is truth.** (NKJ)

Psalm 119:151

151 You are near, O LORD, and **all Your commandments are truth.** (NKJ)

Psalm 119:160

160 **The entirety of Your word is truth,** and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever. (NKJ)

Psalm 145:18

18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to **all who call upon Him in truth.** (NKJ)

Proverbs 8:7

7 **For my mouth will speak truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips.** (NKJ)

Proverbs 12:17

17 **He who speaks truth declares righteousness,** but a false witness, deceit. (NKJ)

Proverbs 14:22

22 Do they not go astray who devise evil? But **mercy and truth belong to those who devise good.** (NKJ)

Proverbs 23:23

23 **Buy the truth,** and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding. (NKJ)

Proverbs 29:14

14 The **king who judges the poor with truth, his throne will be established forever.** (NKJ)

Brown-Driver-Brigg's definition of

571 'emeth- (translated "truth" in Proverbs 29:14 above)

as a feminine noun:

1) firmness, faithfulness, truth

a) sureness, reliability

b) stability, continuance

c) faithfulness, reliability

d) truth

1) as spoken

2) used of testimony and judgment

- 3) used of divine instruction
- 4) truth as a body of ethical or religious knowledge
- 5) true doctrine

as an adverb:

- 2) in truth, truly

Zechariah 8:19

19 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'The fast of the fourth month, the fast of the fifth, the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah. Therefore **love truth and peace.**' (NKJ)

Ezekial 18:8-9

8 If he has not exacted usury nor taken any increase, but has withdrawn his hand from iniquity and executed true judgment between man and man;
9 If he has walked in My statutes and kept My judgments faithfully-- he is just; he shall surely live!" Says the Lord GOD. (NKJ)

Daniel 8:12-15

12 Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and **he cast truth down to the ground.** He did all this and prospered.

13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot?"

14 And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. (NKJ)

NOAH'S ARK, SODOM AND GOMORRAH, RED SEA CROSSING AND OTHER BIBLICAL SITES FOUND

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ

This mail is the first to adopt a new format.

The covering email contains a summary and the detailed text is contained in the attachment in MS Word format. There is further information on these developments in a separate mail to follow and also in the attachment.

SUMMARY

This mail reports on the findings of archaeologists Jonathan Gray and Ron Wyatt.

These findings include:

1) Noah's Ark and evidence of Noah's settlement after the flood as well as challenging archaeological finds of major structures around the world.

2) Sodom and Gomorrah with five towns reduced to ash by brimstone from the sky.

The Red Sea crossing site with the remains of chariots, human and horse skeletons on the sea bed on an undersea bridge south of Eilat.

Split rock at Horeb with erosion channels indicating that large volumes of water flowed out.

Fire blackened mountain with stone altar and other artifacts which correspond to Mount Sinai.

3) Skull hill, crucifixion site, unused tomb and other items corresponding to the Gospel account, outside the walls of Jerusalem.

All the temple furniture from the Holy of Holies and Most Holy Place, including the Ark of the Covenant, in a cave directly under the crucifixion site.

An earthquake crack through the base of the middle cross hole with human blood that has run down the crack onto the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant.

4) The Gospel story told in the Stars. A virgin with child which tramples on the head of the serpent.

6) Evidence of Joseph in Egypt including massive grain storage bins and Joseph's canal.

Various prophecies over Egypt fulfilled after more than a thousand years.

A wide variety of other material including books is available. South African catalogue attached and international contact details in the detailed attachment.

The book Dead Men's Secrets provides convincing evidence that God truly did create man in His own image and that man has been deteriorating intellectually, physically and spiritually ever since. I hope to provide a summary in due course.

The videos and materials are available in South Africa from this ministry and from other distributors around the world. The set of five videos are available in South Africa at a cost of R235 delivered to your door or free to those who cannot afford them. Ordering information in the attachment.

James Robertson

8 February 2001

EMAIL ADMINISTRATION

This mail has been sent to those people who have mostly been receiving mail from us for some time. As set out in the mail on New Developments at E.T.I. we have now introduced several lists. This detail is also contained in the attachment.

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NOAH'S ARK, SODOM AND GOMORRAH, RED SEA CROSSING AND OTHER BIBLICAL SITES FOUND

As an Engineer, scientist and intellectual, one of the greatest challenges that I experienced with the Bible, and a challenge which I know faces many others, was an inability to correlate many of the technical aspects of what was reported in the Bible with my own knowledge and experience.

I found stories like the Creation of Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark and the flood, the Red Sea Crossing with hundreds of thousands drowned, Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed by fire from the sky and other passages of the Bible beyond my ability to comprehend and, therefore, beyond my ability to accept.

This, coupled to disgust at the hypocrisy and conduct of many who called themselves "Christian" caused me for many years to regard the Bible as a book of fairy tales. Something which was completely without foundation and totally beyond the realms of possibility. In 1993, some things happened which caused me to look differently at these matters, but that is not the subject of this mail. Suffice to say that I remain concerned at the conduct of many who call themselves "Christian" and have yet myself to reach a point where I really feel that I can claim to be like the man whose name is included in that title.

SO? WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THIS MAIL?

Some time ago we encountered information regarding a number of major archaeological finds relating to Noah's Ark, the Red Sea Crossing site, Sodom and Gomorrah, etc. After some investigation, we made contact with the offices of Jonathan Gray, a Professional Archaeologist in Australia, who had conducted independent investigations into these findings and verified all of them. He had also made many additional findings.

In response to this we have secured the right to distribute his videos and books in South Africa. They also have distributors in other parts of the world. Accordingly, please find attached the South African catalogue and international contact details are provided below.

Having obtained a full set of the materials, watched the videos and read some of the other material, we are entirely convinced that these findings are GENUINE and provide rock solid evidence to support the assertion that whoever wrote the book of Genesis in the Bible was writing about known and verifiable events. There is also dramatic evidence that those who wrote the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John really did witness a crucifixion at which an earthquake took place and that after the event a place of worship was erected on the crucifixion site. This site is close to an empty

tomb sealed with an enormous round stone. All of these items have been found and are shown on the videos!

What I find particularly interesting as an Engineer is that the videos by Jonathan Gray report his investigations into the work of another archaeologist, a man by the name of Ron Wyatt. Having heard reports of Wyatt's findings, Gray set out TO PROVE HIM WRONG! Eventually, having heaped up massive evidence to substantiate Wyatt's claims, Gray was forced to recant and publish his own reports in support of Wyatt. As a consequence of the critical questioning of Wyatt's findings followed by Gray, the videos in particular provide very convincing evidence of the validity of the finds. Thus, while the material is a bit heavy, it is substantial and convincing. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND videos 1 to 4 and 6 to any person who has a genuine interest in establishing FOR THEMSELVES, whether at least some of the reports in the Bible are true!

SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS

The principal findings are summarized in six videos under the umbrella title of "Surprising Discoveries" as follows:

1. NOAH'S ARK, LOST SECRETS OF THE ANCIENTS AND NOAH'S HOME TOWN

Includes:

a. NOAH'S ARK

Detailed report including considerable video footage of the Ark including ground radar and other investigations to map the entire structure.

Sections of timber and rivets including chemical analysis.

Reconstruction based on the detailed mapping of the buried structure.

Much other information.

b. LOST SECRETS OF THE ANCIENTS

Evidence of lost civilizations with technology more advanced than those we have today. Tantalizing and challenging questions.

c. NOAH'S HOME TOWN

Remains of the "Place of Eight", a village erected by four families with iconographs and other evidence indicating that a family comprising a man and his three sons and their respective

wives built a community and lived and died at that location. Some human remains found.

2. SODOM AND GOMORRAH, RED SEA CROSSING, THE REAL MOUNT SINAI

d. SODOM AND GOMORRAH

The remains of five cities turned to ash and impregnated with balls of "brimstone", high purity sulphur balls with small quantities of magnesium which burn with INTENSE HEAT.

Evidence that these five cities were consumed by fire with temperatures in the vicinity of 5,000 DEGREES CENTIGRADE!

The surrounding areas are untouched.

e. RED SEA CROSSING

The site at which the Israelites crossed the Red Sea and where Pharaoh's Army was drowned.

A massive underwater "bridge" across the Red Sea South of Eilat.

Includes chariot parts, human and horse skeletal remains on the floor of the sea over a considerable extent.

Detailed topographic and scientific analysis to explain the phenomenon that resulted in the event.

Stone pillars erected by King Solomon in honour of Yahweh God commemorating the crossing of the Red Sea by Israel.

f. THE REAL MOUNT SINAI

A large rock on the top of a hill, split down the middle with water erosion channels leading down the hill from the rock.

A mountain, the top of which is blackened, as if by fire.

An altar and various other archaeological items which correspond with the Biblical account.

3. ARK OF THE COVENANT AND GOLGOTHA

A hill outside Jerusalem called "Skull Hill" or "Golgotha".

A crucifixion site beneath the hill with three sockets cut in the rock for crosses.

Mounting places for three large signs on the cliff face above the crosses.

An earthquake crack running through the base of the central cross hole.

An tomb in a garden a few hundred metres away with a hastily modified sarcophagus that was never sealed.

Evidence of a large circular stone and a large metal peg sheared off.

A large circular stone in front of the crucifixion site together with the remains of a place of worship constructed over the crucifixion site with coins dating it to the first century.

A cave UNDER the crucifixion site containing all the Temple Furniture from the first Temple, hidden before the Babylonian invasion of Jerusalem.

The Ark of the Covenant directly under the earthquake crack through the middle cross hole AND directly under the foot of the cross WITH HUMAN BLOOD having run down the crack and onto the Mercy Seat of the Ark!

4. STRANGE SIGNS IN THE SKY

A detailed look at the 48 signs of the Zodiac and the traditions of 200 tribal groupings going back thousands of years which tell of a virgin giving birth to a child which will eventually trample the head of a serpent.

Challenging and thought provoking information which must cause all of us to look at the stars differently.

6. IN A COFFIN IN EGYPT

Massive grain storage bins and other evidence of a major famine and provision in accordance with the account of Joseph in Egypt.

Evidence of fulfilment of various Bible prophecies concerning the destruction of Egypt, some fulfilled over a thousand years after they were given.

OTHER INFORMATION

There are a wide variety of books containing additional technical and supporting information to validate the finds as well as other books which report a diversity of other challenging findings.

These include a book titled "Dead Men's Secrets" which reports about 1,000 archaeological finds which support a perspective that Man was originally of great stature and highly technically and scientifically competent. In accordance with the Scientific principle of "Entropy" - the progressive deterioration of order to disorder and the dissipation of energy - mankind has been physically and intellectually deteriorating for the last 6,000 years, with periodic cycles of Renaissance.

Immensely challenging information which provides a weight of rational and carefully weighted evidence which leads to conclusions which will challenge all our paradigms of life on earth!

Some of this information and other information relating to these findings are available at the following web sites:

www.bibleplus.org/discoveries/discoveries.htm

www.anchorstone.com/wyatt

www.wyattarchaeology.com

www.wyattmuseum.com

www.barukmedia.com

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www.biblerevelations.org./ronwyatt.htm

There is also a discussion list on the www.anchorstone.com web site where those directly involved in the exploration are available to answer technical and related questions.

CONCLUSION

All of these findings are immensely challenging.

We can supply all the available materials, as set out in the attached catalogue. Some are available ex-stock and others are available on an order

on demand basis. For those in other countries, please contact the supplier nearest to you.

The five videos listed above are available in South Africa on an "at cost" basis of R35 plus postage and packing. The entire set of 5 videos are available at a cost of R175.00 for collection or R235.00 delivered to your door anywhere in the RSA within a few days of receipt of payment.

For those who cannot afford this cost, the videos are available free of charge and for those who can afford to make a donation towards this service, donations are welcome.

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT E.T.I.

Greetings

As you may have noticed, there has been an increase in postings from End Time Issues recently.

This is in response to a profound conviction that we are now in an age of awesome importance to the church and the world.

Since September 2000 Yahweh has taken me through 9 three day fasts and has been speaking to me in great detail about many issues.

In the last few weeks it has become apparent that He requires me to share much of what He has been showing me with others.

At present it seems that this will take several forms:

1) An increase in the volume and diversity of postings from us, building particularly on the themes of current judgment, the remnant (holiness and sanctification and drawing closer to God) and truth as the key to unity.

Over recent years, we have been led to many places and to communicate with diverse individuals and ministries as Yahweh has opened doors for us to see a far more complex Mosaic of His truth than we had previously recognized.

We are acutely aware of the need for all who claim to love God, Christian, Jew and Moslem to find their common ground and draw closer to one another AND to Yahweh God.

It is now time to start sharing much of what we have learnt.

2) In order to do this, we are now formalizing the rather informal list which has been the basis of the mails that some of you have been receiving for over a year now.

With this, we are also instituting:

a) the body of the mailing will be in an attachment for ease of printing in all cases where the mailing is more than a few pages.

a summary will be contained in the body of the email.

attachments will be in MSWord 97 format but can be supplied in Adobe Acrobat format if you would prefer - formatting and printing should be more reliable in this format.

for those who prefer NOT to receive attachments or whose environments do not permit attachments, we will supply the text of the attachment embedded in the mail.

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EMAIL ADMINISTRATION

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INTERPRETING BIBLE PROPHECY FOR THIS SEASON

SUMMARY

Over the last few years we have seen a substantial number of interpretations offered with regard to the fulfilment of Bible Prophecy in this age.

HOWEVER, it appears that most, if not all of these interpretations have been faulty. The events which have been so confidently foretold have certainly not come to pass at the times and in the ways predicted.

DOES THIS MEAN THAT ALL ASPECTS OF THESE INTERPRETATIONS WERE FALSE?

This teaching examines a few aspects of what was expected to happen and suggests that SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED, but it is NOT what we expected in the form that we expected.

The first coming of Messiah 2,000 years ago is examined in some detail and it is shown that:

The Messiah came in a manner that fulfilled prophecy but FEW SAW IT, the angels came to shepherds on a remote hillside.

It was revealed to those who had eyes to see - the prophets Anna and Simeon when Jesus was dedicated.

Those who did understand, did not understand. The chief priests and scribes correctly told the wise men where to find the baby, but thirty years later they did not recognize Him.

John the Baptist WAS ELIJAH BUT HE WAS NOT ELIJAH! Many aspects of the prophecies that were fulfilled followed this principle.

Jesus repeatedly said "tell no one". God did not dramatically advertise the coming of Messiah.

Yahweh deliberately mislead them and Jesus did not correct them. God allowed a situation where everyone thought Jesus came from Nazareth when He actually came from Bethlehem to fulfil prophecy.

When Jesus DID tell them who He was, they CRUCIFIED HIM! Are we in the process of doing the same today?

Jesus of Nazareth did NOT CONFORM to their expectations BUT HE WAS THE MESSIAH!

The fulfilment of prophecy WAS ONLY REVEALED AFTER THE EVENT. Jesus said they could not bear all He had to say to them before His death. He had to return after His resurrection and explain to them, on the road to Emmaus and at other times what had happened and how it fulfilled prophecy. EVEN HIS CLOSEST DISCIPLES COULD NOT SEE IT BEFORE IT WAS FULFILLED!

GOD IS ON TIME BUT MOST ARE LOOKING FOR THE WRONG THINGS IN THE WRONG PLACE!

He has given us Bible Prophecy to enable us to discern the signs of the times, to warn us when the time is drawing near, to warn us to press in closer to Him, listen more attentively to Him, open our eyes to see and our ears to hear what the Spirit says to the churches! (Revelation 2 and 3).

WE must cease to look to the things which are seen, what is happening now is UNSEEN.

We must cease to lean to our own understanding, what is happening now is BEYOND our understanding.

We live in a SPIRITUAL DISPENSATION, NOT a physical one.

Is the beast of Revelation not a beast but is THE beast?

Is the mark of Revelation not a mark but is THE mark?

etc?

ARE THEY PHYSICAL OR SPIRITUAL

ARE THEY HERE OR ARE THEY YET TO COME?

It behooves us ALL to make sure that we are not sowing to the flesh in an age when we MUST SOW TO THE SPIRIT.

The detailed teaching provides detailed scripture to make what is written above clearer. The nature of the subject such is that it is NOT easily summarized in one or two pages.

Shalom

James Robertson
8 February 2001

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In particular, there has been great certainty that something was due to happen at the start of the New Millennium. Various detailed analyses of scripture, dates, errors in calendars, astronomical information, etc have been presented to suggest that something of GREAT IMPORTANCE will happen **sometime soon**.

Early projections identified the Great Day of the Feast of Tabernacles in 1996 as THE DATE. Subsequent projections set 1 January 2000, Passover 2000, Yom Kippur or Tabernacles 2000 and then 1 January 2001.

In September last year, about the time of Yom Kippur, I undertook a limited search on the internet. There was widespread agreement, SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN SOON. I do not think that I found a single web site that did not project something ON OR BEFORE 1 January 2001 as being the latest possible date that ANY reasonable interpretation of scripture indicated that SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN.

The vast majority of these sites were also in agreement as to WHAT was going to happen! The so-called "rapture" was confidently foretold by many. There was less unanimity about the other options. All "good" Christians would be whisked out of the way and then God would judge the sinful world.

As at this writing, NONE of the things which ANY of the websites I visited indicated would happen, have noticeably come to pass. Nor have any of the things which have been presented in various books I have read and videos I have watched noticeably come to pass!

So

either

there are virtually NO good Christians and those who were good enough to qualify were in such isolated locations that no one saw them go. Possible but hopefully not probable.

or

everybody got their dates wrong. Possible but seems unlikely, we know that in the seventh day God rests and there is virtually no way anyone can suggest that we are now less than 6,000

years from creation. If we are not in the seventh day, we must surely almost be there (remember, with God a day is as a thousand years (2 Peter 3:8), and interpretation of scripture based on this principle accurately predicts Jesus birth, so the next phase in the calendar based on the same scriptures MUST be reasonably predictable).

OR

Something DID HAPPEN but it was NOT what we were expecting!! I hope, in what follows, to give you a reasonable basis to see that this is HIGHLY PROBABLE!

WHAT WENT WRONG?

FOR THAT MATTER, DID ANYTHING GO WRONG?

Having myself expected certain things to happen, I have asked these rather obvious questions.

In particular, in 1996, I found myself in Israel on business, arranged by God, with no particular interest in setting dates for End Time Events.

As I walked through the Holocaust Museum, I heard the Spirit of God say to me very clearly "This is NOTHING compared to what the church is about to go through"!

I was walking past photographs of emaciated, naked Jews being gunned down by their hundreds and bulldozed into trenches!

Emaciated naked Jews being herded into gas chambers!

Wretched Jews being crushed into cattle trucks!

Jews in ghettos, struggling to survive and subject to constant persecution! Jews with their shop windows smashed and their possessions looted!

Jews with large yellow Stars of David on their clothes, prevented from buying and selling!

If you have never been to the Holocaust museum or to Auschwitz or some other place where the holocaust is commemorated, you may have difficulty understanding what went through my mind when the Spirit of God spoke to me!

AND IT WAS DONE BY PEOPLE, MANY OF WHOM APPLIED THE LABEL "CHRISTIAN" TO THEMSELVES

People who justified their actions by reference to an alleged statement that "the only good Jew is a dead Jew" attributed to a man who is regarded as one of the greatest Christian reformers of history!!

While preparing for the business conferences at which I was speaking, **the Spirit of God said "apologize to the Jewish people for what has been done to them in the name of Jesus Christ and ask for their forgiveness"!**

As I climbed back into the bus, I found myself reaching into my briefcase for the book "The Year 2000, The Final Victory", written by Marvin Byers, published by Treasure House, an imprint of Destiny Image, P O Box 310, Shippensburg, PA 17257, ISBN 1-56043-824-X, published in first edition in 1991 and second edition in 1994. I had purchased the book about nine months earlier and somehow, it had found it's way into my briefcase as I was packing to leave for Israel! I knew that God wanted me to read it THEN!

The rest of that day, as the tour bus took me to other destinations and then back to Tel Aviv and the next day as I took a coach back to Jerusalem, impressed by the Spirit that there was more I had to see, I read steadily. I found myself in the Jerusalem Museum looking at an exhibition to commemorate 1996 as the 3,000th year from the founding of Jerusalem and, as I rode the bus back to Tel Aviv I read that this was one of the key signs of the end of the age. 2,000 years from the birth of Jesus Christ, 6,000 years from the creation of Adam, **3,000 years from the founding of Jerusalem**. I KNEW GOD WAS TELLING ME - THIS IS IT! As I read, I found other clear indications that things that were going on around me confirmed the dates. **I KNEW THAT I KNEW THAT I KNEW THAT the Great Day of the Feast of Tabernacles was A GREAT DAY.**

I ASSUMED, and herein lies the rub, I ASSUMED that the interpretation in the book of what would happen was correct. We purchased more copies of the book to give to family and friends and looked forward expectantly to the second coming of Jesus Christ on the clouds of Glory on the Great Day of the Feast of Tabernacles!

We even met with others at a church, on a piece of high ground to pray that evening.

NOTHING HAPPENED!

Or did something happen?

WE DID NOT SEE ANYTHING HAPPEN,

but did it?

The purpose of this writing is to establish whether it is possible that something happened that we did NOT see as an alternative to concluding that NOTHING HAPPENED because what we EXPECTED TO SEE did NOT happen.

The reason this is important, is that I am now utterly convinced that SOMETHING DID HAPPEN but it was NOT what we were LOOKING for!

This, in turn, is important because IF what I profoundly believe DID happen, happened, then a whole lot more things have been happening since then ALL OF WHICH FULFIL BIBLE PROPHECY but NOT IN THE WAY WE WERE EXPECTING!

SOME POINTS ABOUT INTERPRETING BIBLE PROPHECY

In the years that have followed, I have wrestled with this topic.

I constantly find indications in the Spirit that something is happening and more and more people are persuaded of this. On the other hand, I continue to encounter books, etc which suggest that something ELSE was going to happen.

Late last year (December 2000) I found myself reading the Gospels. As I did so, the thing which kept striking me was HOW FEW PEOPLE SAW WHAT HAPPENED AND HOW DIFFERENT WHAT HAPPENED WAS TO WHAT EVERYONE WAS EXPECTING!

The bottom line first

the Chief Priests and the Pharisees and the Scribes

WERE WAITING FOR MESSIAH

..... BUT

THEY CRUCIFIED HIM in fulfilment of prophecy!!

**And they didn't even realize it
AFTERWARDS!**

WHY?

Because he did not conform to THEIR expectation of how he would come!

Consider some scriptures. These are by NO MEANS ALL the scriptures relevant to this subject but they serve to make an important point:

THE MESSIAH CAME IN A MANNER THAT FULFILLED PROPHECY BUT FEW SAW IT!

Luke 2:4-39

4 *Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,*

5 *to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.*

6 *So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.*

7 *And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

8 *Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

9 *And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.*

10 *Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.*

11 *"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

12 *"And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."*

13 *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:*

14 *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*

15 *So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."*

16 *And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.*

17 *Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.*

18 *And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.*

19 *But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

20 *Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.*

Yahweh told the shepherds in a DRAMATIC WAY ON AN ISOLATED HILLSIDE and the shepherds saw for themselves and confirmed to Mary and Joseph what they already knew. But it took place in a stable and the shepherds returned to the hillside. There is no evidence that there was major awareness in Bethlehem of what happened.

Yahweh considered it necessary to announce to the SPIRIT WORLD that the Messiah had come, he was NOT THAT CONCERNED about the natural, human world!

He could have caused the angels to appear to every man and woman on the planet, instead they ONLY appeared to a small group of shepherds on a remote hillside!

Major fulfilment of prophecy took place, EXACTLY ON TIME, to the year, the day and the hour YET HARDLY ANYONE KNEW ABOUT IT!

21 *And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.*

22 *Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord*

23 *(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"),*

24 *and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."*

25 *And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.*

26 *And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.*

27 *So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,*

28 *he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:*

29 *"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;*

30 *For my eyes have seen Your salvation*

31 *Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,*

32 *A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."*

33 *And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.*

34 *Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against*

35 *(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*

36 *Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity;*

37 *and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.*

38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

39 So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. (NKJ)

Here, by His Holy Spirit, Yahweh revealed the identity of the child to TWO PROPHETS, Simeon and Anna, who declared it "to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem".

Those who had eyes to see SAW!

But the rest?

Matthew 2:1-18

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and **all Jerusalem with him.**

4 And when he had gathered **all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.**

5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,

15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." (NKJ)

The wise men came to Herod, "all Jerusalem was troubled", ALL the chief priests and scribes correctly determined that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem -- so all in Jerusalem might have known that the Messiah was born.

But Herod put all the children to death

-- and the people who were troubled?

Did they believe that the Messiah had been put to death?

Or did they not really comprehend what was happening

-- and ALL the chief priests and scribes?

even 31 years later when Jesus declared that He WAS THE MESSIAH, exactly ON TIME

-- prophecy was being fulfilled but NO ONE / hardly anyone realized it!

John 1:19-36

19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews **sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"**

20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

21 And they asked him, "What then? **Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not."** "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

23 He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord," 'as the prophet Isaiah said."

24 Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know.

27 "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

30 "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

31 "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

32 And John bore witness, saying, **"I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.**

33 "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

34 **"And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."**

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.

36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" (NKJ)

John explicitly testified before a multitude that Jesus was "The Son of God" and "The Lamb of God", in other words the Messiah. But still, this was only a fraction of a percentage of all the people living on the earth or even in Israel in those days!

As with the previous signs, the signs were there BUT they were given only to a few people and the few people who saw this sign probably did not see any of those which preceded it!

And

anyway

those who mattered were not looking for a carpenter's son out of Nazareth.

They were looking for a King like David, a mighty warrior to defeat the Romans?

ELIJAH CAME -- BUT NOT THE WAY PEOPLE EXPECTED!

Matthew 11:11-15, Jesus speaking

11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 "And if you are willing to receive it, **he is Elijah who is to come.**

15 "He who has ears to hear, let him hear! (NKJ)

Matthew 17:12-13

12 "But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands."

13 Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist. (NKJ)

Mark 9:12-13

12 Then He answered and told them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt?"

13 "But I say to you that Elijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him." (NKJ)

Here we see an interesting point.

People were LOOKING FOR ELIJAH,

John said he was NOT Elijah,

Jesus said he WAS!

NO

he was NOT Elijah resurrected,

YES he was walking in the office of the Elijah who was to come
- he was a type of Elijah in his office and his ministry and his anointing.

He was NOT Elijah but he WAS Elijah.

Here we see a classic example of the paradoxes associated with fulfilled prophecy all around Jesus' coming!

Think about it --

Are we looking for:

a beast that is not a beast but is THE beast?

a mark that is not a mark but is THE mark?

a tribulation that is not a tribulation but is THE tribulation?

death that is not death but IS death?

JESUS REPEATEDLY SAID "TELL NO ONE"

Matthew 8:4

4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you **tell no one**; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." (NKJ)

Mark 8:29-30

29 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."

30 Then He charged them that they should **tell no one about Him**. (NKJ)

Matthew 16:20-23

20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should **tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ**.

21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." (NKJ)

Matthew 17:9

9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "**Tell the vision to no one** until the Son of Man is risen from the dead." (NKJ)

Mark 7:36

36 Then He commanded them that they should **tell no one**; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. (NKJ)

Mark 8:30

30 Then He charged them that they should **tell no one** about Him. (NKJ)

Mark 9:9-10

9 Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should **tell no one** the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

10 So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant. (NKJ)

Luke 5:14

14 And He charged him to **tell no one**, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded." (NKJ)

Luke 8:56

56 And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to **tell no one** what had happened. (NKJ)

Luke 9:21-22

21 And He strictly warned and commanded them to **tell this to no one**,
22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." (NKJ)

Here we have ten instances in scripture where Jesus told people to "tell no one" that He was the Christ (Messiah) or about their healing.

JESUS MADE ABSOLUTELY NO EFFORT TO PUBLICISE WHAT HE WAS DOING!!!

In fact, HE ACTIVELY DISCOURAGED PUBLICITY!

Are we sure that if something is going on in the world right now that God is actively publicising it?

Or is He only showing it to those with ears to hear and eyes to see?

YAHWEH DELIBERATELY MISLEAD THEM AND JESUS DID NOT CORRECT THEM

John 7:45-53

45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"

46 The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived?"

48 "Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?"

49 "But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."

50 Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them,

51 "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"

52 They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? **Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.**"

53 And everyone went to his own house. (NKJ)

Everybody **knew** He was from Nazareth in Galilee,

BUT HE WAS FROM BETHLEHEM.

He was born in Bethlehem, lived there for two years and then went to Egypt before returning to Nazareth. All in fulfillment of prophecy, but nobody understood!!

Yahweh deliberately did NOT let Joseph, Mary and the Child return to Bethlehem, he sent them to Nazareth instead!

Then Jesus, knowing that they did not believe in Him (remember He knew all things John 2:24) did NOTHING to correct their misunderstanding of where he was from.

Even today, we know Him as "Jesus of Nazareth", even though He technically came from Bethlehem!

So even TODAY, Yahweh is apparently not making any effort to remove the misunderstanding regarding the place of Jesus' birth! "Jesus of Nazareth" occurs FIVE TIMES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS!

Are we looking for Messiah to come and He has come from where He said He would come but NOT THE WAY with thought He would come?

WHEN HE DID TELL THEM THEY DID NOT BELIEVE HIM

Luke 22:67-71

67 "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe.

68 "And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer Me or let Me go.

69 "Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

70 Then they all said, "**Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "You rightly say that I am."**

71 And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth." (NKJ)

When they DID ask Him directly and He answered Him directly, they called Him a liar and accused Him of blasphemy AND THEN THEY CRUCIFIED HIM!!

There is a critical lesson here for ALL OF US!

Jesus of Nazareth DID NOT CONFORM TO THEIR EXPECTATION OF WHAT THE MESSIAH WOULD BE LIKE,

so when He told them He was the Messiah, they CRUCIFIED HIM!!

WOULD WE HAVE DONE ANY DIFFERENTLY?

ARE WE DOING ANY DIFFERENTLY?

ARE WE CERTAIN THAT HIS NEXT COMING WILL BE ON THE CLOUDS OF GLORY according to what we think those words mean?

Are we absolutely sure that He has NOT ALREADY RETURNED in the form of Messiah, Christ, the anointing of the Holy Spirit?

Are we absolutely sure that there are ONLY TWO COMINGS?

Are we sure that some of the things which are happening today which some are claiming is of the devil, are not the return of Messiah or at the very least, the return of the anointing of Messiah?

If YOU have spoken out against these things, are you sure YOU are not about to participate in CRUCIFYING AGAIN THE LORD OF GLORY??

THE FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY WAS ONLY REVEALED AFTER THE EVENT

John 16:1-12

1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

2 "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

3 "And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

4 "But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'

6 "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 "of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

10 "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

11 "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 **"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. (NKJ)**

Luke 24:13-35

13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that **Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.**

16 **But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.**

17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 "and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.

21 **"But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel.** Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

22 "Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.

23 "When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.

24 "And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

25 Then He said to them, **"O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!**

26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

27 **And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.**

28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther.

29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.

30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

31 **Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.**

32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,
34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"
35 And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread. (NKJ)

BEFORE HE DIED, JESUS SAID "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now."

Before the prophecies concerning the death of the Messiah were fulfilled, Jesus said that his disciples could not BEAR THEM NOW!!

They were only able to bear the truth AFTER PROPHECY HAD BEEN FULFILLED!!

**after prophecy had been fulfilled,
JESUS STILL HAD TO RETURN to
explain in detail that it had, in fact
BEEN FULFILLED!**

Surely that suggests that we should be EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS about seeking to project in detail what is going to happen next?

Surely books and movies about people being taken out of aircraft in mid-air as the LORD RETURNS, are moving into the area of fortune telling and witchcraft?

Surely we will ONLY KNOW what is happening WHEN it happens and THEN ONLY IF WE HAVE EARS TO HEAR AND EYES TO SEE!?!?

CONCLUSION

If we believe that we know exactly how things that are foretold in Bible Prophecy are going to be fulfilled, we are almost certainly mistaken.

Yahweh has not given us Bible Prophecy to use like a fortune cookie with explicit instructions for anyone to see! He is looking for those who will OVERCOME TO THE END! -- Refer the recent teaching on the Remnant -- those who "overcome to the end" and will rule and reign with Christ (the Messiah) (Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21, 11:7, 13:7, 17:14 and 21:7 all refer to those who "overcome").

He has given us Bible Prophecy to enable us to discern the signs of the times, to warn us when the time is drawing near, to warn us to press in closer to Him, listen

more attentively to Him, open our eyes to see and our ears to hear what the Spirit says to the churches! (Revelation 2 and 3).

By the Spirit of the Most High God, I attest today that the TIME IS NOW but that what people have been expecting is NOT what the scriptures foretell.

God is ON TIME

BUT

Most of us are looking to the things that are seen when we should be looking to the things that are unseen:

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, **while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.** For the things which are seen are temporary, **but the things which are not seen are eternal.**" (NKJ)*

AND

are leaning to our own understanding:

Proverbs 3:5-7: *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and **lean not on your own understanding**; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil." (NKJ)*

They are looking for Elijah but Elijah has come and Elijah is not Elijah!

They are looking for a Messiah from Bethlehem and the Messiah has come from Bethlehem but He is not from Bethlehem!

WHAT DO I MEAN?

We have been looking for a PHYSICAL TRIBULATION, but Yahshua ushered in a SPIRITUAL DISPENSATION:

The word "Spirit" occurs about 90 times in the "Old Testament" and over 240 times in the "New Testament". Yet there are about 948 pages in a typical "Old Testament" compared with "295" in a typical "New Testament". In other words, the word "Spirit" occurs once every 10.5 pages of the "Old Testament" and once every 1.2 pages in the "New Testament".

2 Corinthians 3:5-6: *"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, **not of the letter but of the Spirit**; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (NKJ)*

John 6:63: *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. **The words that I speak to you are spirit**, and they are life. (NKJ)*

Romans 8:2: *For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** has made me free from the law of sin and death. (NKJ)*

Galatians 6:8: *For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but **he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.** (NKJ)*

If we look for physical manifestation of Bible prophecy in this age, it seems to me that many times we could be seriously mistaken.

Yes, there are physical manifestations with regard to timing.

The activities in and on the Temple Mount would appear to be such signs.

The war in Israel, started at Yom Kippur, seemingly exactly in line with prophecy would appear to be another.

BUT

what about the great tribulation of Matthew 24:21 *"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."* ?

what about the Mark of the Beast of Revelation? Revelation 20:4 *"And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."*

what about the Beast of Revelation? Revelation 13:4 *"So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"*

what about the two prophets of Revelation? Revelation 11:10 *"And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and*

send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth."

what about a whole bunch of other end time prophecies?

are THEY PHYSICAL OR ARE THEY SPIRITUAL?

are SOME physical and some spiritual?

ARE SOME OF THEM ALREADY UPON US?

ARE THEY ALL ALREADY UPON US?

REMEMBER:

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. Galatians 6:7-8 (NKJ)

It behooves us ALL to make sure that we are not sowing to the flesh in an age when we MUST SOW TO THE SPIRIT.

Please prayerfully consider what is written here.

God willing, in due course I will write further about what it seems to me is actually happening!

Shalom

James Robertson
8 February 2001

END TIME ISSUES MAILING LIST

Currently we offer a mailing list where, currently every few days, items of interest are mailed to those on the list. Recent mailings have included, "God's Wrath for the Church Today", "Who or What is the Remnant", "Seeking for God's Truth - The Key to Unity", "Islam's End Time Teachings", etc. There are also occasional comments on world events, such as the significance of the current war in Israel as a possible fulfilment of prophecy which could become World War III.

We expect the activity on this list to increase dramatically in the days ahead and, if you are truly persuaded that the events spoken of in Daniel,

Matthew 24, Revelation and other scriptures are at hand, you may find that this is a useful source of information.

If you are not currently a subscriber, reply to this mail or mail me at james@end-time-issues.org.za with the words **"Please add me to the FULL mailing list"** on the subject line.

Recognizing that many people have overloaded diaries and email post boxes, we are also offering to send only a summary of every mail, in which case, please write **"Please add me to the SUMMARY mailing list"** on the subject line.

We also hope, God willing, to start issuing a monthly digest, which will comprise either the summaries or abbreviated summaries for all the postings for the month. If you cannot handle more, then I urge you to at least consider subscribing to this. In this case mail me with **"Please add me to the DIGEST mailing list"**, in the subject line.

Those on the FULL list will automatically obtain the summary and the monthly digest AS WELL.

If you are already on our FULL list and would like to change to the SUMMARY or DIGEST lists, please mail me with **"Please change me to the SUMMARY / DIGEST list"** on the subject line.

We also operate the MalachiPrayer list which is a once a week prayer for healing of marriage and an end to divorce sent to subscribers. To subscribe to this list, mail me with **"Please add me to the MalachiPrayer mailing list"**, in the subject line.

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We look forward to being of service to you in whatever way we can.

Yours faithfully,

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EMAIL ADMINISTRATION

If you have found this mail interesting, please forward it to others who you think might also find it of interest.

If you do not want to receive further mails on this and related subjects, please mail us with "Please remove me from your list" in the subject line.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE

Two days ago I received an email with the heading "Something Must Be Done".

It was a petition in response to a number of instances of serious crimes in South Africa. But what I have to say is just as relevant to readers elsewhere in the world, so please bear with me a little longer.

I am sure that most of you receive such mails from time to time and most have probably responded and diligently forwarded them. Most of you know that I have (smile).

Sometimes it turns out that they are years old and other times, like the recent "Kidney Theft" mail, they turn out to be hoaxes.

Most, however, represent an impassioned plea by someone to SOMEONE to DO SOMETHING!

However, as pointed out in the attachment, email petitions are likely to be an entirely futile exercise. So are ordinary petitions, etc.

The real solution lies in people turning to Yahweh God, whether they are Christian, Jew or Moslem, all believe that the true God answers prayer and many have experience of ANSWERED PRAYER.

The attached document is the response that I felt impressed to send out after receiving that mail.

It represents, for me at least, a bold and radical departure from my responses in the past. BUT, I believe it represents the SORT OF RESPONSE that God is looking for from those who call on His name.

Please read it prayerfully.

If it strikes a responsive chord and you have contacts in South Africa, you might consider blocking the whole document in MSWord, copying and pasting it into a new email and posting it on to them. Address the mail to yourself and put all the names in the BCC section. That way the header is cleaner and you don't spread your friends and associates email addresses around unnecessarily.

Alternatively, you might like to modify it and put your details instead of mine. Please feel free to use as much or as little of what is attached as is appropriate.

For those of you elsewhere in the world who know of issues that people feel strongly about, whether it is alleged kidney theft in Australia, the USA or South America or some real and pressing issue, LIKE PRAYER IN US

SCHOOLS, please feel free to use this as a starting point for whatever you might feel impressed to write.

The bottom line is IF YOU BELIEVE IN GOD, it is TIME to make a difference by pro-actively and positively declaring your faith in ways that CAN make a difference. IF on the other hand, you are undecided about God, then please read the attachment thoughtfully, there is a vital message in it for you!

Shalom

James

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE

Greetings

Earlier today I received a mail with a petition headed "Something Must Be Done" in response to some recent acts of violence in South Africa. This email started:

"DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES

I DON'T NORMALLY PASS THINGS ON BUT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT. ALSO LAST NIGHT A FRIEND OF A FRIEND WAS DRIVING HOME FROM WORK WHEN SHE STOPPED AT AT TRAFFIC LIGHT. A FLOWER SELLER WALKED UP TO THE WINDOW, PULLED A GUN AND SHOT HER THROUGH BOTH HER WRISTS - HER HANDS WAS ON THE STEERING WHEEL AT THE TIME. IT HAS TO STOP!!!!

Hi,

For those of you that do not know, this guy's family was tied up and 5 guys then raped his 14 year old daughter in front of the family. I am not one for petitions, but if we don't do something about law and order, nobody else will. Of course it is only a boring petition until it is your family concerned.

....."

Having found myself caught out on more than one occasion forwarding seemingly genuine mails, only to find out later that they were either months or years old or hoaxes, I had recently reached the point of concluding that I was not going to forward any more.

However, recognizing that I have two teenage daughters and a wife myself and that I have also had some exposure to the inner workings of the Criminal Justice System and Community Police Forums, it seems to me that I must act in some fashion in response to this mail.

So, here goes!

FIRSTLY, let me state unequivocally SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!

HOWEVER, the question is WHAT?

The problem with email petitions is that the objective of "when there are 1,000 names" is difficult to define. The same list gets multiplied again and again with one name added at the end each time. Thus, unlike the old paper based petitions, the weight of paper is not really a reliable indicator of opinion and I am sure that the Office of the President will also see it that way. DELETE IS ALSO ONLY A MOUSE CLICK AWAY!

It would probably be more effective if each person was to email the office of the President at president@po.gov.za directly with a nice clean mail registering concern.

HOWEVER, having been involved in some aspects of the Community Police Forums and other aspects of the National Crime Prevention Strategy, etc, that STILL presents a problem. The reality is that, as of 1998, there were roughly 25,000 murders a year in South Africa. At the same time there was only prison accommodation with triple bunking and other overloading for approximately 114,000 prisoners. Accordingly, IF all murderers were arrested and accepting the complexities of some people committing more than one murder and more than one person being involved in most murders, as a first approximation, we can take it that **there is ONLY PRISON ACCOMMODATION FOR FIVE YEARS PRODUCTION OF MURDERERS assuming that all rapists and all other criminals are released on the streets!** This is a major reason why the Police and Justice personnel are so demoralized. It does not matter how well they do their jobs, the arrested and convicted criminal WILL be out on the streets again soon.

THE ANSWER?

FIRSTLY MAY I SUGGEST THAT WE STOP COMPLAINING AND START PROPOSING CONCRETE ACTION?

Part of the answer is to bring back the death penalty: Genesis 9:5-6 states:

5 "Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God he made man." (NKJ)

Elsewhere in the Bible Yahweh God has laid down clear procedures in terms of which in the case of murder or manslaughter (deliberate or accidental death), the "avenger of blood" was to seek out the murderer and, provided there were at least two witnesses, the murderer was to be put to death immediately! No doubt the vast majority of citizens would claim that was "barbaric". However, it is HIGH TIME that we recognize that our so-called "civilized" conduct has brought us to this place of total ANARCHY and the more the world departs from the commandments of God and seeks to define it's own laws, the worse the situation becomes.

UNTIL we recognize that Yahweh God, the Creator of the Heavens, the Earth and every living creature INCLUDING MAN, Himself dictated the death penalty for murder and UNTIL we recognize that ever since man has ceased to rigorously honour God's Word, the situation has gotten worse, we cannot expect to see an improvement.

However, as much as calling for the return of the death penalty IS an important step, it is still not going to get to the root of the problem. The morals and ethics of our society are so corrupt that life is viewed as cheap and NOT sacred. Computer and TV Games, TV programs, videos, movies, etc all teach any who will watch, that people can be shot at point blank range with no reason and still survive to reappear in the next episode or next movie! That becomes the reality for many in our society. The same applies to rape, fornication, etc.

May I suggest that if you EVER permit such violence or wrong behaviour to be shown on TV or computer in your home, if you EVER watch it yourself or permit your children to watch it or go to movies where they can watch it. YOU ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION!! **It is time that those who claim to be disturbed by the**

sort of mindless violence decried in the mail which prompted this writing take a position of UNWAVERING OPPOSITION to all things that contribute. I am NOT writing about petitions and demonstrations, I am writing about a life style which DEMONSTRATES A RESOLUTE REFUSAL to watch or condone the watching of such acts of violence.

TURN OFF THE TV, throw out the videos, computer games and books!! And encourage your friends to do the same. Refuse to watch the movies. I am not talking about sanctions, I am talking about a decision to change the quality of YOUR life and thereby encourage those around you to change the quality of THEIR lives!

CLEARLY ENOUGH, THAT IS NOT GOING TO MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE EITHER, BUT IT IS A START!

IS THERE MORE WE CAN DO?

UNEQUIVOCALLY YES!!

To every person reading this mail who is truly DISTURBED by the situation, I offer the following challenge:

1. IF YOU CLAIM TO BELIEVE IN YAHWEH GOD, WHETHER YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, A JEW OR A MOSLEM!

If you do NOT believe, then I suggest you skip this section!

BUT IF YOU HAVE EVER PERMITTED SOME STATEMENT TO ISSUE FORTH FROM YOUR LIPS WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES GOD AS BEING GOD, please consider carefully what follows:

It matters not whether you call yourself "Christian" and have, at some time accepted that "Jesus Christ is Lord", or any other derivative of that statement, it matters not whether you are a Jew and know Him as Hashem, YHVH or Yahweh or some other derivative, it matters not whether you are a Moslem and know Him as "Allah" or some other derivative. WHAT MATTERS IS THAT AT SOME TIME YOU HAVE ACCEPTED THAT HE EXISTS AND THAT HE HAS SOME AUTHORITY IN YOUR LIFE!!

That being the case, the Holy Scriptures, and I refer to the Five Books of Moses - the Pentateuch, the Torah, the Tawratt - it matters not what name you use, the Psalms and the Proverbs - it matters not what names you use, lay down ALL THAT WE NEED TO KNOW concerning the fundamental principles of LIFE AND JUSTICE. If we depart from those principles, we depart from LIFE and we should not be surprised if anarchy results. Those principles have been fundamental to every stable society from the beginning of time, they were fundamental to African society before the White Man came!!

WE MUST RETURN TO GOD'S WAY OF DOING THINGS BUT, BEFORE WE CAN DO THAT, WE MUST RETURN TO GOD / YAHWEH / ALLAH, Christian, Jew or Moslem -- all worship the same God!

If, as a Christian, you have been taught that Jesus Christ (Yahshua Messiah) came to do away with the death penalty, then ask yourself why Paul, in Acts 25:11 says "*For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying;*" (NKJ) Jesus fulfilled the LAW (Torah) He did not abolish it!!

For too long those who claim to serve Yahweh God and the Messiah, Yahshua (Jesus) have neglected the Word of God concerning crime. Only the Moslem people have been faithful to His Word in anything approaching all respects. IT IS TIME FOR ALL TO REPENT AND TURN TO YAHWEH GOD for deliverance. It is time that we choose LIFE and NOT death.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20:

19 "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

20 "that you may love Yahweh [the LORD] your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days;" (NKJ)

In order to do that we must turn to Him and seek him in PRAYER, morning, noon and night!

IT IS ONLY THROUGH PRAYER THAT THIS CARNAGE WILL BE STOPPED!

If you are not sure whether you believe in God or Jesus anymore, but once you thought you did, then mail me privately at james@end-time-issues.org.za and I will share with you solid, ENGINEERING STABLE facts that will prove to anyone who sincerely wants to know, that Yahweh God IS ALIVE and that Yahshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) IS His Son and died on the Cross to take our sins and that our prayers might be answered.

If you DO know that He is real but don't understand what is going on, then understand, JUDGMENT HAS COME UPON THE WORLD for our great iniquity.

The War in Israel IS JUDGMENT on Israel, it is foretold in Ezekial, there is every reason to expect millions to die.

The financial lack, ill health, etc of most who claim the name "Christian" is a consequence of JUDGMENT on the church - remember, not one hair of your head will be harmed UNLESS there is unrepented sin in your life.

If you do not understand how sin opens the door to death and destruction in the life of ANY believer, then mail me on james@end-time-issues.org.za and I will send you documents and tapes which will assist you to understand this.

IF THERE IS NO SIN IN YOUR LIFE YOU WILL WALK IN THE FURNACE AND YOUR CLOTHES WILL NOT BE SINGED (Daniel 3), this murder and destruction WILL NOT TOUCH YOU, so IF YOU FEAR IT, know this -- YOUR LIFE IS NOT RIGHT WITH GOD!

2. IF YOU CLAIM ALLEGIANCE TO NO GOD OR A PANOPLY OF GOD'S OR YOU REALLY DO NOT KNOW

In this matter, there are only two options. Either you KNOW that you know that Yahweh God IS GOD or you don't. In other words, either you believe in Him or you don't. If you don't KNOW whether you believe or not, then you DON'T believe and you are an unbeliever. I am not being impolite, I am simply stating fact - you don't believe!

For the sake of this mail, it matters not whether you are a believer or an unbeliever. Either way, IT IS VITAL THAT SOMETHING IS DONE ABOUT THE SPIRALING CRIME RATE!!

Accordingly, given that the Bible clearly sets out to those who believe that it IS God's Living Word a set of clear cut parameters for dealing with this problem and contains NUMEROUS case histories to demonstrate that these parameters work, **I ask those who DO NOT BELIEVE in Yahweh God, to define what process and procedure it is that they have that WILL work.**

If you are an atheist or an agnostic or subscribe to some other religion or belief set. That is YOUR CHOICE. It is NOT for me to condemn your choice. All I can do is state what I know with absolute conviction to be true, which I have done in the previous section to those who believe.

Since I am able to write with such absolute conviction about what I believe and CAN ATTEST FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE of the reality of what I write about, I must assume that you can do likewise? Otherwise you would not believe what you believe and would be seeking to find the true God?

Let me offer you some pointers against which it seems prudent to me that anyone who claims that Yahweh God, the Father of Yahshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) is not God, should consider.

We live in a world of utmost majesty and complexity. We do not fully comprehend the workings of our bodies, this planet on which we live or the entire Universe. We certainly do not know any person who knows, today AND HAS SUCCESSFULLY PROVEN THEIR ABILITY, to manufacture a human being, a flea, the planet earth or a sun and moon!

We are told that all these things EVOLVED!! In other words, by a series of random events, gases and solids which came from nowhere? progressively arranged themselves into great order to create a universe, a solar system, a planet, a one celled organism and finally a human being.

We are told that man started out as a primitive ape man who has systematically "pulled himself up by his boot laces" so to speak, to reach the "pinnacle" of civilization represented by mankind today!

BUT somehow, something has gone wrong - the process has now gone haywire, seemingly, because in the last generation the random process of self improvement has gone into REVERSE?

It seems that instead of becoming more civilized we have become less civilized. Shooting a woman through both wrists at a traffic light does not seem to be progress, does it? Nor does raping a 14 year old girl?

May I suggest an alternative scenario?

Consider the book in the Bible known as Daniel, known to have been written AT LEAST 1,500 years ago - there are existing manuscripts that old. Translated into English AT LEAST 500 years ago. In Daniel chapter 3, verse 19 to 22 it states:

*19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they **heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.***

20 And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and **the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men** who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. (NKJ)

PLEASE CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING:

a) To be able to specify that the furnace should be heated SEVEN times hotter implies instruments to MEASURE and sophisticated process control to manage.

b) Since the furnace was so hot that the men who went to the mouth of the furnace were killed, this was not a charcoal brazier, this was a furnace with the heat of an arc furnace or equivalent! A temperature of well over 1,000 degrees Celsius is almost certainly indicated!

c) To generate such a massive heat source to kill strong men like that implies MASSIVE ENERGY INPUT, probably only possible with a massive ELECTRIC ARC furnace or equivalent!

d) BUT this was written at LEAST 1,500 years ago - so either the man who wrote it was having MASSIVE HALLUCINATIONS, had a GREAT IMAGINATION or there was something that existed in his age we don't know about?

e) Furthermore! They were thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship a gold idol roughly ninety feet (thirty meters) tall. It is highly debatable that even today we could construct AND ERECT a 30 m high GOLD statue. It would certainly require massive cranes and other resources and enormous quantities of Gold. It would probably have been impossible 200 years ago! But the book was TRANSLATED 500 years ago!

f) I could go on and on, who built the Great Pyramid at Giza with such amazing precision? The massive stone structures in South America and elsewhere? The world maps over 1,500 years old which chart the boundaries of the Antarctic continent WITHOUT ICE!! Etc, etc.

THERE IS A SIMPLE ANSWER!!

Genesis 1:27 states "**So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**" (NKJ)

God CREATED MAN IN GOD'S IMAGE. Man was of great physical stature, great intellect, great ability. The first men lived to nearly a 1,000 years of

age. They constructed dramatic structures and possessed sophisticated technology. The furnace of Daniel 3 was a remnant of the glorious technology that existed in the first days! I am in possession of a book and video which convincingly report these findings!

BUT, as man slipped further and further into sin and depravity he became progressively weakened until we are left today with the sorry state of mankind as we know it. Over the centuries, depravity, murder, rape, etc have gone in cycles. From time to time, man has turned to God to some limited extent and there has been revival and renaissance. The most recent instance started with Martin Luther over 500 years ago.

Today, we stand on the brink of certain destruction, as with Sodom and Gomorrah and as with the Flood of Noah's time (by the way, we have video's showing in detail the remains of the Ark, Sodom and Gomorrah and the Red Sea Crossing site with chariot remains on the sea bed). UNLESS WE TURN TO GOD.

If these remarks have given you food for thought, if they have caused you to think even slightly that there may be another way. Why not mail me on james@end-time-issues.org.za? I'd be delighted to speak to you.

CLOSURE

The conclusion?

Well, for my money, there is ONLY ONE.

It is time that each one of us chooses to accept Yahweh God as GOD.

For those who are of Jewish, Moslem or other background who cannot accept that Jesus Christ could possibly be who he claims to be, because of all the mindless atrocities committed in that name, I ask you to consider that there was a man Yahshua, the Messiah, who lived 2,000 years ago. His name was translated into Greek and that name has been used and abused for nearly 2,000 years and with it, who He really is has been lost and perverted to most on this planet. As one who calls on the name of Jesus Christ, I repent of all the sin that has been committed by my forefathers in the faith, and I ask YOU TO FORGIVE ME AND THEM.

BUT I also ask you to put aside your justifiable indignation and prejudice against a religion which is so sullied and corrupt that even it's Creator hardly recognizes it today (Refer "The Final Quest" by Rick Joyner - pp. 135-6). Do NOT LOOK TO MEN, seek Yahweh God, the Father and His Son, the

Messiah, Yahshua, for they are seeking you at this hour!

NO MATTER WHAT POSITION YOU FIND YOURSELF IN TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO YOU

Many of you will know me as Dr James Robertson, a Professional Engineer, listed in "Who's Who in Science and Engineering" from 1998 and one of 40,000 people in "Who's Who in the World" from 1999. Many will also know that I am a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, fewer will know that I also know Him as **Yahshua, the Messiah of the Jews**. As a professional and intellectual, I declare to you today that HE IS **LORD OF LORDS AND KING OF KINGS AND SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD AND HE WILL RETURN SOON TO JUDGE BOTH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END!**

HE IS ABLE TO BRING AN END TO THIS VIOLENCE, HE WANTS TO BRING AN END TO IT AND HE WILL PROTECT ALL WHO TRULY CALL ON HIS NAME THROUGH IT!

I ALSO have a ministry, it is called END TIME ISSUE MINISTRIES and it seeks to bring the knowledge of ALL of God's Word and Truth to ALL who truly seek him.

We currently put out fairly regular bulletins on various topics and, in the coming months, God willing, we will put out more. It is possible, indeed probable, that, no matter what your objections to what I have written above, these bulletins will answer many of them over time.

In the same way, insofar as I have developed some seemingly recognized competence with regard to the Real Issues in Information Technology and Strategy over the years, I have developed some understanding of the Real Issues in Faith in Yahweh and Yahshua and why so many sincere men and women of integrity have so much difficulty in accepting what I have written. Accordingly, I would count it an honour and a privilege to debate your beliefs, concerns and questions, by email, telephone or face to face. I may not be able to answer ALL your questions but I may be able to point you to those who can. This offer is open to all, whether you believe at this moment or not!

IN ADDITION

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please mail me at james@end-time-issues.org.za with the words "Please add me to the FULL mailing list" on the subject line.

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Recognizing that many people have overloaded diaries and email post boxes, we are also offering to send only a summary of every mail, in which case, please write **"Please add me to the SUMMARY mailing list"** on the subject line.

We also hope, God willing, to start issuing a monthly digest, which will comprise either the summaries or abbreviated summaries for all the postings for the month. If you cannot handle more, then I urge you to at least consider subscribing to this. In this case mail me with **"Please add me to the DIGEST mailing list"**, in the subject line.

If you are already on our FULL list and would like to change to the SUMMARY or DIGEST lists, please mail me with "Please change me to the SUMMARY / DIGEST list".

This may not offer you the answer that you were expecting when you started reading this mail, but I assure you with absolute confidence that it IS THE ANSWER.

I look forward to being of service to you in whatever way I can.

Yours faithfully,

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Chapter XXXIII. - Riding Into Jerusalem.(E.G. White From Spirit of Prophecy)

On the first day of the week, Jesus resumed his journey to Jerusalem to join in the feast of the passover. Multitudes who had flocked to Bethany to see him, accompanied him, eager to witness his entry into Jerusalem. All nature seemed to rejoice; the trees were clothed in verdure, and blossoms which shed their delicate fragrance upon the air. Many people were on their way to the city to keep the feast of the passover. These companies were continually joining the multitude attending Jesus. He sent two of his

disciples to bring "a colt, the foal of an ass," that he might ride into Jerusalem. It was but a short distance, and as he had always chosen to travel

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on foot, his disciples were puzzled to know why he should prefer to ride. But hope brightened in their hearts with the joyous thought that Jesus was about to enter the capital and proclaim himself King of the Jews, and assert his royal power. While on their errand, the disciples communicated their glowing anticipations to the friends of Jesus, and the excitement spread far and near, raising the expectations of the people to the highest pitch. {2SP 383.2}

Jesus selected for his use a colt upon which never man had sat. The disciples in glad enthusiasm spread their garments upon the colt and placed their Master upon him. No sooner was he seated than a loud shout of triumph rent the air, and the multitude hailed him as Messiah, their King. Jesus now accepted the homage which he had never before permitted, and his disciples received this as a proof that their glad hopes were to be realized by seeing him acknowledged at Jerusalem as the King of Israel. All were happy and excited; the people vied with each other in paying him homage. They could not display outward pomp and splendor, but they gave him the worship of happy hearts. They were unable to present him with costly gifts, but they spread their outer garments as a carpet in his path, and they also strewed the leafy branches of the olive and palm in the way. They could lead the triumphal procession with no royal standards, but they cut down the spreading palm boughs, Nature's emblem of victory, and waved them aloft, while their loud acclamations and hosannas rent the air. {2SP 384.1}

As they proceeded, the multitude was continually

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increased by those who had heard of the coming of Jesus and hastened to join the procession. Spectators were constantly mingling with the throng and asking, Who is this? What does all this commotion signify? They had all heard of Jesus and were expecting him to go to Jerusalem, but they knew that he had heretofore refused to receive kingly honors, and they were greatly astonished to learn that this was he. They wondered what could have wrought this change in him who had declared that his kingdom was not of this world. {2SP 384.2}

While they are wondering and questioning, the eager crowd silence their queries with a shout of triumph that is repeated again and again, and is echoed from the surrounding hills and valleys. And now the joyful procession is joined by crowds from Jerusalem, that have heard of the grand demonstration, and hasten to meet the Saviour and conduct him to Jerusalem. From the great gathering of the Hebrews to attend the passover, thousands go forth to welcome Jesus to the city. They greet him with the waving of palm branches and a burst of sacred song. The priests at the temple sound the trumpet for evening service, but there are few to respond, and the rulers say to each other in alarm, "The world has gone after him." {2SP 385.1}

The Saviour during his earthly life had hitherto refused to receive kingly honor, and had resolutely discouraged all attempts to elevate him to an earthly throne; but this occasion was intended by Jesus to call public attention to him as the world's Redeemer. He was nearing the period when his life was to be offered a ransom

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for guilty man. Although he was soon to be betrayed and to be hanged upon the cross like a malefactor, yet he would enter Jerusalem, the scene of his approaching sacrifice, attended by demonstrations of joy and the honor belonging to royalty, to faintly prefigure the glory of his future coming to the world as Zion's King. {2SP 385.2}

It was the purpose of Jesus to draw attention to the crowning sacrifice that was to end his mission to a fallen world. They were assembling at Jerusalem to celebrate the passover, while he, the antitypical Lamb, by a voluntary act set himself apart as an

oblation. Jesus understood that it was needful in all future ages that the church should make his death for the sins of the world a subject of deep thought and study. Every fact connected with it should be verified beyond a doubt. It was necessary, then, that the eyes of all people should be directed to him, that the demonstrations which preceded his great sacrifice should be such as to call the attention of all to the sacrifice itself. After such an exhibition as that attending his entry into Jerusalem, all eyes would follow his rapid progress to the final end. {2SP 386.1}

The startling events connected with this triumphal ride were calculated to be the talk of every tongue, and bring Jesus before every mind. After his crucifixion these events would be connected with his trial and death; prophecies would be searched and would reveal the fact that this was indeed the Messiah; and converts to the faith of Jesus would be multiplied in all lands. In this one triumphant scene of his earthly life, the Saviour might have appeared escorted by

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heavenly angels and heralded by the trumps of God; but he remained true to the life of humiliation he had accepted, bearing the burden of humanity till his life was given for the life of the world. {2SP 386.2}

This day, which seemed to the disciples the crowning day of their lives, would have been shadowed with gloomy clouds had they known that this scene of rejoicing was but a prelude to the suffering and death of their Master. Although he had repeatedly told them of his certain sacrifice, yet in the glad triumph of the present they forgot his sorrowful words, and looked forward to his prosperous reign on the throne of David. New accessions were being made continually to the procession, and, with few exceptions, all who joined it caught the glad inspiration of the hour, and helped to swell the hosannas that echoed and re-echoed from hill to hill and from valley to valley. The shouts went up continually, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" It was as if all that vast multitude were seeking to excel one another in responding to the call from a prophetic past. {2SP 387.1}

Many Pharisees witnessed the scene, and, burning with envy and malice, sought to turn the popular current. They exercised all the authority which they could command to repress the enthusiasm of the people; but all their appeals and threatenings were in vain. Fearful that this multitude, in the strength of their numbers, would lift Jesus to the position of king, they, as a last resort, pressed through the crowd and

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accosted him with reproof and threatening words: "Master, rebuke thy disciples." They declared that such noisy and excited demonstrations were unlawful and would not be permitted by the authorities. But the reply of Jesus silenced their haughty commands: "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." {2SP 387.2}

God himself had, in his special providence, arranged the order of the events then transpiring, and if men had failed to carry out the divine plan, He would have given a voice to the inanimate stones and they would have hailed his Son with acclamations of praise. This scene had been revealed in prophetic vision to the holy seers of old, and man was powerless to turn aside the purposes of Jehovah. As the silenced Pharisees drew back, the words of Zechariah were taken up by hundreds of voices: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass." {2SP 388.1}

The Pharisees were forced to desist from their efforts to calm the enthusiasm of the people. All their expostulations only served to increase their ardor. The world had never before seen such a triumphal procession. It was not like that of the earth's famous conquerors. No train of mourning captives, as trophies of kingly valor, made a feature of

that imposing pageant. But about the Saviour were the glorious trophies of his labors of love for sinful man. There were the captives whom he had rescued from Satan's

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cruel power, praising God for their deliverance. The blind to whom he had restored sight pressed on, leading the way. The dumb, whose tongues he had loosed, shouted the loudest hosannas. The cripples whom he had healed bounded freely on, the most active in breaking the palm-branches and in waving them before the Saviour. Widows and orphans were among the multitude exalting the name of Jesus for his works of mercy to them. The lepers who had been cleansed by a word from him, and rescued from a living death, spread their untainted garments in his path and hailed him as the King of Glory. Those who had been awakened by his magic voice from the sleep of death were in that throng. Lazarus, whose body had seen corruption in the grave, now restored to the full strength of glorious manhood, guided the humble beast upon which his Liberator rode. {2SP 388.2}

When the procession arrived at the summit of the hill and was about to descend into the city, Jesus halted, and all the multitude with him. Jerusalem in all its glory lay before them, bathed in the light of the declining sun. The temple attracted all eyes. In stately grandeur it towered above all else, seeming to point toward Heaven as if directing the people upward to the only true and living God. This temple in its splendid majesty had long been the pride and glory of the Jewish nation. The Romans also prided themselves in it as an unequalled monument of magnificence. Their king had united with the Jews in embellishing it, and together they had spared no pains nor expense to furnish it with the most costly and beautiful decorations both without and within.

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{2SP 389.1}

A portion of the wall of the building had withstood the siege of armies, and, in its perfect masonry, appeared like one solid stone dug entire from the quarry. While the westerling sun was tinting and gilding the heavens, its resplendent glory lit up the pure white marble of the temple and sparkled on its gold-capped pillars. From the crest of the hill where Jesus and his followers stood, it had the appearance of a massive structure of snow studded with flashing jewels. At the entrance to the temple was a vine composed of gold and silver, with green leaves and massive clusters of grapes, all executed at an enormous expense by the most skillful artists. This design represented Israel in the character of a prosperous vine. The gold, silver, and living green were all combined with such rare taste and exquisite workmanship, that, as it twined gracefully about the white and glistening pillars, clinging with shining tendrils to their golden ornaments, it was a wonderful thing of beauty, catching the splendor of the setting sun, and shining as if with a glory borrowed from Heaven. {2SP 390.1}

Jesus gazes upon the enchanting scene before him, and the vast multitude hush their shouts, spell-bound by this sudden vision of beauty. All eyes turn instinctively upon the Saviour, expecting to see in his countenance the admiration which they themselves feel. But instead of this they behold a cloud of sorrow gathering upon his countenance. They are surprised and disappointed to see the eyes of the Saviour fill with tears, and his body rock to and fro like a tree before the tempest, while a wail of anguish bursts from his quivering lips as if from the

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depths of a broken heart. What a sight was this for angels to behold! Their loved Commander in an agony of tears! What a sight was this for that glad throng who had accompanied him with shouts of triumph and waving of palm-branches to that summit overlooking the glorious city where they fondly hoped he would reign! Their acclamations were now silenced, while many tears flowed in sympathy with the grief they could not comprehend. {2SP 390.2}

Jesus had wept at the grave of Lazarus, but it was in a God-like grief in harmony with the occasion. But this sudden sorrow is like a note of wailing in a grand triumphal chorus. In the midst of a scene of rejoicing, where all were paying him homage, Israel's King was in tears; not silent tears of gladness, but tears and groans of insuppressible agony. The multitude are struck with a sudden gloom while they look upon this grief which is incomprehensible to them. The tears of Jesus were not in anticipation of physical suffering as he contemplated his crucifixion, though just before him was the garden of Gethsemane where he knew that soon the horror of a great darkness would overshadow him. The sheep gate was also in sight through which for centuries the beasts for sacrificial offerings had been conducted. This gate was soon to open for him, the great Antitype toward whose sacrifice for the sins of the world all these offerings had pointed. Near by was Calvary, the scene of his approaching agony. {2SP 391.1}

Yet it is not because of these reminders of his cruel death that the Redeemer weeps and groans in anguish of spirit. His is no selfish sorrow.

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The thought of physical pain does not intimidate that noble, self-sacrificing soul. It is the sight of Jerusalem that pierces the heart of Jesus with anguish,--Jerusalem that had rejected the Son of God and scorned his love, who refused to be convinced by his mighty miracles and is about to take his life. He sees what she is in her guilt of rejecting her Redeemer, and what she might have been had she accepted Him who alone could heal her wound. He had come to save her; how can he give up the child of his care! {2SP 391.2}

He raised his hand,--that had so often blessed the sick and suffering,--and waving it toward the doomed city, in broken utterances of grief exclaimed: "If thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day the things which belong to thy peace--" Here the Saviour paused and left unsaid what might have been the condition of Jerusalem had she accepted the only help that God could give her,--the gift of his beloved Son. If Jerusalem had known what it was her privilege to know, and had acted according to the light bestowed upon her by God, she might have stood forth in the pride of prosperity, the queen of kingdoms, free in the strength of her God-given power. There would then have been no armed soldiers waiting at her gates, no Roman banners waving from her walls. The glorious destiny which might have blessed Jerusalem, had she accepted her Redeemer, rose before the Son of God. He saw that she might through him have been healed of her grievous malady, liberated from bondage, and established as the mighty metropolis of the earth. From her walls the dove of peace would have gone forth to all nations.

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She would have been the world's diadem of glory. {2SP 392.1}

But the bright picture of what Jerusalem might have been had she accepted the Son of God, fades from the Saviour's sight as he realizes what she is under the oppressive Roman yoke, bearing the frown of God, doomed to his retributive justice. He takes up the broken thread of his lamentations: "But now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." {2SP 393.1}

Christ came to save Jerusalem with her children from the consequences of her former sins; but the unholy expectations of the Pharisees were not answered in the manner of his appearing. Pharisaical pride, hypocrisy, jealousy, and malice had prevented him from accomplishing his purpose. Jesus knew the terrible retribution which would be visited upon the doomed city. He sees Jerusalem encompassed with armies, the besieged inhabitants driven to starvation and death, mothers making a repast on the dead bodies

of their own children, and both parents and children snatching the last morsel of food from one another, natural affection being destroyed through the gnawing pangs of hunger. He sees that the stubbornness of the Jews, as evinced in their rejection of his salvation, will also lead them to refuse their only remaining chance of safety, submission to the invading

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armies. He sees the wretched inhabitants suffering torture on the rack, and crucifixion, the beautiful palaces destroyed, the temple where God had revealed his glory, in ruins, and of all its pure and spotless walls, decorated with lofty pillars and gilded devices, not one stone left upon another, while the city is plowed like a field. Well may the Saviour weep in agony in view of such a fearful picture! {2SP 393.2}

Jerusalem had been the child of his care, and as a tender father mourns over a wayward son, so Jesus wept over Jerusalem. How can I give thee up! How can I see thee devoted to destruction and desolation! Must I let thee go to fill up the cup of thine iniquity! One soul is of such value that, in comparison with it, worlds sink into insignificance; but here was a whole nation to be lost. When the fast westering sun should pass from sight in the heavens, Jerusalem's day of grace would be at an end. While that vast procession was halting on the brow of Olivet, it was yet not too late for Jerusalem to repent and be saved. The Angel of Mercy was then folding her wings to step down from the golden throne and give place to Justice and swift-coming judgment. But Christ's great heart of love still pleads for Jerusalem, which had scorned all his mercies, despised his warnings, and was about to finish her iniquitous work by imbruing her hands in his blood. If Jerusalem would but repent, it is not yet too late. While the last rays of the setting sun are lingering on temple, tower, and flashing minaret, will not some good angel lead her to the Saviour's love, and avert the fearful doom that awaits her!

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Beautiful and unholy city, that had stoned the prophets, that had rejected the Son of God, that was locking herself, by her impenitence, in fetters of bondage,--thy day of mercy is almost spent! {2SP 394.1}

Here had lived a favored people; God made their temple his habitation; it was "beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth." The record of more than a thousand years of Christ's guardian care and tender love, such as a father bears his only child, was there. In that temple had the prophets uttered their solemn warnings. There had the burning censers waved, while incense, mingled with the prayers of the worshipers, had ascended to God. There the blood of beasts had flowed, typical of the blood of Christ. There Jehovah had manifested his glory above the mercy-seat. There the priests had officiated in flowing robes and jeweled breast-plates, and the pomp of symbol and ceremony had gone on for ages. But all this must have an end; for Jerusalem has sealed her own doom, and her destruction is at hand. {2SP 395.1}

Contemplating the fate of the city he had loved, the soul of Jesus yearned over the child of his care. Unrequited love broke the heart of the Son of God. Little did the multitude know of the grief that weighed upon the spirit of Him whom they worshiped. They saw his tears and heard his groans, and for a brief space a mysterious awe interrupted their joyful demonstrations; but they could not understand the meaning of his lamentation over Jerusalem. Meanwhile, reports were brought to the rulers that Jesus was approaching the city attended by a great concourse of people. In trepidation they go out to meet him, hoping

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to disperse the crowd by means of their authority. As the procession is about to descend the Mount of Olives, it is intercepted by the rulers. They inquire who and what is the cause of all this tumultuous rejoicing. As they, with much authority, repeat their question,--Who is this? the disciples, filled with a spirit of inspiration, are heard above all the noise

of the crowd, repeating in eloquent strains the prophecies which answered this question. Adam will tell you, It is the seed of the woman that shall bruise the serpent's head. Ask Abraham, he will tell you, It is Melchisedek, King of Salem, King of Peace. Jacob will tell you, He is Shiloh of the tribe of Judah. Isaiah will tell you, Immanuel, Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Jeremiah will tell you, The Branch of David, the Lord, our righteousness. Daniel will tell you, He is the Messiah. Hosea will tell you, He is the Lord God of Hosts, the Lord is his memorial. John the Baptist will tell you, He is the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. The great Jehovah has proclaimed from his throne, This is my beloved Son. We, his disciples, declare, This is Jesus, the Messiah, the Prince of Life, the Redeemer of the world. And even the Prince of the powers of darkness acknowledges him, saying, "I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God." {2SP 395.2}

Chap. 40 - How We Magnify The Law **(From the book Reflecting Christ by Ellen G. White).**

Matthew 5:19 KJV "Whosoever shall do and teach them; (Christ's Commands) the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

What reason have men for thinking that God is not particular whether they obey Him implicitly or take their own course? Adam and Eve lost Eden for one transgression of His command; and how dare we trifle with the law of the Most High, and frame deceitful apologies to our souls? We do this at a terrible peril. We must keep all the law, every jot and tittle; for he that offendeth in one point is guilty of all. Every ray of light must be received and cherished, or we shall become bodies of darkness. The Lord Jesus declares: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." We should magnify the precepts of heaven by our words and actions. . . . {RC 54.2}

Before the Flood swept upon the world, God sent a message through Noah to warn the people of the coming deluge. There were those who did not believe the warning; but their unbelief did not stay the showers, nor prevent the waters of the great deep from submerging a scoffing world. And today, while the last message is being heralded to bring God's servants in harmony with every precept of His law, there will be scoffers and unbelievers; but every soul must stand in his own integrity. As Noah was faithful in warning the antediluvian world, so we must be faithful to the great trust that God has given us. Although there are scoffers . . . on every side, we must not shrink from presenting the truth of heaven to this generation. . . . {RC 54.3}

There are those who will be glad to lull you to sleep in your carnal security; but I have a different work. My message is to alarm you, to bid you reform your lives, and cease your rebellion against the God of the universe. . . . {RC 54.4}

Faith in Jesus does not make void the law, but establishes it, and will work the fruits of obedience in our lives. . . . {RC 54.5}

The church that Christ presents before the throne of His glory is without "spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." Do you want to be among those who have washed their robes of character in the blood of the Lamb? then, "cease to do evil; learn to do well"; walk in the commandments and ordinances of your God blameless. You are not to ask whether it suits your convenience to keep the truth of heaven. You are to take up your cross and follow Jesus, cost what it may. You will find that His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.--Review and Herald, June 22, 1911. {RC 54.6}

Christian Prophetic Network : Please read, respond and forward

Greetings

For some time I have been aware of the need for those who are called by God specifically to the office of apostle or prophet to share with one another.

It is also apparent that some of what apostles and prophets tend to discuss is not of interest to a wider audience and that, equally, given issues of prophetic perspective and the enormity of the prophetic picture that is currently unfolding, there is a need for apostles and prophets to seek confirmation from other prophets before taking revelation to a wider audience.

This is becoming increasingly pressing in terms of certain aspects of current events which have been revealed to me in the last few months.

Accordingly, we are now activating a separate list, in addition to the End Time Issues lists, for the "Christian Prophetic Network" as a specialist focus ministry of End Time Issues.

THIS IS AN "OPT IN LIST" in other words, only those who specifically reply that they want to be on this list will be added!

ACCORDINGLY, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE MORE MAILINGS FROM CHRISTIAN PROPHETIC NETWORK, PLEASE REPLY WITH "Please add me to the Prophetic Network List" in the subject line.

If you are aware of other prophetic people who might be interested, please forward this mail to them.

This list is NOT restricted to those who have received a formal calling from Yahweh in the office of apostle or prophet, any one who is interested in the prophetic is welcome to subscribe.

Where an issue has been aired on the Christian Prophetic Network, the conclusion will then be posted to the End Time Issues list. Thus those on the End Time Issues list are not being excluded other than from discussions where apostles and prophets are seeking to obtain a more consolidated prophetic view of what is happening BEFORE it is shared more widely.

I hope that many of you will feel able to subscribe to this list as I perceive that there are many on the current list who are called as either apostles or prophets, however, I do not want to impose on those who are not so called.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

God bless

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WHAT IS THE BRIDGE TO BRING THE JEWS TO SALVATION?

Earlier today on a Messianic discussion group I encountered a discussion of Proverbs 2:7 - "you are my Son, this day have I begotten you" relating to establishing that it was possible for Yahshua (Jesus) to be the Son of God.

This followed on a discussion over the weekend with regard to taking the Gospel to the Jews which had caused me to revisit some questions that I have had for some time. I decided to mail the discussion group concerned and, since it seems to me that it is a critical question for this age, I thought I would mail you as well to see if you have any comments.

Remember, Romans 11:24-29

24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

*26 And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;*

27 For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins."

28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (NKJ)

We must not lose sight of this. The Gospel MUST be presented to ALL ISRAEL for this to happen! That includes those of Judah, Benjamin and Levi who together are known today as "Jews".

For several years now I have been impressed that for every group of people, not necessarily nations but groups with particular sets of background, beliefs, etc, Yahweh has preserved a seed of truth which, if touched with the correct scriptures, will blossom and bring much fruit by way of Salvation.

The KEY THING, is that we are commanded to preach the Gospel to ALL and we can take it as a given that the commandment requires that we **make every effort to present the Gospel in such a way that the person to whom it is presented has maximum opportunity to RECEIVE it.** Therefore, it is incumbent on us to DISCERN the seed of truth that Yahweh has preserved in the heart of any person and to present the Gospel in such a way that that truth may bring forth the fruit of repentance and salvation!

Some years ago, I used an approach similar to the following for a Moslem group with remarkable results (50% accepted Yahshua as Messiah as

opposed to 15% previously in crusades in the same area). However, I have amended it as an attempt to seek a pathway to the Jews:

Firstly: Apparently most Jews consider it blasphemy to suggest that God appeared as a man and therefore to suggest that Jesus is the Son of God.

Consider Genesis 16:7-13

7 Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

9 The Angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand."

10 Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude."

11 And the Angel of the LORD said to her: "Behold, you are with child, and you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has heard your affliction.

12 He shall be a wild man; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence all his brethren."

13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, **"Have I also here SEEN Him who sees me?"** (NKJ)

Genesis 32:24-31

24 Then Jacob was left alone; and **a Man** wrestled with him until the breaking of day.

25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.

26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"

27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: **"For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."**

31 Just as he crossed over Peniel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip. (NKJ)

It is clear from these passages and several others, that God appeared in the form of a man. Genesis 32:24 above clearly says that a "Man" wrestled with Jacob and in verse 30 Jacob says "I have seen God face to face". Thus, from the very heart of Torah we see God taking on the manifest form of a man and that man is surely THE MAN, Yahshua Messiah. At the very least, it is not unscriptural to claim that God did take on the form of a man and therefore, all that remains is to determine whether that man was Yahshua.

Secondly: Apparently many Jews consider the teachings of the church regarding the Holy Spirit to be wrong, they say that God cannot come to dwell in man.

Consider Psalm 51:11

*11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, and **do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.*** (NKJ)

Isaiah 63:10-11

*10 But they rebelled and **grieved His Holy Spirit**; so He turned Himself against them as an enemy, and He fought against them.*

*11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying: "Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? **Where is He who put His Holy Spirit *within* them,*** NKJ)

Therefore there is clarity in scripture that there is a Holy Spirit that can dwell with and in men - David could not have cried out as he does above, if the Holy Spirit were not with him.

As I understand it, this deals with two of the major objections of the Jewish people:

1) God CAN AND DOES appear as a man, so it is quite possible for Yahshua to be who He is claimed to be.

2) The Holy Spirit was given at least to David and Moses and others in the wilderness and therefore it is not impossible that He could be given to others AND it is ENTIRELY SCRIPTURAL to refer to a Holy Spirit who indwells men.

GOING BEYOND THAT

Thirdly: Jews do not consider it possible for God to have a Son

Consider Proverbs 30:2-6

2 Surely I am more stupid than any man, and do not have the understanding of a man.

3 I neither learned wisdom nor have knowledge of the Holy One.

4 Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know?

5 Every word of God is pure; he is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

6 Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. (NKJ)

This reinforces the point made in the previous postings relating to Psalm 2, which is quoted below in full for completeness.

HOWEVER, I have encountered Jewish argument which says that the passage in Psalm 2 is referring to one of the sons of David (i.e. the human son of David). It seems to me that the above passage is not susceptible to that argument? This HAS to be the Son of the Most High! Verse 6 is a useful

juxtaposition for "adding to the Word of God" is, as I understand it, at the heart of most Jews objections?

Psalm 2:1-12

1 *Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?*

2 *The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against **His Anointed**, saying,*

3 *"Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us."*

4 *He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision.*

5 *Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:*

6 *"Yet **I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.**"*

7 *"I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.*

8 *Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

9 *You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."*

10 *Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.*

11 ***Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.***

12 ***Kiss the Son**, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. (NKJ)*

It seems to me that if this passage is presented TOGETHER with Proverbs 30, we again have TWO WITNESSES for each of our points thus far!

To me, this provides a basis for establishing that much of what is reported from Matthew to Revelation is not heresy (as it is certainly viewed by some / most Jews) and the question of whether it is heresy turns on whether the man Yahshua of Nazareth IS Messiah or NOT.

It seems to me that this hinges on two things.

The one is whether He was anointed by God and **the works should provide sufficient evidence that He was at the very least a GREAT PROPHET**. It is my understanding that neither Jew nor Moslem dispute the fact that there was a prophet with the name of Yahshua and he did perform miracles. The dispute is whether he was a prophet LIKE Moses as distinct to THE prophet foretold by Moses, etc and this supposedly hinges primarily on the problem of prophetic perspective which results in the first and second coming being compressed into a single coming. Hence, from a Jewish perspective, Yahshua cannot be Messiah because He did not fulfill ALL Messianic Prophecy. At this point I might note that it is increasingly appearing as though there are actually THREE COMINGS as we draw closer to the end of this age and see more clearly the prophetic perspective of this age. I see this quite clearly now but that is a separate discussion on or off-line discussion for those who are interested. Remember, there is still the seventh day (millennium) to come.

To return to the objective. The works that Yahshua performed have NOT been sufficient to persuade the Jews for 2,000 years therefore,

on their own, they will not bring us to the point where "all Israel will be saved".

At this point, it seems to me that the most critical objections have been eliminated and that we are at a point where any thinking Jew can agree that if Yahshua was not the Messiah, He certainly met many of the Messianic requirements in terms of being anointed, etc and that much of what has been taught regarding Him is NOT heresy but possible.

At this point it seems necessary that we digress from scripture to harsh historical reality.

Whether one is a Messianic Jew or a Messianic Gentile (I prefer to think of myself as a Messianic Gentile and a descendent of Abraham than to regard myself as a "Christian") one must recognize some realities.

1) Yahshua was a Jew, not a Greek, so the use of Jesus Christ (a

Greek name) is immediately a stumbling block which must be explicitly discounted. We must approach the Jews with Him as Yahshua Messiah (the Hebrew - whatever spelling you feel comfortable with) and NOT Jesus Christ.

2) The Gentile, Roman church departed from innumerable truths of God's Word in the first 600 years AD. Including actively changing the Sabbath to the day of the Sun (Sunday), changing the Messiah's birth date from Tabernacles to the birth date of the Sun (25 December), doing away with all sorts of other things - I could go on and on but I expect that most on the list know these things, quite possibly better than I do.

3) People who call themselves "Christian" are guilty of massive atrocities against Jews and Moslems since about 300 AD which is about the time that the Roman Church passed an ordinance that permitted the murder of any person who did not accept Jesus Christ. This birthed the Crusades, etc. As best I can determine, the concept of Jihad (Moslem Holy War) was birthed in reaction to the "Christian" crusades! They learned from the Christians and yet, today, most Christians speak ill of the Moslems!

Whether it is true or not, I don't know, but it is widely ALLEGED that Martin Luther made a statement near the end of his life that "The only good Jew is a dead Jew" and it is further alleged that this statement was a major factor in the complicity of many German Christians in the Holocaust. I do not know whether Luther said this, but I do know there are Jews who believe he said it. That is enough for them to clearly believe that Jesus Christ could never be Messiah.

Again, there is much, much more, most of the marriage doctrine of the "Christian" church and most of the rites are pagan. Most even moderately informed Jews know this.

It is extremely sobering to sit down with a well informed Jew and ask them to tell you why Jesus cannot be the Messiah and why the Christian faith CANNOT be what it claims to be. Ask that question and then keep silent for

two or three hours and listen to what you are told. Don't argue JUST LISTEN, you will be SHOCKED!

The ONLY answer with regard to this point and taking the Gospel to the Jews (or the Moslems) is, as a point of departure, for any person who calls themselves Messianic or Christian to recognize the sins of their forefathers in the faith, repent and seek the forgiveness of the person they are seeking to minister to BEFORE THEY ADDRESS ANY OF THE OTHER POINTS. When I was speaking at two business conferences in Israel in 1996, the Holy Spirit instructed me to repent before the entire conference for what had been done in the name of "Jesus Christ" and to ask forgiveness. At least five or six elderly Jewish men subsequently came to me with tears in their eyes to thank me!!

We too often ignore the power of repentance! It is a vital component of presenting the TRUE GOSPEL to the Jews. We MUST HUMBLE OURSELVES AND SEEK FORGIVENESS!

HOWEVER, WE STILL DO NOT HAVE A BASIS TO PERSUADE ANY REASONABLY DEVOUT, THINKING JEW, THAT YAHSHUA IS MESSIAH!!

But, at this time, I do NOT have a definite answer. That is why I have written this.

BUT, I do have some thoughts! and I would welcome your input!

I am not knowledgeable enough about modern Jewish teachings to be able to evaluate the following approach, but it seems to me to have validity.

It seems there may be two aspects in resolving the issue of whether Yahshua could have been and was the Messiah.

The first is to identify half a dozen really key Messianic scriptures which really do FIT Yahshua well. I really do not know which these would be.

Ezekial 36:26-27

26 "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. (NKJ) came to mind as I was writing but the verses before and after are almost certainly for the second coming since they do not appear to be materially fulfilled up to now, so that is a challenge.

I am sure there are several other key passages which fit the bill better than this and I would really appreciate hearing about them.

The aspect that has occurred to me repeatedly, but with which I would appreciate help, is the following:

The Levitical sacrifices for sin, etc were clearly laid down in Torah. From the time of the first exile of Judah to Babylon and thereafter into the dispersion,

there was no possibility that those requirements could be fulfilled by most of Israel.

From the time of the exile of Judah and the destruction of the first Temple, until the second temple was built, there was again a problem. Furthermore, there is NOTHING in scripture which indicates that the Ark of the Covenant was restored to the Second Temple, nor was any commandment issued to provide an alternative. **So, from the time of the first exile, how was the High Priest Consecrated?**

The Holy of Holies behind the veil was EMPTY!

Since the Ark of the Covenant has now been found (refer previous mail) and it is clear that it was hidden by Jeremiah in about 560(?) BC, just before Jerusalem fell to Babylon and the Temple was destroyed (there is no mention of the Ark going with the Jews into captivity) and evidence surrounding the find indicates that it WAS Jeremiah who hid the Ark.

In 70 AD (plus-minus allowing for calendar errors) the second Temple was destroyed. After this there was nothing available.

Surely a critical question has to be, did Yahweh really expect the Jews to go for nearly 2,000 years without a temple and over 2,500 years without the Ark of the Covenant that would permit them to ordain a new High Priest?

Certainly there will be all sorts of excuses and apologetics for this BUT is there not some way that building on this a really solid argument can be developed which even the most hardened will have to accept?

We are NOW in the age where ALL ISRAEL is to be saved, THERE MUST be an effective message which, as with the experience with Moslems mentioned above, 50% or more of any group will accept that Yahshua IS Messiah without lengthy argument.

All comments and suggestions will be most welcome.

Shalom

James Robertson

NUCLEAR WAR EVIDENCE

Following on the posting about the discoveries of Jonathan Gray and Ron Wyatt, I happened to visit the Wyatt discussion list today and came across the following mail.

It reports in detail certain of the findings of Gray as published in "Dead Men's Secrets" relating to substantial evidence of a World Wide nuclear holocaust about 2,500 years ago, in other words, between Noah and Abraham.

This information is of great importance in the context of certain points made recently on the End Time Issues list.

Once we, as believers, recognize that man was INDEED created in the likeness and image of God and that man was extremely technologically AND spiritually advanced and then deteriorated progressively, we will see much of scripture in a very different light.

Firstly, we find more and more basis to explain our faith in the Bible. Not because we need to be defensive but because as we have more evidence it is more readily possible to overcome the objections of those whose intellect and education tell them the Bible cannot be true.

Secondly, and to me more importantly, the more we understand that this generation is the most spiritually bankrupt generation that has ever lived, the more we will understand the Grace and Mercy of God in sending Jesus to die for our sins and to save us.

The crux, as I see it, is that Yahweh sent Moses because, whereas at creation all men knew Yahweh and His commandments intimately and at the time of Noah, those who survived knew Yahweh and His commandments well, by the time of Moses that knowledge was lost to the point that Yahweh had to tell mankind AGAIN the basics of what they had forgotten!

By the time Yahshua (Jesus) came, mankind had deteriorated so much spiritually that they needed a new and better covenant to survive at all!

Today, this generation is so far from Yahweh that it has made light of Yahshua's sacrifice and most disdain it and disdain Yahweh's commandments. Hence the massive outpouring of the Spirit which is now under way, to save those who choose to be saved and the massive outpouring of judgment for those who will not turn to Yahweh their God with all their heart, mind, soul and strength in order to be saved.

Too many believers today see themselves as the most technologically and spiritually advanced generation of all time. Once we realize the truth, it is my prayer that we will be truly humbled.

A last remark, the evidence reported below gives a completely new perspective to:

"cave men" - radiation scarred survivors of a world wide holocaust seeking shelter where-ever they can find it and not ape like evolutionary happenings - so all the evolution arguments fall FLAT.

and to radio active carbon dating - if there has been a massive nuclear radiation fall out in many parts of the world, then all forms of carbon dating which rely on radioactivating immediately become meaningless if a uniform level of radioactive decay has been previously assumed (which I understand to be the case) - so all the million year evolutionary time frames also fall FLAT.

We serve an awesome God and we have so much to be grateful for and SO MUCH TO BE HUMBLE ABOUT!

God bless

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----- Original Message -----

From:

To: Wyatt

Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 9:39 AM

Subject: [wyatt] Fw: Nuclear War evidence

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Since you mentioned a book that contains archeological evidence about a nuclear holocaust, I thought I would share some info from the book "Dead Man's Secrets" by Jonathan Gray too. There is a chapter in the book that is titled "Weaponry --- Too late For Escape". It tells of the evidence of a nuclear disaster about 2500 - 2000(?) B.C. I think you mentioned the ancient Sanskrit text, the Mahabharata, didn't you? Do you have the entire text in your book?

Below is what Gray states in his book concerning the Mahabharata. Following that I've also mentioned other "writings" and "physical evidences" Gray lists in his book.

India 2449 B.C.: An Indian text recounts in detail how aircraft were used to launch a weapon that devastated three cities. The record is unnervingly similar to an eyewitness report of an atomic bomb explosion. It describes:

---the brightness of the blast

---the column of rising smoke and fire

---the fallout

---intense shockwaves and heatwaves

---the appearance of the victims

---the effects of radiation poisoning

The historical text state:

* An iron thunderbolt contained "the power of the universe."

* "An incandescent column of smoke and flame, as bright as ten thousand suns, rose in all its splendour."

* "Clouds roared upward."

* "Blood-coloured clouds swept down onto the earth."

* "Fierce winds began to blow." Elephants miles away were knocked off their feet.

* "The earth shook, scorched by the terrible violent heat of this weapon."

* "Corpses were so burnt that they were no longer recognizable."

* "Hair and nails fell out. Pottery broke without cause. Birds were turned white. After a few hours, all foodstuffs were infected."

* "Thousands of war vehicles fell down on all sides... thousands of corpses burnt to ashes."

* "Never before have we seen such an awful weapon, and never before have we heard of such a weapon."

---The war zone: the upper regions of the Ganges.

Passages from this ancient Sanskrit text, the Mahabharata are a nerve chiller. The cold terror of the survivors still lives in its pages.

Until we started to experiment with radioactive substances, no person on earth could have described radiation sickness, for the simple reason that such a disease did not exist.

Yet radiation sickness, in clinical detail, is described: the hair loss, vomiting, weakness and eventual death --- classic symptoms of radiation poisoning.

More significantly, it states that one could save himself by removing all metal from his person and immersing himself in the water of rivers. The reason can only be in order to wash away contaminated particles --- the exact procedure followed today.

Other ancient written texts containing similar descriptions of nuclear warfare are:

The **Gilgamish Epic** of Babylonia recounts a day when "the heavens cried out, the earth bellowed an answer, lightning flashed forth, fire flamed upwards, it rained down death. The brightness vanished, the fire was extinguished. Everyone who was struck by the lightning was turned to ashes."

The **Tibetan "Stanzas of Dzyan"** (written several thousand years ago), depict a holocaust engulfing two warring nations who engaged in aerial warfare, utilizing blinding rays, spheres of flame, shining darts and lightning. The nations were:

* The "Dark-faced and the Yellow-faced" (i.e. the Mongolians of the Gobi civilization). A few of the Yellow-faced escaped the flooding and nuclear destruction, but the Dark-faced appear to have been annihilated.

* The "straight-eye" (peoples of Europe and the Middle East) were among the survivors, apparently having been also involved in this nuclear conflict.

Ancient **Mayan texts (Popul Vuh** - considered the oldest surviving document of human history) describe the destructive effects (unfortunately quite recognizable to us after Hiroshima) of a fire from the sky that put out eyes and decomposed flesh and entrails. Great cities to the north (i.e. in the U.S.) were destroyed.

Canadian Indians have an oral testimony of "men who flew upon the skies" and had shining cities and grand homes "to the south" (i.e. in the U.S.) - then an enemy nation came "and there was terrible destruction. All life in the cities was gone --- nothing but silence remained."

The **Hopi Indians** have an oral account that "some of these of the Third World" flew to a great city, attacked it and returned so quickly that the inhabitants did not know where their attackers came from. Soon many nations flew to attack one another. "So corruption and destruction came."

There is also physical evidence mentioned:

Gabon, West Africa: remains (residue) of a prehistoric nuclear chain reaction (no possible explanation by natural means). Discovered down a mine, the remains appear to be residue from an artificially produced pre-Flood nuclear reaction.

India: Indian remains which strongly suggest that an atomic war was waged in the distant past. Between the Ganges and the Rajamahal Mountains... numerous charred ruins, not burned by ordinary fire. Appear as huge masses fused together. Further south in the Deccan, more ruins. Walls have been glazed, corroded and split by tremendous heat. In some buildings, stone surfaces have been vitrified (i.e., melted, then crystalized). In the same region a human skeleton found with radioactivity 50 times above the normal level.

No natural-burning flame or volcanic eruption could have produced a heat intense enough for this. The heat of millions of degrees, that of thermo-nuclear reactions, is necessary.

Pakistan: Skeletons in Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa are extremely radioactive. Ruins in these ancient Indus Valley cities are immense. Thought to have contained over a million people each. All that is known of those cities is that they were destroyed suddenly. In Mohenjo-Daro, in an epicenter 150 feet wide, everything was crystalized, fused or melted; 180

feet from the center, the bricks are melted on one side, indicating a blast. Ancient Indian texts speak of a city's people being given 7 days to get out --- a clear warning to of total destruction. Evacuations down to the street level revealed 44 scattered skeletons, all were flattened to the ground. A father, mother and child were found flattened in the street, face down and still holding hands. Those 44 skeletons, after thousands of years, are still among the most radioactive that have ever been found, on par with those of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Iraq: Melted ruins of a ziggurat structure not far from ancient Babyon appear as though "fire had struck the tower and split it down to the very foundation." Brickwork was changed to a vitrified state, completely molten. Whole ruin is like a burnt mountain, even large boulders in vicinity of ruins have been vitrified.

What power could have melted the bricks? Nothing but a monster thunderbolt or an atomic bomb!

Here is something else. Did you know that when the first atomic bomb exploded in New Mexico, the desert sand turned to fused green glass?

Babylonia: In 1947, archaeologists on one site uncovered, in succession:

- * A layer of agrarian culture
- * An older layer of herdsman culture
- *A still older layer of "cave man" culture
- *Then they reached another layer --- of fused green glass!

Gobi Desert, Mongolia: desert surface near Lob Nor Lake is covered with vitreous sand from Red China's atomic tests. But the desert has certain areas of similar "glassy sand" which have been present for thousands of years. Also ruins which bear the marks of blistering by enormous heat.

Israel: In 1952, archaeologists unearthed, at the 16 foot level, a layer of fused green glass 1/4 inch thick and covering an area of several hundred square feet. It was made of fused quartz sand similar in appearance to sand at the atomic test sites of Nevada and the Gobi.

South -Central Turkey: At Catal Huyuk, archaeologists came upon thick layers of burned brick at VIa level. The blocks had been fused together by heat so intense that it had penetrated more than 3 feet below floor level, where it had carbonized earth, skeletons and burial gifts that had been interred with them. The enormous heat had halted all bacterial decay.

North Syria: So completely were the royal buildings burned at Alalakh that the wall plaster was vitrified and in some areas basalt wall slabs had actually melted.

Southern Sahara Desert: Ablion W. Hart, an engineer graduate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, while traversing a desert in the interior of Africa, was puzzled by "a large expanse of greenish glass which

covered the sands as far as he could see." Not until 50 years later, when he passed the White Sands area after the first atomic test there, did he recognize the same type of silica fusion.

Egypt: Fused green glass has been found also in sites of the Old and Middle Kingdoms of Egypt.

Lofoten Islands (off Norway); **Scotland; Ireland; Canary Islands:** Prehistoric forts and towers in Europe have had their walls vitrified and stones fused by an unknown energy, usually along their western wall, but sometimes on the inner sides of the eastern wall as well --- so intense was the heat. Many sites show melting to a depth of one foot, "turned to glasslike frozen treacle."

Isle of Man: The stones of the innermost cell of a long barrow near Marghold were in like manner fused together.

Western Pacific: Similar vitrifications have been observed.

Peru: At Cuzco, an area of 18,000 square yards of mountain rock has been fused and crystallized. Likewise, a number of the dressed granite blocks of the nearby Sacsahuaman fortress have been vitrified through intense radiated heat.

Brazil: The ruins of Sete Cidades (Seven Cities) in the Province of Piaui are "a monstrous chaos", having been melted through extremely high energies. Squashed between the stone layers protrude pieces of rusting metal that leave streaks like "red tears" down the crystallized wall surface.

U.S.A.: In the western U.S., ruins exist in southern California, Colorado, Arizona, and Nevada, in which the radiated heat was so intense as to liquify the rock surface.

*Between Gila and San Juan Rivers, a huge region is covered with remains. "Ruins of cities.... burnt out and vitrified in part, full of fused stones and craters caused by fires which were hot enough to liquify rock or metal. There are paving stones and houses torn with monstrous cracks.

*In the center of a ruined city in Death Valley (with lines of streets a mile long and positions of buildings still visible), stands an enormous structure on a tall rock. The southern side of rock and building has been melted and vitrified.

*In the Mohave Desert exist several circular patches of fused glass.

Easter Island: Unique wood carvings with Semitic features, show the effects of nuclear radiation on a human body --- invariably representing an emaciated body with goitered glands, swollen groin, clenched mouth, wated sunken cheeks, collapsed cervical vertebrae, with a distinct break between the lumbar and the dorsal vertebrae, popped eyes, and distended stomach --- all remarkable detail. These are the unmistakable nightmare symptoms of exposure to a severe dosage of nuclear radiation.

Similar reports have come from other travelers in the jungle areas (of the Indian mountains), reports of ruined buildings with walls "like thick slabs of crystal," likewise holed, split and corroded by some mysterious force.

The explorer-hunter H. J. Hamilton received a substantial shock when he entered a low-domed building. He recalls that

"suddenly the ground gave way under my feet with a curious noise. I got into a safe place and then widened the hole, which had appeared, with my rifle-butt and lowered myself into it. I was in a long and narrow corridor which got its light from the space where the dome had split. At the bottom I saw a kind of table and chair, made of the same "crystal" as the walls. An odd shape was crouching on the seat, with vaguely human features. Looking at it from close by, I thought it might be a statue damaged in the course of time but then I glanced at something which filled me with horror: under the "glass" which covered that 'statue' a skeleton could clearly be seen!"

Walls, furniture, people --- melted, then crystalized. No natural burning flame or volcanic eruption could have produced a heat intense enough to cause this phenomenon. Only the heat released through atomic energy could have done this damage.

Other weapons mentioned in ancient written records in

Arabs: rocket torpedos

Carthage: land mines

Byzantium, Greece; bronze-lined portable flame-throwers, so small that they could be carried like a pistol.

China; Greece: Solar mirrors... to incinerate the enemy

Arabia: Electromagnets... withdrew the nails from ships as a means of destroying the enemy.

Greece: Fire that burned in water... chemical warfare delivered by rockets, catapults or through flame throwers.

India: Nerve gas

China: poison gas bombs.

U.S.A.: a tiny metal tube that released a "rain of cactus thorns" (an electric discharge?) which paralyzed the victim for a full 12 hours. Another tube could kill through "unknown rays" or discharge.

India: Chemical and biological warfare. "Samhara" was a missile that crippled and "Mohanasthra" was a weapon that produced a state of complete paralysis.

India: Killer beams... possible to burn 50,000 men to ashes in seconds.

India: Super bombs: "Saura" (a giant of giant H-bombs); "Agniratha" (a remote-control jet bomber); "Sikharasthra" (a bomb with napalm-like effects);

"Avidiashtra" (attacking the nerve system); and "Prasvapana" (a weapon inducing sleep).

Siberia: Dazzling arrows that blew up people.

India: Flying spears that could ruin whole cities.

There's more in that chapter, but the archeological evidence certainly points to some major nuclear disaster, doesn't it?

Blessings,

Rita

**OF EVANGELISM TO OTHER DENOMINATIONS
AND FAITHS, OF MARRIAGE
ACROSS DENOMINATIONAL BOUNDARIES,
OF GOD'S TRUTH**

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Yahshua Messiah)

This morning I felt impressed to write to a dear brother in Christ who for over two years has been wrestling with the decision whether or not to marry a lovely Catholic girl.

They are wonderfully suited to one another BUT He was determined to share his Pentecostal, Charismatic Christianity with her and she could not receive all that he felt that she needed to receive. Sadly, a few months ago, the relationship ended.

Yesterday, I received a mail which contained the words "I continue to try to minister to her in my own amateurish way" which leapt off the page at me. This morning, I felt impressed to write to him.

As I wrote, I realized that this mail spoke not only about two lovely children of God who were missing one another but it spoke volumes about all those beloved of the LORD in all denominations, tribes and tongues across the world who are missing one another. I feel impressed to share this with you.

May Yahweh bless you and keep you and make His Face to shine upon you in the Name of the Lord Yahshua Messiah, King of king's and Lord of lord's.

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>>>> THE MESSAGE FOLLOWS <<<<

Hi

You wrote regarding "I continue to try to minister to her in my own amateurish way".

May I presume to offer some suggestions? (smile)

What follows builds on what is contained in the mail on Truth the Way to Unity. It also builds on a few others but this is the most pertinent.

The mail on the bridge to the Jews may also have some relevant context.

This thinking in turn builds on various experiences where Yahweh has permitted me to meet others from other faiths and denominations who He has shown me to have deep personal relationships with Yahshua (Jesus) but not to know His name. This has included a Moslem, a Hindu and a Buddhist as well as someone from another Indian grouping! I don't want to get into a doctrinal debate on this right now other than to remind you of John 10:16 where Jesus says "*And **other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.***" (NKJ)

There are those who believe that this indicates other groupings in the world who are not of Israel and there are well documented reports of a man who fits the description of Jesus Christ who appeared to the Aztecs at a time which corresponds to the date of the above statement! They know Him as Questa Co'otil (not sure of the spelling).

There are also reports of Jesus appearing in a vision to 30 Tibetan Buddhist monks and planting a church in an area where to be a Christian was to sign your own death warrant!

Also reports of missionaries arriving in out of the way places only to be met by people who said that God had told them to expect them!

Taking this as a starting point to flush buffers and review assumptions to use some technospeak for a moment (smile), allow me to take a few minutes to develop a train of thought.

What God has been showing me is that in every religious grouping, in every nation, in fact in every person, there is a "pearl of great price" that gem of God's truth that has been preserved amongst all the deception, witchcraft, etc that Satan has sown in the wheat field.

IF one can determine what that truth is and sensitively build on it, one can lead almost anyone to salvation - it really is awesome.

Consider the message of Paul at the Areopagus in Acts 17:16-34

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols.

17 Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.

18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And

some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak?"

20 "For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean."

21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;

23 "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

24 "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

25 "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

26 "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

27 "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

28 "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

29 "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

30 "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

31 "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."

33 So Paul departed from among them.

34 However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them. (NKJ)

There are some important lessons from this passage, perhaps the most noteworthy being that Paul, having seen the altar to the unknown God, used that to open the door to preach Jesus. The rest of the message also builds on that which was available to be received about God. Also notice that even though "his spirit was provoked", he did not condemn.

Interestingly, it is reported that the altar to an Unknown God related to a plague centuries before where a prophet from afar came and offered a sin sacrifice to an unknown God on the basis that they had heard that there was such a God and that He could heal the plague. That God indeed healed the plague!

Refer the book "Eternity in Their Hearts" for more details.

Bringing that closer to home. It is also important to understand that EVERY GROUP has custody of some truth which has been lost by virtually every other group either permanently or at some time in history. That truth may not be apparent and it may not seem immediately relevant.

HOWEVER, what Satan has done is to cause each group to become proud of the truths over which they have custody and thereby to regard the truths over which others have custody as either irrelevant or wrong. Water Baptism by immersion is one of the most obvious examples. The true (Saturday) Sabbath is another. There are some groups who are so passionate about those truths that they regard anyone who does not share that truth as a heretic destined for hell. Those who do not have a revelation of that truth, in turn, regard those who are so passionate as either totally eccentric and irrational or as heretics themselves.

This is how Satan has divided the Body of Christ very successfully for nearly 2,000 years.

Because the reality is that the only perfect man who has ever lived is Jesus Christ, it is ALWAYS possible to find fault with what any person on earth believes. If one has a deep revelation of a particular truth then it is very easy to condemn those who do not have that revelation, particularly if one has been persecuted for that revelation.

So we see that many Baptists regard tongues as being "of the Devil" and so we go.

This is compounded because, many times, Satan has counterfeited things, like tongues and many tongues ARE from the devil. So people see a demonic manifestation, conclude that all such tongues are of the devil and the next thing they are condemning their brothers and sisters in Christ and grievously hurting our precious Saviour!

This is why we are told in Matthew 7:1-5 (and Luke 6:37)

1 *"Judge not, that you be not judged.*

2 *"For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*

3 *"And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?*

4 *"Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye?*

5 *"Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye. (NKJ)*

What makes this more difficult, is that we often do not recognize our brothers in Christ because of the factors mentioned above.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 tells us:

4 *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;*

5 *does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, **thinks no***

evil;

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails. (NKJ)

In the Amplified, verse 7 is translated to say "**.... is ever ready to believe the best of every person**"

Taking these scriptures in the context of the earlier remarks, I am constantly enjoined by the Spirit to seek the truth that any person has and to build on that rather than to see the error that they have and tear down with that.

There is good in every person and God will build with whatever good that there is. Satan, the accuser of the brethren, will on the other hand, look for areas of difference, error, sin, etc, and judge and condemn and cast out.

Where is this leading us?

One of the biggest challenges facing the church today, probably the biggest, is to see ALL denominations reconciled into a SINGLE BODY!

Having said that, it is important to recognize that Revelation 2 and 3 defines seven different church personalities and it does seem to me that those seven will endure to the end BUT, those who overcome will NOT be part of any specific one of the seven AND many will not be part of the remnant at all. Thus the challenge persists BUT we have to remember that it is God who judges, NOT man, in terms of who is a member of the Body of Christ and who is not.

Thus we find that since there has been and remains so much error in the Roman Catholic church, dating back to the Council of Trent in about 315 AD, that there are enormous differences between those of Catholic heritage and those of Protestant. I hardly need to tell you that (smile).

BUT, this IS leading to a solution which I profoundly believe WILL work since if we do it God's way and NOT our own "amateurish" (smile) way, success is inevitable!

Part of the answer is contained in 1 Corinthians 12:3

3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. (NKJ)

Mark 9:38-40

38 Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us."

39 But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.

40 "For he who is not against us is on our side. (NKJ)

From this it can be concluded that anyone who has a relationship with Jesus and recognizes His Name, is part of the Body!

HOWEVER, things get complicated just now (smile).

As pointed out in a number of previous mails, Jesus was a Jew.

Jesus is the Anglicization of the Greek word Iesous (ee-ay-sooce') (2424) which Strong defines as follows "of Hebrew origin [3091]; Jesus (i.e. Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites: KJV--Jesus.

Thayer defines 2424 Iesous- :

Jesus = "Jehovah (Yahweh) is salvation"

- 1) Joshua was the famous captain of the Israelites, Moses' successor
- 2) Jesus, son of Eliezer, one of the ancestors of Christ
- 3) Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of mankind, God incarnate
- 4) Jesus Barabbas was the captive robber whom the Jews begged Pilate to release instead of Jesus Christ
- 5) Jesus, surnamed Justus, a Jewish Christian, an associate with Paul in the preaching of the gospel

Those who have searched out the true Hebrew / Aramaic spelling and Anglicization of the name they think was actually applied to Jesus (remember, the oldest manuscripts are about 500 years after His death) think that the correct Anglicization based on sounds, etc is either Yahshua, Yehshua, of half a dozen other derivatives - I have recently started using Yahshua after praying for two years prior to moving away from Jesus, remembering that the LORD GOD, the Father's true name is Yahweh (or YHWH if you prefer).

What is important here is that if one is Greek then "Iesous" may have some relevance BUT, if Yahshua's name is, indeed Yahshua and not some of the other derivatives, in other words, it is NOT the same word as Thayer and many others allege as is used for others in scripture but that it WAS, in fact a derivative of Yahweh (the Fathers name) a seemingly semantic point which was possibly not even evident when the name was spoken, only when it was written, **then the gap between Yahshua and Yeshua, Iesous, Jesus, etc is the gap between heaven and earth!!**

Why is this important?

IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS DISCOURSE I BELIEVE IT MAY BE CRITICAL!

Since we can see clearly that Jesus is not in any meaningful way an accurate Anglicization of Yahshua's real name, then it CAN (and is) be argued that the man we call Jesus Christ CANNOT POSSIBLY be the Messiah of Israel!!

The consequence of this conclusion is that GOD HAS EXTENDED ENORMOUS GRACE TO US IN OUR IGNORANCE!!

This being the case, how much more must we extend grace to those who cannot believe that Jesus Christ can be the Messiah? Technically, we have

just seen that they are PERFECTLY CORRECT, we are only able to appropriate and use a name which in no way approximates His real name, in the same way that we use "the LORD" instead of Yahweh, because of the ABUNDANT MERCY AND GRACE OF GOD!!

It seems to me that many may not consciously be aware of this truth BUT, in their hearts they are. At the same time, most Jews and most Moslems ARE AWARE OF THIS - they know that Messiah will never be a Greek and they know that Yahweh will never call His Messiah a Greek name! Note that Allah is Arabic for God. There may be an idol in Mecca but NOT all Moslems worship the idol!

Where does this leave us with the case in point?

Well, as I see it, you, as a Pentecostal / Charismatic believer in the man you know as the Lord Jesus Christ, have a large amount of truth regarding various aspects of who He is and what He has commanded. And you believe passionately in those truths (smile). Ipso facto in terms of what I have said above, you also have an enormous amount of error - NOT because there is anything wrong with you or with your church or your family or your pastor or anything, simply because that is the state of play today. By my estimate today, a really devout believer may have about 1% of all of God's truth and most probably have a minute fraction of 1%, it may be the fraction that will get them to heaven but it is unlikely to get them much beyond the outer darkness and is certainly unlikely to get them to a high throne. (if you have not read the Final Quest by Rick Joyner from cover to cover, you need to do so as a matter of extreme urgency - I would go so far as to say that if you read no other book this year READ THAT ONE!)

Consequently, the other party in this situation, also probably has about some small fraction of 1%.

Notwithstanding this, most believers, if asked, would probably rate themselves a lot higher than the above ratings, simply because we do not know what we do not know. Take the example of the other sheep folds used above. There are groups who have researched this and written considerable volumes on it. Assuming those volumes contain some truth on the subject, one could spend days just seeking to read what has been written and years seeking to sift out a meaningful understanding of THAT ONE VERSE! And there are a lot of verses in the Bible! And the Jews maintain that every verse has SEVENTY FACETS! And there are many who maintain there are books missing!

So, my fraction of a percent starts to look very optimistic.

Notwithstanding, there is a VERY SMALL portion of the Bible which really dictates the outcome in terms of eternal salvation or eternal damnation BUT it is lost in the other stuff. Most are so busy fighting about tongues, immersion, other sheep folds, "priest" vs "father" vs "pastor" vs "reverend" vs none of the above, etc, etc, etc that they lose sight of the core message. **AND they allow these things to divide the Body!**

And then, because most don't know consciously that He cannot be actually called Jesus Christ but must be some derivative of Yahshua Messiah, they get into strife there if nothing else can be found to divide!

IT REALLY IS A MIRACLE IF ANYONE IS GETTING TO HEAVEN AT THIS TIME! THAT IS THE GRACE OF GOD PAR EXCELLENCE! (smile)

To return to the case in point. The Holy Spirit has, in recent weeks, been opening my eyes to see a little of the truths that the Catholic believers have. I don't have a clear revelation but, perhaps, if you take what is written in this mail to heart and apply it, you may be able to report back to me in days to come (smile)

What He has shown me is a profound revelation of laying down one's life in prayer and intercession for others, a profound revelation of dying to self and counting self as of no consequence, a profound revelation of "come ye apart and be separate" and a profound revelation of self abasement and humility.

I don't say that ALL Catholics have this revelation and I don't say that this is the only revelation they have.

He has also shown me Catholic people who at the age of five or seven made profound commitments to Jesus while praying, sometimes holding a candle AND He has permitted me on several occasions to experience His deep love and compassion for those people. All that I have been privileged to meet have been severely beaten up by Satan BECAUSE they made a deep and enduring commitment to Jesus but were so woefully ignorant of the rest of scripture BECAUSE they were denied the right to read the Bible for themselves, etc, etc that Satan has taken them apart.

I have recently ministered over the internet to two women in the USA who in the Catholic faith made really deep commitments to Jesus at an early age and then were taken apart by Satan for decades, one into prostitution, raped, abused, etc for decades, the other into Satanism, etc. BUT at the end, Yahshua has been faithful and preserved them and brought them to a place where they may have a deeper knowledge of him. Both are still deeply wounded and one recently gave up the battle and lost her salvation. **It IS TRAGIC but it also provides an object lesson in how deeply many Catholics, lost in a deep pit of darkness and deception, have clung to one of the few truths that REALLY MATTER, "their Jesus"! And THAT IS BEAUTIFUL!**

BUT don't tell them they have to be "born again", "baptized in water", etc, etc - they have been fed all sorts of lies and somehow, deep within, many of them know that they know that they know that they have a personal relationship with the Living God and His Son Jesus and they are QUITE CORRECT! Also, don't tell them about all the wrong things the Catholic Church has done over the centuries, or that the "Pope is the Beast", etc, etc - that is the bad news of Satan, NOT the Gospel of God. **So, when a well meaning Pentecostal Christian tells them that they are not saved, there is something within them that tells them NOT SO!! with great passion and great conviction.**

We have to recognize that "born again" is a spiritual state, it is NOT an academic label. Just because someone does not accept the label or even the description "born again" in this age, it does not mean that they have not at some time had an experience that has resulted in Yahshua the Messiah, a God whose name they may not know nor be able to articulate, coming to dwell within them. In fact, they may well have a much deeper personal relationship with and knowledge of the Saviour than the person who is debating semantics regarding being "born again" etc but whose life does not attest of a deep personal knowledge of, and relationship with, the Lord of lords and King of kings!

It is an immense challenge, but, if you want to move away from "I continue to try to minister to her in my own amateurish way" to reaching her heart and finding the common love that you both have for the Saviour, please consider what is presented above!

By the Spirit I must say to you that two years ago when we stayed with you, I saw in a depth of understanding of certain things I said that entirely escaped you! I don't mean to be offensive, only to tell you truth. She has a depth of spiritual understanding and an intimate relationship with Him on a dimension and plane that most will not understand. She may not consider herself to be "born again" according to your understanding, but I testify to you today by the Spirit of the Living God that SHE IS!

She also loves you deeply in a way that you will find few women to love you and you do yourself and her a grave injustice by not finding the common ground that Yahweh has preserved between the two of you. He showed me clearly when we visited with you that He had brought the two of you together, but He also showed me that you had much to learn before that would come to pass.

I leave you with this parting thought. Will you humble yourself and repent of trying to convert her to your Jesus and ask her forgiveness and seek to know the Jesus that SHE knows and, as you learn to open herself to her truths, will you learn to let go of that which you have which is not of Him and come to a place where she can receive from you? That you may share the many truths which you DO have which she lacks!

Above all things, remember Ephesians 5:25 *"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,"* (NKJ)

This is a PROFOUND injunction to every man who calls himself by the name of Christ. Yahshua does not screen us before we come to Him, He accepts us as we are and then He gently leads us to the place where the disciplining of the Father and the comforting and counseling of the Holy Spirit draw us ever closer to Him IF we will seek Him! So must it be with our wives!

There is no such thing as an unsuitable wife, there is only a wife who is a believer and appointed by Yahweh and a wife who is an unbeliever or not appointed by Yahweh.

There is only one question that every man must obtain an answer to when contemplating marriage -- "Is it the will of my Father in Heaven?" There is NO OTHER question that has any relevance whatsoever! That was the ONLY question that Ingrid and I had to answer! It is the only question that you and have to answer.

If the answer to that question is YES, then DO IT!

And THEN, the set of teachings, "God's Plan for Healing Marriage in the Seventh Millennium" contain all that you need to know to experience Heaven on Earth in Marriage! They are available in the USA if you need a set.

God bless brother and MUCH LOVE!

For we are all one Body in Christ Jesus!

James

A TECHNOLOGY QUESTION (2) - ENCRYPTION SOFTWARE

Greetings,

A SECOND REQUEST for assistance with ANOTHER piece of technology.

On the prophetic network list which is in the process of being formed, there is a need to be able to seek input from prophetic people in a fashion which avoids the trap of "leaning to one's own understanding" or "looking to the things that are seen".

In order to do this, we are impressed to provide a service based on the principles of Daniel 2 in which only the person who could reveal the dream could be the true prophet.

What is envisaged is the following:

- 1) Any person on the prophetic network who has a question regarding significant current events in terms of fulfillment of Bible Prophecy or interpretation of Bible Prophecy in scripture would be able to type that question into a screen form where it would be automatically encrypted with 128 byte encryption together with an unlock key, a time stamp and a reference verse of scripture.
- 2) The question in encrypted form, without the unlock key, will be forwarded to the list.
- 3) Those who are on the list will be at liberty to pray over a specific closed item and seek Yahweh for an answer, which answer will take the form of the question, the reference verse of scripture and the answer.
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It must be stressed that this is NOT viewed as an end in itself, it is viewed as a means to assist a group of prophets to gain confirmation of what Yahweh is saying in areas where there may be such great differences of opinion regarding interpretation of scripture that unity is being hindered. This would particularly address situations where Yahweh may be saying things to His church which most people find beyond the bounds of possibility of what He could say. This has characterized the prophetic throughout time and is expected to be particularly challenging in the days ahead.

Should you know of suitable software or where we might obtain same, please would you email us direct?

Many thanks and God bless

James Robertson

RECOGNIZING YAHWEH'S SERVANTS

1. SUMMARY

One of the biggest challenges of Believers throughout time has been to recognize Yahweh's⁽¹⁾ servants and particularly to recognize His apostles and prophets.

Throughout scripture YAHWEH's apostles and prophets were rejected and their message disregarded. Even YAHSHUA⁽²⁾ (Jesus), the Messiah, was rejected and crucified.

Great caution is required in discerning whether a man or woman who comes in the name of YAHWEH or YAHSHUA is, in fact, who they claim to be.

If they are from God and we reject them, then we reject YAHSHUA AND YAHWEH. If we receive them, then we receive both YAHSHUA and YAHWEH!

At the same time, it is clear throughout scripture that we are each to be judged ALONE for our actions, we can be guided by the opinions of men but we may NEVER justify our actions on the basis of the opinions of other men. We MUST therefore each correctly discern the truth concerning any particular man AND any particular message.

There is NO MAN perfect and even Moses, David and other anointed men of God "missed it" on at least one documented occasion. We MUST therefore seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

This article addresses the above points in greater detail and suggests some measures to be taken to assist in arriving at the correct decision. In particular, it suggests that if a person claims to speak for YAHWEH and YAHSHUA and what they say does not seem right to you, it is advisable NOT to judge them, recognize that you too might be in error.

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1. INTRODUCTION: THE CHALLENGE ASSOCIATED WITH RECOGNIZING YAHWEH'S⁽¹⁾ SERVANTS

One of the biggest challenges of Believers throughout time has been to recognize Yahweh's servants and particularly to recognize His apostles and prophets.

Noah was not recognized and all those who did not recognize him perished. Pharaoh and others did not recognize Moses and millions of Egyptians perished as a result and subsequently Israel spent 40 years in the wilderness. The scriptures are full of God's servants who were not recognized, Jeremiah, Ezekial, Isaiah, etc, etc were not recognized by many in their day and millions perished as a result. The Chief Priests, Scribes and Pharisees did not recognize John the Baptist, nor did they recognize YAHSHUA⁽²⁾ Messiah (Jesus Christ), so much so that in the end they crucified Him! And so it continues to the end of Revelation, Yahweh's servants persecuted, murdered and rejected while billions face eternal damnation as a result.

In these days, the year 2001, the beginning of the seventh millennium, days which no matter how you read the Word of God MUST be THE END OF THE AGE, God's people STILL face the same dilemma.

Throughout the ages, Yahweh has appointed His prophets and confirmed His call on their life, either by a direct encounter with them, as in the case of Moses with the burning bush, Paul on the road to Damascus, etc or He has appointed them through the office of another prophet, as in the case of Elijah calling Elisha.

However, in many cases, there is little or no evidence in scripture regarding the manner that Yahweh appointed many of His prophets. So we find Malachi, Hosea and many other prophets apparently appearing on the scene and starting to prophesy with not documented indication of how they were called.

John the Baptist's ministry was spoken out prophetically when he was born with no indication of any subsequent "ordination", Jesus' was filled with the Holy Spirit when John Baptised him and John declared Jesus to be the "Son of God" and the "Lamb of God" but there was no other indication to the people of Judah that Jesus was appointed by Yahweh UNTIL He started to perform miracles. Even then, they still crucified Him eventually, even though He had performed innumerable miracles.

How do we then know the office and calling of any man or woman whom we encounter who claims to be a prophet, apostle, evangelist or pastor and teacher? Each of these offices carry specific functions and "job descriptions" and the offices of apostle and prophet in scripture carry particular authority.

2. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE YAHWEH'S SERVANTS?

Following are a selection of scriptures relating to the apostle and prophet. It is apparent from these verse of scripture that those who fail to correctly recognize and listen to Yahweh's servants find themselves facing serious judgment in the Court of Heaven.

Amos 3:6-8

6 *If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid? If there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done it?*

7 ***Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.***

8 *A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy? (NKJ)*

Here with see that Yahweh Adonai (the LORD God) does NOTHING unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

This one passage makes is absolutely clear that it is vital in this age that we know how to recognize true prophets of God.

So much is happening and is foretold in scripture for this age. It is VITAL that when a person speaks or writes that we quickly are able to determine whether that person is a prophet or not!

Zechariah 1:6

6 **Yet surely My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers?"** "So they returned and said: 'Just as the LORD of hosts determined to do to us, according to our ways and according to our deeds, so He has dealt with us.'" (NKJ)

Daniel 9:10

10 "We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by **His servants the prophets.** (NKJ)

Jeremiah 44:4-6

4 'However I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, "Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I hate!"

5 'But they did not listen or incline their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods.

6 'So My fury and My anger were poured out and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as it is this day.' (NKJ)

Jeremiah 37:2

2 But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land gave heed to the words of the LORD which He spoke by the prophet Jeremiah. (NKJ)

Revelation 10:7

7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, **as He declared to His servants the prophets.** (NKJ)

We must conclude from the above scriptures that it is a matter of vital necessity to recognize Yahweh's prophets.

3. HE WHO REJECTS AN APOSTLE OR PROPHET REJECTS YAHSHUA AND YAHWEH!

Consider Yahshua's words in Matthew 10:40-41:

40 **"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.**

41 "He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in

the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.
(NKJ)

Yahshua was speaking to His disciples (apostles). From this it is apparent that he who receives an apostle or prophet shall receive the reward that is commensurate with receiving an apostle or prophet. Many regard this reward as being the service of the apostle or prophet which in one respect is the benefit of the word from Yahweh given through the apostle or prophet which can change a persons life, on the other hand, it seems that this also speaks of a reward in heaven for having received the apostle or prophet.

The CRITICAL POINT in verse 40 is that if one receives an apostle or prophet then one receives YAHSHUA (Jesus) and one therefore receives YAHWEH Himself!

By extension, WHOEVER REJECTS AN APOSTLE OR PROPHET REJECTS YAHSHUA AND THEREFORE REJECTS YAHWEH!

One should not lightly reject a man or woman who comes in the name of an apostle or prophet.

What is vital to recognize about this verse is that it states "*he who receives a prophet in the NAME of a prophet*"! It does not refer to a letter of commendation from a pastor or fellowship, it says IN THE NAME of a prophet.

In other words, if a man comes to one and SAYS that he is a prophet (or by extension an apostle) then it is OUR responsibility to discern whether he IS or IS NOT! We cannot turn to another person, we MUST turn to the Holy Spirit.

If we discern incorrectly and reject a man who IS a prophet or apostle, then WE reject YAHSHUA and YAHWEH and we pay a commensurate price on the Day of Judgment.

If we discern correctly and ACCEPT a man who IS a prophet or apostle, we ACCEPT YAHSHUA and YAHWEH and we receive a commensurate reward.

By extension, if a person comes in the name of an apostle or prophet and HE IS NOT, then, if we receive him in that name, then we receive the one who sent him, SATAN. Note that all of us today are unclean vessels to a greater or lesser extent and, to that extent, Satan may speak through many who ARE in fact called as apostles or prophets. God willing, this will be discussed in a subsequent posting.

Clearly, this is NOT a trivial subject and not one to be taken lightly!

4. THE SENIORITY OF APOSTLES AND PROPHETS

Luke 11:49-51

49 *"Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,'*

50 *"that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation,*

51 *"from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. (NKJ)*

Yahshua (Jesus) is speaking in the above passage, from which we must conclude that there were apostles in PREVIOUS GENERATIONS to that in which Yahshua lived and that apostle is the Greek version of a word which presumably was translated "prophet" in the "Old Testament".

1 Corinthians 12:28

28 *And God has appointed these in the church: **first** apostles, **second** prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. (NKJ)*

It is clear from this verse that apostles are the most senior of Yahweh's servants and prophets are the second most senior.

Ephesians 4:11-12

11 *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,*

12 *for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, (NKJ)*

The above passage indicates that there are four or five offices. Five are generally recognized but the verse can also be read to indicate "pastors and teachers" as being one office! However, in all cases, throughout scripture, apostles and prophets are ALWAYS mentioned first. Accordingly, it is apparent that evangelists, pastors and teachers cannot claim any form of authority over Yahweh's Holy apostles and prophets!

This principle is greatly clouded today by the tendency of the church to use offices as titles. There are many men and women of God who are apostles, prophets, evangelists and teachers who insist on being called by the title "Pastor" or "Reverend" or "Father" or "Priest" or "Elder" or "Rabbi" or other title given by man, all of this in direct defiance of the words spoken by Yahshua (Jesus) Himself in **Matthew 23:8-12**

8 *"But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.*

9 *"Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.*

10 *"And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.*

11 *"But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.*

12 *"And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. (NKJ)*

If this passage is taken in it's broader context, it is apparent that Yahshua was not speaking only about specific titles BUT ABOUT TITLES IN GENERAL!

Throughout scripture, we find the words apostle, prophet, etc used as a job description or the name of an office NOT as a title. Paul always writes in the form, "Paul, an apostle" NEVER as "Apostle Paul". Consider Galatians 1:1 *"Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead)," (NKJ)*

We would do well to learn this lesson.

Ephesians 2:19-22 reinforces this point:

19 *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*

20 *having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone,*

21 *in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,*

22 *in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (NKJ)*

The apostles and prophets are the foundation with Jesus Christ Himself being the CHIEF corner stone of the foundation. Thus, the church is built on and around the foundation stone which is Christ Jesus (Messiah Yahshua) with the apostles and prophets providing the balance of the foundation on which the rest of the church is built!!

We dare not ignore this principle, yet, too often people seek to bring apostles and prophets under subjection to pastors.

5. **A POPULAR APPROACH TO IDENTIFYING APOSTLES AND PROPHETS**

In response to the challenges set out above, various people have formulated various approaches which are widely advocated in the Body of Christ.

All of these relate to relying on evidence from other believers to testify if a person who comes in the name of an apostle or prophet IS who he claims.

There is ABSOLUTELY NO SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR THIS!

These approaches all claim to rely on scriptures relating to the laying on of hands when Timothy was ordained by Paul and other similar scriptures. HOWEVER, they neglect to recognize that there was not necessarily anyone except Paul present when he prayed for Timothy and that there is no indication that Timothy walked around with a framed certificate from Paul's "Bible School" to indicate that he had been ordained by Paul. And, even if he HAD, there was no man to testify that Paul had been ordained by YAHSHUA. The men with him on the road to Damascus did not understand what was said and the man who prayed for him to receive his sight in Damascus was certainly not known elsewhere in the world.

YET, whenever Paul arrived in a city he went to the Synagogue and began to teach!

6. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO CORRECTLY DISCERN THE TRUTH

YAHWEH requires EACH OF US INDIVIDUALLY TO DISCERN whether a man or woman who claims to be an apostle or prophet (or any other office) is, in fact, who he claims to be.

We have to recognize that 1 Corinthians 10:12 states *"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."* (NKJ)

Thus, a prophet who hears YAHWEH clearly today but yet falls into deep sin tomorrow, can speak as an oracle of God today but hear an unclean message tomorrow. This depends on the anointing of the individual person, BUT, *"ALL have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God"* Romans 3:23 (NKJ)

Once we recognize that mankind today is at the lowest ebb of spirituality that has EVER existed on this earth since the fall of Adam and Eve, as indicated in a recent posting, then we MUST recognize that ALL whom we encounter ARE earthen vessels and therefore likely to fall into error from time to time.

WE MUST THEREFORE ACCEPT OUR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO DISCERN WHETHER A MAN OR WOMAN IS SENT BY YAHWEH OR NOT AND WHETHER WHAT THEY SAY ON ANY PARTICULAR SUBJECT IS OF YAHWEH OR NOT!!

Remember that **Proverbs 21:28 in the NIV states:**

A false witness will perish, and whoever listens to him will be destroyed for ever. (NIV)

Refer to the previous posting on "Seeking for God's Truth - The Key to Unity" for more information on this.

The Holy Spirit has been given to all that believe, He is our counsellor, our comforter, our friend and our teacher! We MUST turn to Him to guide us in assessing anything and anyone that comes to us!

7. CONSIDER PAUL, THE APOSTLE

Consider Galatians 1:10-2:2

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

20 (Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.)

21 Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

22 And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ.

23 But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy."

24 And they glorified God in me.

1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me.

2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain. (NKJ)

Paul preached the Gospel by the Spirit for three years before he even met those who had been with Jesus and then he only verified the details of his message after at least another 14 years!

There is no indication that Paul ever complied with any of the conditions typically imposed by the church today, nor is there any indication that scripture imposes those on any other man who is called by God.

8. DISCERNING A TRUE APOSTLE OR PROPHET

Any man who is truly an apostle or prophet of YAHWEH is a member of "The Church of the Lord YAHSHUA Messiah (Jesus Christ)", and is called and appointed by Him in whatever way YAHSHUA see's fit to call him. In general, any person who is a true apostle or prophet will be able to share of their suffering for the Gospel of Christ.

Paul, in 2 Corinthians 11:18-30, responding to claims of false apostles, says:

18 Seeing that many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast.

19 For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise!

20 For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face.

21 To our shame, I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold-- I speak foolishly-- I am bold also.

22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ?-- I speak as a fool-- I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.

25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness--

28 *besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.*

29 *Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?*

30 *If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. (NKJ)*

His testimony is based on the fact that he HAS taken up his cross and followed YAHSHUA (Jesus). Consider:

Matthew 10:38 *""And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me." (NKJ)*

Matthew 16:24

Mark 8:34 *"When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." (NKJ)*

Mark 10:21

Luke 9:23 *"Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (NKJ)*

A man or woman whose personal testimony indicates that Satan has expended great energy seeking to destroy them AND WHO ALSO shows a deep and abiding awareness of the need for holiness and sanctification, a deep love for YAHSHUA and YAHWEH and deep recognition of the reality that they can do nothing except by the Holy Spirit within them, is likely to be an apostle or prophet IF that person claims to operate in that office.

If what that person says is clearly according to scripture, that will HELP, BUT, since most people lack a truly deep knowledge of scripture AND since so much taught in the church today is contrary to scripture, most people have great difficulty in knowing whether what is being said is truly according to scripture or not.

All too often, as throughout history, people reject a true apostle or prophet because what he says does not conform to THEIR interpretation of scripture.

THAT IS WHY YAHSHUA WAS CRUCIFIED!

The testimony of the HOLY SPIRIT must be the final arbiter, but even here we find that most believers are demonized to some degree and, consequently, they are frequently harassed by feelings and emotions which are NOT of YAHWEH and NOT of the Holy Spirit but which are of their flesh or of demons.

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May this assist you in your quest to overcome to the end and to be found a faithful servant on that day. A wise and not a foolish virgin, a sheep and not a goat, wheat and not tares a good and not a worthless steward, etc. That you may rule and reign with Messiah (Christ) on a throne for eternity and not find yourself cast into outer darkness with weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

May YAHWEH bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you. In the name of YAHSHUA Messiah of Nazareth, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen.

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THE WRATH OF GOD FOR THE CHURCH: WHY JUDGEMENT IS COMING ON THE CHURCH TODAY

THE JUDGEMENT FOR ADULTERY

Good morning.

Neil asked me to continue with what I was preaching on last week so that's what I am going to do.

And, in a moment, I'll hand out, as I did last week, a set of scriptures because it's rather a lengthy message that THE LORD has given me again today. But again, as with the message last week, it is not something that can be broken into pieces.

I have to say to you that today's message is even more challenging than last week's message!

And, it's going to challenge every one of us. It's going to challenge me in bringing it and it's going to challenge you in hearing it. Because, this is really getting to the heart of some of the issues that are facing the church in this time of tribulation.

So, before I bring anymore, can I just ask you to bow your heads with me and let's just bring this word before THE LORD?

Father, we come to you in the name of YAHSHUA, we bring this word before you now. Father I just pray that you open everyone of our hearts to receive all that is in this message that is of you and Father, that should there be anything that is not according to your perfect will and your perfect word that you will just blow it away. I thank you Father that your angels encamp around us to protect us. I thank you that no weapon formed against us shall prosper. I thank you that you cover every person listening to this message with the Blood of Jesus from the top of their heads to the soles of their feet and that you cover the entire environment where we are with the Blood of Jesus. That no agent of Satan can in any way interfere with that which you would have us hear from your Word today. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

You may have noticed last week. I only noticed when I was doing the transcription.

By the way, there is a transcription of last week's message available for those who want it and there are tapes as well.

I only realised when I was doing the transcription last week that I had left out completely in the recap, the seventh commandment "Thou shall not commit adultery" and I realised as I was preparing this message, that was

by the Spirit of God, that He wanted to deal with that particular subject separately today.

So, my message today, as a continuation of last weeks message, which for those of you who weren't here, was entitled "The Wrath of God for the Church: Why Judgement is Coming on the Church Today" and which was a message in which essentially God said to us that the church is currently in this age, breaking every one of the ten commandments wilfully and, to a point, knowingly. And that judgement would come on the church for that reason.

The message today is, "The Judgement for Adultery". And, in presenting this message, I will present you with some background to understand how God actually defines adultery in the spiritual sense.

[a document with all scriptures was handed out to the congregation, where only portions of the scripture were read, the full scripture is contained at the end of this document]

I would ask you not to page ahead, as last week, because if you do, you'll kind of get ahead of what I'm saying and that may make things more difficult.

Before I go into that, one aspect that is perhaps evident, but perhaps not, in the context of the message that I brought last week. I presented one dimension, and you'll remember that I referred to the multiple dimensions of Torah and of scripture. I presented ONE dimension of how Satan operates. Clearly, I wasn't dealing with all the dimensions and there's a very obvious other dimension and that is the way in which, through demonic interference, Satan tries to trap us into lust, he traps us into lies, he traps us into false doctrine and so on and so forth. But my objective last week was not really to deal with that.

Satan in that whole situation is playing a dual role. On the one hand he is fomenting unrest in the Church, if you like, with lies and what have you. And on the other hand, he is coming before the throne of judgement and saying "AHa, look I caught them out, I want a judgement against them".

So, it's a very complex subject, and not one we can deal with as quickly as that and, just, as an aside, I mentioned this book last week, "Poverty in the Church of Jesus Christ". Which is a whole diagnostic catalogue of things which in my experience have led to loss in the lives of believers. If anybody would like a copy just let me know.

Let's get back to the judgement for adultery. I need to make one other point here. Judgement in this life is Mercy from God. In my experience, many people in the church today don't want to talk about judgement. And, if you start talking to them about judgement, they kind of get offended and they think you're trying to be ugly to them. But we need to understand judgement in this day, judgement in this life, is Grace and Mercy from God.

We can either have judgement now in this life and pay the price for our sin now or we can live a life of comfort and not face judgement in this life. In which case we will be judged at the end of our lives when we come before the Judgement Seat of Christ and we will pay a much dearer price in terms of a part in the lake of Fire and Brimstone, or whatever the case may be and possibly, in the extreme, losing our salvation.

So, the process we talked about last week is not something that is bad. Unpleasant as it may be to be judged in this life, it is mercy and it is grace. IF we receive it as such and we see that it provides us with a means to change the way we conduct our lives in this life. If we don't, if we become offended when God judges us, we just heap sin upon sin.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

9 *Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.*

10 ***For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.***

11 ***Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. (NKJ)***

One of the things that has struck me in the last couple of years because THE LORD has been dealing with me on the subject of judgement now for about four or five years. We went through a whole court case three years ago where we experienced a trial. We were the plaintiff's in a Civil Court action for breach of contract against us. And so we got a very first hand experience of what the judgement process is about. That made this whole thing a lot more alive to us. But what I find is that the majority of Christians don't know this "terror of THE LORD". They don't have a fear of the Judgement Seat of Christ.

That is one of the pivotal factors behind what I was teaching on last week. The reason there is so much error in what the church practices and preaches today is simply because the majority of Christians have not got a revelation that the day will come where they will stand, on their own, before the Judgement Seat of Christ and a decision will be taken with regard to their future destiny.

Most people do not have a revelation that they can lose their salvation. Most people do not have a revelation that they can have a part in the lake of fire and brimstone. I'll touch on that again later but I need to make the point, Revelation 21:8 refers to a "part" in the lake of fire and brimstone. So it is possible to go to hell for eternity but, as I understand it, it is also possible to spend a period of time in the lake of fire and brimstone which is a cleansing. It is paying the price of sin that was not dealt with in this life.

So, the Judgement Seat of Christ is an AWE FULL place. A place full of awe! We should be reverently fearful of the Judgement Seat of Christ because we

must ALL stand before that Judgement Seat one-day. We must give account for every word that we have spoken, every deed that we have done and whether we have done what God called us to do.

As I've mentioned to you, previously, THE LORD has been dealing with me very severely since October this year, around a variety of issues. In terms of things that I was leaving undone and part of what I was leaving undone relates to what's in this message. So I bring this message to you with a revelation of the awesomeness of the Judgement Seat of Christ and how awe full, full of awe, the core of this message is today.

In the last message we went through the whole judgement process and we went through headlines of how each of the ten commandments was being broken to a greater or lesser extent by some or a large portion of the church today. I'm not going to go through that because I'm acutely aware of the time constraint.

We went through Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5 and we looked at all of that. And, as I say, I only noticed when I was transcribing, and it only really hit me when I was preparing this message, that somehow I'd completely missed the seventh commandment, you shall not commit adultery. [Exodus 20:14

/ Deuteronomy 5:18 **'You shall not commit adultery.** (Seventh Commandment)]

And I want to say to you today. And this is a subject that I've been praying into for years. So I don't make any of the statements I'm going to make today lightly. Adultery is probably destroying more lives in AND outside the Body of Christ, than any other single sin today. There are probably more souls in hell today as a consequence of sexual sin than anything else. There are probably more believers in the Body of Christ who are going to have an awe full shock on the day of judgement as a consequence of adultery than in any other area.

It's important to understand Jesus' ministry began with a miracle at a wedding and it ends with the miracle of the marriage supper of the Lamb.

So God has been restoring over the last five hundred years, since Luther and the Reformation, the truths of the Faith. The last truth that He is restoring, as I mentioned briefly with those tapes that I showed you last week, is the truth about marriage. Because, until the church has been cleansed in that area, the bridegroom cannot return to a spotless bride.

We see in 2 Peter 3:14, one of a number of verses which speaks of this: *Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;* (NKJ).

The church cannot be without spot while two thirds of ALL marriages in the

Christian faith are ending in divorce and remarriage and the majority of them are ending in Divorce for reasons that are not scriptural.

Ingrid and I are both divorced, there are other people who are divorced, who God has permitted to divorce, but generally after a very testing period. There are others who just wake up one day and say "I don't like your face anymore" and they get divorced and they think that's acceptable. And, it's not, and I'll show you why as I go through.

THE JUDGEMENT FOR ADULTERY

So, let's look at what is the judgement for adultery? It's summed up very succinctly in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10:

9 Do you not know that **the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?** Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,
10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (NKJ)

That's pretty crystal clear. We need to be clear what these things are but we need to see that.

I just want to give you a few examples; THE LORD has been taking us on a journey over a number of years to be able to give this message today. I think I mentioned this last week, I heard recently of a case, an elder in a congregation, very well loved, well-respected, married a divorced woman, he was DEAD within six months! The Word of God was that he was in adultery!

We ministered personally to a man about three years ago who went bankrupt within six months of marrying a divorced woman.

On a less dramatic note there are many. We minister quite regularly to people who are in permanent financial lack simply because their house is divided, because the wife is not in agreement with the husband, there's strife in the home, and, I'll show you more later how that allows the Devil to kill, steal and destroy in a marital situation.

By contrast, we've ministered in another situation where a woman who'd come to salvation about five, six years ago, had been living in the sight of God in adultery for twenty years and basically they'd experienced no discomfort until God took her out of the marriage. Then, in a period of eight hours of prophetic ministry, revealed that she had been seduced, she'd lost her virginity under hypnosis! She had absolutely no recollection of it, but in the sight of God she was married to the man who took her virginity under hypnosis!

Now that is really shocking stuff in terms of our understanding of a lot of these subjects.

Proverbs 7, just verses 1, 5 and 27:

1 *My son, keep my words, and treasure my commands within you. (NKJ)*

.....

5 *That they may keep you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words.*

.....

Then proverbs seven goes on with a whole account of this adulterous wife who seduces this young man. Verse 27 *Her house is **the way to hell**, descending to the chambers of death. (NKJ)*

So we should be under no illusion. The judgement for adultery is very, very severe indeed. It is not something to be trifled with. It is not something that we should be wishy washy in our understanding of what scripture says. Therefore, forgive me for being very robust in terms of what I'm going to share with you today, but it's time that the church comes out of the closet and owns what adultery is and starts dealing with adultery, because those people who do not hear the truth in this life are going to pay a terrible price as we've just heard.

ADULTERY DEFINED

Matthew 19:9 in the New King James, Jesus speaking:

9 *"And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." (NKJ)*

Now, as I've said, over 60 to 70 percent of marriages in the Body of Christ are ending in Divorce and the vast majority of them are covered by that verse of scripture.

Matthew 19:9, this is now the King James Version which lifts this out a bit more clearly,

9 *And I say unto you, Whosoever shall **put away** his wife, except it be for **fornication [porneia]**, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. (KJV)*

So, fornication, adultery, are all derivatives of the same concept but let's take it a little bit further. Thayer defines the word porneia as "illicit sexual intercourse" and metaphorically the worship of idols. [The more detailed definition is in the appendix].

What you see throughout scripture is that the act of sexual immorality and the act of spiritual immorality are almost interchangeably used. The same words are used. God speaks of the "adultery of Israel", he speaks of adultery in marriage. It comes back to this principle, everything in our relationship with God is a shadow and a type of the relationship between husband and wife and vice versa.

So, it's important to understand that Jesus, when He spoke of porneia was speaking of not only straightforward, obvious sexual immorality, He was also speaking of spiritual immorality.

I was divorced on the basis of persistent spiritual sin over 25 years, and when THE LORD told me to get divorced, I didn't even understand what I'm sharing with you now. I just knew that I knew that I knew that God had told me to get divorced. It was only subsequently that I came to understand why and why I had to get out when He told me to get out because I was on the brink of being destroyed spiritually myself.

So, porneia is something that is devastatingly terrible. It's not something that you wake up one morning and you look at the person in the bed next to you and say, "I don't like your face, I think God's just told me to get divorced".

Revelation 21:8 *"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, **sexually immoral**, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."* (NKJ)

I just want to digress there a moment. There's something that most Christians don't see, that's the little bit about ALL LIARS. So the next time you tell a joke that involves an untruth, just remember the number of minutes you might spend in the lake of Fire and Brimstone as a result of that untruth! We will be judged for every idle word that we speak!

So we need to understand that ANYTHING that is a lie, potentially lines us up, if we don't repent of it, and I've been through a serious cleansing process on this, as I shared briefly last week.

But the sexually immoral, Revelation 21:8 in the King James Version refers to "whoremongers", the Greek word is " pornos " which is a variation of "porneia" and it speaks of the same thing. It's sexual or spiritual adultery.

Let me take you to Malachi 2 verses 13 to 16 which most of you are probably familiar with to a greater or lesser extent. But I want to read it from the King James. Because the King James makes a very important distinction. Sorry, I missed that in Matthew 19:9 above, in the King James, it refers to "putting away", NOT divorce, and I'll come back to that now.

13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD [YAHWEH] with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.

14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD [YAHWEH] hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt **treacherously**: yet is she thy companion, and **the wife of thy covenant**.

15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and **let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth**.

16 For the LORD [YAHWEH], the God of Israel, saith that **he hateth putting away**: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD [YAHWEH] of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not **treacherously**. (KJV)

Now, there is an enormous difference between "putting away" and divorce. In virtually every modern translation of the Bible it uses the word "divorce" instead of "putting away".

The vast majority of what we call "divorce" today is "putting away". Jesus, in Matthew 19 was addressing specifically the moral climate that we have in the world today. Prostitution was rife, fornication in pagan Rome and pagan Greece was absolutely rife. All the abominable practices that we condone and accept in the world today were rife in Jesus' day as well. Caligula was the Emperor of Rome just after Jesus death and some of you may have seen, if you've ever been overseas, the adverts for the movie "Caligula" which had the most vile practices in. And those practices are prevalent today, particularly in the spiritual sense.

So what God is saying here is, He hates putting away. He accepts that a marital partner will reach a place of porneia which is irredeemable, that they will lose their salvation and go to hell and, under such circumstances he will permit divorce. Putting away is just throwing a spouse out of the house for no reason, in very simple terms.

Porneia, adultery, putting away - they are all the same thing - it's a spiritual thing and I hope in the next few minutes to make that alive to you. Adultery is a SPIRITUAL STATE. It's not just a physical act. It's an irreversible spiritual state, well, not totally irreversible, it can be reversed with the correct repentance and the correct prayers, but, see also that porneia is treachery.

See the number of times that the word treachery is used there.

IRREVERSIBLE SPIRITUAL DEATH

A digression, but it's an important digression because it is fundamental to understanding what the Word of God says, with regard to the issue of

divorce, adultery, etc. There is a condition of irreversible spiritual death for a born again believer. There are three passages here

Hebrews 6:4-8, I'll just lift out a few extracts ***"it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,"***

verse 6

"if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame."

Hebrews 10:24-31 and I'll just pick up again a couple of extracts ***"For if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgement, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries."***

Certainly, in my experience, since I cried out to THE LORD in '95 about the level of divorce and He started to open the Word to me around these areas, I've seen the extent to which people in the Body of Christ don't want to confront the truths that we are talking about today.

They don't have a fearful revelation of those passages in Hebrews 6 and Hebrews 10. I had the situation, shortly after I'd moved out and started divorce proceedings against my ex-wife and I was praying for her. THE LORD said to me "Hebrews 6 applies, be quiet". That is a terrible experience, but it's very real. We need to understand that is the basis on which God permits divorce. A person who has come to salvation and LOST their salvation irrevocably.

If they were married before either of them came to salvation, then the party who has come to salvation is required by scripture to lay down their life until death for the salvation of the other spouse. UNLESS that other spouse reaches a point where they have lost all hope of salvation or have committed the unpardonable sin and they can no longer come to salvation. One of the things people need to understand is, if you join yourself to an unbeliever. If you join yourself to somebody who is doubtful in the faith. You are committed to them for life except in the most extreme set of circumstances.

A last scripture which again, many Christians seem to take lightly in this day. Jesus speaking, Matthew 12:31-32

31 *"Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.*

32 *"Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; **but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.***

(NKJ)

What I've observed over the years is that the most powerful spiritual force available to mankind on this earth is a husband and wife who are in absolute perfect, unity, harmony and agreement. The Word of God is very clear on that. Whatsoever we agree on earth will be granted in heaven and, because a husband and wife become one flesh in marriage, if they come into complete harmony, it's the same prayer coming out of two mouths and that is one of the most powerful instruments available to God on this earth. That is why Satan hates marriage so much and that is one of the reasons there is so much deception and so much error around the area of marriage today.

Again, in some of what I'm going to share with you today, you are going to be seriously confronted relative to what you have believed the Word of God says in some of these areas. I ask you, if anything rises up inside you, please take authority over it. I know of one man of God who has blasphemed the Holy Spirit in his reaction to some of these truths and I know of several instances where this has happened, because Satan has got such a strong hold in the church in some of these areas.

SPECIFIC DEFINITION OF ADULTERY

Let's look at the specific definition of adultery. One of many in scripture. Leviticus 18:20 *"Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her."* (NKJ)

Deuteronomy 22:22 *"If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die-- the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil from Israel."* (NKJ)

Again, it's very specific, adultery is a man lying with a woman who is married to another man. Having sexual intercourse.

WHAT IS A WIFE / MARRIAGE?

So, let's understand what is a wife. This is where we start to get serious confusion in the Body of Christ today.

What is a wife? What is marriage?

Let's look first of all at Deuteronomy 22 verses 28 and 29:

28 *"If a man finds a young woman who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out,*

29 *"then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife because he has humbled her; he shall not be permitted to divorce [put her away - KJV] her all his days.* (NKJ)

There is no other requirement in scripture for marriage except that the man takes the woman's virginity. I'll come back to that in a moment.

The taking of vows and everything else are incidental and they are supplementary. The minute a man takes a woman's virginity that IS THE ACT OF MARRIAGE!

Deuteronomy 22:13-21, I'm not going to read the whole thing, but it makes it very clear indeed. It basically says that if a man comes to marry a woman and on his wedding night he discovers that she is not a virgin, then she is a harlot and she is to be put to death. However, if he brings a false accusation, again we see that he may not put her away all his days.

There is a whole lot of other circumstantial stuff round about the evidence of virginity, etc. We don't have time to go there, but understand that the basis for the sentence of death for this young woman is simply that she purported to be a virgin and therefore marriageable. On the night of the wedding she was found not to be a virgin and she is taken outside and stoned to death on the lack of the evidence of the blood of the loss of her virginity. It's that harsh!

So, we need to understand that if a woman is a virgin, she is not married, if she has lost her virginity, she is either married if she is living with the man that she lost her virginity to and she's only had one man. If she's a widow and her first husband has died, she's permitted to remarry, otherwise, barring certain key exceptions, which I'll get to in a moment, she's a harlot and she will be subject to the death penalty on the day of judgment.

If she is divorced by the Spirit of God for scriptural reasons, the Word of God is COMPLETELY SILENT in terms of what it says concerning that situation. However, we know from our own experience in ministry that God does permit remarriage for women who are truly divorced in His sight. But there is no scriptural guidance as to the basis.

So we have to turn to the Spirit of God. We have to go to Him and we have to trust totally in His leading, we have to put out fleeces, we have to do whatever we have to do to make absolutely sure if we are planning to marry a woman who is NOT a virgin that it is spiritually safe to marry her.

So, we can replace the word "marry" or "marriage" in the scriptures with the words "sexual intercourse with a virgin". Now I understand that's a little bit provocative to some people, but that is what the word marriage in scripture means. A wife is a woman who lives with the man she gave her virginity to. It's as simple as that. Anything other than that is embellishment, it is not at the heart of the situation.

So, the consequence of that is folks, there is no such thing as a one night stand! There can be an accidental marriage, but there is no such thing as a one night stand. The majority of the church today will tell you that if you got a bit over excited in the back of the car and she lost her virginity, well just go and repent and God will bring the right person across your path. Folks, it's not like that. If that's what happened, you're married!

That's the way it is, and if you go and the woman then joins herself to somebody else, she will find herself classified in the court room of God as a harlot. Whether she did it naively or whether she did it because her pastor told her it was OK. The people that I mentioned earlier, the man who died and the man who went bankrupt, both had been told by the church that it was safe to marry.

There's a whole other discussion there about the judgment that comes with people who give false counsel like that. If the church understood the consequence of something like that, they would be a lot less hasty to express judgments in areas like that.

THE DEFINITION OF A VIRGIN

I'm not going to go into that in a lot of detail, but there are a couple of points there. The virgin that's referred to is a girl at puberty. A girl comes into the age of spiritual majority in the sight of God at the time of puberty, which is generally somewhere between twelve and a half and thirteen or fourteen years old today.

It's important to understand that all these passages that speak about marriage are speaking about girls of that age.

Now, again, that's a major paradigm rattler to us today. But, we need to understand that's the reality. So, before we judge girls of fifteen or sixteen who are battling with their sexuality, we need to understand why. The reality is that God never intended them to live the way we require them to live in this age. I understand that is immensely controversial but we need to confront these truths. Because we set ourselves up as judges and arbiters over people and make their lives miserable. The harsh reality is folks that secular statistics indicate that of the order of a third of all women in the world today have lost their virginity by their fourteenth birthday. Of the order of two thirds of all women in the world today have had intercourse with at least two men by the time they get "married".

Those are harsh statistics. Those are statistics which are sending billions of souls to hell! We need to confront them.

WHAT IS THE MARRIAGE COVENANT?

Let's go and look at "what is the marriage covenant" because I'm sure everybody would agree with me that marriage is a covenant, so let's understand what the Word of God says about the marriage covenant.

First of all, Hebrews 9:18 ***"Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood."***

Covenant requires the shedding of blood.

Genesis 15:4-21 is presented there and you're all familiar I'm sure with the story of the first covenant that God cut with Abram where he cuts the animals in half and the fiery oven passes through it. I'll just read a few verses.

Verse 6 **"And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness."**

Verse 8 **"And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?""**

Verse 10 **"Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other;"**

Verse 17 **"And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.**

18 **On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram"**

That is the most explicit description we have anywhere in scripture with regard to the cutting of the covenant.

Jeremiah 34:18 **"And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it--" (NKJ)**

So, again we see that a covenant involves the death of an animal. In the footnote to Genesis 15:10, "The Living Torah" which is a very anointed modern Jewish translation of the five books of Moses. They've subsequently brought out several volumes of the Living Nach. It's got a series of commentaries by some very anointed Rabbi's. It's the most anointed translation of the Old Testament that I've ever read. If you want the Old Testament to come alive, that is the translation to read in my experience.

That translation relating to Genesis 15:10 says "[Abram] brought all these for Him. He **split** them in half, and placed one half opposite the other."

The footnote to Genesis 15:10 in the Living Torah states **"split them . . . This was the way of making a covenant (Rashi). Indeed, the words b'rith (covenant) and bathar (split) appear to be closely related (.....) It symbolized that just as the two halves of the animal were really one, so were the two people making the covenant. Moreover, just as one side cannot live without the other, so the two cannot live without each other (.....). It was also seen as a malediction; anyone violating the oath would be torn asunder like the animals (.....)."**

THE PRINCIPAL ASPECTS OF COVENANT:

So, we see the principal aspects of covenant, which bear repeating:

- 1) The covenant is made by splitting or cutting some living thing and shedding blood.
- 2) People who make a blood covenant become one and cannot live without one another.
- 3) A person who breaks the covenant is to be put to death.

So we there find the underlying covenantal principle behind the death penalty for adultery. We also find some guidance in terms of better understanding what the marriage covenant is about.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines "**split** ... *Break forcibly, be broken into parts esp. longitudinally or with the grain or **plane of cleavage**; ...*"

Out of that we get the crux of understanding the marriage covenant. Genesis 2:21-25 which, again I'm sure you are all familiar with, verse 23 says "*... This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall **cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.***"

So you see that verse 24 speaks directly of the act of sexual union which results in the cutting of covenant with the shedding of blood.

It's really, really important to understand that. If you will just bear with me, I don't mean to offend anybody, but the reason Satan uses that symbol [the red valentines heart ♥] the way he does for lust and love, is because of what it physically represents.

So that symbol is used by Satan to create a subliminal effect of men thinking of women's most Holy part. It's really important to understand this. Every time you see one of these valentines cards or your kids innocently draws a heart, etc. It is getting to the very heart of the marriage covenant. It is an EXTREMELY sexually explicit symbol. That is why Satan has made us so oblivious to what it signifies. It is the most terrible abomination and we are completely oblivious to it. In the world and in the church today.

1 Corinthians 12:23-24

23 *And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty,*

24 *but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, (NKJ)*

So we see from that that God is saying that the male and female genital organs are the most Holy part of the body. They are the most honoured part of the body and that is why public nudity is such a shame and such an abomination. Those are the most Holy organs. They should only be seen within the marriage bed.

THE ONE FLESH BOND

Let's take that a bit further. We've been now to Genesis 2:24, let's go now to Matthew 19:5-6 and I'm reading from the Amplified Bible. Jesus is again speaking:

- 5 ...For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be united (**joined inseparably**) to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?
- 6 So they are no longer two, but **one flesh**. What therefore God has joined together, **let not man put asunder** (separate). (AMP)

We kind of hear that and we use it in a legalistic sense. But, I've been down a very, very rough road in that area. I came back to serving God. I gave my life, had an experience with God when I was about thirteen in the Anglican church. I got highly offended with the hypocrisy and what have you in the church by the time I was about seventeen or eighteen and I back slid totally until about eight years ago. So I was about 39 at that stage. I was in adultery, my life was in a mess and I was on the express lane headed for hell. Everything blew open, the relationship was exposed, it came to an end. I suddenly found that, notwithstanding all the will in the world. And having come back to THE LORD and truly had a revelation that I was headed for hell and truly repented of my sin of adultery. I still could not cut off the ties that I had with this woman that I'd committed adultery with. And THE LORD took me through a very dramatic period of cleansing and period of teaching in that.

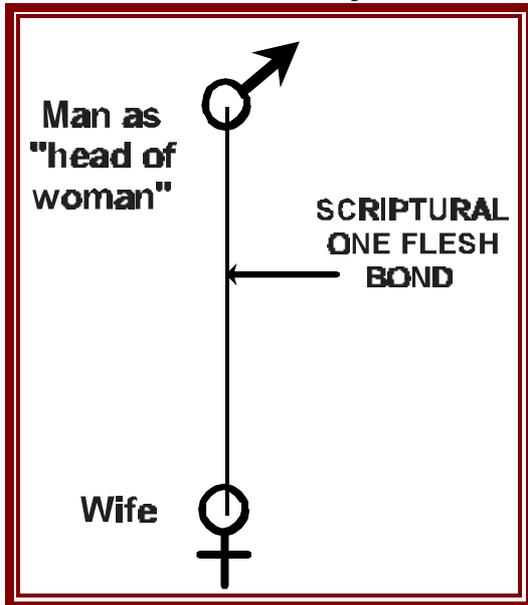
Basically, what the Word of God is in fact telling us here is that when a man has intercourse with a woman, part of the man's spirit joins irreversibly to spirit of the woman. The more they make love, the more passionately they are in love, the more passionately and unreservedly they give themselves to one another, the stronger that bond becomes. So that in the sight of God that man and that woman are no longer two people.

This is the heart of understanding marriage.

Their very spirits become fused together. It's no longer John and Jane, it's just John. John is two people in the spirit sense. The stronger that gets, eventually, if it grows to the full extent possible, that man and that woman are able to communicate with one another spiritually. If you like, "telepathically", across great distances. You can think of something and phone her and say "I was about to say this to you" and she will say, "yes that is exactly what I was thinking of saying to you!" They will be able to communicate.

Once they get to that point, their prayers become immensely powerful. But, where you have that in a situation that is unGodly, you've got an enormous problem. So what we have in the world today, you're probably all familiar with that symbol (♂) for a male? It's a biological symbol and that symbol (♀) for a female? I'm just using them for convenience because I need to do a couple of drawings here.

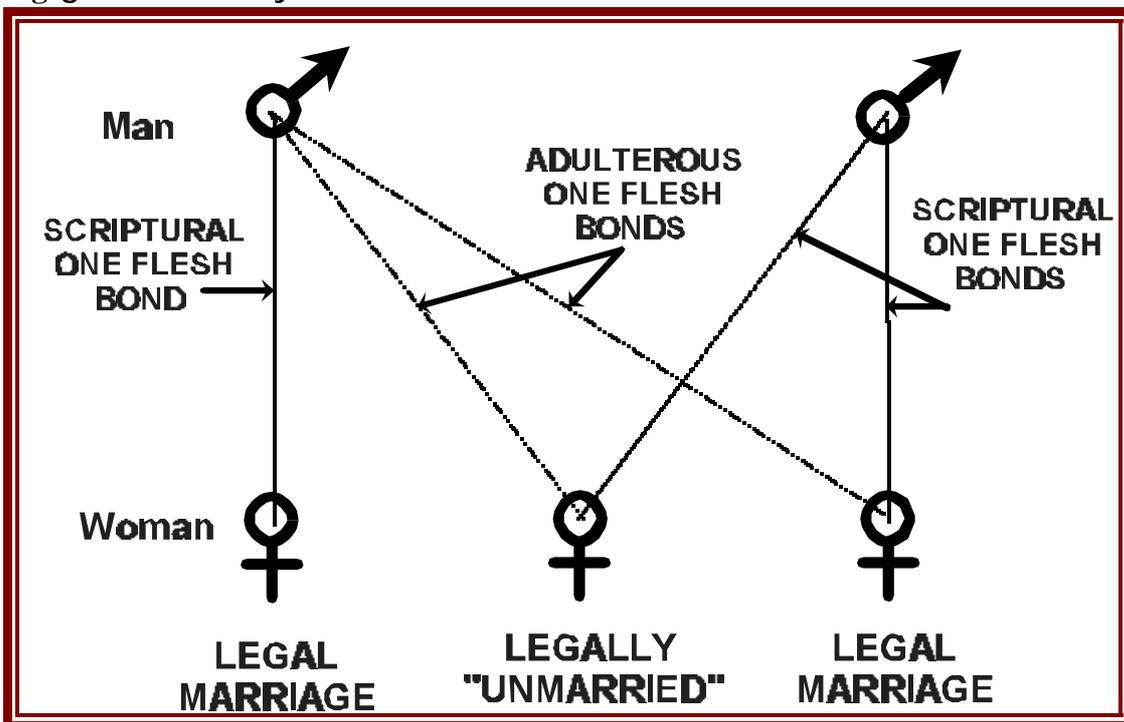
Figure 1: Godly One Flesh Bond Woman Joined To Only One Man



In a Godly marriage, that's the union that you have (Figure 1).

If this woman now goes and joins herself to a couple of other men, she's joined like that, (Figure 2). Remember this is an unbreakable spiritual bond. It can be broken, but it can only be broken from my own experience through a very broken and a contrite heart and humble

Figure 2: UnGodly One Flesh Bonds - Woman Joined To More Than One Man

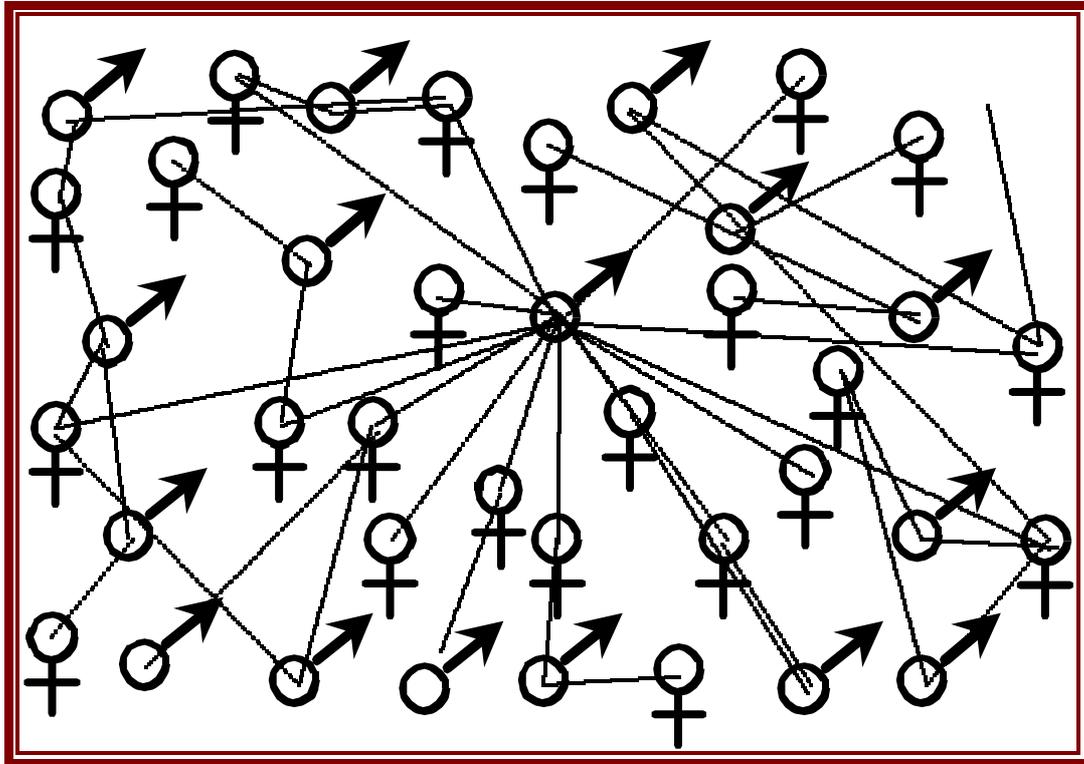


petition before the throne of God, because there is no scriptural basis anywhere for it to be broken.

So THAT is adultery. Adultery is a spiritual state in which a man is joined to a woman who is joined to one or more other men. Now, as I said to you last week, the reality is that THE LORD showed me at Passover last year. That the

vast majority of people in the Body of Christ are joined to at least one other person with whom they are not living, and that person is joined to at least one other person with whom they are not living. The result is, and you can see this "spiders web" goes on indefinitely (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Men Joined To Women Who Are Joined To Many Other Men



Now, one of these people is joined to the Body of Christ, and the Body of Christ is joined to every Satanist, every witch and every warlock on the planet. That is in God's sight what the spiritual manifestation of adultery and fornication is.

So, when God looks down on people in this situation, he doesn't just see John and Jane, He sees John joined to Peter and Joe and all the rest of it. That is why fornication and adultery is such an absolute abomination in the sight of God. It takes an orderly relationship, which is what you've got there, and it turns it into something which is absolutely horrifyingly inappropriate and debilitating.

If you take it one other step, and it's important to understand why incest is such a problem. If we just take the example of a woman who has a daughter and the father then has intercourse with his daughter. Folks, this is harsh stuff, but the statistics indicate that 20% of all women on the planet today have been sexually molested by a close relative, either father, step-father, brother or uncle, 20% of all women molested through incest (Figure 4).

What you get then, there's the blood line passing through the father and the mother to the daughter and there's the one flesh bond and you get essentially a spiritual short circuit. Which, again is an absolute abomination

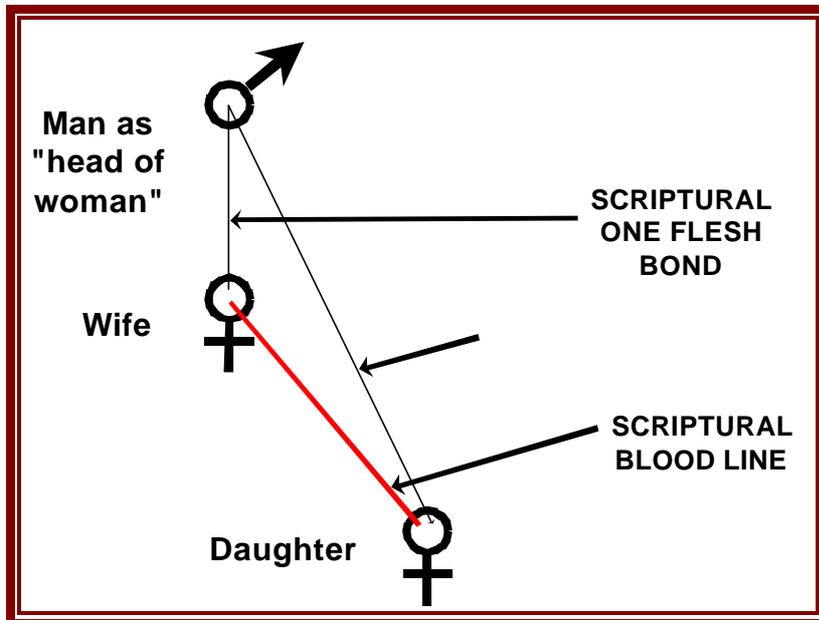


Figure 6

Figure 4: Incest

in the sight of God. Once you understand that, you understand why Leviticus 18 and Leviticus 20 speak so harshly about incest.

THERE IS GRACE FOR ADULTERY IN THIS AGE

Understand that there IS Grace in the present age for adultery. We see in John 8 verse 3 to 11, the woman caught in the ACT of adultery. Where they caught her in the act but they only brought the woman. They didn't bring the man. And Jesus wrote on the ground, and again I'm sure you are familiar with that story, but at the end of the day, Jesus *"Neither do I condemn you; go and **sin no more.**"* (NKJ)

It appals me the number of people who take that verse to say, well if you're living in adultery, just repent and then you're fine, you can carry on with that relationship. Folks, it doesn't say that at all. It says, "go and sin no more".

If a man and woman have married in the sight of the world and are living in adultery in the sight of God, that's it. The Word of God says, GO and sin NO MORE. Now there are certain things in our experience that you can do, there are prayers that you can pray and ask THE LORD for guidance. There are some instances where God will sanctify that union. Depending on the spiritual state of the man who originally took that woman's virginity.

But there are many instances, and I cite again the experience that we had, because it was a real eye opener to us. This woman was in her forties, we were ministering to her, I'd actually given her a word by the Spirit of God confirming that God was permitting her to divorce. She'd been working for years trying to save her marriage. Her husband was an unbeliever, she'd

come to salvation a number of years ago. She was in a terrible state over this whole divorce and we started ministering to her. She came and she had supper with us. She sat in our lounge until four o'clock the next morning. THE LORD started to give me words of knowledge and just certain key phrases and the Holy Spirit started to give her visions. After eight hours, she realized that she had been seduced under hypnosis when she was sixteen years old. She'd been taken through a whole marriage ceremony. This guy had periodically pitched up in her life, clicked his fingers and had intercourse with her.

He actually fathered a child out of wedlock under hypnosis and she didn't even realize it until that day under the ministry of the Holy Spirit. At the end of eight hours, God said, in the mean time, this man had now pitched up, he was now born again, and he had reappeared in your life and God said "that's your husband and I'm taking you out of this" twenty something years "of adultery to restore you to your husband". Now that is really, really, paradigm wrenching stuff in terms of our understanding of what God thinks about adultery, because the majority of people would say "he took her virginity under hypnosis, it's no contest, she's free to marry anybody she wants to". It's immensely challenging.

SUBMISSION; REBELLION AND ADULTERY

I want to go on to the subject of submission, rebellion and adultery. Matthew 5:28

28 *"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (NKJ)*

So we see that adultery can be a non-physical thing as well. It can be a spiritual thing.

The same, I would assume, applies to a woman who goes off and starts getting attracted to a man other than her husband.

Ephesians 5:22-24, I touched on last week "**Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.**" the end of verse 24 ***in everything.***"(NKJ)

There is no exception provided for there. 1 Peter 2:19-3:2. I'm not going to read the whole passage, chapter three verse 1 "**Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands,**". Likewise? If you go back and read the tail end of chapter 2, like Jesus Christ, who when He was reviled, reviled not, who when He was crucified unjustly did not in any way resist. He could have called legions of angels to save Him, but He didn't.

A salutary warning to any woman who is thinking of marrying an unbeliever. Because what the Word of God says is submit to your husband in everything. Even if he beats you, even if he puts you into prostitution, even if he treats

you in the most vile fashion. The Word of God says "IN EVERYTHING" there is no exclusion. And we find if you read a bit further in 1 Peter chapter 3, you will encounter a verse which says, like Sarah who called her husband lord. If you go and take that back, you'll find that there were two instances where Abraham told Sarah to lie about her marital status. To tell Pharaoh and subsequently Abimelech that she was his sister. She was then taken in both cases into their harem and what you read then is that "for Sarah's sake", in one case, God brought a plague on Pharaoh and in the other case God appeared to Abimelech in a dream. So we see that a Godly woman, and Sarah is held up here as an example of a Godly woman, who submitted to her husband in EVERYTHING, because of her submission was protected by God.

What we need to understand there is, it's very easy to get offended by what I've just said. I'm not saying that a Godly, Christian woman should voluntarily go into those sorts of situations. But what I am saying is, if she submits to the Word of God and if she submits to her husband, if she prays for protection, God WILL protect her.

But if she tries to protect herself, if she strives and she fights and she doesn't submit, God cannot protect her. She will never be strong enough to resist what that man will do to her. But the bottom line is, folks, there is a tragic set of circumstances around that, dealing with a lot of women who have married out of the faith.

God is in the process of dealing with a lot of those marriages, and He's taking people out of some of those marriages in the present age. But, the other side of that is, today, it is absolute foolishness for any born again believing girl, to marry a man unless she is absolutely certain that that man is born again, sanctified and serving God. Because she will be judged on how she submits to her husband!

I understand it's very challenging, but, again, remember the parallel because Ephesians 5 says submit as to THE LORD and 1 Peter 2 and 3 says submit AS Jesus submitted to those who crucified Him.

If we take that a step further, the converse of that is that the majority of people would have us believe in this age that women have a prerogative to decide where they submit and where they don't submit.

If we take the parallel again, 1 Samuel 15:23 Samuel speaking to Saul *"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he also has rejected you from being king."* (NKJ)

So we see that the other side of submissiveness is rebellion. If you don't submit to God you get into rebellion. If a wife does not submit to her husband, she gets into rebellion and the house becomes divided.

A couple of other aspects on that, Hebrews 13:4 *"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."* (NKJ)

Genesis 3:16 *"To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; **your desire shall be for your husband**, and he shall rule over you."*" (NKJ)

There are a lot of women today who claim that they are getting out of their marriages today because they claim that they don't love their husbands. Genesis 3:16 is a statement of fact and a commandment. It's not a matter of choice, it's a matter of fact. Once you are married to a man, your desire MUST be for him. It's not a case that you can wake up twenty years later and say, "Oh, gee whizz, I don't really like you anymore, I'm going to get a divorce". There's no basis for divorce.

A lot of people are getting divorced every day for reasons like this.

If I can make one other point that I touched on last week, but I think it's pertinent to this question of submission. There are testimonies of men who came to salvation on their death bed after they had abused their wives for thirty, forty years. There is a Norwegian, I think it is, evangelist, who testifies that he was a drug lord, he was a pusher, he was a pimp, he used to abuse and beat his girlfriend in the most vile fashion and she submitted to him in everything until she died. After her death, he was so convicted of his sin, that he came to salvation! He attributes his salvation to the way that woman laid down her life.

We need to understand, Jesus told us to take up our cross and follow Him.

All of us have to come into this place of understanding that serving Jesus Christ is about taking up the cross. It's not necessarily a happy, clappy ride. We have to be willing to die for our testimonies. Like the example of the Russian women that I gave a few months ago [refer posting on Sergei].

Deuteronomy 21:15-17 clearly shows that a woman can be unloved and that is still not a reason to divorce. That's another of the reasons that's given for divorce today. There is NO scriptural basis for it.

A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND

I want to come back to the subject of rebellion. Proverbs 14:1 *"The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands"* (NKJ)

That's a challenging statement. Proverbs 12:4 *"An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones."* (NKJ)

Now we've read just now that she is bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, so once she starts to divide, once she starts to pull apart from him. She starts spiritually, going back to the one flesh bond, creating trauma and distress in the spirit realm between the two of them. That starts to tear the house down.

Proverbs 25:24, Proverbs 21:19, Proverbs 21:9 deal with a contentious wife. Again, make some statements which are not necessarily that popular in this age.

1 Peter 3:7 *"Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, **that your prayers may not be hindered.**"* (NKJ)

Now there are two components to that. I have perhaps not dwelt enough on the other side of the requirement, which is that the husband should be like Christ to his wife. A husband is required to seek to become like Christ in order to lead his wife closer to Christ. But, again, that reinforces the fact, I'm talking here in terms of general principle, the fact that the husband does not do that, does not ipso facto provide a basis for divorce.

But what you do read out of 1 Peter 3:7, and I'll come back to another verse that reinforces that, is that if a husband and wife are not in agreement, their prayers will be hindered. We've ministered repeatedly in situations where a husband and wife, a family are in financial lack and often it's because the husband and wife are not in agreement or it's because one of them has a one flesh bond outside of the marriage. Because, in the sight of God, that union opens them up to demonic attack. So, if either member of the family has a one flesh bond extra-maritally. Either unresolved out of a divorce situation or out of promiscuity earlier on in life, that thing needs to be broken otherwise the house is divided.

But, even where you just have a one on one relationship and there is no other spiritual funny business. If the wife refuses to submit to her husband, if she strives with her husband, their prayers will be hindered. Obviously if the husband goes into really outrageous behaviour, and unGodly behaviour, his wife is going to have enormous difficulty submitting to him. Because, the reality is that none of us are sanctified and Holy enough to fully live out some of what I've been saying.

So there is a push-pull control so that if the husband starts to get absolutely out of line and his wife just cannot bring herself to submit to him anymore, it will create spiritual tension which may bring him back into line. BUT at the end of the day, if they are both believers, they should not be surprised if they are striving and fighting with each other if they are in financial lack.

1 Corinthians 11:3 *"But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God".* (NKJ)

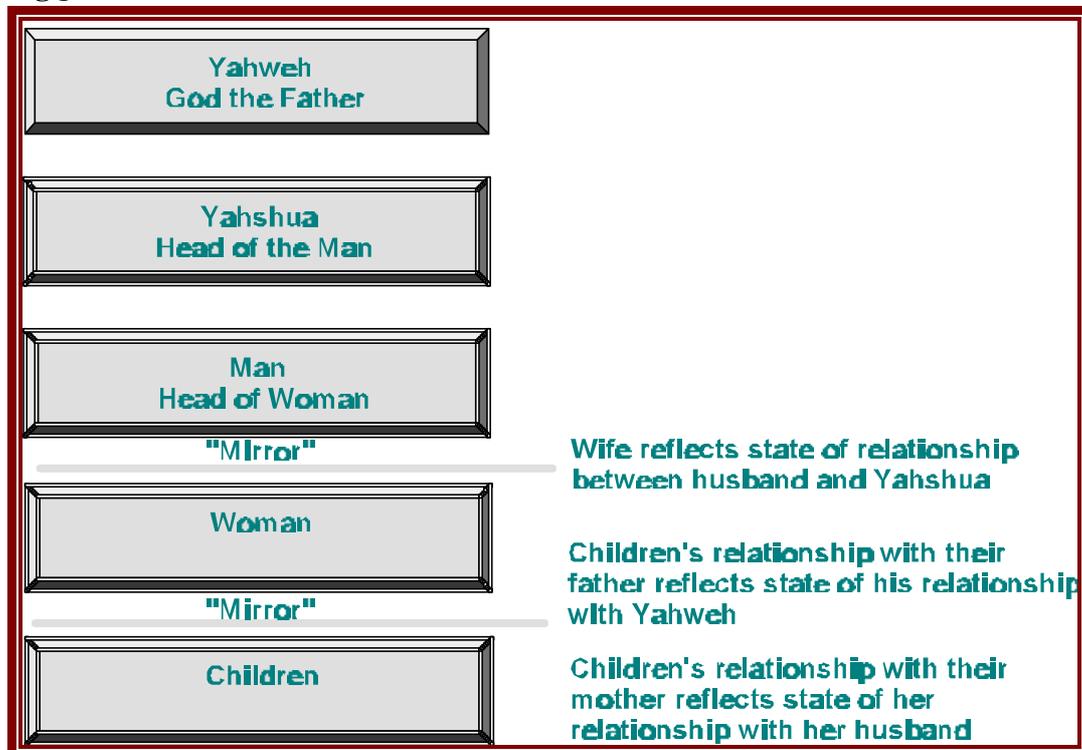
What we see there, and this is also profoundly important. We have the Father, we have Jesus, we have the husband, we have the wife, and, in a sense, beneath the woman, we have the children. This is a really startling thing that THE LORD showed us a few months ago.

The Word of God is a "two edged sword", it cuts "both ways" and it's particularly important to see that imagery that the Word of God cut's both ways because the relationship between us and Jesus is a mirror of the relationship between the husband and the wife and we are told that very specifically.

What happens, and I'll share this from the point of view of personal experience to make it a bit more real. I was complaining to THE LORD because I was upset with some things that Ingrid was doing that, as far as I was concerned, were unacceptable. THE LORD said to me, "why are you fussing? because you are treating Me the same way".

The relationship between the husband and Jesus and the husband and the wife is essentially a mirror. Not always, because there can be other things going on as well. But what THE LORD basically showed me is "husband, if you don't like the way your wife is treating you, it's probably a reflection of the way you are treating Jesus". If you don't like the way your children are treating you, it's probably a reflection of the way you are treating the Father. If the wife doesn't like the way the children are behaving towards her, it could well be a reflection of the way she's behaving towards her husband.

Figure 5: The Husband As Head Of The Wife As Christ Is Head Of The Man



That's not absolute, but, I have to tell you, it works! I found that there were a number of things that I had to repent of and deal with as a result of looking

in that mirror! That is part of the power of what God has given us in marriage.

Marriage is an awesome thing, it really IS an awesome spiritual state if you actually understand how to walk in it.

Luke 11:17 *"But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and **a house divided against a house falls.**"* (NKJ)

I'm going to stop there because I have run out of time and we need to have communion. Maybe, God willing, I'll address the last point at some time in the future.

I just want to close by saying that this point, a house divided against a house falls, is profoundly, profoundly, profoundly important in the area of marriage. Once you get into a situation where the wife is striving with the husband, arguing with the husband, finding fault with the husband.

The point that we need to understand, it doesn't matter whether the wife is right and the husband is wrong. The wife is tearing down the house, she's undermining the marriage in a spiritual sense. Whereas, if she intercedes for her husband, she submits to her husband and says "LORD I can't bear this. I know that what he is doing is contrary to Your Word" - but understand, the wife is NOT the head of the husband, Jesus is. So, if the husband is doing something wrong, it doesn't help the wife trying to fix it. She has to intercede, "Jesus please deal with him, You are his head, I'm not his head, I can't deal with this".

Equally, there is nothing in scripture which says that a husband can discipline his wife. Love cannot be commanded, it cannot be demanded, it cannot be bought or bribed. Submission is the same. So, if the husband does not like the way his wife is behaving, she's getting out of the Word of God and the will of God, etc. It's no good ranting and raving at her. It's not going to produce any fruit because he doesn't have the spiritual authority to rant and rave at her. All he can do is go to his Head, which is Jesus and say "Jesus, please help me, I know that what she is doing is wrong, please show me how I need to change and please will you deal with her in the areas that she needs to change".

Once you start to understand this mirror thing, there is a strong possibility that if the husband doesn't like the way his wife's behaving when he goes to THE LORD and says, "please fix her" the first thing THE LORD'S going to say is "well the way you are behaving towards me is pretty miserable too so why don't you fix that and the problem with your wife will go away".

The same applies to your children. You cannot demand or command obedience. Yes, the Word of God DOES provide for the FATHER to discipline the children with the rod of correction but you are not going to achieve

anything by the mother ranting and raving at her children. If the children are mirroring the way she's behaving towards her husband. I ministered to a man just last week whose four children had gone completely off the rails and, in discussing it, his wife, we believe THE LORD took in 1991 because she had back slidden to such a point that she was about to lose her salvation. But before she died, she was in such total rebellion against her husband when her children were in their teens that the children were now all into drugs, into homosexuality, into a whole bunch of things and into rebellion. Mirroring their mothers behaviour just before she died.

We need to understand, the Word of God tells us, look not to the things that are seen but to look to the things that are unseen. We have to deal with the spiritual dimension the whole time. If there is something wrong in a relationship, we've got to stop looking [... tape ends]

The last few minutes of this message were lost as the tape ran out, but basically, the conclusion was that adultery is a MAJOR problem in the Body of Christ today. That judgment for adultery is coming upon the world and on the church. In particular we should see adultery as not being the extreme of sexual immorality alone but also unfaithfulness, lack of submission in thought and in deed.

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**APPENDIX
DETAILED REFERENCES AND SCRIPTURES
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Thayer's definition of 4202 porneia-

1) illicit sexual intercourse

a) adultery, fornication, homosexuality, intercourse with animals, etc.

b) sexual intercourse with close relatives; Lev. 18

c) sexual intercourse with a divorced man or woman; Mk. 10:11,12

2) metaphorically, the worship of idols;

used of the defilement of idolatry, as incurred by eating the sacrifices offered to idols

Hebrews 6:4-8

4 ***For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,***

5 *and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,*

6 ***if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.***

7 *For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God;*

8 *but if it bears thorns and briars, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned. (NKJ)*

Hebrews 10:24-31

24 *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,*

25 *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

26 ***For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,***

27 ***but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.***

28 *Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the*

testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 *Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?*

30 *For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people."*

31 *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (NKJ)*

Deuteronomy 22:13-21

13 *"If any man takes a wife, and goes in to her, and detests her,*

14 *"and charges her with shameful conduct, and brings a bad name on her, and says, 'I took this woman, and when I came to her I found she was not a virgin,'*

15 *"then the father and mother of the young woman shall take and bring out the evidence of the young woman's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate.*

16 *"And the young woman's father shall say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he detests her;*

17 *'now he has charged her with shameful conduct, saying, "I found your daughter was not a virgin," and yet these are the evidences of my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.*

18 *"Then the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him;*

19 *"and they shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver and give them to the father of the young woman, because he has brought a bad name on a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days.*

20 *"But if the thing is true, and evidences of virginity are not found for the young woman,*

21 *"then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to play the harlot in her father's house; so you shall put away the evil from among you. (NKJ)*

The Talmud, The Steinsaltz Edition, Volume IX, Tractate Ketubot, Part III:

"If a man finds a virgin na'arah who has not been betrothed, and seizes her and lies with her, and they are found, then the man who lay with her shall give to the father of the na'arah fifty pieces of silver, and she shall be his wife, for he has humbled her. He cannot let her go all his days." (Deuteronomy 22:28-29.)

The opening commentary states:

"The laws concerning the seducer or the rapist of a girl between twelve and twelve-and-a-half years old are stated explicitly in the Torah.

Relates spiritual majority to the onset of puberty and relates this to the age at which a young girl becomes the subject of the passages of scripture relating to virgins.

Genesis 15:4-21

- 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."
- 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."
- 6 **And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.**
- 7 Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."
- 8 **And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"**
- 9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."
- 10 **Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.**
- 11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
- 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.
- 13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.
- 14 "And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.
- 15 "Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.
- 16 "But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."
- 17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that **passed between those pieces.**
- 18 **On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram,** saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates--
- 19 "the Kenites, the Kenezites, and the Kadmonites,
- 20 "the Hittites, the Perizzites, and the Rephaim,
- 21 "the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."
(NKJ)

Genesis 2:21-25 in the King James

- 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
- 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

- 23 *And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*
- 24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall*
cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
- 25 *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (KJV)*

John 8:3-11

- 3 *Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst,*
- 4 *they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.*
- 5 *"Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"*
- 6 *This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.*
- 7 *So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."*
- 8 *And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.*
- 9 *Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*
- 10 *When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"*
- 11 *She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and*
sin no more." (NKJ)

Ephesians 5:22-24, I touched on last week:

- 22 ***Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.***
- 23 *For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.*
- 24 *Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands*
in everything. (NKJ)

1 Peter 2:19-3:2

- 19 *For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.*
- 20 *For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.*
- 21 *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:*
- 22 *"Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth";*
- 23 *who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;*

24 *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed.*
25 *For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

CHAPTER 3

1 ***Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands,*** *that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,*
2 *when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. (NKJ)*

Deuteronomy 21:15-17

15 *"If a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, both the loved and the unloved, and if the firstborn son is of her who is unloved,*
16 *"then it shall be, on the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, that he must not bestow firstborn status on the son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the true firstborn.*
17 *"But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his. (NKJ)*

Proverbs 25:24

24 *It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house shared with a contentious woman. (NKJ)*

Proverbs 21:19

19 *Better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry woman. (NKJ)*

Proverbs 21:9

9 *Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house shared with a contentious woman. (NKJ)*

1 Peter 3:7

7 *Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. (NKJ)*

1 Corinthians 11:3

3 *But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. (NKJ)*

Luke 11:17

17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and **a house divided against a house falls.** (NKJ)

SEEK TRUTH NOT ERROR

SUMMARY

Since writing the article "Seeking for God's Truth - The Key to Unity", the critical importance of this principle has become increasingly apparent.

This article seeks to address the widespread tendency amongst believers in YAHWEH God to find fault with one another by seeking error rather than truth.

It notes that all those who call on the name of YAHWEH, whether they know Him as YAHWEH, THE LORD, Allah, Hashem, Jehovah, YHWH or any other name, will be saved, according to Joel 2:32. Thus all such people are part of the body of believers.

It is noted that YAHSHUA (Jesus) stated that He had sheep who were not of the sheepfold of Israel and we must seek to know them.

Since THE LORD is the correct Anglicization of "Baal" a Phoenician pagan deity, and "Jesus" is the Anglicization of a Greek word which does not correspond to the Hebrew name YAHSHUA, we must conclude that YAHWEH extends GREAT GRACE to us with regard to our errors. Accordingly we should extend great grace to others with regard to their errors.

We must seek TRUTH AND NOT ERROR in those we meet recognizing that since YAHSHUA is THE WAY, then we must never take our eyes off the way and since YAHSHUA is ALSO THE TRUTH, we must never take our eyes OFF TRUTH!

If we focus on error then we magnify error, yet scripture commands us to magnify YAHWEH, so we must NOT focus on error.

We must recognize that no man is perfect and therefore we must learn to quietly agree to disagree! We must learn to avoid strife and division with other believers.

Only YAHSHUA has 100% truth, all men have some error and some truth. Most of us are fortunate if we have 50% truth and in reality we probably only have about 20% truth and 80% error, we may just happen to have the 20% of truth that is vital. Therefore, focusing on other peoples errors is entirely counter productive, they all have error, we only have to look to find it!

Parents whose child obtains 60% for their exams are generally well satisfied, even although this means the child had 40% error. Generally, in physical life

we accept this reality but, somehow, believers expect all their brethren to be without error.

These phenomena account for much of the division in the church today.

We must seek unity. We ARE ALL ONE BODY and therefore, when there is division it hurts the Body of our Saviour!

The only vital truth that believers need to share is that YAHSHUA Messiah is the Son of God, who came in the flesh, who died on the Cross to take our sins, was resurrected on the third day and today sits at the Right hand of the Father to judge the living and the dead.

Many "christians" make much of the "spirit of error", "testing the spirits" and "the antichrist". 1 John 4 defines all of these terms as relating to denial that YAHSHUA Messiah came in the flesh. That is all. These scriptures DO NOT APPLY TO OTHER DOCTRINE! These same scriptures clearly tell us that if we do not love our brethren we do NOT love God!

If these principles were diligently applied there would be NO DENOMINATIONS because there would be no strife!

Much of what the church teaches about "Jesus" has been embellished beyond scripture. We need to return to the truths of scripture and depart from all other teachings that contradict scripture.

We should reverence truth, fear YAHWEH and learn to agree to disagree.

Once we focus on truth in others we will learn to see YAHSHUA in them.

These principles have a dramatic impact on evangelism. Four categories of people are identified, those who believe in YAHSHUA Messiah, those who believe in YAHWEH but NOT YAHSHUA, those who are ill-informed or uninformed and those who actively serve Satan. YAHSHUA died that ALL of these might be saved. If we seek truth and not error and repent of the sins of our forefathers in the faith, millions will rapidly come to salvation.

BUT we must examine all we believe and eliminate all that is not of God!

All Hell has broken loose on earth in the spirit realm and false doctrine and partial truth is now a luxury that true believers can no longer afford.

We are called to do greater works than YAHSHUA did and we will only do this if we walk in the same or greater anointing to that which He walked under. This generation will be judged according to what we do with the anointing of the Holy Spirit!

We must seek truth and not error in ALL that we meet!

In a sense, this article sums up much of what End Time Issue Ministries is called to do and therefore, it seems to me, that this may be one of the most important articles issued to date!

INTRODUCTION

Since writing the article "Seeking for God's Truth - The Key to Unity", the critical importance of this principle has become increasingly apparent.

Romans 12:5 tells us clearly "*so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.*" (NKJ).

Clearly all those who declare that "Jesus Christ" is Lord, as well as those who declare that "Yahshua Messiah" is Lord, as well as any other person who has had a personal encounter with the Lord of Lord's and King of kings in prayer and knows him by a name which has been given in a different culture and language which has never had access to Hebrew, Greek or English texts ARE ALL PART OF THE BODY of believers.

Remember that Romans 10:13 states "*For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."*" (NKJ)

This is quoting Joel 2:32 "*And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD [YAHWEH] shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD [YAHWEH] has said, among the remnant whom the LORD [YAHWEH] calls.*" (NKJ)

We see here reference to the "Remnant" which relates back to the teaching "Who or What is the Remnant?" of a few weeks ago.

It is important to note that the word "LORD" in Joel 2:32 is YAHWEH, NOT YAHSHUA. Thus, while those who call themselves Christians appropriate Romans 10:13 and the other "New Testament" verses which cite Joel 2:32 and other "Old Testament" scriptures as applying to the name of Jesus / YAHSHUA, it is equally correct for any person who knows YAHWEH but not YAHSHUA to appropriate that promise to themselves.

AT THE VERY LEAST, we are NOT told that YAHSHUA in any way nullified Joel 2:32 for such people, only that YAHSHUA "fulfilled the Law (Torah)" which, by implication indicates that those who do NOT recognize YAHSHUA for who He is, will find it considerably more difficult to comply with Torah than those that do recognize Him. BUT the implication of that is that those who call on the name of YAHSHUA MUST be subject to a HARSHER JUDGMENT because they have a BETTER COVENANT (Hebrews 7:22 and 8:6)!

Having said that, it is important that we recognize that the word "LORD" is a translation in the English translations for the Hebrew word YAHWEH. This point has been made regularly in the end notes to articles from this ministry for over a year now so there is no need to elaborate on this. BUT, it is important to know that this SAME word is translated "Allah" in Arabic, it is

translated Jehovah by some English speakers, it is reflected "YHWH" by some Jewish groups and "Hashem" by others. Certainly there are other names that we are not aware of!

By extension of Joel 2:32, we must conclude that anyone who knows YAHWEH as THE LORD, Allah, YHWH, Hashem or any other name that we do not know and who calls on THAT name WILL BE SAVED and therefore MUST BE PART OF THE ONE BODY!

In a previous article it was mentioned that the ancient Aztec's of South America had a comprehensive tradition of a God known as "Questa Co'otil" (spelling uncertain) who appeared to them about 2,000 years ago, who had been crucified to take their sins and who gave them all the important elements of the Gospel which we know as "Christian". They were expecting His return at any time to take them to dwell in heaven with him and thus, when the first Spanish Conquistadors arrived in South America they welcomed them and showed them all their treasure and then, initially, did not fight back when the men they thought were sent by their peace loving God started to murder them wholesale! We must therefore conclude that there are, indeed, sheep in other sheep folds. **John 10:15-17, YAHSHUA speaking:**

15 *""As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.*

16 *"And **other sheep I have which are not of this fold**; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.*

17 *"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again." (NKJ)*

Since Christians appropriate Joel 2:32 for those who believe in "Jesus Christ", which name as we have previously discussed is not an accurate Anglicization of "YAHSHUA Messiah", it is reasonable to conclude that YAHWEH extends similar Grace to others who do not use an accurate translation of YAHSHUA but have, by the Grace of YAHWEH a personal relationship with Him!

WHAT IS THE IMPLICATION OF THIS CONCLUSION?

Put simply, these facts, which are verifiable for any who will seek confirmation, indicate that if we harm ANYONE who calls on the name of YAHWEH, YAHSHUA or any other variation or name which in fact YAHWEH has given them to use or **permitted them to use in their ignorance**, then we HARM THE BODY!

Thus, if we find fault with those who know YAHWEH as "Allah", the well over one billion Muslims in this world, we harm the Body! Likewise if we find fault with those we know as "Jews". Likewise should there be any other group in

a sheep fold of which we have no knowledge! They may not know all or anything about YAHSHUA. What they may know of YAHSHUA through the conduct of those who claim to represent him (such as the Nazi SS!) may be such that they cannot believe that Jesus Christ could possibly be the Messiah! But, if they call on the Name of YAHWEH or any other substitute for that name that YAHWEH in His Great Mercy and Grace has permitted them to use, THEY WILL BE SAVED.

Those of us who have come to a saving knowledge of "The Lord Jesus Christ" and have a personal experience of Him and His Gospel must be EVER CONSCIOUS that it is an act of GREAT GRACE that YAHWEH answers our prayers in the name of a Greek!

By the same token, the point has been made in end notes to many of the documents from this ministry for some time that THE LORD is the correct English translation of "Baal", the Phoenician pagan deity! Thus, it is an act of even GREATER GRACE that YAHWEH hears the prayers of billions of "Christians" (Messianic Believers) who call on the name of THE LORD instead of YAHWEH. If YAHWEH chose to be as fussy about facts as most Christians are, then NONE OF US WOULD BE SAVED!

WHERE IS THIS GOING?

What is my point?

FIRSTLY there are many and VERY SUBSTANTIAL reasons for Muslims and Jews NOT TO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST. This has been touched on in previous articles and I will not address it further here, other than to say that the level of atrocities and the false teachings that have been perpetrated in the name of Jesus Christ over the past 1,700 years are such that it is virtually impossible for Muslims and Jews to believe in Jesus! It IS more likely that they can believe in YAHSHUA!

SECONDLY, since YAHWEH has extended SUCH GREAT GRACE to those who DO HAVE A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST (YAHSHUA MESSIAH) with regard to their use of names which are not possibly scriptural and conduct which is totally against scripture. **Then surely those who call themselves by that exalted Name above all Names, YAHSHUA or Jesus MUST LIKEWISE EXTEND GREAT GRACE TO OTHERS!**

What do I mean?

Let YAHSHUA say it Himself **Matthew 7:1-5**

1 *""Judge not, that you be not judged.*

2 "For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

3 "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?

4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye?

5 "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye." (NKJ)

We have to cease finding fault with Jews, Moslems and every other group by focusing on their error and they must do the same with us. BUT WE MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE!

REMEMBER YAHSHUA said to us "everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required;".

Reading this in context in **Luke 12:47-49** we see:

47 "And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 "But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. **For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.**

49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! (NKJ)

Accordingly, those who apply the exalted title "Christian", meaning "Little Christ Like One" to themselves MUST UNDERSTAND THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A HARSHER JUDGMENT IF THEY TRULY BELIEVE WHAT THEY CLAIM THEY BELIEVE CONCERNING YAHSHUA Messiah (Jesus Christ)!

It is time for each and every person who calls themselves by the name of Messiah (Christ) to humble themselves and seek to remove the planks from the eyes of the Body of Messiah - starting with their own eyes. At the same time, it is time that they humble themselves and go to their Jewish and Muslim brethren who also worship YAHWEH, and also to the Aztec's and any other group who worship Him and **repent of the gross atrocities that have been committed against them in the name of Jesus Christ!**

Furthermore, it is time to do the same within the Body of Christ. It is time that we cease to reject the Jehovah's (YAHWEH's) witnesses, the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons), Seventh Day Adventists (these are used as examples simply because in own experience they rank amongst the groups that most who call themselves "christian" understand least and reject most) and ALL THE OTHER FLAVOURS OF CHRISTIANITY that

most of us do not understand and do not agree with. They share one common truth, YAHWEH IS LORD. When one starts to investigate, one will find that WE SHARE FAR MORE IN COMMON THAN THAT!

And yet most who claim faith in Jesus (YAHSHUA) will not associate or communicate with such people and speak arrogantly and judgmentally about them or else will not even open their doors to them if they seek to visit us!

Brethren, these things ought not to be so!

James 3:8-10

8 *"But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*

9 ***With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.***

10 *Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. **My brethren, these things ought not to be so.**" (NKJ)*

SEEK TRUTH NOT ERROR

Where is this leading?

The Word that the Spirit has been repeatedly speaking to me over the past years but increasingly firmly in recent weeks is:

***"Children of the Most High God,
seek TRUTH and NOT error!"***

What does this mean?

In John 14:6 we read *"Jesus [YAHSHUA] said to him, "I am the way, **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* (NKJ)

Since YAHSHUA IS THE WAY, then we must NEVER TAKE OUR EYES OFF THE WAY!

Since YAHSHUA IS ALSO THE TRUTH, then we must NEVER TAKE OUR EYES OFF TRUTH!

Psalm 119:29-31

29 *Remove from me the way of lying, and grant me Your law graciously.*

30 *I have chosen **the way of truth**; your judgments I have laid before me.*

31 *I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD [YAHWEH], do not put me to shame!*
(NKJ)

Clearly there is a way of lying whereas YAHWEH's way is TRUTH!

In **John 8:44** YAHSHUA says *""You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."* (NKJ)

Clearly ALL LIES are from the devil!

Thus, IF WE FOCUS ON LIES WE ARE FOCUSING ON SATAN AND HAVE TAKEN OUR EYES OFF YAHSHUA WHO IS TRUTH AND THE WAY!

This is ONE of the reasons YAHSHUA warned us against Judging.

When we examine something, we MAGNIFY IT, we make it BIGGER, we focus attention on it and we LOSE FOCUS on that which surrounds it.

When we magnify truth, we MAGNIFY YAHWEH and YAHSHUA!

Psalm 34:3 *"Oh, **magnify** the LORD [YAHWEH] with me, and let us exalt His name together."* (NKJ)

Acts 10:46 *"For they heard them speak with tongues and **magnify** God."* (NKJ)

BUT

When we focus on error or deception or false doctrine, we MAGNIFY SATAN! And, we lose focus on the truth that surrounds it.

In other words, if in discussion with someone they say something that we cannot agree with and we then get focused on that error and end up in dispute with them, the moment we focused on the error we took our eyes off YAHSHUA and focused our attention on Satan. Once we do that strife, division and every evil thing MUST RESULT because Satan is the father of all those evil things and we are focused on his work in our brother!

HOWEVER

If in the same situation we simply ignore the point, or say quietly "I'm sorry, I can't agree with that point" and move on to a different topic, OR say "I'm sorry, I can't agree

with that point, may I share my understanding on that topic" strife and division is much less likely. If the other party consents to listen quietly AND attentively to the other persons point of view, then strife CANNOT OCCUR!

NO MAN IS PERFECT

In considering this there is a fundamental principle that we need to recognize - **NO MAN IS PERFECT!**

Revelation 5:2-5

"2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **"Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"**

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

4 So I wept much, because **no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.**

5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." (NKJ)

From this we understand that ONLY YAHSHUA is a perfect man!

This being so we MUST conclude that ALL MEN on earth today are IMPERFECT!

THEREFORE

If YAHSHUA, the PERFECT MAN represents 100% truth, He is ALL truth and there is no lie found in Him and if Satan represents 100% error / deception / lies we MUST CONCLUDE THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS SOME TRUTH AND SOME ERROR!

My father was an internationally recognized Investment Consultant. He attributed his success to the fact that he was consistently right MORE THAN 50% of the time! Put differently, he was wrong LESS than 50% of the time. BUT he was wrong from time to time and sometimes his clients lost money on his advice BUT, on balance, his clients profited from his advice.

EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE IS LIKE THIS!

Another example: Most parents would be relieved if their child obtained 60% for their final examinations at school. They would be ecstatic if that child obtained 80%! If we again look at the negative side, most parents would be

relieved if their child was 40% in error in their final exams and ecstatic if that child was only 20% in error!

Few parents would even think about their child's school results in the latter terms. The child knew enough to pass, and that is ALL THAT CONCERNS THEM. Most parents would never EVEN THINK in terms of "my child did not know 40%". If they did, they would be likely to start getting panicky because 40% error SOUNDS A LOT until one recognizes that statistically most of us operate most of our lives in the area of 30 to 50% error!

If this is the implicitly accepted reality in the physical world, WHY SHOULD IT BE ANY DIFFERENT IN SPIRITUAL AFFAIRS?

It WOULD be NICE if it were not like this, but practical experience indicates that this is the way it is. Those who move forward with YAHWEH are those who make mistakes LESS than 50% of the time, if you like, in those CRITICAL ISSUES OF DOCTRINE they are MORE THAN 50% CORRECT (less than 50% in error).

Practically, that MAY mean that their lives contain LESS THAN 50% SIN! Sin is simply "missing the mark" so, those who are not growing closer to God, in other words those who are slipping away from God, are those who superficially have more than 50% sin in their lives and those who are growing closer to God are those with less than 50% sin in their lives.

That is what YAHSHUA was talking about when He spoke about specks in other peoples eyes and planks in our own eyes. If we have some truth which another lacks, it is VERY MUCH EASIER to see that error in the other person than it is to recognize that we have error which another lacks -- in other words, that they have TRUTH WHICH WE LACK!

Because of our fallen, carnal nature, we tend to be SIN FOCUSED - WE LOOK FOR SIN IN OTHERS rather than LOOKING FOR GOD'S TRUTHS IN OTHERS!

BUT, IT COULD BE WORSE THAN THAT!

There is another principle in business, known as the Pareto principle or 80:20 rule. Essentially it says that 20% of anything accounts for 80% of what is important. In the context of this discussion, if we are correct in the critical 20% of our doctrine we may yet get to heaven EVEN THOUGH WE HAD 80% ERROR in less critical aspects of doctrine. Experience indicates that most who call on the name of Christ [YAHSHUA] agree on the core 20% and disagree on the 80% which MAY NOT be that critical! BUT there are many cases where they cannot even agree on the critical aspects!

Thus, if it is possible that most of us have as much as 80% error in our doctrine, can you see how futile it is to be offended by another's error!

THE BELIEVERS TENDENCY TO SEEK DIVISION

As a consequence of this, it has been an almost universal experience that if one believer enters into discussion with another and that discussion starts to range over the FULL DIVERSITY of what each believes, they will eventually find something on which they do not agree.

Since NO ONE DELIBERATELY SEEKS TO BE IN ERROR both parties sincerely believe that they are correct on ANY point where there is a difference until the truth is pointed out to them AND they receive that truth.

In some cases, if a truth is shared in an effective fashion, a person with a contradictory opinion will see for themselves that they are in error and change their position. However, in most cases, each person will state their position and that is where the CONVERSATION stops!

From that point onwards, although we generally do not see it that way, we engage in an ARGUMENT! Each person states in more and more detail why what they believe is correct so that the other person who in their opinion is "obviously mistaken" can come to a revelation of their truth. At the moment that ARGUMENT starts, PRIDE HAS TAKEN OVER! One can only have an argument if both parties are PROUD of the knowledge they have.

This tends to end up either in a situation where considerable time is consumed repeatedly restating the same positions and, effectively getting nowhere OR, eventually, one party is SO OFFENDED that they terminate the relationship. Often several rounds of the same futile discussion will take place before one or other party either loses interest and leaves the fellowship or one gets offended and leaves the fellowship. It is relatively uncommon for believers to AGREE TO DISAGREE!

However, if both are walking in humility, meekness, self control, love, etc, it is NOT POSSIBLE to argue!

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 summarizes this well:

4 *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;*

5 *does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, **thinks no evil;***

6 *does not rejoice in iniquity, but **rejoices in the truth;***

7 *bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

(NKJ)

If we "think no evil" and "rejoice in the truth" and do not parade our truths, are long suffering and kind, do not behave rudely, etc, etc we really should find it IMPOSSIBLE to get into an argument with any other sincere believer!

WE MUST SEEK UNITY

This phenomenon is at the heart of the hundreds, if not thousands of "christian" denominations. I write "christian" in inverted commas and lower case deliberately because that is NOT CHRIST LIKE! YAHSHUA Messiah came that there might be ONE BODY, anything that is divisive IS NOT OF YAHWEH, it is of the evil one and therefore to refer to a "christian" denomination is a CONTRADICTION IN TERMS!

We are enjoined in Ephesians 4:2-6:

2 *with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,*

3 ***endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.***

4 *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;*

5 *one Lord, one faith, one baptism;*

6 *one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (NKJ)*

If we truly believe that there is ONE GOD, and there are many who DO BELIEVE THERE IS ONE GOD, we MUST SEEK UNITY!

Psalms 133 states:

1 *Behold, **how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!***

2 *It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.*

3 *It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; **for there the LORD [YAHWEH] commanded the blessing-- life forevermore.** (NKJ)*

YAHWEH has commanded the blessing, life forevermore when the brethren dwell together in unity! The point has been made previously regarding the "remnant" and in other postings that YAHSHUA is returning for a "bride without spot or blemish", that MUST be a CHURCH WITHOUT DIVISION.

Accordingly, IF WE DIVIDE OURSELVES FROM THE BRETHREN, we must recognize the possibility that IF we are in error we COULD BE CUTTING OURSELVES OFF FROM THE BRIDE!

We MUST reach out and seek UNITY with every person who truly believes that YAHSHUA Messiah is the Son of God, who came in the flesh, who died on the Cross to take our sins, was resurrected on the third day and today sits at the Right hand of the Father to judge the living and the dead.

THAT IS THE ONLY FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT FOR BEING PART OF THE BRIDE!

THE SPIRIT OF ERROR

Many Christians quote extracts from 1 John 4 in support of their rejection of fellow believers, but it is well to consider ALL OF 1 JOHN 4:

1 *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

2 *By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,*

3 *and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*

4 *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

5 *They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.*

6 *We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*

7 *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.*

8 *He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

9 *In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.*

10 *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

11 *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

12 *No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.*

13 *By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.*

14 *And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.*

15 *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.*

16 *And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.*

17 *Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.*

18 *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*

19 *We love Him because He first loved us.*

20 *If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?*

21 *And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. (NKJ)*

Many quote verse 1 "test the spirits" and then go around testing the spirits of the brethren to discern whether they are in error.

Others make frequent reference to "the spirit of error" to justify seeking error.

Others are looking for "the Antichrist".

HOWEVER, what does this passage tell us? The spirits we are called to test, the spirit of error and the antichrist ALL refer to spirits who do not accept that YAHSHUA Messiah has come in the flesh!! THAT IS ALL!! NOTE that this verse refers to "the spirit of the antichrist", the antichrist (anti Messiah) is a spirit IT IS NOT A MAN!

We are further enjoined that if we love God we will love the brethren!

WHO ARE THE BRETHREN? EVERYBODY who confesses that YAHSHUA Messiah (Jesus Christ) has come in the flesh!

Furthermore we are told that if we hate our brother whom we have seen we ARE LYING if we say that we love God whom we have not seen!

If we all applied 1 John 4 diligently there would be NO DIVISION AND NO DENOMINATIONS!

If we take it further, any person who does NOT confess that YAHSHUA Messiah has come in the flesh is an UNBELIEVER! We are COMMANDED to preach the Gospel to such people! BUT, observation teaches that most of the time

through PRIDE, believers in YAHSHUA Messiah are unable to preach the Gospel OF TRUTH to such people. Far too many "christians" condemn the Jews for one reason or another and condemn the Muslims for one reason or another AND condemn the other "christian denominations" which do not fully believe that YAHSHUA Messiah is who they believe Him to be.

BUT, virtually none of us know about ALL THE ATROCITIES that have been committed against these groups in the name of Jesus Christ. As mentioned in the recent postings on the "Bridge to the Jews" and "Thoughts on Islam's End Time Teachings", WE MUST REPENT of the sins of our forefathers in the Christian Faith BEFORE we can effectively minister the truth about the death and resurrection of YAHSHUA Messiah.

The Jews, Muslims and others are seeking atonement for sin through sacrifices of good works, etc and, it appears to me, that many of their lives are far more pleasing to the Father than the lives of most "christians". Yet, the Messiah for whom the Jews and Muslims are waiting HAS ALREADY COME to bring forgiveness of sins!

IT SHOULD BE EASY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THEM IN THIS AGE!! We are not living in the time immediately after YAHSHUA's death, the beginning of the time of the Gentiles. We are now in the season when the "times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. Luke 21:24 *""And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles **until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**"* (NKJ)

It is NOW TIME for Israel, Judah (the Jews) and others who have not received YAHSHUA Messiah for who He truly is, to receive HIM.

IF we present the unvarnished truth about Him as it is in scripture, NOT as it has been embellished by Satan through man over the last almost 2,000 years. If we truly repent of ALL the wrong that has been committed, taught and practised by the "christian" church over the past 1,700 years, if we TRULY seek to LOVE all those whom YAHWEH has commanded us to love. THEN we will see the flood gates opened and billions of souls will rush into the Kingdom of King YAHSHUA!

For those who WILL DO THIS, there is a crown laid up. James 1:12 *"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."* (NKJ)

If we love God we will love the brethren, therefore, we CANNOT receive a crown UNLESS we love the brethren and do not practice or preach division!

2 Timothy 4:8 *"Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."* (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 9:25-27

25 *And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.*

26 *Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.*

27 *But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.* (NKJ)

We must discipline our bodies and one of the ways we MUST discipline ourselves is to AVOID dispute and division and to SEEK unity!

Revelation 2:10 *"Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."* (NKJ)

THERE IS A CROWN, but to receive it we must SEEK UNITY!

THE ANSWER? -- REVERENCE TRUTH, FEAR YAHWEH AND LEARN TO AGREE TO DISAGREE

What is the answer?

Firstly, if we truly desire to become like YAHSHUA Messiah, that is to become "Christ Like" or truly become "Christians", or more accurately "Messianic Believers" we MUST learn to REVERENCE TRUTH and NOT seek error.

In a number of recent postings reference has been made to 2 Corinthians 5:10-11:

10 *For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

11 ***Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord**, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.* (NKJ)

If we truly understand this passage of scripture. If we TRULY understand that we must ALL appear before the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST [MESSIAH]

and that we are enjoined to KNOW THE TERROR OF THE LORD, we must surely have a reverent fear of being found to be in error on the Day of Judgment.

If we further understand that Revelation 21:8 says that ALL LIARS WILL HAVE A PART IN THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, we must surely have a reverent fear of being found to be liars on the Day of Judgment.

Given that ANY FALSE DOCTRINE is a lie, we must therefore learn to have a reverent fear of being found to have false doctrine.

ACCORDINGLY, if we EVER find ourselves in discussion with another believer and they believe something different to ourselves, we should BOTH immediately consider the possibility that WE could be in error!

IF we will do that, then instead of trying to ensure that the other person "UNDERSTANDS" our belief, we will ASK QUESTIONS in order to better understand what THEY believe.

Once we start focusing on SEEKING ANY TRUTH THEY MAY HAVE, we start looking for Yahshua in them and take / keep our eyes off that part of them which is yet unregenerate and in bondage to the world, we are likely to find ourselves making progress.

HOW DOES THIS IMPACT EVANGELISM?

The principles set out in this document have an ENORMOUS impact on evangelism.

Essentially, any evangelist is confronted with four categories of people:

- 1) **THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN YAHSHUA MESSIAH**
Those who already believe in YAHSHUA Messiah, who are not the focus of his attention.
- 2) **THOSE WHO ALREADY BELIEVE IN YAHWEH BUT NOT IN YAHSHUA MESSIAH**
This includes the Jews, Muslims and other groups, some of whom call themselves "christian" but who do not recognize YAHSHUA Messiah for who He REALLY is!

Currently, there is a strong tendency to regard these people as unbelievers. THEY ARE NOT! They are believers in YAHWEH and MANY

of them are far more devout and reverent in their service of Him and in their faith in His Word (the so-called Old Testament) than the VAST MAJORITY of "christians".

By repenting of the wrong done in the name of "christ" and seeking the truths that they already have which YAHWEH has preserved for their complete salvation, millions can quickly and easily be led to salvation. Many of them have so much truth but, because of the grievous sins of those who appropriate the title "christian" without ANY Christ like conduct, they CANNOT accept YAHSHUA Messiah for who He really is. Refer previous postings on the Jews and Islam.

There is an enormously fruitful and, as yet, largely untapped harvest field which currently is vigorously and, for the most part violently, opposed to "christianity".

It is no good making excuses as many do that we have "liberty" to change the Sabbath, celebrate "Jesus" birthday on a pagan feast day and preach things which YAHWEH God could not and would never say! WE MUST SEEK TRUTH, THE TRUTH which IS YAHSHUA Messiah and we MUST REPENT of the sins of our fathers. That way, thousands, if not millions can cross the bridge into the kingdom in one day!

3) THOSE WHO ARE ILL-INFORMED OR UNINFORMED

There is a mass of people who do not believe because they have NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL preached in TRUTH!

This includes the VAST MASS of people in Eurocentric countries who have grown up with Christmas, Easter, etc. They THINK they know about Jesus Christ and what they have seen of Jesus Christ through the conduct of those who call themselves "christian" causes them to conclude that they DON'T WANT TO BE CHRISTIANS!

They hear people declare that "the Bible is the Word of God" and that it is "the final authority" and yet if they start to read the Bible they find that any number of things the "christian church" teaches is NOT ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE and, when they seek clarification from a person who calls themselves "christian" they are fobbed off with arguments that have no basis in scripture.

As a simple example, consider that most people will start to read a book from the front. Accordingly, most people who are vaguely interested will start reading Genesis. By the time they have finished Genesis they will find that there are several references to men having more than one wife. In particular, they will find that Abraham, whom most "christians" will tell them is the "father of the faith" and Jacob, later called Israel, both had more than one wife.

Yet, if they speak to almost any Christian they are told that YAHWEH God has ordained monogamy and that it is a TERRIBLE SIN for a man to have more than one wife! In other words, Abraham the "father of faith" and Israel "the father of God's chosen people" were both TERRIBLE SINNERS??!!

They then find that this "christian" cannot produce a SINGLE SCRIPTURE to back up their argument. All they can offer are obscure arguments based on "Genesis 2:24 says the two shall become one, that means God only intended a man to have one wife" which is not explicit and is not amenable to rational understanding. They may also present some arguments based on verses in Timothy and Titus which relate to leaders only and which results in some ingenuous argument to the effect of an implied statement that "what is good for the Bishop is good for the flock".

At this point, any person of integrity will conclude that YAHWEH is either confused or a hypocrite that He could bless Abraham and Jacob and yet His servants declare these men to be terrible sinners. THERE ARE MANY who have rejected faith in YAHWEH and YAHSHUA ON THIS POINT ALONE!

If the person concerned has any Jewish or Muslim connections, they will KNOW that the "christian's" doctrine is wrong and they will reject this obviously false "christ". They will reject this false "christ" rightly BECAUSE YAHSHUA NEVER introduced monogamy. In the same way that He never introduced the "christian sabbath" on Sunday instead of Saturday, He was not born on "Christmas day", a pagan feast day, etc, etc, etc.

UNTIL those who have a personal saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ (YAHSHUA Messiah) develop a love of their precious Saviour WHICH IMPELS THEM TO SEEK HIS TRUTHS AT ALL COSTS, they will NEVER preach the Gospel of Truth effectively.

4) THOSE WHO ACTIVELY WORSHIP SATAN

The final group that evangelists should reach but whom most evangelists fear, are those who actively worship Satan. The witches, warlocks, Satanist's, etc. Those people have experience and detailed knowledge of the spirit realm. They have experienced the power of the demonic and they know how to wield that power effectively!

We have repeatedly seen congregations where the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully completely disintegrate after they have been visited by witches!

How do the witches exercise their power? They identify sin in the leadership of the congregation and that gives Satan the legal right he needs to attack that congregation - refer the teaching on God's Wrath for the Church to understand how this is possible.

What sin do they use? FREQUENTLY doctrinal error! Everyone who is moving in the power and anointing of YAHWEH IS A TARGET FOR SATAN'S AGENTS, the witches, etc. Those agent's will make use of ANY SIN to gain a foothold to introduce demons, etc into the congregation and break it up!

It is time that ALL those who seek to serve YAHWEH and YAHSHUA understand that sin of any kind and particularly division and doctrinal error is tantamount to writing a spiritual DEATH WARRANT for their ministry!

We have been lulled into a false sense of security. There has been no urgency for Satan until recently. But, in 1995, Joyner reports after a vision in which he was transported to the third heaven *"The hordes of hell have been released. This is the time for which all of creation have been waiting. The great mystery of God will soon be finished."*

Any way one looks at it, we are either at the very, very end of the sixth millennium (the sixth day) from creation OR we are at the very beginning of the seventh millennium (the seventh day) and since YAHWEH has declared His intention to REST on the seventh day, Satan MUST be cast into the pit shortly.

Revelation 20:1-3:

1 *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*

2 ***He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;***

3 ***and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. (NKJ)***

Accordingly, we must UNDERSTAND THAT SATAN HAS PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS TO DESTROY BELIEVERS ANY WAY THAT HE CAN!

Our experience of "christian" complacency and wilful error of the last 1,700 years is NO BASIS for living the Messianic life today!

All Hell has broken loose on earth in the spirit realm if we will open our eyes to see!

False doctrine and partial truth is now a LUXURY that true believers can NO LONGER afford!

FURTHERMORE, YAHSHUA died for the sins of the witches, warlocks, Satanist's and other agents of Satan AS WELL!! He LOVES THEM TOO! He WANTS THEM SAVED!

Reported experience indicates that the vast majority will ONLY come to salvation if they experience the MANIFEST POWER OF GOD working through believers which demonstrates that YAHWEH is INDEED GREATER THAN SATAN!

That power WILL ONLY be manifest in the lives of believers who seek YAHSHUA and YAHWEH with ALL their hearts, minds, souls and strength and, as we have seen, if one does that one MUST SEEK ALL TRUTH! Only those who do not have major sin in their lives will be able to stand against those who serve Satan with ALL THEIR hearts, minds, souls and strength. No man who teaches material false doctrine will have ANY HOPE of standing against an experienced and well equipped and trained servant of Satan. The servant of Satan will take the would be servant of YAHWEH apart in the spiritual realm in a devastating and possibly FATAL (as in losing salvation for eternity) fashion.

BUT YAHWEH and YAHSHUA WANT THOSE PEOPLE SAVED!

So we MUST all seek YAHSHUA and therefore we must seek ALL TRUTH and we must ALSO seek the fullness of the anointing of the Holy Spirit that is available to us.

Until we realize that YAHSHUA died on the Cross in order that WE might do GREATER WORKS THAN HE DID, in other words that we might receive an infilling of the Holy Spirit equivalent to OR GREATER than that which He received, WE SIN GRIEVOUSLY AND WE WILL REMAIN TOTALLY INCAPABLE OF BRINGING THE VAST MAJORITY OF SATAN'S AGENTS TO REPENTANCE AND SALVATION!

This generation will be judged according to what they do with the anointing of the Holy Spirit!

WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE REALLY IN ERROR?

Certainly by virtue of what is written here there are MANY who are in error. In fact, every one of us is in error to a greater or lesser degree.

How does one respond to someone who is manifestly in error in an area where we have absolute certainty that we have truth?

That is outside the scope of this article but will, God willing, be addressed in a separate article shortly.

CONCLUSION

My conclusion?

- 1) Serve YAHWEH your God with ALL your heart, mind, soul and strength.
- 2) Seek crucifixion with Messiah (Christ) DAILY.
- 3) Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead you into ALL TRUTH!
- 4) STOP LOOKING FOR ERROR IN OTHERS BUT SEEK TRUTH IN THEM!
- 5) NEVER speak against a fellow believer or even against someone who CLAIMS to be a fellow believer, whether a believer in YAHSHUA and YAHWEH or in YAHWEH alone.
- 6) NEVER judge a person on the basis of what any other person reports second hand.
- 7) NEVER judge any person UNLESS YAHWEH has raised you up as a judge in the church and, right now, there are VERY FEW such men!
- 8) Avoid strife and division at ALL COSTS. In EVERY relationship seek to identify the points of agreement and, if you have a truth which you know that you know is truth, ask for a hearing, share the truth and then leave it to the Holy Spirit to do the work.

Agreement CANNOT be demanded, commanded, bought or earned! It is a free gift, a choice that each has to make.

- 9) If necessary, and it will OFTEN BE NECESSARY, AGREE TO DISAGREE!

- 10) Take ownership of the sins of our fathers in the faith and be QUICK TO REPENT to any person who might ever have been offended by those sins.

**It cannot be stressed enough!
Seek truth and not error in ALL you meet!**

¹² Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ [Messiah] forgave you, so you also must do. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ [Messiah] dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord YAHSHUA [Jesus], giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:12-17 (NKJ)

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END OF VOLUME

No messages for June or July