

MY BOOK

A summation of my life's experience in my journey through religious study and conclusions as I consider them to be relevant to Bible truth versus religious doctrines of institutional “church” and men's ageless redefining of what they want the WORD of GOD say to satisfy their own pursuits.

John K. Johnson (Winter 2015)

Introduction... By John K. Johnson

At the time of this writing (2015), I am 73 years old... or young; depending upon whichever time line you consider. My “earth suit” is 73 years old and is showing some wear around the edges. My “born again” man is just barely started into my eternal destiny that only initiates in this life and never ends in the world to come... thanks be to Yeshua (Jesus) who has purchased my insurmountable sin debt and grafted me, a “wild branch,” onto the “olive tree” of Israel, of His Kingdom as Paul explains in Romans Chapter 11.

I have learned some things that I will share with anyone who reads this and wants to hear what I am saying. This is “my view” and is not intended to be imposed upon anyone that may prefer alternative pathways. I am fully persuaded that no human being comes to the understanding I now have unless the divine Holy Spirit draws them... in YHWH’S (Yahweh’s/God’s) time and in His way. Which is how I have come to this place in faith... I can offer no claims for contribution to the effort and know fully well that I have been saved by grace through faith. Even my faith is a gift from YHWH, and His grace alone has been favored upon me. However, I do equally believe (fully persuaded) that YHWH would that none would perish, but that all would come to repentance... eternal life in Yeshua the Messiah, 2Peter 3:9. So, if you have read this far, allow me to ask, what will be your end (or beginning) if you die today? I have learned that it really does matter how you deal with this most important question of human existence. Procrastination is not doing you any favors.

With that said, let me begin by inserting a Derek Prince perspective on,

“The Secret Hidden Wisdom.”

Psalm 51:6

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. NIV

“Those words are addressed by the psalmist David to the Lord Himself. What is it that God really looks for in our lives? First and foremost, it is not the external practices of religion – not necessarily churchgoing or other religious acts. God looks much deeper than those. He looks right down into the innermost depths of our hearts and our lives.

“Elsewhere, the Bible tells us that God does not see as man sees because man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. So David says, “Surely you desire truth in the inner parts.” What does God want? What is truth in the inner parts? I believe it is absolute sincerity – the opposite of religious externalism, hypocrisy. Those things do not appeal to God. In fact, He does not approve of them. He detests them. He looks beneath all that. He wants to see if we are sincere, open, and transparent in our relationship with Him. Do we say the same thing with our mouths that we are thinking in our minds?

“If we come to that place, then we can say, like the psalmist, “You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.” There is a secrete place in our innermost being where we can begin to hear the voice of God and learn from Him and He teaches us wisdom there.”

Derek Prince (1915 – 2003)

A note of observation on my part: I believe there is a great difference between “internalizing” YHWH’S/God’s Word (Torah)... and “intellectualizing” it.

To “internalize” YHWH’S Word is to ingest its truth into our way of thinking and acting (living), and moves us towards the

nature of Yeshua. Truth, and our desire for it in our “inner parts” is what a sincere, open, and transparent relationship with YHWH is about. It is the place where the “Secrete Hidden Wisdom” vitalizes our eternal soul... and transposes us into “new creations.” It is a predesignated design of YHWH for all of us... whosoever will, that is.

To only “intellectualize” the things that YHWH’S truth has established is only a substituted self-serving religious or philosophical exercise... and no “Secrete Hidden Wisdom” is imparted to the soul; only death results.

While doing some research on foundational substance for faith in “an invisible God,” as YHWH is often referred to by critics of Christian beliefs... I ran across a commentary by a Rabbi who was explaining the value of daily recital of Jewish prayers... He explained, “ we inhabit a cosmic mirage. We perceive myriad creations, all seemingly self-sufficient and independent beings. But as Jews, we believe that in fact there is only one true entity. One G-d who is the essence of everything. One G-d manifest in an infinite amount of creations.

“Engraving this counterintuitive idea into our psyches is our greatest challenge, but key to developing a true appreciation for, and relationship with, our Creator. Towards this end, every morning and night we recite the “Shema” (three biblical paragraphs in Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:13-21; Numbers 15:37-41), which starts with Judaism’s defining statement: *Hear O Israel the L-rd is our G-d, the L-rd is One*. Shema then discusses some of Judaism’s basics: love of G-d, Torah study, the principle of divine reward and punishment, and our exodus from Egypt. Contemplating these words enables us to see beyond the mirage – and live accordingly.”

This simple commentary note caused me to reflect upon my life’s experiences... and further considering what Paul said:

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power¹ of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against **the wiles of the devil.**

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph 6:10-12 KJV)

Biblically, it is certain that there is a “devil.” He is the “present” evil manipulator of human activity... those under his influence, that is. Make no mistake about it, the “cosmic mirage,” that we inhabit (noted by the Rabbi in the above commentary), is a real illusion in the “carnal mind.” The Torah of YHWH was given to man to renew the corrupted mind and “refocus” this illusion, so that humanity could escape this “Babylon environment.” Babylon, by definition means “confusion.” That is why it is a “counterintuitive idea,” for a “un-renewed” mind to accept it. The Scriptures teach us that *“there is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”* (Prov 14:12)

For the conclusion of this introduction I want to tell you a story about the man the Bible calls the “wisest man who ever lived.” (excluding Yeshua). His name was Solomon... King David’s son by Bathsheba; Solomon succeeded David as King of Jerusalem and all Israel. He reigned as King for 40 years... you can read about Solomon in 1Kings and 1Chron and 2Chron. Solomon’s writings of importance to this article is the Book of Ecclesiastes.

In a “nutshell,” Solomon is known for having done and tried nearly everything that wealth and power could allow one to pursue... much of his life was extravagance and indulgence... and especially, Solomon did what YHWH specifically instructed him NOT to do. If you take time to read the book of Ecclesiastes, you will no doubt conclude that there was nothing left untried in Solomon’s attempt to find pleasure and gratification and understanding. One could say, Solomon ate of

all the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Let's consider the last of the book of Ecclesiastes... Chapter 11 & 12:

⁷ Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun: ⁸ But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

⁹ Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

¹⁰ Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity. (Ecc 11:7-10 KJV)

I too was a young man once... what I find is that Solomon's conclusion is accurate... youth is passing away, and unless one is right with YHWH, only darkness and sorrow will come... along with righteous judgement. You will reap what you sow... and the day will come when you must settle your account with YHWH... everything otherwise is vanity. The thing is, YHWH wants you to repent and turn to Yeshua for Salvation. And now, Solomon concludes with these words:

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; (Ecc 12:1)...

⁷ Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. ⁸ Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

⁹ And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

¹⁰ The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. ¹¹ The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.

¹² *And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.*

¹³ ***Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.***

¹⁴ ***For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*** (Ecc 12:7-14 KJV)

Everything in life, I think, is about sorting out the truth from the illusion. And, the illusion is very convincing... otherwise, it would NOT be an illusion. I hope you truly desire to escape the cosmic mirage; it truly is a counterintuitive decision. The work I have condensed in this little book is, to me, the most important work of my life... intended to expose the vanity of distractions that otherwise separate you from the only purpose for which YHWH created you... that is to “internalize” YHWH’S Word and ingest its truth into your way of thinking and acting (living), to draw you towards the nature of Yeshua. Remember, truth, and your desire for it in your “inner parts” is what a sincere, open, and transparent relationship with YHWH is about. It is where YHWH’S Holy Spirit imparts the “Secrete Hidden Wisdom” that vitalizes your eternal soul... and transposes you into “a new creation.” It is a predesignated design of YHWH for you.

Shalom... John Johnson

The Daily Scriptures for week-day reading

This booklet is about the treasure of YHWH'S (God's) Word and the impact it has on our lives when we believe what YHWH has said about: *"seeking first His Kingdom, and THEN all [these things] will be added unto you..."*
Jesus/Mat 6:33

When Yeshua (Jesus) said, *"if you love me, keep my Commandments."* John 14:15; it was not a suggestion. Love, as defined by YHWH, is to obey [YHWH'S Word/Torah] and then trust YHWH for the power of His Holy Spirit to empower you to faithfully walk in agreement with his Torah... it is a walk of faith, and faith is a gift from YHWH; and when we exercise faith, YHWH alone is the power of its outcome.

The power of truth is the most powerful force in the universe.

Truth is relentless; and ultimately, it will define our destiny in accordance with how we implement it in our convictions.

Yeshua said, in John 17:17: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." as defined in "Bible Works," ver 9, software for PC's: "Sanctify" is Strong's 0037 in the Greek dictionary.

37 ἁγιάζω hagiazo {hag-ee-ad'-zo}

Meaning: 1) to render or acknowledge, or to be venerable or hallow 2) to separate from profane things and dedicate to God 2a) consecrate things to God 2b) dedicate people to God 3) to purify 3a) to cleanse externally 3b) to purify by expiation: free from the guilt of sin 3c) to purify internally by renewing of the soul

Origin: from 40; TDNT - 1:111,14; v

Usage: AV - sanctify 26, hallow 2, be holy 1; 29

The objective of the devil (Satan) and his minions is to keep mankind from finding the truth... and the definition of truth is [that which YHWH has defined as truth... that being His Torah Word.] Because YHWH'S Word is "Spirit," and is able to transform our thinking... and consequently our actions thereafter, it should be our most important pursuit to find out what YHWH has said and what it is that He expects of those who want to have an acceptable relationship with Him.

It is an irrefutable fact that: YHWH makes the rules, and we only get to make the choices... you do not have to like this, but it cannot be changed to suit your opinion. Disagreement with YHWH is sin... and sin separates us from YHWH and leads to certain death.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom 6:23 KJV)

David Stern, JNTP (complete Jewish Bible author) says this about trusting YHWH... *"it is faith grounded obedience."* It is that simple.

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path."
(Ps 119:105 KJV)

"Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Ps 119:11 KJV)

O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

² To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

³ Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

⁴ Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips:

⁶ When I remember thee upon my bed, *and* meditate on thee in the *night* watches.

⁷ Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

⁸ My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

⁹ But those *that* seek my soul, to destroy *it*, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

¹⁰ They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped. (Psa 63 KJV)

Anchored to God's Law (by Derek Prince)

Psalm 119:92–93

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have renewed my life. NIV

One thing is certain in this world, we're not going to escape affliction forever. At some time or other, each of us is going to know the meaning of that word affliction. In the New Testament the apostles told the new Christian congregation that we must, through much tribulation (or affliction) enter into the Kingdom of God.

So don't try to find a way through life that bypasses affliction, because if you do find it, it won't take you to heaven.

But in your affliction, you need an anchor. And that's what the psalmist says in those words that I read: If God's law had not been his delight he would have perished in his affliction. When the pressures, the waves and the billows swept over him, when it seemed that his tiny little vessel was going to be carried away on those monstrous billows, he had an anchor. It was God's law and that kept him.

And so he says, with gratitude, looking back on that experience, "I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have renewed my life." As we turn to God's law in the midst of our affliction we receive from it life, new life, life that wells up in spite of all the opposition and the pressures against us. Out of God's law and God's Word there comes a life that is a stronger and more powerful than all the forces that oppose us.

Derek Prince (1915- 2003)

Initial comments for essential understanding

“LORD” as used herein is YHWH [Yahweh] (Israel’s God/Elohim [Yehovah/Yahweh]); “LORD” is a title and YHWH is His Name; and His Name is Sacred; YHWH is “God/Elohim most high;” Yeshua is Jesus’ real name, and it, “Yeshua,” is the “Name above every other name” (Phil 2: 9-11). *[sometimes YHWH is written as YHVH... we will use YHWH in this text]*

The correct vocal “sound” or “articulation” of the Sacred Name is not truly known... what is known is that YHWH declares it [YHWH] to be HIS Name...

“I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.” (Isa 42:8 KJV)... as defined in “Bible Works,” version 9, software for PC’s: “LORD” is Strong’s 03068 in the Hebrew dictionary.

03068 יהוה Yehovah {yeh-ho-vaw}

Meaning: Jehovah = "the existing One" 1) the proper name of the one true God 1a) unpronounced except with the vowel pointings of 0136

Origin: from 01961; TWOT - 484a; n pr dei

Usage: AV - LORD 6510, GOD 4, JEHOVAH 4, variant 1; 6519

It should also be noted that there is NO “J” in the Hebrew text, “J” is a translated value; the “Y” is the more proper value... yielding “Yehovah” and not Jehovah... I should note that there is much disagreement and strife over the “Name” and how it is written and pronounced; I suggest you guard yourself against becoming too entangled in the “Name” controversy.

It should also be noted in YHWH’S “Ten Commandments,” Exodus chapter 20, in verse 7:

“Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” (Exo 20:7 KJV)... **this more specifically means, that you shall NOT make YHWH’S Name “common,” or profane... so as to be irreligious or irreverent... or disrespectful... etc. So, the typical “swearing” in profanity, is only a part of irreverent use of the Sacred Name... YHWH is NOT common, but very Holy and Sacred... and is to always be addressed and referred to in a deeply respectful and honorable manner.**

It should also be noted that typical orthodox Jews do not speak (verbalize) the “Name,” as they normally substitute “G_d,” or Adonai in place of the “03068” text, sometimes Hashem... and as I said previously, the “Name” is a controversial issue and will not be addressed to any further extent in this text, except to say that this author does not follow the orthodox view on this issue; nor does this author promote use (or non-use) of the “Name.” It is my opinion that the respect with which the Name is used is the issue, not the use of the Name when used in reverent context by a faithful and devoted believer [follower of Yeshua] who loves YHWH and desires to follow His Torah and the lifestyle of Yeshua.

And finally: when I use the “Name,” it is just to be sure of “which” God we are talking about; the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (the eternal creator God/YHWH), the God of Israel, and, YHWH is not in any way connected to the moon god, Allah, of the Muslim/Islamic death cults... or any other so called “gods.” YHWH and ANY OTHER god/gods are totally and diametrically opposite. YHWH is the one and only Savior, and in the final judgment at the end of days, He will cast all adherents of the gods of all cults and false religions into the lake of fire along with their leader the devil (Satan) and his evil angels.

“Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.”
(Isa 43:10-11 KJV)

A “essential” and “critical” issue for Understanding the Bible

It has been said by several wise men over the ages, that the definition of terms and “words,” and what each generation understands them mean, either stabilizes the civil and spiritual social fabric, or “unravels” it to its demise... for example, our Founding Fathers penned the US Constitution with specific words of chosen meaning (*as they understood them to be... and intended for the laws of the land to be founded upon*). The original meaning of those words are yet available to the curious minded who turn back unto the old original Colonial Dictionary to review their definitions and meanings. Tragically, the modern political agenda of Leftists Socialists (communists) uses a re-defined version of the founder’s script to further their social engineering plans for America... thereby, the US Constitution has been “gutted” of its power to define our society. So, for a society to “resemble” its original type and pattern, it has to be defined by the “original” words and their meaning and context of use, as those words were understood in the original culture... George Orwell wrote a book, in 1949, of such an example, “1984,” where “newspeak, doublespeak and oldspeak,” were the frame around a future “dystopia,” [undesirable place]. What was then fiction, has now become the reality of horrors in 2015...

Now the Bible, the Word of God [Torah to be specific], is likewise a declaration of issues and their instructions and relationships to mankind as YHWH defined them to be... without the changing of the terms and the words and their meanings. Nor did YHWH allow for any “adding to,” or

“taking from” the divine breathed Word; Deut 4:2 and 12:32... (this includes “mixing in” men’s doctrines) tragically, the modern “norm” is far from the “ancient paths,”

“Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;” (Jer 18:15 KJV)

I would like to recommend a very important book for the serious reader to consider... especially if the reader is reluctant to appreciate the previous comments... the book is:

“FOUR TROJAN HORSES OF HUMANISM”

By Harry Conn ISBN 0-88062-009-9

The last time I looked, it was available on “Amazon.com”

Harry Conn, in a very astute and brilliant fashion, defines the destructive social dynamics that clearly reveal the tragic demise of the west... the Four Trojan Horses of Humanism:

- 1) Philosophy – The Trojan Horse Farm**
- 2) Psychology – Trojan Horse**
- 3) Sociology – Trojan Horse**
- 4) Politics – Trojan Horse**
- 5) Theology – Trojan Horse**

There are also 3 - “H’s” of history that must be noted in the

“unraveling” of the social and spiritual fabric of YHWH’S instructions... all, of course, with man’s compulsive desire for sin [until being born again and renewed in the Spirit of his mind, by the Torah Word and inter-working of the Holy Spirit].

“Humanism” [actually, a religious concept rooted in the fruit of the “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil] as noted above by Harry Conn.

“Hellenism” [philosophy and intellectualism] as what the Jews call the great destruction of their faith... rooted in the “Greek” Alexander the Great’s doings.

“Hedonism” as man’s pursuit of self-indulgent pleasure knows no limit, with pursuit of pleasure believed to be the ultimate of man’s purpose.

A word about the “Torah” (first five books in a King James Bible)

“Torah” is YHWH’S (God’s/Elohim’s) eternal, and forever settled Word: Ps 119:89; Torah is the first 5 books in the Bible, often referred to as the “Law of Moses.” The term “Law,” is not a good translation, it is best understood by the Jews and astute Bible Scholars as “instruction,” and the “way to walk” with YHWH/God.

Yeshua (Jesus), the “Word” that became “flesh” (John 1:1-14) was (is) the exact living and walking Torah... Yeshua is YHWH/God in the Flesh. Yeshua always kept the Torah, and taught us to do the same. Yeshua’s name in Hebrew means “Salvation.” The English translation “Jesus” (from the Greek) is how most of us know the Biblical Savior (Son of God)... however, His real Biblical name is Yeshua.

(To believers, “keeping the Torah,” is an act of love in response to our being redeemed by the blood of Yeshua at Calvary... it is not an act to obtain salvation... as salvation is provision of a loving God who makes salvation a free gift to all who “call upon the Name of the LORD.”)

Therefore, walking with Yeshua (The Word made flesh), is to walk in the ways YHWH defined in His “forever settled word” [Torah]... and to those “saved” as the Bible defines salvation (those purchased by the blood of Yeshua), it is a natural and desirable thing to walk as the Torah teaches us... after all, it is what is “required of us.” Consider this:

“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” (2Ti 2:19 KJV)

Here, Paul is telling Timothy, those who claim that they are under the protection of “the seal of salvation,” that they should be just, righteous of heart and life, and not violate law and justice. There was no “New Testament” in Paul’s time, and Paul could only have been using the Torah as the “foundation” of God... as defined in “Bible Works,” version 9, software for PC’s: the Greek word for iniquity is “#0093 in the Strong’s Greek Dictionary...

93 ἀδικία adikia {ad-ee-kee'-ah}

Meaning: 1) injustice, of a judge 2) unrighteousness of heart and life 3) a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness

Origin: from 94; TDNT - 1:153,22; n f

Usage: AV - unrighteousness 16, iniquity 6, unjust 2, wrong 1; 25

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Yeshua

Hamashia is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil 2:9-11 (KJV)

(Yeshua Hamashia is “Jesus the Messiah,” as Messiah is “Moshiach” in Hebrew; HaMashia or Hamashia is “The Messiah” or the “anointed one.”)

Now, with all of the above in “mind,” I pray you will study the following “my favorite” memory verses with a new appreciation for how the Word of YHWH fills your soul with vibrant life each day... as you “draw” sustenance from the Tree of Life.

Bible Memory verses (Sunday - Friday)

Beginning of Sunday List:

**Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;
therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil
of gladness above thy fellows. Heb 1:9 (KJV)... a direct
quote from Ps 45:7**

*("Thou" is Yeshua/Jesus in context; but we should do likewise)
("loving righteousness," results in walking out a Torah based
lifestyle, as Yeshua did)*

*("hating iniquity," is eschewing worldly/Satan inspired desires
and acts; iniquity is any rebuke or disdain or disobedience to
God's/YHWH'S Torah)*

*(Also, "hated iniquity" (iniquity in Greek is "anomia" Strong's
458) is "without law" or "lawless" meaning YHWH'S Law-
Torah)*

**The soul that sinneth, it shall die... Ezek 18:20;
Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so
iniquity shall not be your ruin. Ezek 18:30 (KJV)**

**What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us,
who can be against us? Romans 8:31 (KJV)**

**The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be
afraid? Ps 27:1 (KJV)**

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath
redeemed from the hand of the enemy; Ps 107:2 (KJV)**

**Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts
with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Ps
100:4 (KJV)**

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. Ps 103:1-5 (KJV)

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Jos 1:8 (KJV) (*"book of the law is the Torah"*)

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: Deut 30:19 (KJV)

("choosing life" is what WE must do, not just "hearing about" YHWH'S commandments, statutes and instructions, but we Must "Do them," or "walk," as Yeshua walked... He always did what pleased the Heavenly Father YHWH).

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22 (KJV)

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. Jos 24:15 (KJV)

("the other side of the flood," is across the Euphrates River, from where Abraham came from... not the flood of Noah's day. Heb #5104 "nahar" (flood; namely river or stream").

(“we will serve the LORD,” means “we will DO as YHWH requires in the Torah)

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov 3:5-6 (KJV)

(This scripture, Prov 3:5-6, has been an “assurance of life by faith” blessing for me as far back as the early 1970’s; however, it has only been since I have been studying the “Hebrew Roots” of my Christian Faith, because of the Torah’s living power, whereby the real substance of this verse has exerted greater influence on my “perspective” of this powerful truth... let me explain:

When one thinks of “their own understanding,” that would consist of considerable input and rational cogitation providing “motivation” of pursuits birthed out from a vast database of underlying influential stimuli... including, but not limited to: the total of one’s life experiences, education, collected opinions and philosophies of men, cultural exposure, religious and traditional practices, emotional and protective likes and fears, distasteful and honorable inclinations, etc. ... all of which contain some good (and some bad)... some true (and some false) practical and “accepted” information as “fact” as human nature thinks it to be... tragically, much of what is deposited in our “data base,” is not really what it seems to be. Because of our selfish and indulgent appetites and pursuits... (a blindness, that is at odds with God, that we all suffer from to some extent) we typically default to “selective” choices, many of which we must circumvent better judgment in order to feel “justified” in enjoining them. Just being “bombarded” by life all around us is enough to draw us into choices that “our own understanding” manipulates to our comfort zones... we use procrastination of the issues to eliminate having to deal with the difficult things we do not want to “deal with” at the time... this is where the Torah can “sanitize” our thinking... the Torah

is the only filter through which the real issues of life can be properly evaluated (to God's perspective, that is). When we "trust in the LORD, with all our heart (giving honest mental considerations for what Torah defines as truth, righteousness, and justice), and "acknowledge him" (YHWH) and pursue His expectations of us... life becomes a blessed experience... and our "paths" are clearly marked for our journey... to the results of the scripture that says, "he who endures unto the end shall be saved." (Yeshua speaking in Mat 10:22)... now for the companion scripture that confirms all of this.)

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Prov 14:12 (KJV)

(The "way which seemeth right unto a man," is the same as the "Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil," that was in the Garden... for you see, our corrupted "data base" of our "own understanding" is nothing less than fruit from the "Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil"... and is the sure pathway unto death. Whereas, Torah, has been known as the "Tree of Life," from the beginning.)

Now, here are the key scriptures to today's reading:

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law [Torah] of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff, which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Ps 1:1-6 (KJV)

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law [Torah] of the LORD.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly. Ps 119:1-8 (KJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Ps 23:1-6 (KJV) (*“rod and staff” are “Word/Torah and Spirit”*)

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Is 40:29-31 (KJV)

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1Jn 4:4 (KJV)

(Knowing and living a Torah observant lifestyle should be the goal of those who claim to be “believers;” and it is the “blueprint” for what the “acceptable” Bride of Messiah will have to look like... wise men seek to understand and follow Torah... Yeshua said “follow me.” The “REAL” Yeshua walked the Torah lifestyle... so should we.)

End of Sunday List.

Beginning of Monday List:

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my highplaces. Ps 18:33 (KJV)

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. Matt 6:9-13 (KJV)

And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. Is 54:13 (KJV)

As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever. Isa 59:21 (KJV) (*"them" is YHWH'S people [Israel] faithful to Torah and Yeshua*)

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. Ps 37:25 (KJV)

(*"his seed" are the Redeemed of YHWH; as Paul notes in Gal 3:29: "if you be in Christ, you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise."*)

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also

of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Acts 17:28 (KJV)

(How are we “his offspring?” Because Yeshua is the Firstborn (in the Resurrection) and all “born again” believers will likewise be like Yeshua (in the Resurrection)... provided they remain faithful unto the end of their natural lives.)

The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places... Hab 3:19 (KJV)

Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be. Deut 33:25 (KJV) [Moses speaking to Israel]
(YHWH is not a “respector of persons,” says Peter, in Acts 10:34)

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Ps 119:89 (KJV)
(No one or anything can change YHWH’S Word!)

Righteousness and Justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before your face. Ps 89:14 (NKJV)
(Often, the word “Mercy,” can be translated “lovingkindness;” and “truth,” can be “faithfulness.” These are all related and can shed added perspective when thought of as such. All are characteristics of YHWH’S nature.)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Rev 12:11 (KJV) (*“overcame him,” him, is the dragon/Satan”*)

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. Rev 12:13 (KJV)
(the woman is Israel, Yeshua’s redeemed who follow Him; and, “the man child is Yeshua; as Israel brought forth Yeshua)

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Rev 12:17 (KJV)

(the remnant of her seed are all “grafted on” believers who have been redeemed by the blood of Yeshua; and who follow Him (Torah) by keeping the commandments of YHWH/God)) (Notice here also, that the “rapture” has NOT yet taken place; the saints are yet here on earth doing battle with the forces of evil... and in the end, will prevail... the rapture takes place just before YHWH’S wrath is poured out upon the defiant and evil generation that rejects Torah and the Messiah Yeshua.)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Jhn 14:27 (KJV)

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. Zech 4:6-7 (KJV)

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20 (KJV)

*(The “faith of” Yeshua, the Son of God, is what keeps us; HIS faithfulness to the Torah/Word, and His sinless life qualified Him to be the “spotless” Lamb of God, which “**taketh away the sins of the world.**” John 1:29) (Christ living in us is the manifesting of the Torah Word we “feed” on for our spiritual sustenance.)*

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter 1:23 (KJV)

*(Our “salvation/new creation/new birth,” is by the Torah/Word of God; and becomes effective when WE dedicate our lifestyles to it... just as Yeshua did. It is not simply mouthing a confession or sinner’s prayer alone; it is when our “confession” becomes an active committed lifestyle... as **“faith without works is dead,” James 2:20**; This “new birth” shows its “evidence” as the “fruit” from the “incorruptible seed.”*

(This is what Paul was teaching in the context of Romans chapter 6).

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 1Pet 1:18-19 (KJV)

(Vain conversation and tradition <opinions and philosophies of men along with institutional “non Torah” practices> as is the practice of most “church” doctrine that is not in agreement with the specifics of Torah... and Yeshua’s lifestyle example)

*(It is vital that we note what Yeshua said) **“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.** (meaning nothing acceptable to YHWH)*

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.” (Joh 15:5-6 KJV)

(The Scriptures teach us that we are “grafted” onto the tree/vine [who’s root and stem is Yeshua; the vine noted above]; we gentiles, that, in Rom 11:16-24, Paul calls “wild/unnatural branches,” become living, fruit bearing branches when drawing our life source from the Torah (Tree of Life)... Yeshua, the Word that became flesh. Thereby, we are “born again,” not

of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God [Torah]... Clearly, YHWH provided Torah for our “life support,” using the simple example/illustration of a “branch that has been grafted onto a life support system,” in our case, being that good vine/tree that has deep and unmovable roots, our LORD Yeshua.)

*(Yeshua is identified as the Torah Word that became flesh [John 1:14]... YHWH incarnate, became as a man... He provided the example we need to follow... by faith, in order to live out a Torah observant lifestyle faithful to YHWH, just like Yeshua did. Of course, the truly “born again” believer will grow in faith and good works [Torah principles and patterns of conduct]... thus Paul said, “**follow me, as I follow the Messiah.**” 1Cor. 11:1)*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Is 26:3 (KJV)

*(Faithful commitment “of all your heart/mind,” fixed in YHWH’S promises to believers... The Psalmist David wrote, “**I have hidden thy Word in my heart [mind/thoughts] that I might not sin against thee. Ps 119:11)***

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. Matt 7:24-27 (KJV)

(The hearing without doing is a Greek concept; “corresponding action,” which is an understood Hebrew concept, is what examples and confirms one’s response to YHWH’S Torah;

“corresponding action,” means faith grounded obedience to Torah/YHWH’S forever settled Word).

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:7-11 (KJV)

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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.

For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. 1Cor 13:4-10 (KJV)

(Love: the likeness of Yeshua in us, is the only part of man that transcends death)

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.

For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. 1Cor 11:23-33 (KJV)

(This verse, in context, is the Passover Seder where Yeshua and His Disciples gathered just before his crucifixion/death/resurrection; it WAS NOT intended for “church communion practice,” which the Roman Catholic Church instituted... not a doctrine of the first Century faithful. The observance of YHWH’S Passover [Pesach] is an eternal commandment, to be done just as Torah defines it. It is an annual “Moedim” or remembrance [anniversary]... just as one’s own wedding anniversary, with the “wedding band” of the Sabbath [Shabbat] given to remind believers to “Shamar/Keep YHWH’S Torah)... that is not an opinion, it is what the Bible says.

End of Monday List.

Beginning of Tuesday List:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Ro 1:16-17 (KJV)

(From “faith to faith” is from faith that YHWH supplies to the believer <Heb 12:2> and the believer’s action of faithfulness to YHWH’S Word/Torah; and by believing Yeshua’s blood has atoned for their sins and that it/He can keep their souls for all eternity.)

(The just are those who have repented of their sins and sold out to Yeshua and they are faithful to His Torah.)

*(“every one that believeth,” according to David Stern, JNTS [author of the Complete Jewish Bible], means simply: “**to keep on trusting.**”)*

For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Ro 4:3; (Paul, quoting Torah Gen 15:6 (KJV))

(“Abraham believed God; as must any/every person that seeks salvation... it has ALWAYS been that way... Paul is teaching from the Torah and it is the same “seed” <faith> as Paul teaches in Gal 3:25-29) However, “believing God,” is to Obey God’s Torah.

Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. 1Chr 16:28-29 (KJV)

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the

**earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him;
for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that
made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of
waters. Rev 14:6-7 KJV**

**As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the
curse causeless shall not come. Prov 26:2 (KJV)**
*(Deut Chpt 28 declares blessings to those who Keep the Torah,
and curses to those who disrespect and disobey it... causing
either blessing or curses upon one's own actions.)*

**In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Gen
1:1 (KJV) (if YHWH can do this, He can do anything!)**

**And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD
appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty
God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. Gen 17:1 (KJV)**
*(Perfect; in this sense, means to be mature in faith and
faithfulness to YHWH, and to continue maturing in the ways of
Torah <Yeshua's ways> as being "perfect" is a transitioning
from the old sinful nature to the born again new creation saint
in Yeshua's likeness... for which He, by His Holy Spirit gives us
power to achieve.)*

**"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it
shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that
which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I
sent it." (Isa 55:11 KJV)**

*(The Torah is the "good seed" that is "living and powerful" as
noted in Heb 4:12... it is Yeshua in us, and when we are yielded
[surrendered] to Him, nothing can stop the "good seed" from
empowering us [it shall not return void].)*

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil 2:13 KJV

But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. Deut 30:14 (KJV)

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4 KJV

And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. Gen 28:22 (KJV)

There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you. Deut 11:25 (KJV)

For all the promises of God in him [Yeshua] are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 2Cor 1:20 (KJV)

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Ro 8:17 (KJV)

And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. 2Chr 20:15 (KJV) (*"this great multitude," overwhelming odds; impossible in the natural... But God has your back!*)

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem:

fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you. 2Chr 20:17 (KJV)

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2Chr 20:20 (KJV)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Prov 9:10 (NKJV)

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee. Ex 15:26 (KJV)

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence.

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption that, as it is written, “*He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.*” 1 Cor 1:27-31 (KJV)

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Heb 4:12-13 (KJV)

(The Word and Spirit of YHWH are continually examining our thoughts and the intents of our hearts... Thankfully, this is true; because it frees us from the thought of being discrete with our “private” life... YHWH always knows our plans and we should conform our thoughts and ways quickly to His holiness and be thankful He makes such things possible.)

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil 4:13 (KJV)

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deut 6:5 (KJV)

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised. Ps 113:3 (KJV)

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Jn 10:10 (KJV)

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt 16:18 (KJV)

(Be careful how you define the word “church” in this scripture [Strong's Greek #1577, ekklesia; same as Hebrew #6951, qahal...] both mean congregation or assembly, and can mean “church”; in any case, it is the YHWH ordained family of faithful believers... not just a membership of people who do not fit YHWH's definition of believers... as in this scripture, they [the rock] are Holy Spirit inspired confessors of Yeshua and followers of His ways)... they have nothing in common with the world and its normal fleshly practices, permissible in most churches)..

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things. Phil 4:8 (KJV)

And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Luke 12:4-5 (KJV)

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer. Ps 19:14 (KJV)

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. Ps 34:1 (KJV)

End of Tuesday List.

Beginning of Wednesday List:

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt 6:33 (KJV)

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Rev 3:8 (KJV)

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Ps 119:11 (KJV)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Eph 6:10-18 (KJV)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1Jn 1:9 (KJV)

And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. Phil 1:28 (KJV) (*perdition is “their destruction.”*)

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil 2:12-13 (KJV)

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:13-14 (KJV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Gal 5:22-23 (KJV)

(Fruit comes from “seed,” which in this case, being spiritual fruit, it comes from the Torah Word manifesting in you, which produces “fruit of the Sprit,” after its own kind.)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you a hope and a future, (an expected end). Jer 29:11 (NKJV--[kjb])

I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. Ps 9:1-2 (KJV)

Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. Ps 29:1-2 (KJV)

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity. Ps 123:3 (KJV)

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. Rom 10:4 (KJV) (*“for” righteousness, not end of Torah; Torah is eternal*)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (*these are ALL external issues; out of our hands; in YHWH’S hands alone*)

As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 8:35-39 (KJV) (*in life and in death, Yeshua provides*)

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. Deut 6:4-9 KJV

(“Hear” in Hebrew is “Shama” <Strong’s #8085> and it means to hear intelligently [often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively, to tell, etc.])

(This group of Scriptures is collectively known among the Jews as the “Shama.” It is one of their daily prayers and one of the most revered utterances from YHWH)

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deut 4:2; 12:32 ; Rev 22:19 KJV

(To add any of our opinions to or change the Torah in any way, or to “mix” any other comment, instruction, or practice into it is a grievous offense to YHWH. This includes verbal, traditional or ritual practice of any kind and includes “substitution” such as Easter for Passover and Christmas for Hanukkah, or Sunday for Sabbath (Sabbath is sundown Friday until sundown Saturday).

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination. Prov 28:9 KJV

(The “law,” is the Torah, the first five books of the Bible; and as noted above, “hearing/hear” is “Shama...” what does this mean to you?)

Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. Prov 11:21 (KJV)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Ps 103:8 (KJV)

**But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;
To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. Ps 103:17-18 (KJV)**

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Ps103:20 (KJV)

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Ps 34:7 (KJV)

**Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?
For all those things hath mine hand made, and those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. Isa 66:1-2 (KJV)**

If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan? Jer 12:5 (KJV)

(Essentially, this verse asks, if you are weary and troubled in the easy times and from simple challenges, what will you do when things really get rough...?)

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. Prov 23:7 (KJV)

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Luke 6:45 (KJV)

End of Wednesday List.

Beginning of Thursday List:

2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill (murder).

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. Ex 20:2-17 (KJV)

**I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
Phil 4:13 (KJV)**

**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Luke 12:34 (KJV)**

**But my God shall supply all your need according to his
riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil 4:19 (KJV)**

**No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and
every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou
shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the
LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. Is
54:17 (KJV)**

**And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee for my
strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore
will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of
Christ may rest upon me. 2Cor 12:9 (KJV)**

**Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:
yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and
afflicted.**

**But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised
for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon
him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every
one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the
iniquity of us all. Is 53:4-6 (KJV)**

**Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye
the LORD. Ps 150:6 (KJV)**

**Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and
honour, and glory, and blessing. Rev 5:12 (KJV)**

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Ja 4:7 (KJV)

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Eph 4:26-27 (KJV)

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. Rev 14:7 (KJV) (vs 6 calls this verse <7> “the everlasting gospel.”)

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD. Jer 31:31-37 (KJV)

(YHWH'S faithfulness is to Israel (not the church); if any person wishes to be "part" of Israel, they must be "grafted on" as Paul explains in Romans Chp 11) All believers in Yeshua, Jew or Gentile, can come.

For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. Rom 11:24-27 (KJV)

(YHWH is faithful to ALL Israel... [both "Houses" of Israel, the Northern Kingdom - Israel/Ephraim, and the Southern Kingdom - Judah] as foretold by the Prophet Ezekiel below; just as Paul explain above, and the final ingathering is soon at hand.)

**15 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:**

17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?

19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. Ezek 37:15-23 (KJV)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Ps 122:6 KJV

End of Thursday List

Beginning of Friday List

Friday [the 6th Day on the Hebrew Calendar, since the beginning; and also on our modern calendar], was known as the “preparation day.” (that is, to prepare for the Sabbath... tomorrow, the Seventh Day)

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

³ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

⁴ And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

⁵ And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. (Gen 1:1-5 KJV)

(From Gen 1:1 through 1:31, YHWH creates and forms the world we live in; and when He had “finished” His work... He “rested” [on the Seventh day])

² And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

³ And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. (Gen 2:2-3 KJV)

(From the “Beginning” the Seventh Day has been “sanctified” (set apart) by YHWH... I am aware of at least 68 Bible verses defining the Sabbath (Seventh day)...as “holy” and to be “kept” [Remembered])

Keep The Sabbath is the Fourth Commandment (written in stone by the hand of YHWH):

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹ Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

¹⁰ But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:

¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. (Exo 20:8-11 KJV)

(In the Exodus, on the way to Mt. Sinai, Israel was given “bread from heaven,” [manna]... before the 4th Commandment above was given when they were at Mt. Sinai... it was there [coming out of Egypt] that the “manna week” was defined; it was designed around the Sabbath before the “Keeping the Sabbath” was the 4th Commandment;; they were to gather manna for two days on the Sixth Day, that would carry them through the Seventh Day (Sabbath) because they were to rest on the Seventh Day [no work]. Ex 16: 23-30)

(The Sabbath was given to Israel as a “wedding- engagement band,” is given to a betrothed bride to be...so all will know the “relationship” of the parties.)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

¹³ Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.

¹⁴ Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

¹⁵ Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

¹⁶ Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for a perpetual covenant.*

¹⁷ It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

¹⁸ And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God. (Exo 31:12-18 KJV)

(YHWH established certain “moedim” [appointed times], that He said were to be continually remembered and celebrated by Israel... YHWH called these “appointed times” His Feasts... often mistakenly referred to as the feasts of the Jews. The “Biblical Israel” is the composite of peoples, tongues and nations who follow Torah, embrace Yeshua as Savior and faithfully serve and worship YHWH in Spirit and Truth)

Leviticus 23:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

² Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

³ Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein*: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

⁴ These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

⁵ In the fourteenth *day* of the first month at even is the LORD'S passover.

⁶ And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

⁷ In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

⁸ But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day *is* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

⁹ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

¹⁰ Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

¹¹ And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

¹² And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

¹³ And the meat offering thereof *shall be* two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part* of an hin.

¹⁴ And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

¹⁵ And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

¹⁶ Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; (*Pentecost /Shavuot*) and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

¹⁷ Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; *they are* the firstfruits unto the LORD.

¹⁸ And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, *even* an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD.

¹⁹ Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

²⁰ And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits *for* a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

²¹ And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work *therein*: *it shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

²² And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: *I am* the LORD your God.

²³ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²⁴ Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. (*Rosh Hashanah*)

²⁵ Ye shall do no servile work *therein*: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

²⁶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²⁷ Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. (*Yom Kippur*)

²⁸ And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

²⁹ For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

³⁰ And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

³¹ Ye shall do no manner of work: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

³² ***It shall be*** unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

³³ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

³⁴ Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month ***shall be*** the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.

³⁵ On the first day ***shall be*** an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

³⁶ Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

³⁷ These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

³⁸ Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

³⁹ Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day ***shall be*** a sabbath, and on the eighth day ***shall be*** a sabbath.

⁴⁰ And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

⁴¹ And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. ***It shall be*** a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

⁴² Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

⁴³ That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

⁴⁴ And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD. (Lev 23:1-44 KJV)

(Learning and celebrating the “appointed times” [Moedim] of YHWH becomes a living blessing in the life of every believer who faithfully follows the instructions of the eternal Torah... which is the “first” of three parts of the Spiritual foundation YHWH has provided for his people: The Torah is the written and forever settled Word... Yeshua (Jesus), the second part, is the Word that became flesh and walked among us to instruct us in Torah by his lifestyle example; and finally, the Ruach [Holy Spirit], the third part, is given to us to indwell us to be the “Spirit of Truth,” poured out upon all mankind at Pentecost/Shavuot. All three, always agree with what the Torah [written by the hand of YHWH] says... and Torah is the only “spoken” Word from YHWH from the mountain... it is the “foundation” on which all our destiny, in this life, and in the life to come must be built... all else is shifting sand, and will crumble and fall. If any “representative” of a religious group or “teacher” claims that there is any variance between the Torah Word [its original meaning] and the Biblical Yeshua’s [Jesus’] teachings, or what the “spirit” is telling them [or has “shown them”]... watch out! You are hearing an imposter twisting (trying to unwind) the three strand cord of YHWH... do NOT listen to them. The Torah Word, Yeshua and the Sprit are always “one,” and there is NEVER any contradiction in their “oneness.”)

Shalom... enter into your Shabbat [Sabbath] rest... the Seventh Day.

End of Daily Scriptural Readings...

These following Commentary Opinions, of mine, are given to the reader to offer insights that I believe are important to our walk of faith (as believers).

The first set of short articles are “Bible Issues” as I understand them:

- ***What is “Sin” according to the Bible?***
- ***Commonwealth of Israel (Who is Israel?)***
- ***What is the “Torah?”***
- ***How do I “Keep the Torah” (or Observe the Torah)?***
- ***What is the Sabbath?***

And, There are two articles I think you may find interesting:

#1) Understanding Salvation

#2) Who are the Four Horseman of the Apocalypse?

What is "Sin" according to the Bible?

According to the New Testament Book of 1John (verse 4);

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." KJV

Now this direct statement is saying (two times) that to break, transgress, oppose, disregard, work against, commit action or violation of any kind against the "law" (Torah, law of Moses... first five books of the Hebrew Bible) is sin. Sin has one and only one end result; and that is separation from God (YHWH)... and without one's change of their ways by repenting and asking forgiveness and having Yeshua's (Jesus') blood cleanse their sin, sin will end in that one being cast into "the lake of fire," in the final judgment (Rev 20:15 and 21:8).

The ONLY remedy (correction or cure) for sin is confession of your sin, asking forgiveness, with true and genuine repentance and turning away from (forever forsaking) the sin at issue, asking Yeshua to become "master" of your life, and taking up one's place as an "obedient" child of YHWH. Thankfully, 1John 1:9 assures the repentant sinner:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." KJV

Now what are some of the "sins" identified in the Bible?

First, any rebellion or disobedience to the "Written Word of God (YHWH)" is sin... therefore, one must study the Bible (from the beginning) to know what is and what is not sin... there is no excuse for a person NOT to know what sin is, as Paul says in Romans 1:18-20. Paul continues in Romans 1:21-32 to explain the sin problem.

Breaking of the Ten Commandments and their expanded meaning (principals of living) is also sin.

Here are some of the "itemized sins" of the Bible:
Professing themselves to be wise (smarter than the Word of God/Torah), looking to corruptible things (mankind, birds, four-footed beast, creeping things, etc. as "worshiped" things, in place of a holy incorruptible GOD/YHWH);

Lust in their own hearts, dishonoring their own bodies between themselves (changing YHWH's truth into a lie, worshiping and serving the creature more than the Creator/YHWH), which has manifesting results in secular humanism... and "green earth" (mother earth) worship (this is not the same as good stewardship of our planet, for which God clearly expects us to respect and keep as best we know how).

For these things, YHWH "gave them up" to vile affections (perverted sexual practices, i.e., homosexuality, bestiality, and all "unnatural" forms of human relationships, resulting in perversion).

Because they did not like to retain YHWH/GOD in their "knowledge," YHWH gave them up to a "reprobate mind," to do those things not convenient (fitting). Such as, being filled with all unrighteousness (opposite to Torah definition of holy and righteous), fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity (bad character- mischievousness), whisperers, backbiters, haters of YHWH/GOD, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable (unmovable, unappeasable, unrelenting, adamant), unmerciful.

What does Paul the Apostle tell the Ephesians about those who will NOT enter the Kingdom of Christ and of God?

Eph 5:3-5

3 "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not

convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."KJV

What does Paul warn the Galatians about sin?

Gal 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. KJV

Now, for some of the "lesser" known sins... sins just the same:

Breaking the "Sabbath," the 4th of the ten commandments... common practice of exchanging the eternal 7th day (Saturday on modern Calendars) for "Sun" day... a Roman pagan day of worship... likewise, celebrating pagan holidays, such as Easter and Christmas and "Christianizing" them with our own description of why we justify them... Especially, substituting of them, for example: Passover is commanded, and Easter is the normal practice.

Turning away our "ear- hearing" from the instruction of the Torah (Prov 28:9)... resulting with one's prayers becoming an "abomination" to YHWH/GOD... serious, I think.

To falsify, in any way, the person (identity or personhood) of Yeshua (the real Jesus of the Bible)... who was/is the "Word that became flesh," (John 1:1-14, the walking, living Word of God/Torah). To propose Him in any way that defiles his purity incarnation of the Torah in the flesh, which Torah He kept and taught (Mat 5:17-19).

To reject the Savior/Yeshua, for redemption... or His Blood's

efficaciousness for your sins; as to blaspheme the Holy Spirit of Grace... as to trample His Blood underfoot (Heb 10:26-29).

Careless rebuke of YHWH'S love, and not loving Him or others... and disregarding the command to be "holy;" without holiness, no man shall see YHWH/GOD (Heb 12:14).

To mistake "love" for emotion and feelings, and not practice it (YHWH'S definition of love John 14:15 and 14:23) as obedience to Torah (proper love for YHWH, Deut 6:5, 11:1, 11:13, 11:22, 13:3, 19:9, 30:6, 30:16, 30:20, Jos 22:5) and Torah's teaching how to love others (Mat 22:37-40). Be sure to understand "loving" is "doing," and doing it YHWH'S way. To do it our "own way," is sin.

Failing to look after the needs of others... widows, orphans, the helpless; gossip and slander; tolerance for evil, such as abortion and lewdness openly practiced in our society... tattoos on one's body (Leviticus 19:28- a Torah fact). Acceptance of false teachings (which YHWH says He will send as a "test" to see if we will follow false prophets; Deut 13:3).

Syncretism (mixing Torah/YHWH's commandments with other man-made or institutional religious practices)... very common in modern religious practice. Inclusion of all types of New Age "mysticism" (namely Eastern-Hindu religious practices) in with "church" activities... very common in our day... the "Purpose Driven" and "Post Modern, Emerging Church" paradigms... all falling under YHWH'S warning in Isaiah 8:20 (any teaching against the Torah/law of Moses)... all these are the move towards the "one world religion," of the last days... preaching peace and unity... at all cost, and mingling all faiths; which is an "abomination" to YHWH... the "Babylon of the end times."

The Bible has one main instruction concerning these "mixed" abominations:

"Come out." (2Cor 6:14-18 and Rev 18:4)...

To choose to stay in what the Bible calls sin, is to assign one's destiny to the certain consequence for the "wages of sin," which is "death" (Rom 6:23)... think about it.

Commonwealth of Israel: (Who is Israel?)

The "Commonwealth of Israel" (includes Ephraim, Judah, and the WhoSoEver Will) is a unique body of people (literally the "People of God") that are defined by God's Scriptures and they will be revealed as the "Redeemed of the Messiah" following the tumultuous events of the Last Days... which may be closer than most people think. Let us look at the "Israel of God" as the "faithful believers" who have all been "grafted onto" the Olive Tree the Apostle Paul describes in Romans 11:17-24. These include "natural branches" (Judah/Jews and returning House of Israel people) and "wild branches" (saved people of the nations). Yeshua is the "root and stem" or the vine/trunk of the tree and anyone coming into the Commonwealth of Israel can only be identified as part of the Israel of God by being grafted onto this tree. There is no separate tree for the "Jews" and another for the "Church." No, all are ONE in Yeshua our Messiah.

The doctrines of "replacement theology," and "dispensational law and grace; I.E., Old Testament vs New Testament times, are not true Bible teachings... sadly, they are the fabrications of institutional religion and doctrines of men. Misinformation is the roots of confusion and is what is battled against in "spiritual warfare." Here is a "profile" that generally describes the Commonwealth of the faithful, and this is one of the most misunderstood issues in the Bible:

“From the beginning YHWH (Yahweh God of Israel) has only had ONE people with whom He made a covenant, and with whom He refers to making a new (renewed) covenant with; those people were (and are) called “Israel.” They are identified (yesterday, today and forever) as those who embrace Torah (keep His Commandments as Yeshua taught), love YHWH (and in the “renewed covenant” receive His Son Yeshua the Messiah and His blood sacrifice for salvation), and are joined by faith to the Commonwealth of ONE PEOPLE... Israel. This is not a “church,” “nation,”

“bloodline,” or “political” people... IT IS A FAITH PEOPLE as was Abraham counted righteous because he "believed" God (Gal 3: 6-9). There will be some “nation” Jews included, some “bloodline” Jews and Israelites included, and there will be some “gentiles” included, known as “companions” according to the Scriptures (Ezk 37:15-28). Most of the “Israelites,” or the scattered seed of the Northern Kingdom (Israel, 10 tribes), and “their companions,” are today, for the most part, scattered in among the Christian Churches worldwide (they are people, not “churches”)... and are being called out and back to their Hebraic faith roots... Torah is the substance of this truth.”

God makes Salvation (on His terms) available to "WhoSoEver" will come with a surrendered mind and heart, honest and genuine repentant conviction, and willingness to walk faithfully in agreement with His Word. Such a person is what the Bible calls a "new creation."

It should be noted that the two houses of Israel are often referred to as "Judah" and "Ephraim." The "House of Israel," often means "Ephraim," and when including "Judah," the Bible normally says "Whole House of Israel," or "House of Jacob." "Judah" (Southern kingdom, is the Tribe of Judah, and includes the Tribe of Benjamin and some Levites); principally, is the environs in and about Jerusalem and Judea. To be accurate, "Jews" are the Southern Kingdom people; we often see "Jews" defining all the people of the past and present Israelite composite. This lack of distinction will confuse the meaning of Prophetic and historic facts. "Ephraim," or "House of Israel," is the 10 Northern Tribes (who are NOT "Jews"), which are often referred to as the "lost 10 Tribes."

What is the "Torah?"

The Torah (translated "law" in most English Bibles) is normally referred to in our discussions as the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). It means to "hit the mark" or to attain the goal; it also means "instruction," or to teach.

The "legalistic" attitude towards the instructions of our God (Elohim/YHWH/Yahweh) is an improper emphasis; remember it is Yeshua who was crucified for us (for our sins, fully willing, while knowing we were sinners, and it was an act of love and His Grace). John 1:1-14 tells us that He (Yeshua/Jesus) was the Word of God that became flesh and walked among us as "son of man." He, Yeshua (and this is very important) is God/YHWH. He is the Godhead; fully God and fully man. It is very important to understand that the "Word" of God in the flesh is the same Torah Word that was written on the stone Tablets that He gave Moses at Mt. Sinai.

The entire Old Testament is the foundational dictionary for context and establishment of "principals" of God's thinking and nature... given to us for our perfecting of our lifestyles. Yeshua is the "living example" of how we are to walk out the Torah in our lives. The Torah and the New Testament are NOT in conflict. The problem exist when people try to read "church doctrine" into the Bible instead of allowing the Bible to reveal the context from the beginning (if one reads the Torah first and learns its principals and teachings, the following chapters of the Old and New Testaments will not seem to have conflicting messages). Yeshua said, "man must live by "every word" that proceeds from the mouth of God. (Mat 4:4). When He said this, the New Testament was not even in existence.

It is the misunderstanding that many have that the Torah was "for the Jews," which is true, but it was God Himself who said there were not to be any separation of classes of persons as regarding the People equally keeping the Torah in their

lifestyles. (Ex 12:49; Num 15:15-16). There was to be one Torah for all native born and the stranger that had enjoined themselves to their community. It was Yeshua who said:

Matt 5:17-19

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 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. KJV

Yeshua alone has the authority to define the validity of His Word. When we understand that there will be rewards for obedience and losses for disobedience, we will better appreciate the seriousness of accepting our place among the faithful.

The Torah is a "closed system;" as it says in two places in Deuteronomy that we are to neither add to or take from the Torah as it is written... (Deut 4:2 and Deut 12:32)

The observance of the Torah prescribed lifestyle is a safety net for us for our own good. The Torah instructions are not burdensome, as they are the detailed concepts of how God wants us to think, act, and view the world around us. When we truly love God and what Yeshua has done for us through his death and suffering that we may be redeemed, it is a response of thankfulness and love on our part to follow His instructions and become the "holy" people he wants to lift up His Great Name and witness His Glory to the nations. That is what God originally intended for Israel to be and what Israel will become in the end of days. Our salvation comes only by "grace through faith in Yeshua." However, as the Torah is our "school master," leading us to the real Messiah, it is also the avenue by which God's blessings come (by faithful obedience to the Torah); likewise, our disdain and disobedience to the Torah is the

avenue through which comes curses (Deut chapters 28 & 29). The Torah can not save us by our keeping it, as only faith in Yeshua can save us; however, God intends for believers to follow the principals of the Torah as a lifestyle forever... God made it a "choice" issue:

Deut 30:19

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: KJV

Again, the Torah, for believers, is forever; it says in Proverbs 28:9 that when a man turns his ear away from hearing (with agreeable response) the Torah, that his prayer will be an abomination. That is a serious issue. It also says in Isaiah:

Isa 8:20

To the law (Torah) and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. KJV

The Book of Revelation is specific about the seriousness of the commandments of God (The Torah and the Commandments are one and the same):

Rev 12:17

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. KJV

In the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, the devil was there to try to separate man from the Word (Commandments of God/Torah principles)... he has always been doing the same thing, and in the end he will wage violent war against the people of faith with the same intentions. Yes, the Torah Word is for all believers to learn and hold fast to... it will be our lifeline of defense against the wrath of the devil and the anti-christ and

his deceptions that will cause much affliction on God's people in the last days. The Torah is also the only document that defines both the identity of the real Messiah and the Bride of Messiah. Yeshua (the real Yeshua/Jesus) warned about impostors and unless one studies both the Torah and the lifestyle of Yeshua in the Gospels (Mat, Mrk, Luk, and John), they can be deceived by impostors proposing teachings and performing even miracles, tempting people to follow them; and this "instead of" Messiah/Jesus is what the scriptures call "another Jesus." Further, only the person who embraces the "Bride description" in the Torah can live the like-minded lifestyle that identifies them as the real Bride of Messiah. These are some of the main reasons God said the New Covenant would be written in our hearts and in our minds. Having the Torah truth in our minds and hearts, and the real lifestyle of the genuine Yeshua in our hearts, will keep us from being deceived by a "lying spirit" or a false prophet that is trying to deceive us. God clearly says He will test our faithfulness in this matter (Deut 13:1-5). The Word of God never changes... it is forever settled in Heaven (Ps 119:89). It is what the prophet Malachi closed the last book in the Old Testament with:

Mal 4:1-6

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts. 4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. KJV

The "Law of Moses" in verse 4 above, is the Torah. Yeshua walked the Torah in His earthly walk, as did his Disciples and the early Church believers. Let us love our Messiah Yeshua enough that we want to be like Him, walk as He and the first Century Disciples walked and be diligent and faithful to "keep" his commandments for our own good... and for the privilege noted in Rev 22:14:

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. KJV

The Torah is said to be the "Tree of Life." May it nourish your life and guide your ways... The Holy Spirit is faithful and always leads us the Torah way; any spirit we think we hear telling us otherwise is a lying spirit; and any "prophet" or teacher or preacher disputing the Torah is also a person we must avoid listening to... we must use the Torah to confirm all teaching to see if they are speaking the truth or men's doctrines.

How do I "Keep the Torah" or "Observe the Torah?"

Thank you... we are glad you asked...

"Keeping" the Torah is not exactly the same as "Obeying" the letter of the Torah. We must strive for "obedience" to our Heavenly Father's Will ("will" as meaning the Torah instructions as it was given to us in writing at Mt. Sinai, where He published His "will," for us), and that should always be our mind's serious pursuit; it is the "target," at which we aim; it becomes our "focus." This is because our understanding of obedience should be one of mature acceptance of our responsibility of the "priesthood," (we are said to be a kingdom of priest when we are born again and pursue the role of a true disciple... learning how to be like our teacher Yeshua, our High Priest).

Keeping the Torah is an act of responsive love on our part; as the new creation man, we have already passed through the "confession" of our sins and "repentance," and Yeshua has purged our sins (to be forever forsaken by us, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are not to return to them); and now, our choosing the action of "guarding" our hearts, thoughts and deeds, so that we honestly try to "keep" the intent (or the Spirit) of the Torah (The Father's Will), is our observance of the Torah. This is done as best we presently understand it and begin to actually walk it out in our lifestyle. It is the way we return our gratitude and is the motive action of what is in our hearts. We are "keeping" our part of the relationship in balance as best we can (with Yeshua making up the difference of our limitations with the overwhelmingly abundant grace that He pours out upon and into our lives in His role as our Redeemer Savior).

As we study the Torah and the person of the Messiah Yeshua, and how He walked out the Torah, we "keep" the Torah more fully as we learn it and His ways. Now, mind you, some parts of the Torah are not for everyone; men do not keep the Torah parts that refer to Women and visa/versa, or things that can only be

done in the Land of Israel with a standing Temple and Priesthood. In other words, we learn to keep the Torah as a progressive experience. It is like "faithfulness" of a faithful spouse; while every effort is made to be as perfect a spouse as possible, people make mistakes. When mistakes are made, we take our honest heart and faithful mind set and make amends and ask forgiveness and seek reconciliation for any errors in our duties and commitments as best we can. We then move on doing our best to live as Yeshua exemplified for us as He walked and taught in His day.

The fall feasts of YHWH (Lev Chpt 23) includes Yom Kippur (day of atonement); it is the culmination of days of self-examination, and an annual event, on which Torah observant believers do deep soul and heart searching to seriously examine their own lives and motives to "get right," with YHWH and our fellow man (a good observance that YHWH knew we needed each year to measure ourselves against His eternal truths). One thing is obvious to those who commit themselves to a Torah lifestyle, and that is that you only learn to understand what you walk out; it is like swimming... if you do not get into the water, you will never know about swimming.

Yeshua summed up the way to "Keep the Torah" when He discussed the "first Commandment of all," with the scribe that inquired of Him what it was:

Mark 12:28-34

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater

than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question. KJV

We should go and do likewise. It is not known to many, who rebuke the relevance of the Torah to our lives today, that Yeshua (above) is quoting the Torah (vs 29 and 30 above are from Deut 6:4; verse 31 above is from Lev 19:18)... as he did in all his answers. He was the Torah in the flesh (John 1: 1-14).

What is the Sabbath?

Why so much fuss and contention over "which" day mankind should "keep" sacred in honor and reverence to a Holy God... Who clearly and specifically defines it as the "seventh" (7th) day? Are we not able to count to seven? Are we so steeped in our own opinions that we seriously consider "our" views superior to YHWH's (if not in agreement with God's). Do we not realize that YHWH, the supreme authority and King of the Universe... who created everything in the Heavens, in the Earth and Under the Earth, He alone gets to make the "rules" and we only get to make the choices to "obey," and be in His Favor; or "disobey," and be out of His Favor... I.E. the issue of His response to the offerings of Able and Cain... with Able's offering being accepted and Cain's offering be rejected; and YHWH admonished Cain:

Gen 4:6-7

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door..."KJV

The "sin" that lies at our door is always the result of our "transgression" of the Torah (Law)

1 John 3:4

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. KJV

The 4th Commandment is to Keep the Sabbath... so, we who do not "keep" the Biblical 7th day Sabbath very simply are "transgressors of the Law (Torah)." The only avenue out is to repent and correct our transgression.

It is of great interest to me that the Roman Catholic Church (who unashamedly admit they changed the Sabbath day from Saturday, the 7th day commanded, to the 1st day of Sunday) say that if you are not a Catholic and keep the Roman Church

appointed Sunday "Sabbath," that you are in violation of the scriptures if you do not keep the 7th day the Bible commands... if you think about this for a few minutes, you will no doubt ask yourself, "who gave them authority to override the Torah of YHWH?" And, how do they consider a Sunday Sabbath Protestant in Scriptural violation for acting just like they do, as they promote the distortion of the "forever settled Word of YHWH," (Ps 119:89). Of course, this is only one thing, among many, that the Roman Church did/does that polluted the Holy authority of the Torah.

The more stunning issue (if it were not so tragic and disgraceful as an action and orthodox practice on the institutional church) is that Protestant defenders of the Sunday Sabbath have absolutely no Biblical Scriptures (that are not allegorized) that support their position on a Sunday 1st day Sabbath. The Torah says two times in Deuteronomy to not add anything to the Torah/Law and not to take anything from it...(Deut 4:2, 12:32). Yeshua (Jesus) in Mat 5:17-20, explicitly warns of the consequences of tinkering with His (YHWH's) commandments... ARE WE LISTENING! Do we think we will draw a "pass" for these rebellious attitudes at our "face to face" meeting with Him on the day of Judgment? Are we willing to surrender our destiny to faulty and erroneous doctrines of "popular" preachers and so called "learned" instructors of Seminaries, just to stay in good standing with men? Was it not the "learned" and "instructors" of the Religious Institutions of Yeshua's day that rejected His very own person... is this line of reasoning not what we are watching in our day?

Jer 16:19

*19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, **Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.***
KJV

The "bold" emphasis is mine... Yes, we have surely inherited

lies, vanity and things wherein there is no profit... it is the work of men and the pride of men and their egos and their need to control others under their authority and influence that enslaves people to "laws" of men (the very legalism they propose the Torah compliant persons as following, is the hook that the devil uses to bind them to men's legalism itself; a Sunday Sabbath is a doctrine of men and legalism at the core)... we must return to the freedom of the Torah for Holy "instruction" in our walk of faith. Somehow, to me, it is the Sabbath that is the "linchpin" of understanding that YHWH has used to test us as a faithful people, as he declares that His Sabbaths (not the Jews Sabbath), is a sign between Him and His people throughout their generations:

Ex 31:13

*13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily **my sabbaths** ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. KJV*

Ezek 20:12

*12 Moreover also I gave them **my sabbaths**, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. KJV*

YHWH never changes:

Mal 3:6

*6 For I am the LORD, **I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

Heb 13:8

*8 Jesus Christ **the same** yesterday, and to day, and for ever. KJV*

Understanding Salvation

There are many different opinions among “Churchmen” as to what it means to be “saved” and by “what” does one get or become “saved.” This subject is a “battlefield” issue, and men’s souls are being lost to the forces of evil by their working distortions of the truth concerning this matter of salvation. Truth can be difficult to see unless you are looking for it. Truth is also very confrontational and can cause much division... Hence, Yeshua’s words of “initiation” to the “twelve disciples” when He warns these newly called followers with specific details regarding their association with Him, and all this is clearly documented in Chapter 10 of Matthew... which the entire chapter is contextually focused upon... namely, I call your attention to the consequences of daring to repeat His doctrines and walk in His likeness... not a simple task for the strongest, let alone the faint of heart, and as they will later find out, the natural abilities they possess will need to be strengthened with Divine infusion (as they will later experience in Acts Chapter 2), when the outpouring of Yahweh’s Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) empowers them for ministry. We are no different as we need the same Divine infusion or we will simply struggle with our fleshly limitations... and be the laughingstock of demons.

When the “disciple” of truth (identified by one proposing Yahweh’s Torah position, or Yeshua’s likeness) goes into the mix of humanity, whether into one’s family or into the general populace, it will be certain that the issues Yeshua warns the twelve disciples about in Matthew Chapter 10, will likewise become their experiences and issues they will need to deal with. Think not, just try it. While 2,000 years have passed by since Yeshua walked the earth, people and human nature have NOT changed. A disciple bearing Yeshua’s Scriptural message of Bible

truth will need to embrace patience and long-suffering... two of the nine gifts of the Spirit, otherwise it will be a “bad hair day,” as one astute observer of this issue so succinctly describes it. First, demons howl and roar when the light of Torah shines upon their darkness; and since demons can not “directly” engage you, they will use the nearest available “host” surrogate (from your best friend to your worst opponent) that they can agitate to attack the truth... they could care less about the messenger, it is the message that they hate because it grievously discomfits them. Further, the natural man (infused with numerous and varied appetites of selfishness and indulgence, some of which are deeply concealed) simply does not like anything that challenges the comfort of “status quo,” especially if it invades his own opinion of his “goodness” or “religious” standing... these are fighting grounds! Therefore, you best study and understand Yeshua’s warnings in Matthew Chapter 10 before you spring the facts of truth on some doctrinally inebriated soul who is signed up for the first bus out when the pre-tribulation rapture is expected to occur... you will need more grace than your natural man normally possesses... you will likely need to turn this one over to the Holy Spirit and continue to love them and pray for their well being. There is no more personal and difficult area of inquiry than prying into the spiritual and religious areas of a person’s humanity... if the person is not “comfortable,” and at peace with your motives, you will not be able to communicate past their “spam blockers.” In my 40 plus years of business, I have learned to teach new salesmen that establishing dialogue is first when you want to sell your “best” of anything to a difficult, and especially non-talkative, prospect. If you do not first demonstrate a logically clear need and benefit, when the prospect is willing to talk, you are wasting your time. I will conclude this introduction with Winston Churchill’s comments on truth: *“Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened.”*

First, to define the term as used in this article, let me define it as I want to address it (Biblical meaning) according to the Scriptures, not simply from a doctrinal proposition of some Institution (such as the Roman Church, or some Theological Seminary... of which the majority have their roots in Roman Church doctrine, with very few exceptions).

What do the Scriptures say?

My computer's "Bible Soft" King James "word search" for salvation yields 164 references to the word itself. You will likewise find even more references for "saved" and "save," etc. If you want to start with a systematic reading and cross-reference to each of those it would be best and highly recommended (certainly if you are really serious and want the truth on this subject). In an attempt to "define" the meaning of salvation I will refer to a few Scriptures about it, and I have included the Hebrew (OT) and Greek (NT) word references for them from Strong's Concordance; as follows:

Ex 15:2 (KJV)

2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation (OT:3444): he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

[Author's note: this could be more explicitly written: "Yahweh (YHWH) is my strength and song, and He is become my "yeshuw` ah" (yesh-oo'-aw), or {salvation}..." see definition OT:3444 below. It is most noteworthy to observe that this is a "pre-Calvary" reference to salvation, and very simply, Yahweh IS the source and substance of salvation.]

8 Salvation (OT:3444): belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah. Ps 3:8 (KJV)

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OT:3444

yeshuw` ah (yesh-oo'-aw); feminine passive participle of OT:3467; something saved, i.e. (abstractly) deliverance; hence, aid, victory, prosperity:

KJV - deliverance, health, help (-ing), salvation, save, saving (health), welfare.

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*46 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my **salvation** (OT:3468) be exalted. Ps 18:46 (KJV)*

OT:3468

yesha` (yeh'-shah); or yesha` (yay'-shah); from OT:3467; liberty, deliverance, prosperity:

KJV - safety, salvation, saving.
(Biblesoft, ditto)

*9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is **salvation** (NT:4991) come to this house, forso much as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to **save** (NT: 4982) that which was lost. Luke 19:9-10 (KJV)*

*22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for **salvation** (NT: 4991) is of the Jews. John 4:22*

This “for **salvation** is of the Jews,” is a most important reference: It is also referred to by Paul in the following Scripture:

*4 **Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth** the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the*

law, and the service of God, and the promises; 5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.
Rom 9:4-5 (KJV)

Without the Israelites there would be no salvation for us... so we best be thankful for them... leaving NO room for anti-Semitism and NO room for rejection of “their” Law (Torah), the Old Testament teachings of Moses (which Yeshua declared valid, and that His coming DID NOT destroy or do away with the Law, Matt 5:17-19; it is a “forever” issue, and the fact IS that the Law (Torah) IS NOT just for the Israelites, but for ALL believers, forever... this needs to be deeply embedded into our understanding. It is not what is normally taught in institutional Christianity; in fact the opposite is the normal view of this issue.

*12 Neither is there **salvation** (NT:4991) in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be **saved** (Acts 4:12 KJV) (NT:4982).*

[Author’s note: the “none other name” is Yeshua, which NAME means “Salvation.” See Ex 15:2 reference above]

*16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto **salvation** (NT:4991) to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*
Rom 1:16 (KJV)

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NT:4991

soteria (so-tay-ree'-ah); feminine of a derivative of NT:4990 as (properly, abstract) noun; rescue or safety (physically or morally):
KJV - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.
(Biblesoft ditto)

NT:4982

sozo (sode'-zo); from a primary sos (contraction for obsolete saoz, "safe"); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively):

KJV - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.
(Biblesoft ditto)

Note specifically that all these Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures are about what GOD (Elohim) is doing... He is about "saving" His people. He is about delivering, healing, saving, and prospering His people; He is doing so, literally, physically, emotionally, spiritually and eternally. Salvation is very important to the Heavenly Father. He would *that "none" would perish; but that all would come to repentance (get saved)* 2Peter 3:9. **This is to say, He would that all people would understand Deut 30:19** (OT verse, with same application in NT times, as some try to separate the two Testaments with the thin sheet of paper between the two books... not so, the Bible is ONE book from Genesis through Revelation and must be read and understood in that order). Deut 30:19 is where Moses admonishes the people to "Choose between Life & Death, Blessing & Cursing." The same verse holds us today to the same results, as a result of our choices. What more do the Scriptures say?

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved (John 3:15-17 KJV) (NT:4982).

Now, for a VERY important question; WHERE and WHEN and HOW did Yahweh go about this work of

Salvation... and to whom did it “first” apply? You DO NOT want to miss this answer... as much of “misinformed” theology has this issue out of step with what Yahweh is about... and you DO NOT want to be out of step with Him.

First... Yahweh, on His OWN terms and preordained purpose set this Salvation work up **“from (before) the foundation of the world.”**

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35 *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret **from the foundation of the world.*** Matt 13:35 (KJV)

34 *Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you **from the foundation of the world:*** Matt 25:34 (KJV)

50 *That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed **from the foundation of the world,** may be required of this generation;* Luke 11:50 (KJV)

24 *Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me **before the foundation of the world.*** John 17:24 (KJV)

4 *According as he hath chosen us in him **before the foundation of the world,** that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:* Eph 1:4 (KJV)

3 *For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished **from the foundation of the world.*** Heb 4:3 (KJV)

26 *For then must he often have suffered **since the***

foundation of the world; but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. Heb 9:26 (KJV)

20 Who verily was foreordained **before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you, 1 Peter 1:20 (KJV)

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life **of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**. Rev 13:8 (KJV)

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, **whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. Rev 17:8 (KJV)

Clearly, the answer to WHERE and WHEN Yahweh made the “Salvation” plan (FOR EVERY PERSON of ALL TIME), WAS in His Abode **“before” the world was**. Yeshua, the Lamb of God, was sacrificed in the “Heavenly Places” BEFORE that bloody day in Jerusalem; which the church often teaches is the “division” between the OT method of Yahweh’s plan of salvation (for those Jews) and “us NT Christians,” in post-Calvary life. WRONG! The same blood that the modern churchman claims for salvation, also “saves” (justifies, positional issue) the “pre-Calvary” believer... BOTH are by faith, (the same **and only way** anyone could have been saved up until Calvary since Adam, can be saved by now, and can ever be saved by tomorrow)... Hence the scripture:

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Heb 13:8 (KJV)

The fact is that NONE of the blood of bulls and goats of the OT was about “justification,” to cleanse the conscience of man from the guilt of sin (Heb 10:8); which ONLY Yeshua’s Blood could accomplish (and was accomplishing for believers BEFORE the foundation of the world). The blood of bulls and goats was about confession of sin and acknowledgement of our need for salvation, and to remind us of the need for repentance. The presentation of an animal, which a worshipper brought forth as a sacrificial offering, was the means by which Yahweh chose to bring the worshipper near to Him to do serious business. Bringing forth this offering, they needed to approach Him with a sincere heart, just as if they were to be slain (knowing the innocent animal was slain in their place); thus, the need for considering ourselves as a living sacrifice wholly and acceptable to Yahweh, which Paul declares is “our reasonable service” (Rom 12:1). The honest intent of the worshipper’s heart would be to have an inner desire to live in obedience to Yahweh’s Torah, which would bring glory to Him (which, by the way, is our same duty and goal today as we allow Yeshua’s likeness to “live out” through our lives). By our doing this, Yahweh has promised that He would release and to bring to fruition His blessings and promises in this physical life, as well as the next. Therefore, ONLY Yeshua, the sinless “lamb of God,” born of woman (Son of Man), tempted in all things like us, and yet without sin, could be acceptable for the **completed sacrifice** **“revelation”** that Calvary represented; NO OTHER BLOOD could suffice. This was the revealing of an already “done deal.” Yeshua manifested the “faith” of Yahweh (and His preordained sacrifice, which would be exemplified on earth); Calvary was **NOT the Initiation** of Yahweh’s plan... which secret plan WAS already “in effect,” that Yahweh **would reveal** at the *moed*, or “appointed time,” which in this case was Pesach (Passover). Yahweh would do this “revealing” openly and before all men and spiritual beings. This is difficult to understand unless we step out of “time constraints and

carnal limitations” and recall that Yahweh, calls those things that are not, as though they were (Rom 4:17); and that Yahewh declares the end from the beginning (Isa 46:10), and that is how He is; and it is why He told Moses that when he was asked “what is His Name,” that he (Moses) should say I AM THAT I AM (Ex 3:14). This “revealing of the mystery” is what Paul called the “*hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world.*”

*6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:7 **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:** 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 1 Cor 2:6-8 (KJV)*

It is vital that you understand that what happened (**or was revealed** in (to) the natural world at Yeshua’s crucifixion), was only the “Revealing” of what the hidden wisdom of Yahweh **had already done in the spiritual world, before the foundation of the world you live in.** The HOW He did it was by HIS OWN imputing of His plan because He could swear by no other (none greater) than Himself, as in the same manner as His Covenant making with Abraham (this principle is detailed in Heb Chapter 6). This “in kind” event was portrayed in prophetic revelation when Abraham took his “only son” Isaac, at Yahweh’s instruction, to be sacrificed upon Mt Moriah (where some scholars believe is the same place Yeshua was sacrificed, as do I), Gen chapter 22. This is noted, according to one commentary (First Fruits of Zion Torah Club, Volume 5, pg 95) as follows; “*Just as Abraham’s sacrifice of Isaac served as the ultimate testimony of his faith in God, the death of Yeshua serves as the ultimate testimony to the covenant-devotion and faithfulness of God. The sacrifice of His son demonstrates His love for the world...*”

It is noteworthy to understand that while Yeshua had “already” been “slain from before the foundation of the world,” that His entry into the world as a human (Son of Man) was necessary to fulfill the “promise” of the seed (incorruptible seed, which would redeem the world)... the “seed of woman,” that would crush the serpent’s head (Gen 3:15), which was the “incorruptible seed” (Torah, Word that became flesh and dwelt among us, Jn 1:14). Specifically, the propitiation necessary for redeeming mankind, in order to satisfy the legal jurisprudence of Heaven’s “every jot and tittle” demand (which Satan, the consummate legalist, could not dispute), required that only a “human” or man born of woman could qualify for the “lamb” of sacrifice for this matter of being Savior of the world. Yeshua had no “fleshly or earthly” father, which male produces biological human “seed” and thus, the “seed of woman” is Yeshua, the only begotten of Yahweh... (in fact Yahweh Himself incarnate), who like Isaac, would be offered up for sacrifice by a faithful “covenant keeping” Heavenly Father... who had preordained this from eternal origin. Now this is why the scriptures say there is “salvation” in none other. Faith in Yeshua (Yahweh) is how Abraham and Paul both were saved. One “before” Calvary and the other “after” Calvary... **because it is faith in Yahweh’s provision of the efficaciousness of Yeshua’s preordained blood that has saved everyone since Adam.** Remember that Yahweh imputed righteousness to Abraham (counted it to him, the father of ALL our faith), because he “believed” God (Yahweh) Gen 15:6. Remember, Abraham’s salvation by faith came over four hundred years before the giving of the Law (Torah) at Mt Sinai and before the rite of circumcision... so neither of those affected the “salvation” of Abraham... faith alone saved him... And Abraham’s faith was WITH works (obedience to Yahweh)... so it was alive, not dead faith (James 2:17-24). And finally, to rebuke any claim to “fleshly” seed progeny as “sons of Abraham,” as qualifying one for salvation (not uncommon among orthodox Jews),

Yeshua's Calvary revelation (rejected by the Jews) as the sacrifice for ALL believers in Him, made it possible to gather all men (Jew and Gentile) unto salvation, as "sons of promise," whosoever would believe in Him; that, as sons of the faith seed of Abraham, (Gal Chapter 3, especially vs 29) that they too could be "grafted into, or onto the tree, Israel," which root and stem was (is) Yeshua ... there is NO other way unto salvation and no other tree onto which one may be grafted to be saved. There is NO "Christian Church tree" separate, and apart from Israel. If you refuse to become "Israel," by faith (just as our Faith Father Abraham was Israel by faith), this one and only Scriptural way, then you are not a candidate for salvation. This IS NOT a negotiable issue and to refuse the plan Yahweh has preordained will cause you to be "cut off" from life eternal. Yahweh only has one Son, who is to have only one bride (Israel) and there is to be only one wedding supper of the Lamb; and there is only one body (bride/Israel), one Spirit, one hope of your calling, one Savior, one faith, one baptism, one Elohim (God) and Father of ALL [Yahweh] (Eph 4:4-6). **Yahweh has only ONE PLAN of Salvation**. This entire plan was put in place from "before the foundation of the world"... and Ps 119:89 records: "*forever, O Yahweh, your Word is settled in Heaven.*" This is irrevocable.

Salvation can not be attained by good works or any other way, it can only be attained by faith in the Word's promise (Yeshua). Salvation is the "gift" from Yahweh, by His grace, through our faith (faith which He also works in us). We can bring nothing to the bargaining table to effect our effort for salvation... except our faith alone. Further, the Father would see to it that the entire universe would witness the "revealing of the hidden wisdom, salvation of man" and would foretell and pattern the event such that its revealing would be unmistakable and without flaw. The pattern would be revealed in the Levitical Priesthood duties and the meticulous Temple rules (order of service) given by Yahweh to Moses. Even

the process of the examination of the animals brought to the temple to be offered up for sacrifice would also be the examination principle by which the Messiah would be examined... First comes the righteous requirement for complete suitability (firstborn without blemish), which Yeshua certainly was because He was sinless; then the Priestly office must examine him for purity and find Him unblemished, which they did when He was brought before the Sanhedrin and High Priest (only false accusations could be claimed against Him), and the offering had to be “accepted” which Yeshua’s resurrection certainly affirms. Without doubt, Yeshua represents the sacrificed Lamb of God, declared from ancient times, “revealed to the universe,” “glorified and seated in Heavenly places,” and High Priest of all believers. And in His Heavenly duty, is administering the Torah of Yahweh on our behalf (us who follow Him in our earthly life), and He secures eternal life for all who believe in Him. The scripture says:

*21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: **who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and** there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. 22 Look **unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.** 23 **I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.** 24 Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. 25 **In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.** Isa 45:21-25 (KJV)*

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11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. [Author’s note: Paul, here, is quoting Isa 45:23 above]
12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself

to God. Rom 14:11-12 (KJV)

And again, Paul notes:

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Phil 2:9-12 (KJV)

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From Abraham, even from Adam, until Now; we are “saved” by faith in Yahweh’s “preordained” Salvation.

Yahweh (Yeshua) is the “author and finisher” of our faith...(Heb 12:2), just as He was the same to Abraham. This is why Abraham is called the “Father of our faith.”...(Rom 4:11-25) (of Jews and Gentiles, then and NOW). Yes, and in addition to being the “author and finisher” of our faith, Yeshua is also the forerunner of the “other” bombshell Yahweh was to drop on the demons of Hell and the deceiver of mankind... when Yeshua had finished the “Revelation” of the Salvation plan of the Father, the pouring out of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit, or Yahweh’s Spirit), would be next... at the *moed*, or “appointed time,” of Shavuot, which time was to become known as “Pentecost.” The “Spirit of Truth,” is given to help us understand these Scriptures of Truth. Men have confused these facts about salvation and walking in the Torah (instruction) as Yahweh has commanded us... and it is time we get it right. It takes more than the 4-spiritual laws or “sinners prayer” to bring one to salvation... it takes the commitment and determination of the heart to repent and forever embrace (by faith alone) the blood-shedding of Yahweh’s Only

Begotten... from before the foundation of the world, revealed at Calvary, and adequate forever to keep us once and for all “sealed unto the day of redemption,” for whosoever will do it Yahweh’s way... according to the written Torah and thereafter walking the example of the living Torah (Yeshua’s example), as Paul says, with fear and trembling... not casual “knowledge of Bible stories” or some words we mouth, with no commitment for their really binding us to our “half” of the covenant we are called to embrace. This is most serious business... too often made a social experience or fellowship event by people playing church without true understanding of what salvation requires of their life. It is surely free, but it is far from cheap... Yeshua tells us:

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Matt 16:24 (KJV)

This “Cross” will be quite heavy if you try to carry it alone, as only the strength of faith can lift it. Faith is the only way one can carry such a thing as what Yeshua offers. It has always been that way:

*“...This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.** 7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: ...” Zech 4:6-7 (KJV)*

If you have any “mountains” to move, it will take faith and Yahweh’s Spirit. When we try to save ourselves, or follow some unscriptural theology to “salvation,” not only will we be lost, but we will serve men instead of Yahweh, and we will miss the blessing of how the true salvation experience works in our earthly life, not to mention missing the life in the world to come... you think not? Consider this:

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we

*not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matt 7:22-23 (KJV)*

[that “work” iniquity here means “Torah-lessness,” to do our own work, not the revealed work in the Torah... the only “acceptable” work of Yahweh’s instruction]

10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matt 8:10-12 (KJV)

This last Scripture is about the “children of the kingdom” missing the salvation... desired of the Father for them (from before the foundation of the World). Yeshua is talking about “many” coming from the “east and the west,” which may well be a reference to the “two houses” of Israel, as possibly the “east” represents the Judaic people and the west the “scattered seed,” or “nations” people (I believe them to possibly be those of Hosea’s writing). This reference follows the example of a gentile centurion’s faith in the person and words of Yeshua and His authority in the kingdom, which causes the Master to marvel at a man with more understanding (about healing for his servant here, i.e. to be made well or whole) than the accompanying Israelites... who should have been the ones to understand. Note carefully Yeshua’s comments... concerning impediments to saving faith.

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why

speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. Matt 13:10-16 (KJV)

Likewise, in the world today, many rebuke the truth of the Scriptures, they cover their ears, and eyes... they will not seek the truth of the Word, hear the discussion of what they deem to be “disagreeable” views, which light hurts their darkened views as it exposes the error of their flawed doctrines, and their hearts are waxed gross... like these people in this scripture... Only the power of the Holy Spirit can open their eyes and understanding, as Yahweh did for this writer, as I too was walking in institutional confusion (another name for flesh based religious Philosophy in a veiled format). There are many well meaning folks, with misinformed views, who are yet thinking that salvation began at 33 AD... in Jerusalem, and that the “church” began in the Second Chapter of Acts, at Pentecost. These distorted views of Yahweh’s eternal plan and Scriptural teaching causes tragic conclusions (namely dispensational and replacement theology) which capture too many “sheep” in religious strongholds steeped in doctrinal error. These same challenges plagued Paul in his day and the early church

in the first three centuries. And tragically, the Roman Church-rooted Christian denominations of our day, infused with ignorant and arrogant non-biblical views leading to rejection of the teachings of Moses (Torah-living for today), blindly oppose those who point out the truth. Additionally, the Rabbinical dogma of Judaism rejects the person and position of our Savior, Yeshua. Their forefathers crucified Him because of Truth. These camps both qualify for Yeshua's warning, "your traditions make the Word of God of none affect." (Mk 7:13)

The 91st Psalm is said to be the description of how Yahweh keeps Israel during the time of tribulation. Verse 3 speaks of delivering us from the snare of the fowler. There are no "snares of the fowler" any more dangerous than half-truth or false teaching... both lead to destruction. The Torah alone, as a reference of fact and truth, is the safe haven for those who live by faith, and they will find peace and rest in the "shadow of His wings" (Verse 4). The Torah is a "safety" net, and to walk the treacherous journey of life without its protection is very risky... especially if one is looking for a "narrow gate." I recall, more than once, helping find lost fishermen on Canada's large remote lakes, which were "chained" by narrow passages. There was a place known to the guides (and others familiar with where it was located) as the "hole in the wall." It was secluded in a long rocky shoreline that ran for miles, which had high rock walls, and the narrow passage had to be navigated slowly as it was not a straight shot through its channel and it was often shallow with submerged rock formations. It was very hard to see from out on the lake; not unlike the shoreline of most lakes of this type, which shorelines often look very much the same to the inexperienced or unfocused eye of a guide. And near sundown, or at early daybreak, it was very hard to find if you did not know what to use for entrance markers. Even after motoring for hours along the shoreline, many

fishermen simply could not find their way back and had to wait for rescue teams to locate them and guide them back through the narrow channel to the adjacent lake that they then needed to cross to get back to their lodge, which was out of “line of sight” itself. I recall one boat that was lost for nearly all day, and the occupants were quiet upset when we found them. And so it is that one must navigate many doctrinal waters of dangerous paths, especially when they follow “another” Jesus. The Yeshua of Scripture is a “specific” person with specific identity... and His teachings are full of parables and idioms that He declares, are “hidden” or “mysterious” truth, which require the search of a hungry and diligent heart... He says “seek” and you will find. While He is not playing hide-and-seek from you, He does require you to make diligent search. The Scripture says, “*And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.* (Jer 29:13 KJV). This is Yahweh talking of Israel in Babylon, after their capture, and that He will yet deliver them when they put their hearts to the effort. Their salvation will come with their looking for the Father... their faith will work the same for them as it did work for Abraham... the faithful were delivered from Babylon, but tragically, many perished in unbelief and entanglements with false gods. Salvation has always been about searching for the one true Elohim (God), Yahweh, by faith and it will not change. The Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world is yet the victory for eternal life... always has been. Let us remember, that “faith without works (Torah living) is dead.” Only Yahweh’s Spirit of Truth can empower us for life in Messiah, and He calls us to come and drink from the wells of salvation.

12:1 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is

become my salvation. 3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. Isa 12:1-3 (KJV)

Torah is that Well... Yeshua is the tree of life and life eternal to all who partake of Him. Are you saved by the Scriptural meaning and demands of salvation, or are you drifting on the waters of institutional doctrine? What will you hear the Master say upon your face to face meeting with Him...? He will not be regarding your “religious” persuasions, like those who “He never knew.” He will only know you (your identity as the bride of Messiah) if you keep the commandments of the Father (Torah likeness), the ones He likewise kept and lived (He was the Torah made flesh)... they are not burdensome; however, they will cause you confrontation with family and friends who don’t like the “Light” that invades the darkness of religious activity... but if you are about the work of the Father, you will find peace, even in the conflict ... and life everlasting Yahweh preordained it from before the foundation of the world... that was when He wrote the names of true believers in the Lamb’s book of Life. What would cause your or my name to be written there?

It is my deepest heartfelt understanding that in these last “end of days” (2006), that the Divine Heavenly Father is now calling true “faith” (Hear and Obey) Israelites out of religious systems (referred to as Babylon in Revelation 18:4). If your heart is pulling on your brain (which will place selfish obstacles in your heart’s way), you need to run, not walk, to your Bible (preferably a King James Version), and begin a diligent and systematic study of the Scriptures, starting in Genesis and working your way through Revelation. It is important to note that until your “born again” man is in [mind and heart unity], you will struggle with the natural man’s inclinations to follow old habits and desires; this is the “double minded” man James refers to in James 1: 8 and James 4:8. Paul talks of this as being renewed in the “spirit of our mind...”

²¹ *If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:*

²² *That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;*

²³ *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind:*

²⁴ *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (Eph 4:21-24 KJV)*

This is also tied to the concept of, “*trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding... Prov 3:5-6.*”

When the believer pursues the Torah as the “foundation” of faith (*that comes by the hearing of the Word of God; Rom 10:17*), the Holy Spirit will illuminate the soul with the truth that will preserve your life and direct your path as promised in Prov 3:5-6.

You will want to have some good reference texts, such as Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon, Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, Smith Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia reference (choose one of many available), Josephus Historian’s works, and other reputable “history” records; and, I suggest you also have The Stone Edition of “The Chumash,” (Torah & Commentary, by Artscroll) to see what the Rabbis say about traditional and historic cultural issues, but don’t let any anti-Messiah comments distract you. It also will be quite valuable for you to take up fellowship with other like minded truth seekers who can honestly dialogue with you and offer critical (constructive) examination of your studies and that will allow you to likewise question and examine their opinions (all with Scriptural Contextual relevance)... typically like the “midrash,” of study groups of a Hebrew Yeshiva (school). Contrary to

popular opinion (especially among entertainment type church service followers), it is not the big bang “worship” music and loud praises that impress Yahweh; far from it... it is believed among the sages (for all the ages) that the highest form of worship is deep study of Torah, and prayer with a heart full of faith in fellowship with the Heavenly Father. This is not to dissuade gatherings of praise and worship, but it is to keep the divine perspective as to what nourishes and informs your soul with truth and understanding. Whatever you do, do not get mired down in institutional “hand me down” doctrinal confusion. Do not be caught in wanting, as the Scripture warns:

“...because they have despised the law (Torah) of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:” Amos 2:4(KJV)

Remember, the Heavenly Father knows where you are, what you think from afar, and what your motives of your heart really represent. You can not allow your family, friends, or any other influence to dissuade your quest for truth and Scriptural instruction... and remember the man who does not know the truth and the man who ignores the truth will get the same results... it is our honest evaluation of the truth and our acting upon it that separates our abode from the realm of death into the place of life eternal... the Scriptures say:

*12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 **Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:** 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible,*

whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight: 23 **If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel,** which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; 24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: 25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; 26 **Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:** 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: 29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. Col 1:12-29 (KJV)

Once again, let us understand, when something is “hid” as a mystery, it does not mean it has not already existed, it simply means it is now Revealed... Salvation was Yahweh’s work before the Foundation of the World...and it being “revealed” in 33 AD, (secret of the ages brought

forth), has not changed it being attained by faith alone (as did the Father of our Faith, Abraham, attain his salvation). There is NO division between the persons “saved” in Abraham’s time and the person “saved” today... there is NO Old Testament Salvation and a New Testament Salvation, as there is (and always has been) only ONE Salvation. Yahweh alone is our Salvation. Let us hold fast to our hope in the power of the Blood of Yeshua to redeem us and let us remember that we are on a journey toward the end of our faith... that we must press on unto the end of our faith... that as long as we are yet on earth as a mortal, that we must continue to “work out” our salvation with fear and trembling... and while we are safe by faith in Yeshua, that our faith without our obedience to the commandments (works acceptable to Yahweh), will not find the way through the narrow gate... as Yeshua said:

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matt 7:13-14 (KJV)

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Matt 24:13 (KJV)

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Rev 14:12 (KJV)

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl 12:13 (KJV)

And, for one final note from the writer:

At the time of writing this work, in just a few days hence, the Father allowing, I will be 64 years old this November

in the year 2006; and having been a “Christian” most of my life with a “birds-eye view” of “Christian Ministry” (including several years of Pastoral Ministry, Church founding, positional involvement in leadership, Board of Deacons service of over 25 years, some 20+ years home group ministry, and Sunday School Teaching since 1970), I have heard more than a few opinions of this subject of salvation. In October, three years ago, I realized the Scriptures (the literal meaning of the Bible writings) were becoming less popular in “post-modern” Christian Churches and I began a deep study of my past “convictions” and theological opinions. Today, I have a much deeper anchor in the bedrock of Scriptural fact, and have dispensed with many “institutional” opinions and practices that fly in the face of Biblical fact. I am now a dedicated Torah life believer, I keep the Biblical Sabbath (Friday sundown, to Saturday sundown), eat Kosher as best I understand it, keep the Yahweh appointed Biblical holidays of Leviticus Chapter 23 (not the traditional Roman rooted Christian church holidays), and try to improve my daily understanding of the Bible. You may be thinking... “He is becoming a Jew.” No, I am learning how to be an Israelite, following Yeshua and the way He and the early first century Apostles worshiped, lived and believed. While some of Judaic practice is involved, so is much of the “Christian” practice I have lived... typically, people knowledgeable of doctrinal foundations, call us Messianic Christians (For those perhaps yet confused, most informed Christians know they are of Judeo-Christian makeup). I am not one concerned with having a “moniker” that people feel they need to identify themselves, since I truly know “who” I am in relation to my Messiah, and I am happy to simply be called an Israelite. Now, I am aware that this article may upset some folks (notably those with dogmatic denominational leanings), especially those of empire building and “numbers growth” persuasion; however, if this article is to be disputed, please bring me valid linked contextual “witness” scriptures of the subject from the Old

Testament and the New Testament which confirm each other with agreement... not “sound bite,” out of context, repetitions of some teachings with prejudice to “feelings” or defensive (non-defensible) church doctrines with a litany of contradictions between the OT and the NT. This matter is too serious to study in any other manner... all eternity for men’s souls rests in the “facts” of this issue of understanding one’s salvation.

Shalom... and may the Blessings of the Savior be continually abounding to you.

Who are the “Four Horsemen” of the Apocalypse?

(Pastor John K. Johnson, 12-6-03)

The ***identity*** of these “Four Horsemen” was given to John the Revelator in the Scriptures, Chapter 6 of book of Revelation (Revelation is Yahweh’s “revealed” work of Messiah, and is given specifically and purposely for Believers to fully understand the end of the age). In fact, the American Heritage dictionary definition of the “Apocalypse” means “Revelation,” or “prophetic disclosure or revelation,” and certainly Yahweh intends for His Children to KNOW about the times and the events to come. However, you hear people say, “well, you know the Bible book of Revelation is a mystery and you can’t really know what it says.” That is simply not true... quite the contrary, although it is a fact that satan would have you think that... to further deceive you and keep you from the absolute truth that Yahweh’s Word is revealing to you. Further, your understanding of the prophetic books must be seasoned with the Scriptures’ confirmed reality that “Elohim is a Spirit, and must be worshiped in spirit and in truth” (Yeshua’s words in John 4:24). The Holy Spirit is your “guide” through the book of Revelation’s “symbols” and “signs” and their relationship to all that is happening in the world as we near the “end of the age.” **Your "knowing the truth" of the book of Revelation will come from your diligent study and it will be a "progression," and your progress will grow at the same pace you study the Scriptures and prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit for understanding... which understanding comes from "believing," which is only validated by "obedience" to the Scriptures... not to "church traditions" and "doctrines of men."**

Spiritual things are more substantial in life than

“temporal” things as they seem to appear (2Cor 4:18). Yahweh is very much in the know concerning the spiritual powers and their movements, and nothing can happen without Yahweh’s knowledge of it nor can it happen without His allowing it... all for His purpose. We must trust Yahweh for His care for us and accept His marvelous wisdom in dealing with everything that is happening in our times. Spiritual dynamics are behind the scenes of “natural” things, and they are very real catalyst and influential forces shaping men’s thinking and their relationships, and their activity... which cause the events that come to pass, to have not simply just happened or just appear without apparent reason. There are two kingdoms, the kingdom of Yahweh and the kingdom of satan... diametrically opposed spiritual powers, and it all has a place in Yahweh’s divine plan. The more you know about the Scriptures (Torah especially, Prophets, and New Testament), the clearer the picture of the times will come into focus as you study the unfolding of prophetic events in “Revelations.” Let us look at Yahweh’s Word: (emphasis “bold and underlining” added for focus)

Rev 6:1-8

6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

*2 And I saw, and **behold a white horse**: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

*4 And there went out **another horse that was red**: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.*

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, **and lo a black horse**; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and **behold a pale horse**: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. KJV

At this point, I want to clearly tell you that what you read in the following is commentary on my (Pastor John's) part... giving you some food for thought, which you may want to think and pray about. The observations I share come from my research of the Scriptures and my "witness of the times," as I see them, and how I view them in light of the Scriptures combined with prayerful thought which relate to these "Four Horsemen," and herein I give the reader my insight to our times and I challenge the reader to "study and watch" for the hour is at hand. I will also point out that the "Horsemen," as presented here, are not literal "horses," but movements and events (comprised of both natural and spiritual dynamics) that overlap in time and activity... as John the Revelator was "looking" at a multiplicity of events, from a position of what would be similar to being inside a 360-degree "wrap-around" theater, with him in the center. It could be referred to as a "discursive" view. The book of Revelation, to me, should be viewed as a composite, with links to the prophetic books of the Scriptures, and with a

rooted foundation in Torah (which sets Yahweh's divine plan from the beginning). Remember, Revelation is the "revealing" of Messiah's doings.

The “White Horse”

*2 And I saw, and **behold a white horse**: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

The first “White Horse” is probably the most controversial of the four... I have heard it said that this is the “Church going forth” to overcome the evil that is challenging Yahweh’s Kingdom... a view I personally do not share. I believe that clearly this “White Horse” is the **false spiritual deception** that is rampant in the “Church” of today (late 1980’s to present 2003). It is not a new thing; it is only gaining speed and power. It is disguised as pure or “white” religion (not a racial issue) that enters the thinker’s “carnal” or “intellectual” perception on the “love” side of Messiah while denying the “judgment” side of Messiah’s hatred for sin and moral decay of our times. The Church is full of "Eastern mystical religious practices;" and doctrines not unlike an ancient spiritual malaise recorded as the "ghost of Marcion." Marcion taught that there was a judgmental, wrathful God (Old Testament God), and a New Testament God of love and grace... two Gods so to speak. He even had his own limited version of Scriptures, those that fit his views. Note, Watchman Nee’s book, “The Latent Power of the Soul”, describes a later day Church full of “soulish” power and conflict with true spiritual truth. Further, the "new age" prognosticators, (as clearly published in “The Rainbow Swastika,” by Hannah Newman) have been successfully using their "change agents" within the Church to transition it into the "White Horse" model. I believe the modern “Church” has been infiltrated with both direct heresy and “watered down” poisons, in place of Yahweh’s True Word... most "churches" are Torahless

(lawless, redefining the divine Word to their own interest), Profane His Name (make common), reject His Sabbaths and Feast (substituting their own Holy days), missing Messiah's true identity (presenting "another Jesus"), disregarding order of assembly and focus of purpose (more like entertainment)... all of which has today's Church in disillusion. Most Churches of today are nothing more than social fellowships, where the Holy Spirit is not allowed to enter (He moves in His time and place, not as some "programmed" man-made model). The torture stake (cross) of Messiah, and the Blood of Yeshua are considered offensive in teaching or song. The Torah (primarily as related to obedience to the commandments) is considered "Old Covenant" and not relevant to "the dispensation of grace." I know all these issues to be relevant because I have come out of this "religious system," and I have returned to the sacred text for renewal of my thinking and walk with the believers of the Commonwealth of Israel (believers in Messiah Yeshua who believe in keeping the Sabbath Holy and being more careful to keep His commandments in our daily living). I believe the historical archives and the Scriptures both confirm that the original "church" of the early disciples (apostles and Yeshua Himself) was fully observant of the Old Testament teaching. The early (first century) church was very different than the "feel good" Church that is growing in popularity in this 21st Century, which I believe is the picture of the Laodicean Church of Revelation 3:14-22, which Yeshua called the "lukewarm" Church... that He would "spew (expel) out of His mouth." There is a famous picture of Yeshua, standing knocking at the door, that most people have seen. I once believed this was a picture of Messiah trying to gain entry into the "unbeliever's heart" (partially true). However, this is clearly symbolic of Yeshua (His Spirit) in Rev. 3:20, knocking on the door of the disillusioned Laodicean Church... "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he

with Me;” and, I believe I have heard the Holy Spirit speak to me during prayer and study concerning this issue. I now believe certainly that this is a picture of Yahweh’s Holy Spirit trying to get into HIS “Church” that has closed the door to Him by “doing their own thing.” This is basically the sin of Israel in Exodus where the “golden calf” was brought out to represent Yahweh (not replace Him). A church enjoined in calf worship is simply a group of people who have made up their own rules, doctrines, and practices as to how they will “worship” and hold “church,” most of which are not in line with the Torah defined model, which has never changed.

TWO REASONS:

#1 Yeshua Himself is yet sitting at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, and He is not Himself (person of Messiah) on earth, and will not be until the Second Coming. He therefore cannot be the person at the door, except by His Spirit.

#2 The Holy Spirit (Yahweh’s Spirit) is the Agent of Yahweh in the earth today (who Yeshua said, would not come until He had ascended to the Father...) He is the only “representative” of Yahweh who is able to fit this picture. Calf worshipers have modeled their own “Jesus” and are blinded to the real Messiah. They also do not like being called to task for their departure from the "original" model for worship and fellowship with the Father... as He requires in the Torah (Forever Settled Word: Ps 119:89)

John 16:7

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. KJV

Be careful with "him" here, this is the "parakletos" [Strong's G3875], meaning advocate or comforter, the Spirit of Yahweh, simply "manifested" in a broad outpouring to "all flesh," (NOT a separate PERSON as Trinitarian doctrine can imply, which leads to "dispensationalism") which recipients of the outpouring would include the Gentiles as well as the Jews. Early English Bibles, pre-1611 manuscripts, some 40 known to me, all render the original reference to the Word in John 1:1-5 as "it," NOT "him," as rendered in modern English bibles, such as in my KJV Bible. Nevertheless, the point is that Yahweh was now manifesting Himself in a greater and broader sense to gather in the scattered seed of the house of Israel. (See our articles on the "Two House" identity in prophecy).

The Holy Spirit's outpouring at Pentecost (Acts Chpt 2) is second only in importance and significance to the birth and resurrection of Messiah Yeshua. Just as Yeshua was rejected and opposed by the theologians of the institutional Church of His day, likewise the precious Holy Spirit is rejected and opposed by the same institutional theology driving the majority of Churches today, as they have since Constantine's time. Pray that Yahweh will "lift the veil off from their hearts and minds." Beware of anyone who separates the Old and New Testaments from being ONE Book, the same as the "bud" is to the "flower," as the later is only the expression of the former... in exact form. Trinitarian doctrine (rooted in the Roman Church) has caused many to be confused... making three separate parties to the ONE Elohim... Yahweh alone (Deut 6:4), Yahweh is ONE, manifested in spirit in many and sundry ways, and represented in the incarnate Yeshua when on earth. The tendency of modern religious systems is to pick and choose scriptures that can be used to support their selfish interest (fragment the context of "...every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Elohim." Mat 4:4). Many hold the New Testament as the "New" Covenant without

understanding that the "forever settled Word of Elohim" is in unity from Genesis to Revelation when viewed from Yahweh's point of view... and only scripture can correctly interpret scripture. When the Tanach (Old Testament Torah and Prophets) are not consulted for relevance of New Testament teaching... error is often the result, and the "flower" no longer resembles the original "bud."

Your study of the "entire Scripture text" enlightened by the personal council of the Holy Spirit sought with prayer, can protect you from confusion by misinformed "church" based programming. Such a proposal is inflammatory to most institutionally confused Torahless churchmen of our day. Just try asking your Pastor or Elders to show you in scripture where Sunday worship came from... the "first day of the week," passages (few there are) are without underpinning support for even "near-miss" proof of such a plan... The Church of Rome changed the original Sabbath that Messiah, Paul, the disciples and every other believer (believing Jews and believing Gentiles together) of the first 200 years kept holy. The Scriptures have over 60 references to keeping Sabbath as Yahweh's holy day (7th day, sundown Friday thru Sundown Saturday). The support for Sabbath worship and Torah study has never been changed by Yahweh... men have changed it and most people don't know the difference... tradition and regurgitation of "in plan" activity are the only answer to the breaking of the Fourth Commandment. Check me out... these afore mentioned facts are recorded in your Bible, and secular reference books reveal the history of the era of Constantine and his tinkering with dates, times and Hebraic roots of truth in the "original" assembly of Messiah Yeshua's followers. Tragically, many innocent and genuinely devout "God-fearing" people who love Jesus and believe in Him for salvation are caught up in "church traditions," and I believe they (like me) are being called out of those "system" churches. They simply need to study their Bibles and good references for history and

pray for their hearts to hear the direction for their future. Otherwise, they will miss the best of this life's fellowship with the body of Messiah... not to mention the confusion they will endure in the last days if they do not get proper Torah based teaching on the "appointed times" of Yahweh.

Yes, it is the Holy Spirit “knocking” at Church doors today; and the Spirit has been locked out by “religious” programs and man-made redefinition of who Yeshua is... and what Church is. Most Churches do not know what real **Yahweh honoring Assembly** is, and people can be easily angered if you insult their “intelligence” with truth. Theology gone “carnal” is the enemy of faith. Again, Messiah Yeshua’s opposition in His time was the “theologians” of His day, not the Believers who followed Him with “childlike faith.” Tragically, most Churches today are either self-propelled by selfish leaders and their objectives (many who are quite impressive in the natural) or with intellectual leadership who are institutionally confused ... both of these and other cultic religions are the “interfaith” conglomerate that make up the “White Horse” of Rev 6:2. The rider of this horse is described as having a “bow and a crown,” royalty in appearance but without ammunition for the bow, which is only available from the Truth (Word of Yahweh) as Yeshua calls the “sword of my mouth,” Rev 2:16, when speaking against the false teaching of the Pergamos Church “doctrine of the Nicolaitans;” and this rider, “he went out conquering and to conquer.” These false teachings and doctrinal errors are “conquering,” today and deceiving many. These Churches, those that mistakenly call themselves “Christian,” (which is supposed to mean “Christ (Messiah) like”) are growing in numbers but not in truth. It is my opinion that this disillusioned and deceived body of people are those who Yeshua warned to repent, “who think they are rich... but are poor, wretched, miserable, blind and naked.” Vs 17.

Yes, it is my opinion that this “White Horse” is today gaining power and eventually will turn into the instrument of persecution, as a united “interfaith” body, used against the true Believers of Messiah, and out of this “White Horse” will come the false prophet and anti-Messiah spiritual base of Revelation. Beware of those who will embrace Yeshua for His “love” and deny His call for repentance and obedience to His commandments, and of those who picture Yeshua as one who fellowships with sinners **within** the Church... Yeshua clearly said He was an offense to the world and its ways. Yeshua calls for purity and holiness in His body (Church). Fellowship with the world is a Scriptural declaration of war (Eph 5:11, James 4:4). Yes, we welcome “worldly” people to come to the assembly of believers to hear the salvation message of the gospel; however, when Yeshua befriended “worldly” people who “needed a physician” I do not believe He was taking them into Church fellowship (contrary to His warning about a little leaven ruining the entire lot), but it was His love for them to call them to repentance unto salvation. When Yeshua spoke to those in sin, He sometimes directly spoke offensive language, truth, not to hurt them, but to provide them deliverance. The Scriptures clearly tell us that when a “brother” (a believer in the body) defiles the body, we are to correct them to the point of putting them outside the assembly until they repent. (I Cor 5:11-13). The Scripture says “If I regard (have or hold) iniquity in my heart (convictions) Yahweh will not hear me.” (Ps 66:18). To teach that man can come to Messiah without repentance disputes the initial ministry model of Yeshua. The “White Horse” can conquer those who don’t know Yahweh’s Word... only the “it is written” answer from the truth of Yahweh’s Word will keep people from being deceived. When spoken in love from a Spirit filled Believer, Yahweh’s Word has power to set sinners free, and lead them out of the religious system that will, (in my opinion in the last days), be part of the “apostate church” (which will be under the influence of The “Mother of Harlots, or Great

Whore") that John spoke of in Rev Chp17. When John saw this incredible scene, the scriptures say he wondered greatly... so would you or I if we had been John. The assembly of saints he knew and loved had become a incredible monster... departed from the faith, ordinances of worship and holiness, and without any resemblance of the original model... beware of the White Horse... it is on the move in these last days. Come out of Her.

The “Red Horse”

*4 And there went out **another horse that was red**: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.*

The “Red Horse” is an agent of satan... with “power” to take peace from the earth and cause men to kill one another. If there was ever, in mankind’s history, a more evil and murderous power in the earth than communism, then it has been kept a public secret. Even Adolph Hitler was dwarfed in accomplished destruction of humanity by the communist regimes of the 20th century. Demographic experts, trying to define the magnitude of Joseph Stalin’s destruction of human life, can’t seem to fully account for the millions murdered and imprisoned by communist powers under his influence alone. I have read numbers ranging from 20 million to 50 million lives snuffed from the face of the earth from his regime. This total is not complete without adding in the millions who have been vanquished by other Communist regimes in the 20th Century. The “Red” army has not faded from the scene since the “cold war” has ended. The cold war in fact has not ended... it has only been renamed (or redefined) by powers that be for political convenience. Redefining events and social movements (recasting historical facts) with the aid of time, is designed to bend ideological bias... from past stigmas and social scorns, to a more acceptable or tolerable reference to attempt to create a

more monolithic society for benefit to the “present” powers. Communist propaganda has been working continually to mask its true identity. Evil has no end and evil spiritual forces work, like rust, which never ends its corrosive purpose... to eat the structural underpinnings of things and is now simply reorganizing its forces for the day of resurrection of its core purpose... the enslavement of free men and destruction of Messiah’s truth (both its mortal enemy). To believe that the “Red Horse” is not in the earth today is to misunderstand its latent state, that simply because this force has lost its “visible” champion (namely the Soviet Empire), that somehow it is not. The world is full of satellite communist regimes that await the rise of this dormant beast. The Chinese “Red” army alone, not to mention North Korea and a host of “socialists” nations that sympathize with this evil, will eventually ignite into further confirmation of “taking peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another...” Further, “and there was given unto him a great sword,” causes me to believe the “great sword” of technology and monstrous destructive weapons will cause greater destruction of peace and human life than that of the “Red Horse Colt” that preceded this “full grown” monster that is to invade these last days... where the scriptures warn:

1 Thess 5:3

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. K JV

Communist oppression of Believers exists everywhere communism exists... from China to Africa and in numerous other locations. Believers will always need to beware of this “Red Horse” as there will never be a time when they can carelessly ignore its rage against them. Only the name of Yeshua and the power of His Blood can oppose it’s stampeding in the earth. And even then, just as many Believers have died because of this evil, others

will continue to give their lives in our time for their faith until Yeshua comes. It is not about “physical” life, it is about “spiritual” eternal life, and Yahweh’s people have the commission to take Yeshua’s salvation message to difficult places... even into the path of the storm.

It is my personal belief that the Red Chinese will (within the next 3 to 4 years or sooner) begin to more aggressively dominate the world political scene and that China will become the “Red Horse” visible champion that once again will terrorize the globe. It has been reported in recent news that China will, within 3 to 4 years, outpace the USA in exports and that China is expected to “out consume” the USA in petroleum products in 5 to 6 years (the later from a front page story in the Wall Street Journal 12-3-03). All of this coupled with the global energy crisis and existing Mideast turmoil, provokes common sense to warn us that the time is getting short before major conflict will erupt for control of the energy reserves that are limited in supply. Some Christian writers predict a “China War” in the near future... could these “hoof beats” of this rising power be the beginning of “sorrows” that Yeshua spoke of in Mat 24:8? Not long ago (12-6-03), news reports said that the US is making major political decisions concerning US support for Taiwan, which before the Iraqi war and the North Korean and Iranian nuclear threats, was not politically negotiable. Things are progressing quickly; and with men’s appetite for political power and election pressure, one should not be surprised if unheard-of alliances and deals are made to either grab office or keep it. These events at home and globally are spinning out of control and the raging “Red Horse” is about to break out of the corral ... time is short.

The “Black Horse”

*5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, **and lo a***

black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of
balances in his hand

*6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say,
A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of
barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the
wine..*

Who in our times, having been around for a while (61 years for me; presently in 2003), has not experienced the impact of local, national and global economic unrest? These times we now live in, as we enter the new millennium, has brought us to the greatest time of opportunity and also the greatest time for potential socioeconomic calamity. There seems to be no end to corruption in western nations where such high level thievery, unethical, and dishonest conduct of spiritual, political, and business “leaders” deeds rivals the destructive regimes of despot government’s abuse of their people. Greed, lust, grabs for fame, wealth and power and pleasures of the flesh are epidemic. In present day United States of America, the boldness and willingness of people to sell out to their greed is without parallel... “One Nation Under Yahweh?” The past greatness of America has faded into the archives of time. The judgment of Yahweh on such evil is surely not far behind the shameful condition of our Nation. David Wilkerson, a Christian Preacher, has been a lonely voice of prophecy warning our nation of its evils that will bring judgment unless repentance is soon made. He has written many articles and a number of books concerning a coming economic shaking in America. I personally believe he speaks prophetically clear on this issue. Others unlike Wilkerson, who should be sounding the alarm are deafly silent... why are they not joining him in warning our nation in this approaching storm? WE ARE LIKE Judah of old Testament times, where the people stoned the Prophets for telling them to repent to stay the oncoming destruction caused by their sin... saying, "how can you preach such doom and gloom in such good times

like these?"

We have become a nation of spoiled, murmuring special interest groups that blame everyone and everything for our own problems. We forsake our security interest by electing ungodly and unethical men to do our bidding and complain because they do what scoundrels do. We have become a nation that produces only 20% of its goods and now 80% of its GNP is services. We are now facing more “insider” malfeasance on Wall Street, because selfish interest and expedient gain are the norm. This is a major fracture in our national financial strength because our entire banking and investment foundation is made up of “trust.” Trust is beginning to suffer serious damage. We are at the mercy of foreign suppliers and desperately in danger of inadequate supply of strategic materials if major conflict should erupt. We have clogged courts with litigation structured to defend selfish and criminal agendas. The courts are full of cases of money-driven “advocacy” motives and little value is given for truth and justice, which are available in proportion to how much the party can afford to purchase. We appoint judges who are “predetermined” to favor the “right” political agenda... all this fulfilling the scripture, which says:

Isa 59:14

14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. KJV

With this tragic backdrop for a “picture frame” through which to view this next “Horseman” it is my belief that the “Black Horse” is the “economic” behemoth that is inextricably intertwined globally in America’s economic structure to the point that it cannot be separated to our national interest alone. The power and control that international financial interests have are now capable of majority influence over America’s destiny. The global

financial powers run our nation... not "we the people." Such is the case for other nations as well. This "Black Horse" is clearly the product of the spirit of mammon" (riches, money personified) that Yeshua referred to when He said, "You cannot serve Yahweh and mammon." (Luke 16:13) This is not just "well to do" people, it is a consolidated AGENDA, a structured financial power, that like a giant octopus wraps its tentacles around global interest. This spirit is no less a destroyer than its other three harness mates. Its evil products of poverty, pestilence, and famine, is at work in most of the earth today. This spirit is building its strength until it can (and surely will) enslave persons everywhere. This is the spirit that gives birth to the "mark of the beast," without which "no man can buy or sell, Rev 13:17." Clearly it is coming via the monetary system (a quasi "control circuit"), and clearly the use of high-powered computers and global satellites will track and monitor mankind's every move, just as the Scripture foretells in Revelation Chpt 13.

The "Pale Horse"

*8 And I looked, and **behold a pale horse**: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. KJV*

The clue to the identity of this "Pale Horse," to me, is linked to its rider's description and objective. "His name is Death, and Hell followed him." Death and Hell, as referred to here, I believe to be the same two characters named in Rev 20: 11-15. They were cast into the lake of fire... real beings some say... although certainly satan's henchmen. These spirits were given power, "...over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." This "power" that these spirits possess are the influences they have on their human surrogates. This could become

a controversial discussion, however I believe there is a good likelihood this “Pale Horse” represents Islam. Since Islam’s rise to power in the seventh century (about 622 CE), it has brought death by the sword, destruction of nations, poverty, hunger and fanatical religious oppression over every territory it has dominated... which is a large part of the earth. Its grab for conquest is once again on the rise, also being one of the fastest growing religious groups on the face of the earth. There is said to be 1.3 billion people under the bondage of Islam; and, it is said 10%, or more, of these are fanatical concerning the establishment of “Sharia” or Islamic code of law. This represents 130,000,000 people who regard “non-Islamic” people as infidels... to be brought under submission or to be put to the sword... a clear declaration of duty according to the Qur’an (Koran) (Surat Al-Anfal 8:38-39; Surat Al-Maidah 5:33 MPT). The world IS NOW in a religious war... and such a truthful and candid proclamation is being avoided because of the "political correctness" to appease the Islamic powers and their control of the oil. The largest provider of oil to the US is also the greatest exporter of fanatical Islam, Wahhabism, which has it home in Saudi Arabia.

The nation of Israel is collectively hated among Islamic tribes and marked for annihilation by the Islamic powers. Some argue that not all Muslims agree with this and I would welcome such defense (by Muslims) of Israel in public debate in the UN, international forums, and in national Muslim media enterprises. Such Muslim defense of Israel’s right to exist is yet to be seen. The western world, namely the US and Great Britain, followed by a few other nations, are also targets of hate by radical Islam. The rise of international "terrorism" is clearly increasing and no Jewish or Christian nation is exempt from this threat. The implication of this threat reaches beyond philosophical conflict and threatens economic and social structures everywhere. The direct cost of the

9-11 Islamic assault on the World Trade Center was only a part of the overall cost in economic impact. The magnitude of the economic fallout from a greater event, such as the denotation of a nuclear device in a major western city is awesome. The political response could be the onset of World War III. I personally believe that the US and Great Britain have enemies who's national interest could cause them to view such calamity in the US or Britain with pleasure. For example, the Chinese, French, and Russians have no qualms about selling nuclear hardware to Middle Eastern powers. In fact, I suspect China is delighted with the US's dilemma in Iraq and with Iran and North Korea... making its grab for control of Taiwan less risky. I submit that China would certainly use Islamic fanatics as surrogates (and probably has) to further its quest for global dominance. Communist China has supported the enemies of the US in every conflict we have been in, in the Asian theater, in the last 50 years.

Now for what is perhaps my strongest reason that the "Pale Horse" is likely Islam... Bible history clearly details Yahweh's disdain for moral decay in His people. Without fail, Yahweh allowed pagan nations and foreign powers to humble His people when they no longer looked to Him for Lordship and chose to multiply their sin and ungodly lifestyles. No Bible history of record details corruption in moral social populace greater than that of our modern society. Judgment is surely to come and this "Pale Horse" is becoming restless and seems to have no one that can tame its force. Suicidal bombers driven by radical demonic influence seem determined to further their cause. Their hatred for western nations and Jewish and Christian social structures has no limit. The god of Islam is not the Elohim (God) of the Believer's faith, quite the contrary... because Islam rejects Messiah Yeshua as the Son of Yahweh, Savior and Redeemer of mankind, and further denies His crucifixion and resurrection. **Islam must be identified for the evil that**

it is and for its opposition to the Elohim of Scripture, and it is time to stop playing with politically correct words that mask its real identity and its connection with international terrorists and their plans for destruction of western nations. Without a doubt, my view is that this “Pale Horse” is headed for western soil and unlike the last Islamic invasion of Europe; the entire western world is their target. Like the days of old when Ezekiel and Jeremiah faithfully proclaimed Yahweh’s warnings to Israel to repent and turn back to Him, without an ear to hear, Yahweh has warned us of the consequences of sin and iniquity, and like Israel of old, we are drunk with our own confidence of self provision and falsely believe we are out of reach of Judgment. We are full of our own flawed opinions and fail to understand the house of cards that our prideful and deceived hearts are resting upon... sand, as Yeshua called it, that failed to stand in the storm and the foundation was washed away and “great was the fall of that house.” Many observant writers say that the "Babylon" of the last days, as noted in the book of Revelation, has to be (by objective analysis) the modern USA... I would not be able to point to a better alternative... Judgment is coming to a world of iniquity.

It is my opinion that we live in the last days, perhaps hours, and that these “Four Horsemen” are all hitched to the same wagon and are running through the earth (the devil’s assault on Yahweh’s people) and will soon manifest their purpose... none of which is any surprise to Yahweh, as he has given us (Believers) their plan in the “revealed prophetic disclosure,” the Holy Scripture’s book of Revelation. If you are a born-again Believer, feasting on Yahweh’s Word, best friends with the Holy Spirit, love the instruction of Torah, keep Yahweh's commandments, and are “discerning the times,” you will not be taken by surprise. If however, you have your head in the sands of false doctrines and watered-down Church programs and social “religious” functions, you will be taken by destructive surprise with no less than the same

experience of those five foolish virgins of Mat. Chpt 25, who did not have the oil in their lamps sufficient for the long dark night... the oil we must keep in our lamps is none other than Yahweh's precious Holy Spirit; and without it and the counsel of the Torah, we are helpless in this coming rampage of these "Four Horsemen." Faith in Yahweh alone, loving Him more than we love this life and the things of this world, and letting Yahweh's Holy Spirit have His way in us is our certain hope and confidence for these days.

Rev 12:11

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. KJV

Time is short; do you know the real Yeshua as your Savior and King?

Shalom...



The Examination of Truth; a Biblical Perspective

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37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. ([Jhn 18:37-38 KJV](#))

Pilate, like most Roman's in high authority; being a Roman prefect (governor) of Judaea (26–36 ce) under the emperor Tiberius, presided at the trial of Jesus and gave the order for his crucifixion... and Pilate most likely viewed himself as a “god figure.” As did the Pharaohs of Egypt and the Roman Caesars...

Who was Pilate?

“One of the earliest—and most scathing—accounts of Pilate comes from the Jewish philosopher Philo of Alexandria. Writing around 50 A.D., he castigated the

prefect for his “bribery, insults, robberies, outrages and wanton injuries, executions without trial, constantly repeated, ceaseless and supremely grievous cruelty.”
(Ref: <https://www.history.com/news/why-pontius-pilate-executed-jesus>)

A good question would be, what would someone like Pilate really think about “truth?” My guess is that they made up truth to suit themselves because they were void of divine intellect and their hardened hearts were full of spiritual darkness. Just from Philo’s observations, we could easily fit many modern political figures into the description of Pilate...

How, may I ask, would someone lacking an inner conscience of moral and just character, even know how to understand “truth.” From my point of view, to understand “truth,” one would need to possess a Biblical consciousness with firm convictions that God’s point of view is the only point of view that is capable of defining truth and any other absolute. Now as a side note, as a source for the study of truth, I do not include the religious opinions of men and church institutional doctrines that conflict with what the Bible clearly says... Only solid and clear Biblical facts are being considered to define “truth.”

Here is a “Holman Concise Bible Dictionary” definition of Truth:

Truth

"That which is reliable and can be trusted; actual fact over against appearance, pretense, or assertion ([Zech. 8:16](#); [Mark 5:32-33](#)); correct knowledge or doctrine ([1](#)

[Tim. 4:3](#); [2 Tim. 2:18](#)). The essential idea of truth in the Bible is faithfulness or reliability. God is the standard. God's truth (faithfulness or reliability) is basic for all other truth ([Deut. 7:9-10](#)). He maintains covenant and steadfast love. He is reliable ([Deut. 32:4](#); [2 Chron. 15:3](#); [Isa. 65:16](#); [Jer. 10:10](#)). God "keepeth truth for ever" ([Ps. 146:6](#)). The Word of God and His law are true because of God's nature as truth (faithfulness) in what He did in creation, election, redemption, and the giving of the law ([Neh. 9:13-14](#); compare [1 Sam. 12:24](#); [Rom. 3:1-7](#)).

Truth and sincerity are opposed to malice and evil ([1 Cor. 5:8](#)). Truth is to be obeyed ([Rom. 2:8](#); [Gal. 5:7](#)). The truth of God is revealed not so much in the law as in Christ ([Rom. 15:8-9](#); compare [Rom. 1:1-6](#); [16:25-26](#); [2 Cor. 4:6](#); [Gal. 2:5,14](#)). One hears and believes the truth and is in Christ ([Eph. 1:13](#)).

Christ is the truth ([John 1:17-18](#); [18:37](#)). Since Christ shares in the truth of God, He is full of grace and truth. He is "the way, the truth, and the life" ([John 14:6](#)). The activity of the Holy Spirit is associated with the activity of Jesus in so far as truth is concerned ([John 15:26-27](#)).

Disciples must appropriate the truth ([John 17:17-19](#)). Followers of Christ are of "the truth" ([John 18:37](#)). This knowledge of truth is not simply "head knowledge." It is a matter of receiving Christ ([John 1:11-13](#)). This acceptance of Jesus and receiving of the truth is accompanied by "walking in the truth" or in the light (2 John 4; 3 John 3-4; [1 John 1:7](#)), doing the truth ([John 3:21](#); [1 John 1:6](#)).

I think truth is the most powerful force in the universe,

and that God established it as unmovable and relentlessly steadfast... like His love for us, and His everlasting kindness and mercy toward us. It is truth that will cleanse the earth when Yeshua returns... the sword of his mouth ([Rev 19:15,21](#)), will destroy the enemies of Yeshua (truth), I think the sword is the Word of Truth that will devour evil, which foundation is in the lies of the serpent, who's head Yeshua would crush ([Gen 3:15](#)). Everything is about "words," Yahweh's Word/Truth, or the devil serpent's words/lies. We are taught in the parable of the sower that the "seed" is the Word/Truth of Yahweh ([Mat 13](#); [Mrk 4](#)). The serpent's seed/words, are in contrast, lies, half-truths and deceptions of wickedness. Truth's power will prevail.

Spiritual Warfare, in its most explicit form, is an "information war," it is a conflict between real truth and distorted values for truth... this conflict is raging all around us with every move we make. Our most important effort in life is to learn the truth and guard and keep its values in our thinking and doing.

Sometimes we miss the point of Biblical meaning because the words translated in our Bibles (from the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek) are not fully appreciated in our English usage... for example, take the word "law" in the broadest sense... to modern thinking, as typical 21st Century American word usage is concerned, could be a speed limit, tax code, legal designation, group of statutes in our constitution, policeman and so forth. The truth is, Biblical Old Testament "law" is better understood as "instructions for living." The Torah, often called the Law of Moses-first

five books of the Bible, where the law (Torah) is clearly defined, is the foundation of all remaining Bible discussion.

For example: When the Bible uses the term “iniquity or lawlessness” (such as in the Greek text from which the New Testament is derived)... in [2 Thessalonians 2:7](#) the original text is “anomia” as defined here:

g0458. ἀνομία anomia; from 459; illegality, i.e. violation of law or (genitive case) wickedness: — iniquity, x transgress(-ion of) the law, unrighteousness.

AV (15) - iniquity 12, unrighteousness 1, transgress the law + g4160 1, transgression of the law 1; the condition of without law because ignorant of it, because of violating it, contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness

We will come back to this later.

Let’s examine more of what truth is, so we can better understand its power and authority... and its meaning in our lives. Here we consult the Bible for truth in context.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” ([Jhn 1:1 KJV](#))

We know, of course, that this is speaking of Yeshua (Jesus)... Yahweh (God), manifested unto us “in the flesh,” according to [John 1:14](#).

Yeshua said, praying to the Father, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” ([Jhn 17:17 KJV](#))

Yeshua, the living Word, also said to his disciple Thomas, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man

cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

In other words, no man comes unto the Father except by the truth; Yeshua then, is both the Word in the flesh, and the truth... He then is the only one “who can sanctify us.” Sanctify means to set apart, or cleanse for holiness, or preserve for purity. Truth and the Word (one and the same) is the Sanctifying power that comes from YHWH God alone. Yeshua’s vicarious death/crucifixion on the cross, for mankind, provides “sanctification of the repent sinner, by the only means possible,” the shedding of His Holy and Purely Righteous Blood which atones for our sins and transgressions against a Holy, and Just, and Righteous God (YHWH). “Truth” presents us acceptable to YHWH. IF we refuse or rebuke the one and only pathway to YHWH, we deny the truth and cannot be redeemed into the eternal Kingdom of God... as defined by Biblical Truth.

Some very important facts are beginning to emerge as we read what these scriptures are really saying. Truth is Yahweh God (YHWH); Yeshua, the living Word is both YHWH and truth. The above scripture certifies this as absolute.

At this point I want to point out something important; Yahweh (God) alone makes the rules, by His forever settled Word [[Psalms 119:89](#)], (THE Torah Word spoken at the mountain, given to Moses, written in stone... is the Divine DNA of Yeshua). The Torah of Moses IS the Word that became flesh... let that sink in, because if you choose to resist this most important Biblical fact, you will not be able to receive the Sanctification by the “truth” and your theology will impede your way to

eternal life as YHWH God established from the beginning. Consider this confirmation of this “truth.”

Yeshua, during a “fact establishing discussion” with the theologians of His day (whom He said had used their traditions [their man made rules of religion] to make void the Word of YHWH God); [[Mat 15:6](#), [Mrk 7:13](#)]... it is these same Jews who hated him that he warned with these words in [John 5 KJV](#):

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. [my note: there was no New Testament “scriptures” to search, only the Old Testament existed]

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 I receive not honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there

is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

This is a defining moment in a believer's study and understanding of WHO Yeshua is, and WHAT it is that He is saying... let me paraphrase it: Referring to Moses writings, Yeshua is saying, "The Torah Word of God (me in the flesh), sent to you by the Father, is the one that will accuse and judge you... and you claim you trust in the Torah, and you don't believe me to be him whom the Father has sent? If you really believed the Torah, you would know who I am, because the Torah is about me."

As a matter of fact, the Rabbinical teachings yet today include proclamations that their duty is to "place a fence of protection," around the Torah... They continue to make their teachings-traditions obstructive to Yeshua's reality... just as they did in His days on earth. The Torah forbids adding to and/or taking away the Torah's content... see [Deut 4:2](#), [12:32](#).

Today, in modern times, the typical "Christian Church" doctrines and teachings (traditions of men), still yet today try to separate the Written Word (Torah) from the living Torah (Word in the flesh, Yeshua)... claiming mostly that the Old Testament was for the Jews, and the real New Testament church began in Acts Chapter 2... Christianity has separated itself from the Torah and Judaism has tried to separate itself from the living Torah, by discrediting Yeshua as their Messiah. For now, we will say, when

Yeshua returns, He will heal both groups and combine them into the “one new man” that Paul teaches us about in [Eph 2:15](#). (KJV)

Truth confronts us with uncomfortable challenges. Mostly because we have been molded into harden clay vessels and our psychic momentum is to stay in our comfort zones and ignore or resist the truth when it presses our flesh. It raises questions we don’t want to have to answer.

If you will recall, it was the truth that the serpent (devil) in the garden of Eden was refuting... twisting its values (absolutes) in order to coerce the minds of Adam & Eve... causing them to believe the lie that they would not die if they did not love the truth enough to obey Yahweh God... how did that work out? Well, there is a modern time “truth test” equivalent for us to really understand in these last days... and fear.

Paul explains this in [2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 \(KJV\)](#):

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong

delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

I could write pages upon pages on the verses above... they are so full of connections to the “truth;” but namely, I will say, do you see what is going on here? This is a test between truth and lies. Yahweh God is teaching us that if we do not LOVE the TRUTH... HIS WORD [Torah, and Messiah in the Flesh, AS ONE], we will be given a “Divine Rejection,” consisting of a strong delusion sent from Yahweh God Himself!

At this point, I hope you will take pause and ask yourself if you really want to know the truth... can you [or I] handle the truth? Lets look at those translated words again.

In the Greek rendering of the text, verse 7; the words “mystery of iniquity,” is better understood (making a VERY important point here) as “mystery of lawlessness,” and is translated as such in some Bible versions. The Greek word for iniquity, as noted above, is “anomia” [g0458, Strongs]; it literally means without law (more specifically, without Torah, God’s law).

Paul is saying that there is a “mystery” connected to being without the truth... truth being the Torah Word... life likeness of Yeshua. Our world is slipping deeper and deeper into darkness, Torahlessness.

This darkness is an illusion, a mysterious seduction (as typified by the serpent deceiving Adam and Eve). Nothing is new; human flesh and carnal senses have not evolved since Adam... Only the truth of Yahweh’s

forever settled Word can deliver our corrupted thinking from this cosmic illusion that is enveloping us more each day. Yeshua said,

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. ([Jhn 9:4-5 KJV](#))

Yeshua is the “light” of the world... He said , My words, are spirit, they are life.” ([Jhn 6:63 KJV](#)) Yeshua’s words are truth; His word(s) are the light that destroys darkness (lies and illusions in opposition to the Torah that Yahweh God spoke from the mountain.) Remember, when Israel was in their Exodus journey, Yeshua was the “pillar of light” that sat over them and led them through the darkness of the wilderness. Remember, Yeshua DID NOT change the Father’s Truth (Word),

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. ([Jhn 12:49 KJV](#))

6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. ([Mal 3:6](#))

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. ([Heb 13:8 KJV](#))

And, what about this profound statement by Yeshua:

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till

all be fulfilled.

19 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. ([Mat 5:17-19 KJV](#))

Yeshua says often, that He and the Father are one, If you have seen Him, you have seen the Father. The truth of the Word in the Torah and the truth of the Words spoken by the living Torah (Yeshua) are one and the same always.

If truth is truth, then it cannot be revised/changed, and still be truth. Yeshua is living truth; the written Word is the testimony of the ages. The bible tells us that the testimony of Yeshua is the Spirit of Prophecy. Paul says, “Christ in us, the hope of glory.” When the Word of YHWH is “in us” we are full of truth, we have the Spirit of Yeshua “in us,” by the presence of the Holy Spirit. As we feed on the bread of life (Word) we are sustained by spiritual power. The truth in us is promised to “manifest” that for which it was sent to do... lead us into acceptable fellowship with our Heavenly Father... empower us to overcome evil, walk in the truth and not be deceived by the wicked one.

When Yeshua said, “if you love me, keep my commandments.” That was BEFORE the New Testament was written... The commandments of Yeshua (He said, my commandments) are the same commandments of the Father. The commandments are truth, that if you know it, will set you free... free from what? Free from the cosmic illusion that tries to separate us from the fellowship of

YHWH... that is what the serpent did when the First Adam compromised himself and believed the lie of the devil.

With the Word/Truth in us, and if we willfully desire to trust and obey YHWH, by faith, we will have “spirit eyes” and “spirit ears.” Because the Holy Spirit is forever faithful. Thereby, we will see the world around us in a different perspective. The distractions that continually attack our senses and try to draw us into their “mysterious dens of iniquity” to devour us, will not be able to deceive us. The 23 Psalm is a perfect descriptive narrative of the truth protecting the one who knows that the “LORD Yeshua” is their Shepherd.

So then, what will we do with this understanding of “truth?” It has always been the same for each person who has ever lived... and will be the same until Messiah Yeshua returns. The day in which we live is full of half-truths, misinformation, outright lies, fake news, sensuous temptations, false religion and all kinds of cults and pagan attractions. Everything the natural man’s appetites crave. This onslaught is coming at us from every direction and in unlimited kinds and types to the extent that we can hardly turn in any direction to avoid it. For me, it is the daily fellowship of the Word (my Bible study) and my prayer time, and meditation on the scripture that sustains my sanity. The Bible says that Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Truth). Truth is a foundation block in your stability... mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Likewise, Faith diminishes by NOT hearing the Truth... and darkness comes.

It is important to understand that the Hebrew Bible teaches, and an Eastern mindset understands, the word “hear” to mean “hear and obey.” Not just hear “to know,” as the Greek-Roman mindset works. The word “hear” in the Hebrew is “shama” and is Strong’s #8085. It literally means to hear intelligently and to obey. In other words, as Yeshua’s brother James says; “faith without works is dead.” ([James 2:20,26 KJV](#))

So then, to hear the truth and not embrace it as a lifestyle... is to disobey. This practice, if not reversed, will lead to the tragic demise of the individual as noted above in Paul’s warning to the Thessalonians... failing to have a love for the truth, and will end with YHWH sending a delusion to send that one to destruction... Do you understand that this is what the Bible says? Does this not frighten you, it should. All of this is about choices. Do we LOVE the Truth? Let us go way back to the Exodus of Israel from Egypt... Moses admonishing the people:

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them. ([Deut 30:19-20 KJV](#))

In the New Testament, Yeshua says, “if you LOVE me,

keep my commandments.” (in the Greek, the word “keep” is analogous to the Hebrew word, “hear.” Faith in action doing “truth” is Loving God.

Truth working in us, is to know right and do it. Otherwise it is sin (no half way): 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. ([1 Jhn 3:4 KJV](#)) Remember, Truth is the Torah Word... (Torah is translated “law”); ignoring truth is sin.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. ([1 Jhn 5:2-3 KJV](#))

The scripture says:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;" ([Heb 1:1-3 KJV](#))

This Scripture makes clear that Yeshua is integral with the Godhead, that YHWH'S "Word" (which is truth) upholds "ALL THINGS" and His Word is Power. In the Greek it means:

g1411. δύναμις dynamis; from 1410; force (literally or

figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): — ability, abundance, meaning, might(-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle(-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

At this point you may be thinking... wow, he is beating that "truth" thing to death. Tragically, most people think they know the truth and in reality they are deceived. Either they insulate themselves from the truth, because they don't want to deal with it; or they have never considered that they do not know the truth and if they are confronted with it in a situation where they have to reconcile with it, they are dumbfounded. This is exactly where the devil wants to keep us... indifferent and calloused to the truth or simply ignorant of it.

REMEMBER... the devil's main purpose is to separate man from God. The world we live in today is on full scale assault against anything Biblical, or true, concerning moral laws and virtuous thinking. Truth is under the most aggressive attack that I have ever experienced in my 76 years of life.

What about "faith?" Here is what the Scripture says about faith (pistis in the Greek):

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ([Heb 11:1 KJV](#))

g4102. πίστις pistis; from 3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: — assurance, belief, believe, faith,

fidelity.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. ([Heb 11:6 KJV](#))

According to this, and since [Romans 10:17](#) says, "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God," then if a person has not the truth... they by default, CAN NOT have true faith... Truth is vital to everything in our life. What if you could not believe the accuracy of the compounds in your medication, or that the traffic lights were not properly synchronized... that the bridge you are driving over was not designed by the laws of physics. How about if your spouse was not honest with you... kinda how YHWH must view us when we flip off His Torah. The Proverb says:

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law (Torah), even his prayer shall be abomination. ([Prov 28:9 KJV](#))... a profound verse; worth cautious study.

Because the word "hearing" in the Hebrew, as used here, means to "do" or "obey," not just know about it. In other words, if you want to walk in truth, pleasing to YHWH, you best "do" His Word, not just hear it to "know" what it means only... which equals "disobedience."

How serious do you think this information is? Does it matter to you?

Truth must not be ignored. It allows for no compromise. It is final. It will judge every human who ever lived on the day all men stand before the Righteous judge of all the earth. Part truth is 100 percent false (as far as the

results are concerned). Innocent or misunderstood issues are, I think, the only possible exceptions to these issues... YHWH will be the judge of that.

The Bible says to seek YHWH with all our hearts... would we rather indulge in worldly entertainment or fantasy religious practices? What will it take to get our attention. Israel of old, always failed these test... **I am convinced our lives are a test...** we are being weighed and tested to see whether we will follow YHWH or the lies of the serpent. YHWH said he would even test us by using false prophets to see if we would follow them.
([Deut 13:3](#))

Now I know what some of you are thinking. You are silently asking if I am proposing that we do those Old Testament things... like keeping the Sabbath (you know, the Seventh day). Like, you know, the written in stone Fourth Commandment... that the Roman Church changed to Sunday, first day of the week. Well do you keep the Commandment not to murder; how about don't commit adultery? For these two, Yeshua said if you hate (kill another in your thoughts-heart) you were a murderer... that if you lust after a woman that is the same as physical adultery... Does Yeshua know what He is talking about? Do you care what He said... you do not have a smorgasbord Bible... you can't simply tear out the pages that you don't like. The Torah is a safety barrier between us and the devil's doings. If YHWH had wanted Adam to partake of the forbidden tree He would have told him; however, he protected Adam by his Word, and Adam did not believe the truth. We are no different, if we play with fire, we will get burned.

Obedience is a divine sanctuary. It is an impregnable fortress. It is walled around about by Truth. Truth is full of light and darkness can not overcome it.

The world hates the truth:

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me [Yeshua] before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father" ([Jhn 15:18-24 KJV](#))

Yeshua's words are very clear; the truth is not welcome in the world. As a believer we must recognize that **the battle royal is about the Torah and the Messiah**. The Torah, the written record of YHWH'S Word spoken at Mt Sinai, personified by His only begotten Son, was YHWH'S plan from the beginning. Yeshua, the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world... was to be the clarification of the way the Torah was to be followed and lived. Yeshua's appearance upon planet earth, was his "revealing" not his origination. He is the great I AM. He confounded the liars and deceivers and

they simply wanted him dead... that did not work out so well for them either, as you can't kill the truth. Truth is the most powerful force in the universe. Truth is soon to return to set the record straight.

Yeshua taught the principles of the heart of YHWH (the Torah truth) when speaking to the people during a teaching known as the "sermon on the mount." ([Mat 5,6,&7](#))... it concluded like this:

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

His conclusion is quite clear... "if your house is not built on doing what I say, not just hearing it... it will not stand..." game over. The people, who were under the burdensome load of the religious leaders, who took advantage of them, quickly recognized that Yeshua had authority... Truth has a way of standing upon its own merits.

Back to Pilate's question, "what is truth?" Dare I say it, if

you have read this far and don't know what truth is, you may need to go back and read this again, and look up the supporting Bible Verses.

Truth is eternal, it is the Word of YHWH (God)... the "spoken" Word described in Genesis created all things. Yeshua was that Word.

Truth is a pathway to life, as life should be.

Truth is faithfulness... in BOTH directions; God to man, and man to God. Faith cannot exist without faithfulness. If you are not faithful to what you claim to believe in, you are a liar. God cannot lie.

The Torah was given as a schoolmaster of truth.

Truth establishes our identity.

Truth is the mirror that reveals our real image... of who we really are; we will look like our Master (Yeshua or the Evil One).

Yeshua is the end of the "law" (for righteousness), not the end of the Torah... otherwise it would be the end of truth. Yeshua said the Torah would last as long as heaven and earth lasts. ([Mat 5:18](#))

Paul admonishing Timothy says:

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. ([2 Tim 2:19 KJV](#))

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free... always has, always will.

It is time for some closing thoughts. To be clear, this discussion on truth is going to encourage some and agitate others. For example, if one is an agnostic, atheist, or a deliberate hater of YHWH God, this article will most likely be of little interest, or perhaps irritate to some degree because absolute truth offends. If one is an adherent to pagan religion, such as Islam, Buddhism, Wicca or other cults, living in the illusion of demonic spiritual confusion, then this article will most likely irritate the evil spirits of darkness that influence these because the light of the Torah has stirred them up. There is one other group that this article will likely agitate as well... those confused within the many “UN-christian,” “Christian fellowships,” who have made up their own version of God and a “Jesus” who has no criticism of “sin,” as the Bible clearly defines it, and promote unlimited grace and willful violation of the Torah, without consequences... they will not like this message either.

The miraculous message of the Gospel of Yeshua and His “bloody” Calvary sacrifice, that destroys sin and its foundations, is fully intended to give hope and deliverance to all the “whosoever will” persons who embrace the truth and walk in its liberty. It will surely bless those who accept their responsibility to turn from their worldly indulgences and sinful practices, and repent and call upon the name of Yahweh, so they shall be saved. The believing body of Yeshua, who love the truth and its value will hopefully better understand what it is that truth does for them.

It is therefore vital that people know what sin is and what

it does to separate them from a Holy God. We herein, proved the Biblical meaning and consequences of sin.

What is "Sin" according to the Bible?

According to the New Testament Book of [1John 3:4](#);

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." KJV

Now this direct statement is saying (two times) that to break, transgress, oppose, disregard, work against, commit action or violation of any kind against the "law" (Torah, law of Moses... first five books of the Hebrew Bible) is sin. Sin has one and only one end result; and that is separation from God (YHWH)... and without one's change of their ways by repenting and asking forgiveness and having Yeshua's (Jesus') blood cleanse their sin, sin will end in that one being cast into "the lake of fire," in the final judgment ([Rev 20:15](#) and [21:8](#)).

The ONLY remedy (correction or cure) for sin is confession of your sin, asking forgiveness, with true and genuine repentance and turning away from (forever forsaking) the sin at issue, asking Yeshua to become "master" of your life, and taking up one's place as an "obedient" child of YHWH. Thankfully, [1John 1:9](#) assures the repentant sinner:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." KJV

Now what are some of the "sins" identified in the Bible?

First, any rebellion or disobedience to the "Written Word of God (YHWH)" is sin... therefore, one must study the

Bible (from the beginning) to know what is and what is not sin... there is no excuse for a person, claiming to be a part of the Biblical Israel of YHWH/God, NOT to know what sin is, as Paul says in [Romans 1:18-20](#). Paul continues in [Romans 1:21-32](#) to explain the sin problem.

Breaking of the Ten Commandments and their expanded meaning (principals of living) is also sin.

Here are some of the "itemized sins" of the Bible:

Professing themselves to be wise (smarter than the Word of God/Torah), looking to corruptible things (mankind, birds, four-footed beast, creeping things, etc. as "worshiped" things, in place of a holy incorruptible GOD/YHWH);

Lust in their own hearts, dishonoring their own bodies between themselves (changing YHWH'S truth into a lie, worshiping and serving the creature more than the Creator/YHWH), which has manifesting results in secular humanism... and "green earth" (mother earth) worship (this is not the same as good stewardship of our planet, for which God clearly expects us to respect and keep as best we know how).

For these things, YHWH "gave them up" to vile affections (perverted sexual practices, i.e., homosexuality, bestiality, and all "unnatural" forms of human relationships, resulting in perversion).

Because they did not like to retain YHWH/GOD in their "knowledge," YHWH gave them up to a "reprobate mind," to do those things not convenient (fitting). Such as, being filled with all unrighteousness (opposite to Torah definition of holy and righteous), fornication,

wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity (bad character-mischievousness), whisperers, backbiters, haters of YHWH/GOD, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable (unmovable, unappeasable, unrelenting, adamant), unmerciful.

What does Paul the Apostle tell the [Ephesians 5:3-5](#), about those who will NOT enter the Kingdom of Christ and of God?

3 "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."KJV

What does Paul warn the Galatians about sin in [Gal 5:19-21](#)?

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. KJV

Now, for some of the "lesser" known sins... sins just the same:

Breaking the "Sabbath," the 4th of the ten commandments... common practice of exchanging the eternal 7th day (Saturday on modern Calendars) for "Sun" day... a Roman pagan day of worship... likewise, celebrating pagan holidays, such as Easter and Christmas and "Christianizing" them with our own description of why we justify them... Especially, substituting of them, for example: Passover is commanded, and Easter is the normal practice.

Turning away our "ear- hearing" from the instruction of the Torah ([Prov 28:9](#))... resulting with one's prayers becoming an "abomination" to YHWH/GOD... serious, I think.

To falsify, in any way, the person (identity or personhood) of Yeshua (the real Jesus of the Bible)... who was/is the "Word that became flesh," ([John 1:1-14](#), the walking, living Word of God/Torah). To propose Him in any way that defiles his purity incarnation of the Torah in the flesh, which Torah He kept and taught ([Mat 5:17-19](#)).

To reject the Savior/Yeshua, for redemption... or His Blood's efficaciousness for your sins; as to blaspheme the Holy Spirit of Grace... as to trample His Blood underfoot ([Heb 10:26-29](#)).

Careless rebuke of YHWH'S love, and not loving Him or others... and disregarding the command to be "holy;" without holiness, no man shall see YHWH/GOD ([Heb 12:14](#)).

To mistake "love" for emotion and feelings, and not practice it (YHWH'S definition of love [John 14:15](#) and

[14:23](#)) as obedience to Torah (proper love for YHWH, [Deut 6:5](#), [11:1](#), [11:13](#), [11:22](#), [13:3](#), [19:9](#), [30:6](#), [30:16](#), [30:20](#), [Jos 22:5](#)) and Torah's teaching how to love others ([Mat 22:37-40](#)). Be sure to understand "loving" is "doing," and doing it YHWH'S way. To do it our "own way," is sin.

Failing to look after the needs of others... widows, orphans, the helpless; gossip and slander; tolerance for evil, such as abortion and lewdness openly practiced in our society... tattoos on one's body ([Leviticus 19:28](#)- a Torah fact).

Acceptance of false teachings (which YHWH says He will send as a "test" to see if we will follow false prophets; [Deut 13:3](#)).

Syncretism (mixing Torah/YHWH'S commandments with other man-made or institutional religious practices)... very common in modern religious practice. Inclusion of all types of New Age "mysticism" (namely Eastern-Hindu religious practices) in with "church" activities... very common in our day... the "Purpose Driven" and "Post Modern, Emerging Church" paradigms... all falling under YHWH'S warning in [Isaiah 8:20](#) (any teaching against the Torah/law of Moses)... all these are the move towards the "one world religion," of the last days... preaching peace and unity... at all cost, and mingling all religions; which is an "abomination" to YHWH... the "Babylon of the end times."

The Bible has one main instruction concerning these "mixed" abominations:

"Come out." ([2Cor 6:14-18](#) and [Rev 18:4](#))...

And for one final note: What is probably the greatest sin? It would seem that the greatest sin would be the first sin... that is the sin that resulted in Satan (once known as the "great worshipping angel") getting himself cast down from his lofty position...

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. [[Isa 14:12-15 KJV](#)]

Namely, it was his self-centered, prideful lust for YHWH'S throne. So, if we follow his ways, and place our interest and desires in things that blow up our own ego and self-esteem, we must remember Yeshua's words, "the first shall be last and the last shall be first." Self-indulgence, lust for power, greed and disregard for others, and pursuit of pleasure and unclean lifestyles will lead to our sure destruction.

The Bible teaches us:

16 [This] I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. [[Gal 5:16 KJV](#)]

16 For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. [[1Jhn 2:16 KJV](#)]

At the near end of the Old Testament, the Prophet Malachi writes some final warnings (words of truth and

instruction):

“4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments.” (Mal 4:4 KJV)

And, at the near end of the New Testament, the Apostle John writes some final warnings (words of truth and instruction):

“12 And, behold, I [Yeshua] come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.” (Rev 22:12-15 KJV)

Both Divine Testaments end with warning us to “keep the Torah” (law of Moses), and to “do” His Commandments.

The one who truly worships YHWH God, is told to do so in “spirit and in truth.”

“23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.” (Jhn 4:23-24, KJV)

YHWH God is not interested in fabricated religious practices and fleshly demonstrations of men, in fact, according to the late notable Bible scholar and teacher, Derek Prince, He hates it.

For the “in spirit part,” YHWH desires our sincere inner personal, devotional love and worship, by our faith and belief in Him, from deep within the human heart-spirit (total intellectual and emotional belief and commitment, expressed as in “doing it His way.”) Followed by actually living it in our daily lives, which is the proof of our sincerity. AND, the “in truth” part, is the practice of doing the things YHWH says to do according to His Word... to do it our way, is sin.

To choose to stay in what the Bible calls sin, is to assign one's destiny to the certain consequence for the "wages of sin," which is "death" ([Rom 6:23](#))... think about it.

The “end times” world we now live in is a serpent orchestrated cosmic illusion (Yeshua calls him [serpent-devil] the god of this world; the father lies, lying wonders and deceivableness of unrighteousness); and our world is descending further into ungodly corruption and sins of all types as defined in the bible... This is why, at the end of the age, that YHWH will send Holy angels to "one last time" preach the "Everlasting Gospel," which is the theme of our website, www.rev1467.org.

So, what is the takeaway, or at the end of the day, what should we think about all this... or, better yet, how should we deal with it?

For further study, I suggest these links on www.rev1467.org

Truth has consequences:

<http://rev1467.org/guestTeachings/Truth-has%20consequences.htm>

The sound of Truth:

<http://rev1467.org/guestTeachings/The%20Sound%20of%20Truth.html>

Understanding Salvation:

<http://rev1467.org/guestTeachings/Understanding%20Salvation.html>

Shalom... I hope this discussion on truth does bless you richly.

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