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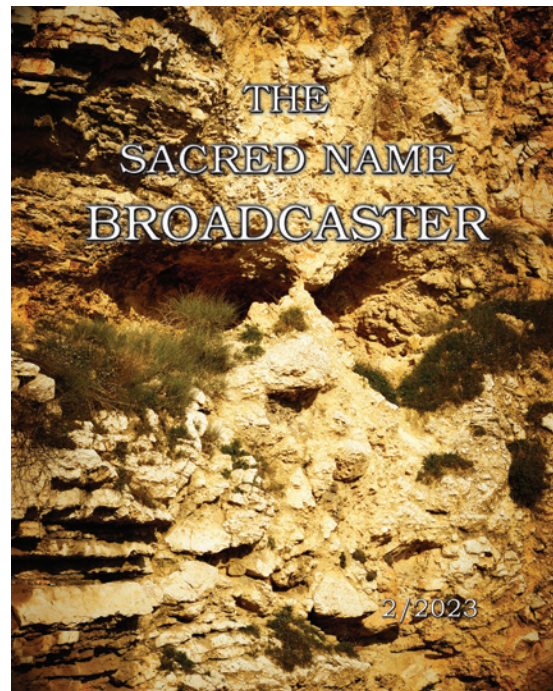


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This month's cover portrays Golgotha, the place of the skull, where Yahshua the Messiah was impaled, dying for our sins. Just adjacent to Golgotha is a garden with a rolling-stone tomb where Yahshua was interred for three days and three nights.



Visiting these historic sites is a faith-builder, bringing the suffering and death of our Savior to a sobering reality. Do you believe that Yahshua was born of a virgin and that He lived a sin-free life? Have you proven that His blood was shed for our sins as the Lamb of Yahweh and that He rose again the third day?

"For to this were you called: because the Messiah also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow his steps..." (1 Peter 2:21).

Follow Yahshua the Messiah each day and He will lead you to eternal life. **"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give to them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand."** (John 10:27-28).

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1.

The Fact of the Resurrection

Yahshua the Messiah's resurrection from the dead formed the nucleus of dynamic doctrine preached by the Apostolic Assembly. This message literally turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6).

Although most Christian groups profess to believe in the Messiah and His resurrection, by the doctrines they teach and the applications made, they actually deny Him. Taking outrageous liberties when interpreting the

biblical text, they have created a biblically unidentifiable Messiah who is not described in the New Testament. Concentrating heavily upon observing the birth of the Messiah—a ceremony nowhere commanded in the inspired Scriptures—they have often relegated the death and resurrection of the Messiah into a position of secondary observance, whereas your Bible indicates that it is of paramount importance.

What do you know about the resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah? Have you truly studied its significant meaning and compre-

hended its message for you as a Bible believer? Do you understand the Messiah's example and how all of us must follow in His footsteps?

In this article, we plan to cut away the erroneous traditions and false conclusions that have clung tenaciously to the generally accepted teachings concerning the death and resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah. We shall concentrate upon how perfectly the Old Testament teachings harmonize in forming a foundation for this doctrine. We shall look at several answers wherein your faith in the inspired Scriptures may be vastly

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strengthened. We shall clearly observe the reasons why Yahshua the Messiah endured His cruel death upon the Tree of Calvary.

The Messianic Idea in Israel

Judaism accepts only the doctrinal concept of a mighty ruling King, through the restoration of the Davidic dynasty. Pointing to such passages as Isaiah 9:6-7, the Jews express their belief in the re-establishment of the Throne of David by an earthly monarch who will dynamically rule the Jewish nation and, ultimately, extend His dominion over the whole world. Judaism sees the Messiah as establishing an era of peace on this earth and ruling with a heavenly authority. They sometimes refer to Numbers 24:7-9 as a supporting text. ***“Water shall flow from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. El brings him forth out of Egypt; He has as it were the strength of the wild-ox: He shall eat up the nations his adversaries, and shall break their bones in pieces, and pierce them through with his arrows. He crouched, he***

lay down as a lion, and as a lioness; who shall rouse him up? Blessed be everyone that blesses you, and cursed be every one that curses you.”

In addition, they use verse 14 of this same prophecy of Balaam.

“And now, behold, I go to my people: come, and I will warn you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days.”

Then they read verses 17 and 18.

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: There shall come forth a star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smash through the corners of Moab, and break down all the sons of tumult. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession, who were his enemies; while Israel does valiantly.”

This belief rests upon the prophecy called the Testament of Jacob, Genesis 49:8-12.

“Judah, you shall your brethren praise: your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion’s whelp: from the prey, my son, you are gone up: He stooped down, he couched as

a lion, and as a lioness; who shall rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and to him shall the obedience of the people be. Binding his foal to the vine, and his ass’s colt to the choice vine; He washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.”

A renowned series of three volumes was published some years ago by Dr. Joseph Klausner, Professor of Hebrew Literature and Jewish History at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. These masterpieces, delving deeply into the significance of the life and ministry of the Prophet of Nazareth, Yahshua ben Joseph, have certainly encouraged the author and enlightened him regarding the role the Messiah has played (and will play) in Judaism. Dr. Klausner quite capably proves the existence of the men described in the New Testament, proving the reliability of the New Testament.

In several passages, Dr. Klausner discusses the Jewish concept of two Messiahs. Perhaps the most lucid passage appears in the section on pages 483-501 in his book,

Temple Mount, seen from the Mount of Olives



The Messianic Idea in Israel (London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd., 1956). The following quotes will be excerpts from that passage.

“According to James Drummond, the belief in a second Messiah arose from Zechariah 12, because it was difficult to harmonize the defeat and death of the King-Messiah as described in this chapter with the Jewish Messianic idea as a whole.

“Thus, throughout the earliest periods of the Messianic idea, Israel’s best minds thought of the Messiah as a king and warrior. Like any ordinary king, the Messiah must lead his assembled people in the last battle and bring them to victory over foes who had afflicted and oppressed Israel as no other nation had ever been afflicted and oppressed. All this is so entirely natural throughout the periods of Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian, and Roman control, that we find the idea of a great and final Messianic battle in the prophetic books of Amos and Ezekiel as well as the Targums. We shall see below that the war with Gog and Magog is already mentioned by the earliest Tannaim. The Messiah must, therefore, be a military hero in the fullest sense of the term.

“In direct contrast to this view,

with its marked political coloring, was another widespread conception, which found support in Isaiah 11 and Zechariah 12. According to this, there is only a spiritual and ethical Messiah, who is free from sin, full of wisdom, his works, and saintly and pure in all his ways. This picture of a purely spiritual Messiah hovered not only before the eyes of the prophets, but also before the authors of the Psalms of Solomon and IV Ezra; also before the greatest of the Tannaim.

“Near at hand lay this idea: The twofold character of the Messiah should be transformed into a twofold Messiah. And this was achieved by transferring to a second Messiah the function of waging war in its entirety. Therefore this second Messiah is a warrior-Messiah exclusively, and is more frequently referred to in the later Midrashic literature as ‘The one anointed for war’ (meshuach milchamah). Dalman has rightly remarked: ‘The entire activity of the Messiah ben Joseph has a significance almost exclusively political.’

“Once a second Messiah became necessary, he could come from no other tribe than from the tribe of Joseph. The first Messiah was

regarded as the son of David, and thus as coming from Judah. What else, then, could the second Messiah be except a son of Joseph or of Ephraim? There is no need whatever to assume here any borrowing from the Ten Tribes (Friedmann) or from the Samaritans (Bertholdt). However, the possibility of such a borrowing came from the latter, once the psychological need for a second Messiah had been felt, cannot be ruled out; for we learn consciously only from our friends, but unconsciously from our enemies also. But we cannot assume a desire to placate the Ten Tribes (Castelli), who are either lost altogether or dispersed in distant lands. So, once the necessity of a second Messiah was admitted, he could not be described in any other way: there were only two predominant tribes in Israel, and if ‘the great redeemer’ (as Messiah ben David is called in one place), comes from the tribe of Judah, then his junior colleague must be ‘son of Joseph,’ that is, from the tribe of Ephraim.

“The prophet Elijah will also appear in the days of Gog and Magog, but for what purpose is not known. We can conclude with reasonable certainty that in the pre-Hadrianic period it was



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believed that Messiah ben David would, with the aid of the Shekhinah, fight against and overcome the enemies of Israel; but in the post-Hadrianic period, the fighting was attributed to Messiah ben Joseph, who, after a great but not decisive victory, which [Elohim] Himself would bring about, would give the crown to Messiah ben David alone, as sole king of the Davidic dynasty.

“This is explained by R. Simeon ben Yohai, some of whose Messianic sayings have already been quoted, in a beautiful parable: ‘To what can it be compared? To a man who was traveling along a road. He encountered a wolf and was saved from him. So he kept on telling the story of the wolf. Then he encountered a lion and was saved from him. So he forgot the story of the wolf and kept on telling the story of the lion.’

“So it will be with Israel. After they have been delivered from the fearful battles with Gog and Magog, they will no longer remember their escape from the burdens of Egypt, but only their deliverance from the terrible agonies of the last wars. For the miseries that will come upon Israel on account of the Messianic wars will be so

terrible that the Talmud mentions them, as we have already seen above, alongside ‘the Messianic birth pangs,’ of which these miseries will perhaps be only a part.”

It is obvious from reading the material from a noted Jewish researcher that the Jewish rabbis confused the twofold elements of the True Messiah’s ministry. As a consequence, not allowing for the Messiah to be the Son of Elohim (as the Messianic Apostolic Assembly of the book of Acts taught, Acts 9:20), the rabbis invented a dual, or two, Messiahs, doctrine. But why did they have to call the lesser servant Messiah, the son of Joseph? The Ten Tribes were long gone from the Holy Land into Assyrian captivity and did not need to be appeased. Obviously, the Jewish doctrine of the Messiah ben Joseph was invented to counter, or confuse, the true Messianic doctrine, who, as the suffering Servant, Redeemer of Israel, was born as a human, thought to be the son of the carpenter Joseph. Therefore, in His earthly ministry, He sometimes used this term—ben Joseph.

Where did the concept of two Messiahs actually originate? The Jewish commentators believe

that it originated in the Sacred Scriptures, although Dr. Klausner finds some reason to question the dating of the doctrine. However, one of most outstanding passages in the entire Bible relating to the Messiah’s mission can be found in Zechariah 12:9-11.

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look to me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.”

It is no typographical error for the translation to read: ***“They shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him.”*** This concept clearly relates to a Being who has died and was resurrected. This quote appears in the first person. He now speaks and clearly calls His people. The contextual time element relates to the end times and the great mourning that will take place in the Valley of Megiddo. Here is an obvious reference to the Battle of Armageddon.

Since the Jews believe only in a powerful, reigning King, they find it difficult to accept the concept of a suffering servant to come first. Yet, their rabbis have evidently seen this concept in the Scriptures, just as the True Worshipers have historically taught it. Therefore, the suffering Servant, the One



who is described in such places as John 13 and 19, must precede the One who reigns. When the Messiah came to this earth the first time, He did not come to reign. It was to serve His people. He came to lay down His life, to become the Lamb of Yahweh that takes away the sin of the world. He died in a horrible death to shed His blood, later on to be resurrected in power.

Old Testament Prophecy Shows Resurrected Messiah

One of the most outstanding passages of Scripture to prove the concept of the suffering-servant Messiah appears in Isaiah 53. This passage is usually avoided by Jewish theological commentators. But, nevertheless, there it appears in the text, and its teaching must be confronted.

As you read carefully through the passage, you will again see the concept of the Man—despised and rejected. This suffering Messiah came to His own, but was not received (John 1:11).

“Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed? For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he has no form nor comeliness; and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised; and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, struck of Elohim, 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.” (Isaiah 53:1-5).

You will notice that the Messiah must be pierced. In Hebrew, the word is *meholal*. The reason for this piercing was obviously to atone for our transgressions. In Hebrew, the word is *pasha'*. This word means *revolt, rebellion*. His bruising was to pay for our iniquities. The Hebrew word is *Avon*. It means *to be bent, crooked, or an error*. The chastisement (the word *chastisement* means *punishment*) of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. This would indicate that the suffering-servant Messiah would have to suffer the beating that a sinner deserves.

This suffering servant will endure a vicarious suffering. Although righteous, He takes the place of the guilty sinner. You will see, as you read on, that the Messiah will be brought to the slaughter (execution) as a lamb is brought to be slaughtered. He would be taken from prison and judgment, because of the transgressions of His people. His grave would be made with the wicked and the rich, although He had done no violence. Nevertheless, the latter part of this passage, as Isaiah writes, reveals that resurrection of this righteous individual would take place. ***“He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,”*** says the prophecy. Although His soul was poured out as an offering for sin (in other words, His life ebbed from Him as He shed His blood) as Yahweh's sin offering, He will eventually see the spiritual seed that this great act produces. Notice verses 10-12.

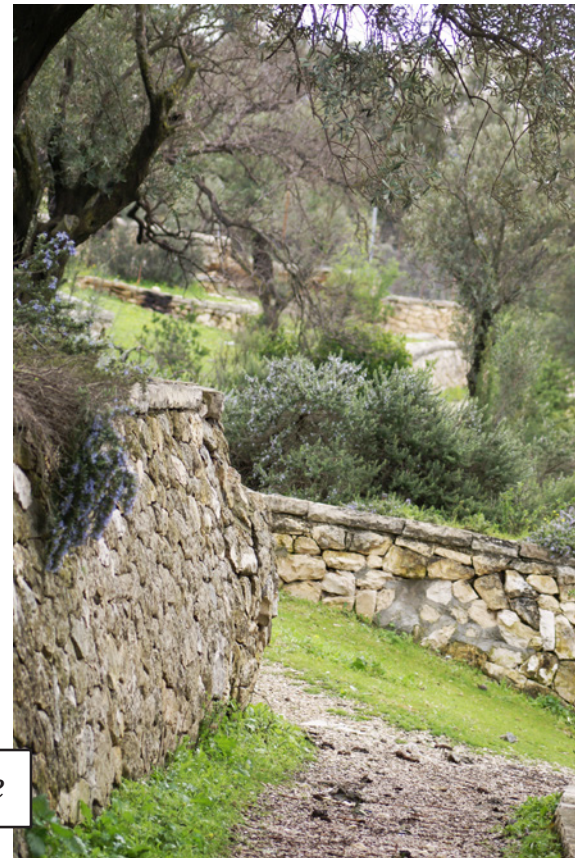
“Yet it pleased Yahweh to bruise him; he has put him

to grief: when you shall make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Yahweh shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by the knowledge of himself shall my righteous servant justify many; and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the plunder with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

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Apostolic Assembly Preaches The Resurrection Message

One cannot help but be moved by the message taught by the Apostolic Assembly. Although Yahshua the Messiah had preached for



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3 1/2 years, fulfilling the first half of the 70th week prophecy of Daniel 9:24, His ministry had brought forth only 12 truly committed followers. Others, such as the 70 disciples of Luke chapter 10, the 120 faithful of Acts 1:15, and the 500 brethren of 1 Corinthians 15:6, had to be persuaded by a special sign from Almighty Yahweh. That sign was apparently the bodily resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah. Therefore, the New Testament evangelists preached this death and resurrection message very strongly. Take note that they used Old Testament texts to prove their points.

This strong conviction emerges clearly from Peter's sermon in Acts chapter 2. Notice the strong thrust of the message of this great evangelist, verses 33-36.

Peter quotes from several passages of Scripture: ***"For David says concerning him, I beheld Yahweh always before my face; for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh also shall tabernacle in hope: Because you will not leave my soul to the grave, neither will you give your Holy One to see corruption. You made known to me the ways of life; you shall make me full of gladness with your countenance."*** Acts 2:25-28. (Quoted from Psalm 16:8-11.)

Then, Peter appeals to Psalm 110:1. ***"Yahweh says to my Sovereign, sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."***

In Acts chapter 7, Stephen continues with the thought of Yahshua the Messiah's suffering, dying, and then being resurrected again. Notice the sharp accusation

Stephen launches against the leaders of Judaism in his time.

"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed them that showed before of the coming of the Righteous One; of whom you have now become betrayers and murderers; you who received the law as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not." (Acts 7:51-53).

When Philip encountered the eunuch on the road from Jerusalem to Gaza, he began at the same Scripture the eunuch was reading (from Isaiah 53) to preach Yahshua the Messiah to him, Acts 8:26-35. Thereafter, when he finally came to Isaiah 56 (the passage dealing with Yahweh accepting eunuchs), the Ethiopian convert requested baptism.

In one of the most profound sermons that was ever preached, the Apostle Paul argued in harmony with the Scriptures dealing with prophecies of the suffering and death, the resurrection to glory, and the return of a reigning Messiah, in Acts chapter 13. Perhaps the heart of his message can be summarized by reading verses 26-37: ***"Brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you that fear Yahweh, to us is the word of this salvation sent forth. For they that dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew Him not, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet they asked Pilate that he be killed. And when***

they had fulfilled all things that were written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But Yahweh raised him from the dead: and he was seen for many days by them that came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people, And we bring you good tidings of the promise made to the fathers, that Yahweh has fulfilled the same to our children, in that he raised up Yahshua; as it is also written in the second psalm, You are my Son, this day have I begotten you. And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this manner, I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David. Because he says also in another psalm, You will not give your Holy One to see corruption. For David, after he had in his own generation served the counsel of Yahweh, fell asleep, and was laid with his fathers, and saw corruption: but he whom Yahweh raised up saw no corruption." (Acts 13:26-37).

Isn't it a tremendous message, brethren! Today, we may understand that the New Testament apostles were not starting some new, or different, religion. But, rather, they were interpreting Old Testament prophecies, clearly showing how the Messianic prophecies of a suffering Messiah were fulfilled by the Messiah Yahshua.

Even to the Gentiles, Paul strongly preached this message. In Acts 17, when he toured the Areopagus (the hill of Mars), his audience was puzzled over the message of Yahshua and the resurrection which he preached to

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them. In Acts 23:6-9, Paul started quite an uproar in the Sanhedrin when he brought up the subject of the resurrection. The Pharisees believed in the resurrection. Although they intensely disliked Paul, in this instance, they were forced to defend him against the Sadducees, who disbelieved the resurrection. Paul says of the Jews: *"...who ought to have been here before you, and to make accusation, if they had anything against me. Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection from the dead I am called in question before you this day."* (Acts 24:19-21).

Before King Agrippa, Paul says: *"Having therefore obtained the help that is from Yahweh, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said should come; that the Messiah must suffer, and that he first by the resurrection from the dead should proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles."* (Acts 26:22-23).

Up to the very end of his life he continued to insist upon the resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah and that this was the only hope for Israel.

Paul argues quite conclusively that the concept of the resurrection is central to the inspired Scriptures. *"Now I make known to you, brethren, the good tidings which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached*

to you, except you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that the Messiah died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he has been raised on the third day according to the scriptures; and that he appeared to Cepha; then to the twelve; then he appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then he appeared to Jacob; then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to the untimely born child, he also appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the assembly of Yahweh. But by the grace of Yahweh I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not found vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of Yahweh which was with me. Whether then it is me or them, so we preach, and so you believed.

"Now if the Messiah is preached that he has been raised from the dead, how do some

among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither has the Messiah been raised: and if the Messiah has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, and your faith is also vain. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of Yahweh; because we witnessed of Yahweh that he raised up the Messiah: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead are not raised, neither has the Messiah been raised: and if the Messiah has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are yet in your sins. Then they also that have fallen asleep in the Messiah have perished." (1 Corinthians 15:1-18).

You can certainly see quite clearly that the Apostle Paul



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argued that those witnesses who saw Yahshua alive after His resurrection would not have been lying. The Glad Tidings of salvation hinges upon the concept of the resurrection of the dead, because in Yahshua's resurrection His True Worshipers also receive the hope of a resurrection. Unless we believe in Yahshua's resurrection and that He sits today at the right hand of Yahweh, we can expect no everlasting life for ourselves. From Bible prophecy, we see that Yahshua the Messiah had to die for the sins of His people. After dying, He had to rise again in a resurrection to life.

Genesis 15

When you read the passage of Genesis 15, it becomes quite clear that the Covenant between Yahweh and Abraham means a great deal more than meets the eye for the True Worshiper today. When Yahweh extended His Covenant to Abraham, He was required to slaughter specific animals. The concept symbolized by the division of the animals was that the covenantors who entered into this binding agreement had to walk arm-in-arm, up and down, in the pathway of blood between the sundered carcasses. Here they decided the terms of the Covenant. Then, they would express to each other. "The one who breaks this Covenant, let him be as dead as these animals." Finally, salt was scattered over the carcasses and over the pool of blood as a sign of the eternal preservation of this Covenant. You will notice that salt formed an important part of the sacrificial system, Leviticus 2:13.

"And every oblation of your meal-offering you shall season with salt; neither shall you suffer the salt of the covenant

of your Elohim to be lacking from your meal-offering: with all your oblations you shall offer salt."

Almighty Yahweh has faithfully kept the terms of the Covenant He made with Abraham and Abraham's descendants. But the human descendants of Abraham failed to maintain their commitment to His eternal Covenant. They sinned—transgressed His Laws, 1 John 3:4 and Leviticus 4:3. Therefore, Israel was placed under a penalty of death.

In what way could this inescapable sentence be reversed? The other party, the innocent covenantor, could die. This is what Almighty Yahweh sent Yahshua the Messiah to this earth to do. He became a fleshly descendant of Abraham, yet He lived a perfect life to clearly demonstrate that a human being can indeed fulfill all the terms of the Covenant and, resultingly, be sin-free. Consequently, Yahshua thereafter gave His life to ransom Abraham and the descendants of Adam (the whole human race) from the bondage of sin. Then, Almighty Yahweh resurrected His Son as a sign of life everlasting to all those who keep His Covenant. What a marvelous plan of salvation this really is, and it dates from the ages of antiquity.

Three Resurrections

Most people do not realize that three resurrections have been predicted in the Bible to occur across many ages. The first resurrection is already past: that is, the resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah. Let us notice how the Apostle Paul describes these resurrections in a very familiar passage that is usually glossed over, or misinterpreted.

"For as in Adam all die, so also in the Messiah shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: The Messiah the first fruits; then they that are the Messiah's, at his coming. Then comes the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to Yahweh, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be abolished is death."
(1 Corinthians 15:22-26).

Each man, in his own order, will be resurrected. First of all, Yahshua the Messiah, the second Adam, the perfect sin-free individual. After His death upon the Tree of Calvary and His burial in the sepulchre, He was resurrected in life-giving power. His pathway to salvation provides an example which we also must follow. When Yahshua returns, all those who are His spirit-begotten people will be resurrected, just as Paul describes in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, and the remainder of this great resurrection chapter—1 Corinthians 15.

Finally, at the end of the age, yet another resurrection will take place. The age of man has been limited to 6,000 years. Just as each week has six days in which man can labor and do all his work, the seventh day, the sabbath of Yahweh, follows, which is a sacred time. The Millennium, the seventh thousand-year time, will be reserved for Yahweh. Steps will be taken to eradicate sin from this earth. Yahshua the Messiah will be the Supreme Ruler over the nations. Yahshua the Messiah will reign over that earth in righteousness and destroy those who are wicked. At the end of the Millennium, all who are in

the grave will come forth and be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment. Thereafter, the new age of eternity will be inaugurated in which all will be righteous forevermore.

Those who will be Yahshua the Messiah's people at His Second Coming are judging themselves, 1 Corinthians 11:31. They are now judging themselves according to the Word of Yahweh, bringing their lives humbly into subjection to the authority of Yahweh in His Law. Those people who embrace no proper spiritual inclinations now will be judged according to how they treated their fellow men. (Note Matthew 25:31-46.) If their interaction with their fellow men was based upon the principal element of Yahweh's Covenant Law (love), they will also be given an opportunity to be accepted into His eternal Kingdom.

Notice how Paul describes this teaching in Romans 2:13-16. Have you understood this teaching before? It is biblical. ***"...For the hearers of the law are not just before Yahweh; but the doers of the law shall be justified: (for when Gentiles that have not the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are the law to themselves; in that they show the works of the law written in their hearts,***

their conscience bearing witness of this, and their thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing them); in the day when Elohim shall judge the secrets of men, according to my good tidings by Yahshua the Messiah."

Now, when we turn to Revelation chapter 20, we find that those who are the people of Yahshua the Messiah at His resurrection will be reigning with Him during the Millennium. When the Millennium ends, the people who remain in the grave, numbered among the dead (the small and the great), will stand before the throne of Elohim. The record books will be opened. They will be judged out of those things written in the books (comparing the record of their lives with the biblical standards) according to their works, Revelation 20:11-15. Those who fail to meet the established standards will be cast into the Lake of Fire. They will be eternally separated from the life of Almighty Yahweh, and, therefore, they will be dead for all eternity.

"... Else must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once at the end of the ages he has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And inasmuch as it is appointed to men once to die, and after this comes judgment; so the Messiah also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second

time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, to salvation." (Hebrews 9:26-28).

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Three Days and Three Nights

The proof that Yahshua was the Messiah hinged upon one single element. We may trust in His Word by this unique sign none could counterfeit, or duplicate. It represents a convincing proof of Yahshua's authenticity. Yahshua the Messiah said this would be the only sign He would give that He was the True Messiah. The sign of Jonah was to be the sign of the True Messiah! This sign demonstrates the fact of the resurrection and encapsulates a living hope for all mankind, Matthew:12:40.

The background of this prophecy is found in Jonah 1:17. The prophecy continues with the Psalm of Jonah, chapter 2. Jonah was in a symbolic *sheol* (grave) when he was in the belly of the great fish. He was there three days and three nights. Yahshua the Messiah explained that His death and resurrection would identically follow the experience of Jonah. Notice Jonah's expressions in chapter 2 (viz., belly of *sheol*, heart of the seas, the earth and its bars closed upon me forever), and how the Messiah uses them to describe His own death and burial.

Strangely, today, nominal Christianity forthrightly denies the Messiah. They teach that He died on Friday afternoon at three o'clock and was resurrected at sunrise on Easter Sunday morning. Have you read our free article, "Easter or Passover?" It is free when you write to: The Assemblies of Yahweh, PO Box C, Bethel, PA 19507. Why not write immediately

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Our Corrupt World



The continued decline in the standard of morality throughout society has become glaringly obvious all around us, especially throughout the Internet and on social media. Sadly, few lament this decline of morality. Who is alert enough to sense that there is something dreadfully wrong with the age in which we are now living? Too few people speak out, strongly LAMENTING what has become of our society in recent years. Have you been able to pinpoint the exact reason why these problems seem to be mounting uncontrollably in our time? **Do you sigh and cry out against the wickedness that is all around us?**

Fear of retribution on social media (being canceled) has caused people to remain silent, instead of speaking out against what is taking place in the world. The world is upside down! That which used to be considered to be normal and routine has been thrown on the trash-heap of history. That mar-

riage, for example, is between a man and a woman, or that there are only two genders—male and female—would never have been questioned in years past. Yet, today, retribution is swift to anyone who questions the “new norms.” In Canada recently, a student was suspended from a Catholic school, **because he stated in a class that there are only two genders!**

Perhaps you are one of those who are expressing grave concern about the drift of the times. Has it become obvious to you that we are on a collision course with catastrophe? Do you realize that unless something is done immediately to reverse the direction that this world has taken—an imminent crisis is looming that will virtually decimate our society? **Yet nothing is being done to avert this impending disaster.**

What is the root cause of the serious problems confronting the world today? Your Bible shows that the root of this great end-

time trouble which we are facing is CORRUPTION—corrupt thinking and corrupt living. The news of degenerating moral values that are reported throughout the media is nothing more than a clear prophetic trend. Your Bible predicts that, in the last days, society would become **TOTALLY CORRUPTED**. Yahshua the Messiah declared this coming corruption in Matthew 24:37, **“And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man.”**

Yahshua the Messiah predicted that the age before His second coming would be similar in all respects to the time of the great deluge, the days of Noah. In Genesis 6, we discover just how exactly the characteristics of that age are being repeated in this day and age as well. **“The earth was CORRUPT before Elohim, and the earth was filled with VIOLENCE. And Elohim saw the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for ALL FLESH HAD CORRUPTED THEIR WAY**



upon the earth. And Elohim said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is FILLED WITH VIOLENCE through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.” (Genesis 6:11-13).

Corruption is evident in every aspect of our society. Have you noticed how corruption is evident at all levels of government? At various times, reformers were elected and placed into office by the citizens to correct these problems. The voters expected that changes would occur. Nevertheless, these determined and dedicated reformers themselves lose their direction and become corrupted by the establishment—the system which they sought to change. Like a good boy in the midst of a number of bad children, or a rotten apple in a bushel of beautiful apples, it seems as though the good is unable to influence the bad. The exact converse is true: before too long, the good is corrupted by the bad influence.

In the days of Noah, **all of the earth was corrupted** and the imagination of men’s hearts was on evil continually. Inspired sacred record reveals that Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, and the power of His Holy Spirit, was unable to turn the tide of events. Although the Holy Spirit was at work for 120 years, only eight people were repentant, humble, and submissive to the Will of Almighty Yahweh.

Corruption Prophesied for the Latter Days

How much credibility do you place in the Bible? Do you recognize the Bible as the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of our Heavenly Father? Do you really comprehend the significance of the prophecies which are found in the Scriptures? Do you humbly and sincerely accept the Bible as the rule and authority in your life—obedient to its teachings? You are required to answer these ques-

tions that squarely confront each individual who reads the inspired Scriptures. You should be able to answer in the affirmative (YES!) to all of these questions, because this is what all people will eventually have to acknowledge. Why not begin to prove the veracity of the Scriptures and begin to live by what this marvelous book directs?

Your Bible predicted that a great deal of corruption would be evident in the last days. When we examine Deuteronomy 31:24-29, we notice that this is a prophecy directed toward the True Worshipers in the latter days. ***“And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, that bore the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of Yahweh your Elohim, that it may be there for a WITNESS AGAINST YOU. For I know your rebellion, and your stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, you have been REBELLIOUS against Yahweh; and how much more will you after my death? Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them. For I know that after my death YOU WILL UTTERLY CORRUPT YOURSELVES, and TURN ASIDE from the way which I have commanded you; and EVIL WILL HAPPEN TO YOU IN THE LATTER DAYS; because you will do that which is EVIL in the sight of Yahweh, to provoke him to ANGER through the work of your hands.”*** (Deuteronomy 31:24-29).

Consequently, we can see that our Heavenly Father Yahweh predicted through the inspired pen of the prophet Moses that IN THE LATTER DAYS society would be totally corrupt. They would totally reject the basic standard of scriptural morality that has come down to us from antiquity. He predicted that evil (judgment and tribulation) would befall these people because they totally, completely, and absolutely reject the commandments of Yahweh—in the latter days.

Paul Reconfirms Extent of End-times Corruption

One of the most profound passages of Scripture that deals with end-time Bible prophecy is found in 2 Timothy 3. This passage from the pen of the Apostle Paul (directed toward Timothy, the young minister of the Word of Yahweh) expresses very clearly the character of the times in which we are now living. It reveals the pervasiveness of corruption that will exist just before the Messiah's second coming. ***“But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. For men shall be self-lovers, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of Yahweh; holding a form of righteousness, but having denied the power of it: from these also turn away. For of these are they who creep into houses, and take captive silly women burdened with sins, led away by diverse lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. And even as Jannes and***

Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also withstand the truth; men corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be evident to all men, as theirs also came to be.” (2 Timothy 3:1-9).

It is absolutely stunning when one reads this passage for the first time. Do you realize how perfectly the times in which we are now living fit the description that was written by the Apostle Paul almost 2,000 years ago! In our time, we find that people have become **“corrupted in their minds”** and **“reprobate concerning the Faith.”** Doesn't that sound like Yahshua's prediction of the time that will proceed His second coming? He declared that these times would be just like the days of Noah! Before the deluge, the earth was corrupt and every imagination of the thoughts of men was on evil continually. News reports are today reveal that corruption and diabolical evil permeate almost every fiber of our society.

Mankind Rejects the Authority of an Almighty Being

The very root cause of the problems of the world today can be traced to rejection of an Almighty Heavenly Father. This is brought home very forcefully by Psalm 14:1-3. ***“The fool has said in his heart, there is no Elohim. THEY ARE CORRUPT, they have done abominable works; there is none that does good. Yahweh looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did SEEK AFTER ELOHIM. They have all gone aside; they have together become filthy; there is NONE THAT DOES GOOD,***

NO, NOT ONE.” (Psalm 14:1-3).

You will see that the Apostle Paul quoted this passage in Romans 3:10-17. Let us notice what Almighty Yahweh additionally predicted to occur in the last days. It is obvious that this prophecy is being fulfilled today. The trends around us are certainly descriptive of the fulfillment of this prophecy. Did you see the news reports recently that the Church of England has decided to remove the term “Heavenly Father” in favor of a gender-neutral mighty one? Did not Yahshua pray using the term *Abba*? This is understood to mean Father, but is more personal, like the term Daddy.

“And Yahweh said to Moses, Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers; and this people will rise up, and play the harlot after the strange elohim of the land, where they go to be among them, and will FORSAKE me, and BREAK MY COVENANT which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many EVILS AND TROUBLES shall come upon them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us because our Elohim is not among us? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evil which they shall have wrought, in that they have turned to other elohim.” (Deuteronomy 31:16-18).

Another passage of Scripture that complements what we have just seen is found in Psalm 2. ***“Why do the nations rage and the peoples meditate a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh, and against***

his anointed, saying, Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sits in the heavens will laugh: Yahweh will have them in derision. Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and vex them in his severe displeasure.” (Psalm 2:1-5).

It is obvious that humankind does not wish to allow the Almighty and His Messiah to rule over them. We can see that the warped and twisted thinking of many people is responsible for turning the time in which we are now living into an ERA OF CORRUPTION, evil, and confusion. **This is not of Yahweh, because He is not the author of confusion, but of peace. “For Yahweh is not an Elohim of confusion, but of peace.”** (1 Corinthians 14:33).

Wars, Famines, and Earthquakes

The massive earthquakes that struck Turkey recently have taken the lives of tens of thousands of men, women, and children. The earthquake, which measured 7.8 in magnitude, occurred at 4:17 a.m. local time, on February 6, 2023. Since the first quake occurred, there have been more than 2,100 aftershocks and earthquakes with magnitudes of up to 7.7. Along with the earthquake, a winter storm also struck with snow and below freezing temperatures.

The earthquakes caused the earth to slip between three and four meters (10-13 feet). In the Hatay Province, near the town of Tepehan, pictures show cropland with a new, massive fissure resembling a canyon. The crack in the earth—visible from space—is estimated to be 186 miles long, nearly 100 feet deep, and 650 feet wide.

Again fulfilling the end-time



prophecy of earthquakes in various places, a 3.8 magnitude earthquake struck a few hours later in West Seneca, near Buffalo, New York. This was the strongest earthquake in the Buffalo, New York region in 40 years.

Also, on February 6, 2023, a magnitude 3.6 earthquake struck in Indonesia. Days later, a magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck the Talaud Islands of Indonesia. Four people were killed in Papua, Indonesia, when a restaurant collapsed into the sea.

When Yahshua returns, and as soon as His feet stand on the Mount of Olives, a great earthquake will occur which will divide the Mount of Olives in the middle. According to Zechariah 12:4, a very great valley will be formed at this time.

A Wake-up Call

It is imperative that we remind ourselves constantly, that although Almighty Yahweh has not taken an active part in halting the raging of heathen nations, He is still sitting at the controls of the universe. One day, He will send His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, back to this earth to rule it with a rod of iron. This will be the time when a restoration of a rigid standard of

morality that is found in Yahweh's Law will reverse the course of history. Yahshua the Messiah will return at a time when mankind has reached their limit—on the verge of destroying themselves. Almighty Yahweh has allowed this to occur in order to prove to the human race that without Him and without His Holy Spirit—without obedience to His Law—there will only be disintegration, chaos, and confusion.

With each passing day, we find new news stories which indicate a deepening of the problems in which we find ourselves. These news stories clearly reveal the fulfillment of Bible prophecy and the prophetic trends of our time. If you were blinded by what is taking place, we urge you to awaken out of sleep! You may have some interest in scriptural things, but is your attitude characteristic of the times in which we are now living—the age of Laodiceanism? Seeing that these prophecies are being fulfilled, will you become more acutely aware of the fulfillment of Bible prophecy?

Wake up! Heed the warning from the Word of Yahweh! Obey these warnings, so that you may be preserved from the Tribulation that is just ahead!

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The Biblical Resurrection Account

Harmonizing the Scriptures on Yahshua's 3

Abib 14 Passover Preparation Day <i>Leviticus 23:5</i> <i>Numbers 28:16</i>	Abib 15 Holy Convocation Day of Worship <i>Leviticus 23:6-8</i> <i>Numbers 28:17-18</i>	Abib 16
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yahshua and Disciples eat the Passover soon after sundown, Luke 22:15• They go to Garden of Gethsemane, Luke 22:39, Mark 14:32, Matthew 26:36.• Taken prisoner and tried before High Priest, Sanhedrin, Herod, and Pilate. Impalement upon Calvary, Luke 22:54-56, Matthew 26:47-27:50, Mark 14:43-15:39, John 18:1-19:30.• Joseph of Arimathea requests the body of Yahshua from Pilate, Matthew 27:57-58, Mark 15:43, Luke 23:52, John 19:38.• After receiving confirmation from the centurion of Yahshua's death, Pilate release the body to Joseph, and he, accompanied by Nicodemus, buries Yahshua in a rock-hewn sepulchre, Matthew 27:58-61, Mark 15:44-47, Luke 23:48-53, John 19:38-42.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The High Day Sabbath, John 19:31, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tomb sealed and guard set by Roman Occupation Forces at insistence of Jewish Authorities, Matthew 27:62-66.• Women prepare spices to give Yahshua's body its final embalming, Luke 23:55-56, Mark 16:1.



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and examine the facts of this pertinent question for yourself?

It is clearly established from the Bible that the term *three days* can mean parts of three days. But when the word *nights* is added by a speaker, such a reduced time element is prohibited. The author, or speaker, then wishes you to understand that a full 72-hour period must be understood. In no way can anyone count 72 hours from Friday, 3 p.m., to Sunday morning, 6 a.m. Therefore, those

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<p style="text-align: center;">Abib 17 Scriptural Sabbath Day <i>Leviticus 23:2-3</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Abib 18 First Day of the week, or first day for counting toward Pentecost <i>Leviticus 23:9-14</i> <i>Yahshua 5:11</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Abib 19</p>
<p>• Rest Day (Sabbath), Luke 23:56.</p> <p><i>As Elder Jacob O. Meyer and Head Deaconess Ruth Meyer sat on a bench on the cliff directly in front of this historic site, the view before them was chilling and moving. Here was the face of the skull, with the brow of the hill above on which the torture stake of Yahshua the Messiah had undoubtedly stood. How real it looked in three dimension! But, the site is not nearly as important as the event that took place there. He died for us! Do we really appreciate and comprehend this great sacrifice?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurrection occurs at end of Sabbath, Matthew 28:1-4. • Women arrive at tomb. It is empty except for the angels who announce the resurrection, Matthew 28:5-9, Mark 16:2-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-10. • Miriam Magdalene mistakes Him for the gardener, John 20:11-16. He says, "Touch me not for I am not yet ascended to My Father," John 20:17. • Later the Disciples held him by the feet, showing Yahshua had been accepted, Matthew 28:9. • Yahshua appears to two disciples traveling to Emmaus, Mark 16:12, Luke 24:13-36. (NOTE: "it is now the third day since these things came to pass." (Luke 24:21). The third day since—Abib 16, 17, 18, the last thing done was the sealing of the stone and setting the watch, Matthew 27:62-66, Luke 24:14.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After sundown, not on the first day but the second day of the week (scripturally reckoned), Yahshua appeared to the ten, John 20:19-24. Later, He appeared to the eleven, Mark 16:14, Luke 24:33-49, John 20:24-29. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SPECIAL NOTE:</u> The scriptural day begins and ends at sunset, <i>Leviticus 23:32</i> and <i>Mark 1:32</i></p>

who hold this erroneous belief have, in reality, denied the Messiah, because they reject His Word.

Interestingly, the author has a book in his library published by an instructor at Bob Jones University (a fundamentalist Christian educational institution). The author of this book has made the following comment regarding the resurrection: "Now we need to know whether the Sabbath after [Messiah's impalement] was the weekly Sabbath or the Passover Sabbath. [Yahweh's Word] does not leave us to guess about this

important event, but John 19:14 tells us that the day of the trial and [impalement] was the 'Preparation of the Passover' (r.v.)... So we see it was not the weekly Sabbath (Friday), but it was the day before the Passover Sabbath, which fell that year on Thursday. This would prove beyond doubt that [Yahshua] was [impaled] on Wednesday." Barbara M. Bowen, **Strange Scriptures**, Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmann Publishing Company, 1940. (We might ask if the administration of Bob Jones University

concur with that conclusion.)

The puzzling mystery is that most sincere theologians realize that the traditional way Christianity observes the death and resurrection of the Messiah is in error. He was not impaled on a Friday, but on a Wednesday! Thursday was the High Sabbath, or the annual holy day [a High Sabbath] of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Then another day intervened, with a weekly Sabbath following, and in the end of the Sabbath, Yahshua the Messiah was resurrected. Every one of the

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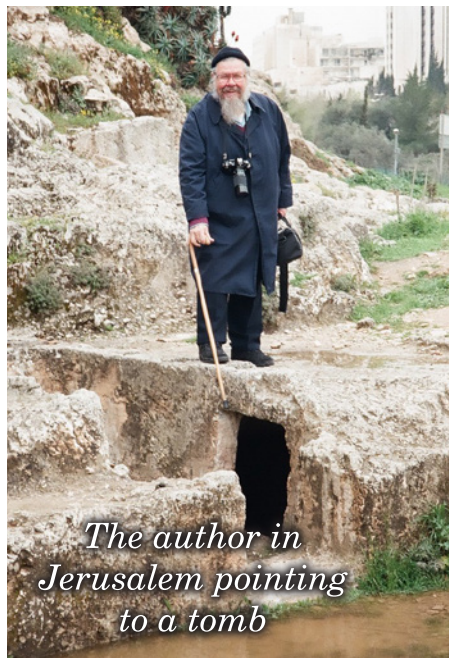
accounts of the women coming to the tomb show that when they arrived, early on the first day of the week, they were met by angels who informed them: "He is not here. He is risen from the dead. Come, see the place where He lay." Yahshua the Messiah was not resurrected Easter Sunday morning at sunrise, as people popularly believe, but at the end of the Sabbath, Matthew 28:1.

Therefore, Yahshua the Messiah meant to tell the world by specifying the sign of Jonah (3 days and 3 nights in the tomb), that He could predict His own death and resurrection. Also, it had to fall during a certain year. You realize that Yahweh's holy days (except for Pentecost), annually drift around the week, meaning that they are observed on various days from year to year. Almighty Yahweh and Yahshua the Messiah wanted it to be a complete certainty that He was totally dead and in the grave, so there would be no mistake. A Passover plot did not occur, and His disciples did not steal His body, as one modern author fallaciously asserts. To this very day, Judaism attempts to prove that conclusion, and, as a matter of fact, the New Testament shows where it began: **"And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave much money to the soldiers, saying, Say, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and rid you of care. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying was spread abroad among the Jews, and continues until this day."** (Matthew 28:12-15).

Yahshua the Messiah was hast-

ily buried in a new rock-hewn tomb. This is certain by comparing all the accounts of His burial found written in the records of the evangelists. Let us consider John 19:38-42.

"And after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Yahshua, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked of Pilate that he might take away the body of Yahshua: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took away his body. And there came also Nicodemus, he who at the first



The author in Jerusalem pointing to a tomb

came to him by night, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. So they took the body of Yahshua, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as the custom of Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was impaled there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb in which was never man yet laid. There then because of the Jews Preparation (for the tomb was near at hand) they laid Yahshua." Matthew 28:38-42.

You will notice how hastily Yahshua the Messiah was buried. As the manner of the Jews is to bury, His body was coated with spices and then wound in linen cloths. He was then laid in a tomb and the stone rolled in front of the door.

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Lessons Learned While Studying in Israel

The editor of this publication, along with his wife, spent almost a month in Israel during the winter of 1982-83. We learned many new things regarding the teachings of the Bible. He has frequently made the statement since, that his faith in the authenticity of the Bible is now far greater than it ever was.

While in Israel, we toured the "Ch-rch of the Holy Sepulchre." After viewing the abominable idolatry clinging tenaciously to that place, we felt that this was not the site of the impalement of Yahshua the Messiah and His burial. Incidentally, for those who are uninformed, a gigantic edifice (a ch-rch) was built over a rock with a tomb close by. However, the tomb is a niche carved in the rock rather than a burial platform which the Scriptures demand.

To understand the resurrection more clearly, you will have to understand the unique geography of Israel. Jerusalem was built astride the hard limestone ridge that runs along the spine of Israel. There is very little soil on top of this hard limestone, so that burial in the ground becomes difficult. Therefore, tombs (or sepulchres) were hewn into the solid rock at various places. Benches similar to a bed were carved into this rock. Underneath, a repository like a cave was hewn out of solid rock.

The burial process was this: when someone died, they were anointed with various spices and placed on the burial bench. (This anointing helped to reduce the odor as the flesh decayed.) After the flesh decayed, a member of the family would collect the bones, put them in a jar, or perhaps a sack. They were then placed in the repository beneath the tomb, described by the term *gathered to his people*. Genesis 49 and 50 provides some depth of understanding on the subject.

After viewing the site called “The Ch-rch of the Holy Sepulchre,” and considering the scriptural record, we came to believe that this was not the place of Yahshua the Messiah’s burial, even though it does correspond in some ways to the description in the Bible (viz., it was outside the wall at that time). Other people have also become concerned about the site of the impalement of Yahshua the Messiah and His burial. General Gordon discovered a site outside of the current city walls, which beautifully fits all of the biblical descriptions.

Mrs. Meyer and I went to survey this site on a rainy day in January, 1983. As we entered the area, a certain spirit of serenity fell upon us. The peaceful atmosphere of the place seemed to grip us and move us as we walked around the area which then was empty of any tourists. It must have been a garden at one time, a vineyard perhaps, because the winepress hewn out of the solid rock is still in evidence. We walked toward the site of Calvary, and shockingly, right there in front of our eyes, in the cliff of the rock, was the face of a skull. You will see it in the picture just as we saw it. We sat there for some time on a bench,

meditating and praying in front of this place of the skull. How real to us became Yahshua’s impalement, as we saw it again in vision. His death now means more to us than ever! (Incidentally, the Arabs built a bus station right down below. The reason is obvious!)

After a while, we retraced our steps to the site of the sepulchre. We walked inside the hewn cavern and saw the place where Yahshua the Messiah would have been buried. Here, right before us, was the site of the rolling stone tomb. Here the body of Yahweh’s Son and Messiah rested for three days and three nights.

We tend to think of a big, gigantic boulder as the rolling stone. But, since the dead of ancient Israel were buried in a hewn stone, cave-like tomb, some obstruction had to be placed before the door for the security of corpses lying inside.

We carefully looked over the site of a rolling stone tomb on one of our field trips, and you will see pictures accompanying this article showing quite clearly what a rolling stone tomb looks like. The sepulchre at the Garden Tomb had the obvious characteristics similar to the tomb at Kirbet-Midrass.

Proving the Three Full Days and Nights in the Tomb

Luke chapter 23 clearly shows that there was a work day be-

tween the annual holy day and the weekly Sabbath, at the end of which Yahshua the Messiah was resurrected. ***“And he took it down, and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that was hewn in stone, where never man had yet lain. And it was the day of the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew on. And the women, who had come with him out of Galilee,***



Rolling stone tomb at Kirbet-Midrass

followed after, and beheld the tomb, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.” (Luke 23:53-56).

This day, between the High Day Sabbath and the weekly Sabbath, was the time when the women prepared spices to embalm the body of Yahshua more completely. People will ask why they didn’t complete their job then (Friday), instead of waiting for Sunday morning when they came to the tomb and found it empty. The obvious reason is found in Matthew 27:62-66. They couldn’t get into the tomb beforehand!

The rolling stone had been

pushed in front of the door of the tomb after Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus completed their task of placing the body of Yahshua the Messiah on the burial bench. Since this man who claimed to be the Messiah was now dead, the Jews wished to ensure the fact that His body would not be stolen.

Therefore, they went to Pilate and requested a Roman military guard to watch the tomb until after the third day. It is obvious that a wax seal was placed in the crack in the stone, with the official Roman signet impressed upon it. Anyone tampering with this seal would be liable to death.

The rolling stone is so heavy that it requires probably several people to roll it back. Consequently, the women on their walk to the tomb were asking each other who would be able to move the stone for them so they could enter the tomb.

But upon their coming to the tomb, they found the stone rolled back, and they found the tomb empty.

It was still quite early, and, therefore, Miriam went wandering around, thinking that the body had been surreptitiously moved by the gardener in charge of the area for safekeeping. Here, she encounters Yahshua, John 21:14-15. But she didn't recognize Him immediately.

Yahshua the Messiah was the first-fruits of those who sleep in death, 1 Corinthians 15:20. He had apparently cut the wavesheaf offering of barley for the last time, and then was presenting Himself to the Almighty Heavenly Father. Notice John 20:17.

“Yahshua says to her, Touch me not; for I have not yet ascended to the Father: but go to my brethren, and say to them, I ascend to my Father and your

Father, and my Elohim and your Elohim.” (John 20:17).

Because of the difference between the interpretation of which day shall be observed for Shavuoth—Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks—Yahshua Himself was going to settle the argument. He was the spiritual first-fruits of the resurrection. On the first day of the week, the sickle was put to the standing grain, Deuteronomy 16:9. It was on the first day of the week that the wavesheaf of barley cut by the priests was to be accepted by Almighty Yahweh, Leviticus 23:10. Now Yahshua was standing in resurrection life on the first day of the week, the first fruit of all of the faithful to be born again from the dead. Through His Name and resurrection life, all those who believe in Him and obey will receive the Holy Spirit from Yahweh.



He Lives!

Yahshua the Messiah died for our sins. He became the Passover Lamb of Yahweh that takes away the sins of the world, John 1:29.

Just as the Scriptures indicate, He was hung upon a tree, John 12:32-33. ***“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw***

all men to myself. But this he said, signifying by what manner of death he should die.”

Then, on the third day (72 hours after His interment), He was resurrected just as the prophets of old prophesied in the inspired Scriptures, Jonah 1:17 and Isaiah 53.

Because He lives, we can live also. Almighty Yahweh has recognized the righteousness of His Son and resurrected Him from the dead. This is a sign to all of the people of Yahweh. If we live as He did, we also may share in His eternal life.

How Viable Is Your Faith?

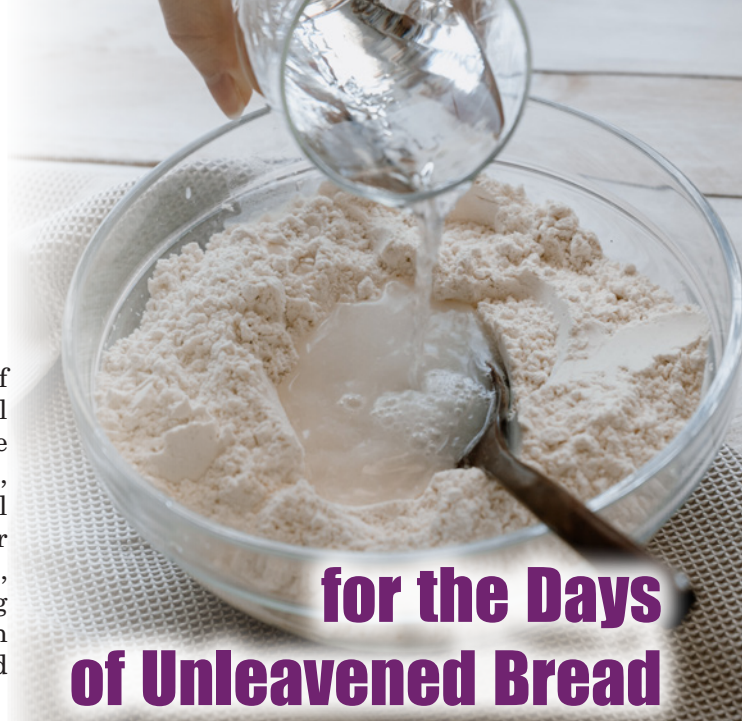
The plan of salvation, perfected in Yahshua the Messiah, was meant to be faith-building. It is appointed to men once to die, and after this, the judgment, Hebrews 9:26. All human beings must come to realize that their end is to die. As Ecclesiastes 9:4-8 so plainly explains, when a human being dies, all his personality perishes. The writers of the Bible termed it sleeping in the grave.

The faith that the Apostles and Apostolic Assembly in the book of Acts were teaching was a faith to believe in Yahweh's Messiah. Do you believe in Him today? As we have gone through the Scriptures, and have shown you how perfectly the Bible describes His burial, and how perfectly He fulfills the prophecies of the Old Testament, your faith should be strengthened.

But, conversely, if you continue to believe and practice false doctrine, you are denying the Sacred Scriptures, rejecting the True Messiah, and spurning His Assembly. The choice is plain and quite distinct. But you must make the ultimate decision and reap the final reward, either life, or death, for all eternity.

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Recipes



for the Days of Unleavened Bread

The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a very special time of year. During the holy days, our diet must be changed to fulfill all of the scriptural requirements of this Feast. We must eliminate all leavening (Hebrew—*se'or* and *chametz*, meaning *yeast*, *barm*, *to swell up or corrupt*) from our everyday lives. This includes all food sources and all products we use in our homes and on our bodies such as deodorants, toothpaste, vitamins, soap, beer, sodas, even dog food, etc. These are our dwellings, and no leavening agent may be seen in all our quarters (Exodus 12:15-19). Grain alcohol (sometimes used in extracts like vanilla) and distilled vinegar are also prohibited.

Passover Bread

Ingredients:

- 3 pints milk
- 1 pound butter
- flour

Using a food processor, mix milk and butter, then add as much flour as needed to give it a body similar to pie dough. Divide into four parts and work each until it blisters; then roll out to the thickness of pie dough. Cut into 2" x 4" pieces. Score or prick with fork (like a pie shell). Bake at 350°F until lightly browned at the edges.

These leavening agents appear under such names as yeast (*both baker's and brewer's*), baking powder, baking soda (*sodium bicarbonate*), sourdough, barm (*yeast*), cream of tartar, or other names.

These ingredients can possibly emerge in such things as soap powder used for detergent, soup (*canned, dry, or bouillon*), angel food cake, table salt, vitamins, bread, crackers, cookies, cakes, soda pop, beer, and so on. This list is large, but it is important that we as True Worshipers get **ALL** of the leavening out (Exodus 12:15, 19 and Deuteronomy 16:4). Don't forget the crumbs in the toaster or the vacuum cleaner bag (*after all the clean-up*)! Be sure to read every label on all product containers in your home.

All these things have to be removed from your quarters (*property*). See Exodus 13:7 and 1 Corinthians 5:8—you cannot save them for later use. Remember to start early, checking all ingredients on every purchase that you make, and every item in your house. (Why not be a year-round label reader so that you can obey Yahweh's dietary Laws?)

To make the Feast of Unleavened Bread a special time, the following recipes are included in this publication. **Joyous eating!**

Mayonnaise

Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon each dry mustard, sugar, salt
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- dash of cayenne pepper

Put eggs, seasoning, vinegar, and 1/4 cup of oil into blender. Cover and process at blend. Drizzle remaining oil in a steady stream while blending at medium speed. (If necessary, stop the blender and use a rubber spatula to keep mixture around processing blades.) Mixture will thicken. Store covered in the refrigerator for up to one week. Makes about 1 1/4 cups.

Breaded Baked Tilapia

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup matzo meal
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 4 tilapia fillets

Preheat oven to 425°. In a shallow bowl, combine all ingredients except tilapia. Coat fillets in crumb mixture. Place on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray or lightly coated with olive oil. Bake 8-12 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Makes 4 servings.

“Therefore let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

(1 Corinthians 5:8)

You can use various pastas in place of the angel hair pasta, including vermicelli or thin spaghetti.

This is delicious served with cheese melted over the top, or even ground beef or sausage to make it a main dish.

Rice-a-Roni

Ingredients:

- 2 cups rice
- 1 cup angel hair pasta
- 1/4 cup parsley
- 6 tablespoons chicken bouillon powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme

Break pasta into very small pieces. Combine all ingredients and mix well. To prepare: Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet. Add 1 cup of the mix and stir. Add 1 1/4 cups water. Bring to a boil. Reduce to low temperature, cover, and simmer for 15 minutes.

Sweet Potato Pancakes

Ingredients:

- 2 cups mashed sweet potatoes
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 4 teaspoons flour
- 1 teaspoon each nutmeg and curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8 tablespoons each butter and shortening

Mix potatoes, eggs, onions; add flour, spices, and salt. Chill for 1 hour before cooking. Melt 2 tablespoons each of butter and shortening in nonstick skillet over medium heat. Drop mixture by spoonfuls to form pancake about 1/2 inch thick and 3 inches in diameter. Brown, turn, and brown the other side. Repeat, adding more butter and shortening as necessary. Makes 10-12 servings.

You may add cayenne pepper to this recipe for an additional kick of flavor.

These would be delicious served with sour cream or softened cheese spread.

Try adding 1/2 cup of chopped nuts, or even dried fruit or seeds, to this recipe.

Honey Moons

Ingredients:

- 1 egg, separated
- 1/4 cup oil
- 2/3 cup honey
- 1 1/2 cup oatmeal
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Mix oatmeal, flour, and salt. In separate bowl, beat the egg yolk, then gradually add the oil, beating as you pour. Pour in honey (reserving 4 tablespoons) and mix well. In a separate bowl, whip the egg white until it forms peaks. Add the reserved honey and whip until stiff. Fold this into the flour mixture, then add the egg and oil mixture. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for eight minutes. Leave on cookie sheet for two minutes, then enjoy!

Flour Tortillas

Ingredients:

- 4 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 4 tablespoons shortening
- 1 1/2 cup warm water

Combine dry ingredients, then cut in shortening. Make a well in the center and add water, small amounts at a time, and work mixture into a soft dough. Knead on floured surface until smooth. Cover and let rest for 10 minutes. Form dough into balls the size of an egg. Using a rolling pin, roll each ball into a 6 inch circle. Heat a skillet on medium heat. Place tortilla on griddle and cook for approximately 1 minute on each side. Tortilla will be lightly speckled. Repeat for remaining dough balls.

These versatile tortillas can be used as wraps for fillings, such as seasoned meat, refried beans, scrambled eggs, cheese, chicken or tuna salad, or mixed salad vegetables.

You can even fill them with fruit pie filling and sprinkle the outside with powdered sugar for a delicious sweet treat.

**All of these recipes, and many more, can be found in the *Assemblies of Yahweh Cookbook*. To obtain your copy, please write to: *Assemblies of Yahweh*
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Sesame Crisp Crackers

Ingredients:

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup raw sesame seeds
- 5 tablespoons safflower oil
- 2 1/4 teaspoons salt

Combine dry ingredients. Work oil in with fork. Stir in 3/4 cup water. Form into two balls. Roll as thin as possible, cut into shapes. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and prick with fork. Bake at 425° for 10 minutes.

You can add a few shakes of any spice you might like, such as onion or garlic powder, cayenne, or even a sprinkle of curry powder.

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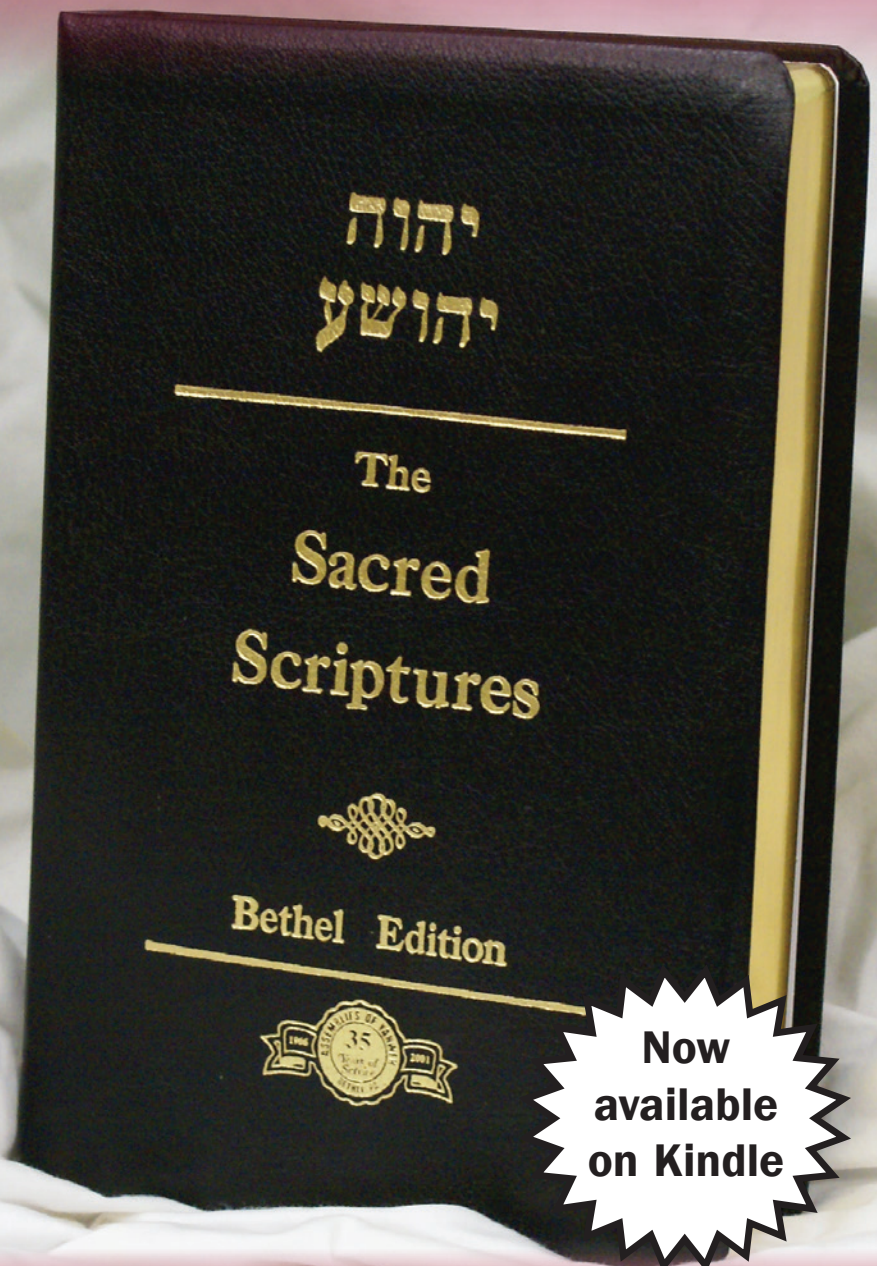
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