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THE USE OF HEBREW WORDS AND THE NAMES OF THE CREATOR

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

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

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

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

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

YAHWEH {THE LORD}

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

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

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

than "YAHWEH" when He has given us His name to use and uses it throughout scripture.

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

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

THE LORD (Baal)

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

YAHSHUA {JESUS} AND MESSIAH {CHRIST}

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

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

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

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

In particular, please note the commonality between YAHweh and YAHshua in terms of the use of "Yah" as the first part of both names. Furthermore, note that the Hebrew word for deliverance and salvation is "yeshua" and there are strong indications that "Yahshua" means "the deliverance of Yah", for me this removes all doubt as to whether the Name of the Saviour is "Yahshua" or some other spelling.

ANOINTED {MESSIAH / CHRIST}

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

ADONAI {LORD}

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

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

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

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

ELOHIM / MIGHTY ONE {GOD}

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

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

TORAH {LAW}

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

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

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

BODY / ASSEMBLY / CONGREGATION {CHURCH}

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

BELIEVER / MESSIANIC {CHRISTIAN}

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

CHESED {LOVE}

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

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

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

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

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

⁶ *It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness,*

but rejoices when right and truth prevail.

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

⁸ *CHESED {love} never fails*

[never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].

As for prophecy (...) it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth]. (AMP)

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

SET APART {HOLY}

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

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

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

STAKE {CROSS}

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

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

ISHSHAH {WOMAN / WOMEN / WIFE / WIVES}

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CONTENT

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

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

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

MESSAGES FROM OTHER MINISTRIES

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

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

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

OUR PRAYER

It is our prayer ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
(Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJ)

WHY EASTER IS UNKOSHER **by Scott Ledbetter** **Remnant Sound Ministries**

I get asked a lot what my plans are or if I would like to participate in activities for certain holiday's. Most people are shocked when I politely say no thanks, but when Easter comes around, people are even more shocked at my response. "I do not celebrate Easter; I celebrate Pesach."

Pesach is the Hebrew word for Passover. Some give me funny looks but others wonder why. Well, I am here to answer all those questions as to why I do not celebrate Easter. Let me show you the history of Easter.

What is the definition of the word Easter? Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines it this way:

Main Entry	:	Eas†ter
Pronunciation	:	'E-st&r
Function	:	Noun
Etymology	:	Middle English estre, from Old English Eastre; akin to Old High German Ostarun (plural) Easter, Old English East east
Date	:	Before 12th century : a feast that commemorates Christ's resurrection and is observed with variations of date due to different calendars on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon

None of this may appear evil or unkosher (I use that word Kosher as synonymous with scriptural) to you, however, I submit that a closer look at the etymology section will reveal something that begins to get a bit fishy, no pun intended. We begin to see how the word Easter has changed forms over the years.

What is particularly intriguing is the word eastre. That word is the name of a Germanic fertility goddess. How does that even fit in to the modern day Easter? Here is what the Encarta Library on-line has to say about this very subject:

Easter, a Christian festival, embodies many pre-Christian traditions. The origin of its name is unknown. Scholars, however, accepting the derivation proposed by the 8th-century English scholar St. Bede, believe it probably comes from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon name of a Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility, to whom was dedicated a month corresponding to April. Her festival was celebrated on the day of the vernal equinox; traditions associated with the festival survive in the Easter rabbit, a symbol of fertility, and in colored easter eggs, originally painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring, and used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts.

Such festivals, and the stories and legends that explain their origin, were common in ancient religions. A Greek legend tells of the return of Persephone, daughter of Demeter, goddess of the earth, from the underworld to the light of day; her return symbolized to the ancient Greeks the resurrection of life in the spring after the desolation of winter.

Many ancient peoples shared similar legends. The Phrygians believed that their omnipotent deity went to sleep at the time of the winter solstice, and they performed ceremonies with music and dancing at the spring equinox to awaken him.

The Christian festival of Easter probably embodies a number of converging traditions; most scholars emphasize the original relation of Easter to the Jewish festival of Passover, or Pesach, from which is derived Pasch, another name for Easter. The early Christians, many of whom were of Jewish origin, were brought up in the Hebrew tradition and regarded Easter as a new feature of the Passover festival, a commemoration of the advent of the Messiah as foretold by the prophets.

A Christian tradition embodying many pre-Christian traditions. This is the part that is cause for concern. We even have a quote from a person the "Church Fathers" apparently called a saint and this person confirms that it was a pagan goddess who was worshipped during this time. Also, this can be traced back to the Greek goddess of the earth, Demeter. Does any of this sound familiar? I present another such illustration of the Easter name and history:

The name "Easter" originated with the names of an ancient Goddess and God. The Venerable Bede, (672-735 CE.) a Christian scholar, first asserted in his book *De Ratione Temporum* that Easter was named after Eostre (a.k.a. Eastre). She was the Great Mother Goddess of the Saxon people in Northern Europe. Similar "Teutonic dawn goddess' of fertility [were] known variously as Ostare, Ostara, Ostern, Eostra, Eostre, Eostur, Eastra, Eastur, Austron and Ausos." Her name was derived from the ancient word for spring: "eastre." Similar Goddesses were known by other names in ancient cultures around the Mediterranean, and were celebrated in the springtime.

Some were:

- Aphrodite from Cyprus
- Astarte, from Phoenicia
- Demeter, from Mycenae
- Hathor from Egypt
- Ishtar from Assyria
- Kali, from India
- Ostara, a Norse Goddess of fertility.

Anything strike you as familiar? Istar and Astarte (Ashteroth) are both named in this illustrious family of pagan names. Why does this sound so familiar? Here is what Easton's Bible Dictionary has to say about this goddess:

- the moon goddess of the Phoenicians, representing the passive principle in nature, their principal female deity; frequently associated

with the name of Baal, the sun-god, their chief male deity (Judges 10:6; 1 Samuel 7:4; 12:10). These names often occur in the plural (Ashtaroth, Baalim), probably as indicating either different statues or different modifications of the deities.

This deity is spoken of as Ashtoreth of the Zidonians. She was the Ishtar of the Accadians and the Astarte of the Greeks (Jeremiah 44:17; 1 Kings 11:5, 33; 2 Kings 23:13). There was a temple of this goddess among the Philistines in the time of Saul (1 Samuel 31:10). Under the name of Ishtar, she was one of the great deities of the Assyrians. The Phoenicians called her Astarte. Solomon introduced the worship of this idol (1 Kings 11:33). Jezebel's 400 priests were probably employed in its service (1 Kings 18:19). It was called the "queen of heaven" (Jeremiah 44:25).

The Word of Yahweh tells us that this goddess and all its followers are evil. We are told to not put any other god or goddess before Adonai. We are not to even put them equal to Adonai. Why? Because He is the Great Creator of the Universe. There is none like our G-d. There is none like our L-rd. There is none like our King. There is none like our Saviour. Who is like our G-d? Who is like our L-rd? Who is like our King? Who is like our Saviour? Give thanks to our G-g. Give thanks to our L-rd. Give thanks to our King. Give thanks to our Saviour. Blessed be our G-d. Blessed be our L-rd. Blessed be our King. Blessed be our Saviour. Some of you will recognize the Ayn Keloheyenu. We can see that the Adversary is trying to link the pagan goddesses to our Saviour!

Again I ask who is like our Saviour? We allow the Adversary to come in and take over our celebration of our Saviours death and resurrection. Why do you have Easter eggs on Easter and what does a rabbit have to do with Easter?

This is why: Easter Rabbit and Eggs: The symbols of the Norse Goddess Ostara were the hare and the egg. Both represented fertility. From these, we have inherited the customs and symbols of the Easter egg and Easter rabbit. Dyed eggs also formed part of the rituals of the Babylonian mystery religions. Eggs "were sacred to many ancient civilizations and formed an integral part of religious ceremonies in Egypt and the Orient. Dyed eggs were hung in Egyptian temples, and the egg was regarded as the emblem of regenerative life proceeding from the mouth of the great Egyptian god."

Why do you have hot cross buns on easter?

Hot Cross Buns: At the feast of Eostre, the Saxon fertility Goddess, an ox was sacrificed. The ox's horns became a symbol for the feast. They were carved into the ritual bread. Thus originated "hot cross buns". The word "buns" is derived from the Saxon word "boun" which means "sacred ox." Later, the symbol of a symmetrical cross was used to decorate the buns; the cross represented the moon, the heavenly body associated with the Goddess, and its four quarters.

Why do you have an Easter Sunrise Service?

Easter Sunrise Service: This custom can be traced back to the ancient Pagan custom of welcoming the sun God at the vernal equinox - when daytime is about to exceed the length of the nighttime. It was a time to "celebrate the return of life and reproduction to animal and plant life as well." Worship of the Sun God at sunrise may be the religious ritual condemned by Jehovah as recorded in: Ezekiel 8:16-18: *"...behold, at the door of the temple of Jehovah, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of Jehovah, and their faces toward the east; and they were worshipping the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen (this), O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore will I also deal in wrath; mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them."* (ASV)

What is an Easter Lily and why is it special to easter?

Easter Lilies: "The so-called 'Easter lily' has long been revered by pagans of various lands as a holy symbol associated with the reproductive organs. It was considered a phallic symbol!"

What does lighting of candles have to do with Easter?

Easter Candles: These are sometimes lit in churches on the eve of Easter Sunday. Some commentators believe that these can be directly linked to the Pagan customs of lighting bonfires at this time of year to welcome the rebirth / resurrection of the sun God. Here is another thing that should alarm many as it does me. Ever wonder how the date of Easter is determined?

Let us see:

Date of Easter. Western Christians celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the full moon (the paschal moon) that occurs upon or next after the vernal equinox (taken as March 21). If the paschal moon, which is calculated from a system of golden numbers and epacts and does not necessarily coincide with the astronomical full moon, occurs on a Sunday, Easter day is the succeeding Sunday. Easter, therefore, can fall between March 22 and April 25. This rule was fixed after much controversy and uncertainty, which lasted in various parts of the church until the 8th century. In the Eastern Orthodox church, however, a slightly different calculation is followed, with the result that the Orthodox Easter, although sometimes coinciding with that of the West, can fall one, four, or five weeks later.

In the 20th century, the possibility of a fixed date for Easter has been discussed and supported among some Christians; adoption would depend on agreement being reached among the various churches. The second Sunday in April has been proposed.

Now let us see when the scriptures say the dates of Yeshua's crucifixion and resurrection is. To give us a little background, I will tell you that Passover was for one day. The next day began the Feast of Unleavened

bread. This lasted for seven days. Now let us see when all this took place.

Matthew 26

1. And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, 2. Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. 3. Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4. And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. 5. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.

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17. Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? 18. And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. 19. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover. 20. Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve."

Here we see that Yeshua sat down on the second day of the Feast of Unleavened bread (the evening was the beginning of the Hebrew day). Three days later Yeshua arose from the grave. The year He did this in, it was on a Sunday. If we, however, take an arbitrary year, such as the year of 2001, we will see that Passover begins the evening of the Saturday, April 7th. The second Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is on Monday evening, April 9th. The next day (after midnight) Yeshua was crucified, so that would be Tuesday, April 10th. He was in the grave three days and arose on the morning of third day. That would be Friday, April 13th.

When is easter in the year of 2001? Sunday, April 15th. It does not match up with scripture. The Jewish calendar has different amount of days in it to the Gregorian Calendar. So Passover and the Feast of Unleavened bread would be on different dates each year. It was not always on the same day of the week even in the Jewish calendar. And when you take a look back at the piece about the dating of Easter and read that the Orthodox Easter can be anywhere from one to five weeks after the traditional Easter, this is getting close to Pentecost, you begin to see that it really has nothing to do with when Yeshua actually died and arose.

I am sorry, but I have a hard time celebrating Yeshua's death and resurrection when there are all those goddesses and their items of worship thrown in. As we all will agree, when Yeshua rose from the grave, there were angels there but no goddesses standing around holding hands with Him and each other singing, "Kum Ba Yah!" However, the "church fathers" saw fit to include all of this into the celebration.

This is why I celebrate it the way that Yeshua and His Apostles celebrated it - during Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread - and not the pagan way. So I close with a few verses to remind us to not go and do what the pagans do either from the land we came, or where we have come to.

Leviticus 18

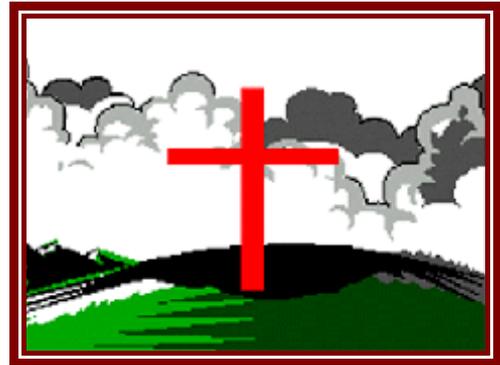
1. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2. Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the Lord your God. 3. After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. 4. Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God. 5. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord.

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FOR WE ARE ALL ONE BODY IN CHRIST

(Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)



PESACH FEASTING FOR FREEDOM

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COMMENT

A few days ago we posted a message concerning the reasons why Easter is NOT an appropriate festival for true believers in YAHSHUA MESSIAH (Jesus Christ) to celebrate and that we should celebrate Passover or Pesach instead.

While I have understood this vaguely for a while, this year is the first time I have really felt convicted to make a real effort to celebrate Pesach (Passover) formally, last year I made a half hearted attempt to locate material on how to go about it but was not particularly successful from a Messianic as opposed to Jewish perspective. This year, some weeks ago I came across a reference to a site with details and this morning I was impressed to read what I had downloaded and share it with the list.

This teaching presents a comprehensive scriptural analysis of how YAHSHUA Messiah (Jesus Christ) fulfilled the Torah in terms of being the Passover [Pesach] Lamb of YAHWEH (THE LORD) and provides an outline of the meal itself.

It certainly established for me in a dynamic way the full extent to which YAHSHUA indeed fulfilled scripture in this area and I commend this teaching to you.

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PESACH FEASTING FOR FREEDOM

And ye shall observe this thing [Passover] for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever: .. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? that ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord 's Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt... (Exodus [Shemot] 12:24,26-27).

Understanding the Passover (Pesach) Season

G-d declared Passover (Pesach) to be a permanent celebration for all



The Pesach (Passover) Seder Plate (for the Pesach Meal)

eternity (Exodus [Shemot] 12:2,6,13-14). Historically, Passover (Pesach) celebrates G-d's deliverance of the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt (Mitzrayim), where they were slaves to the Egyptians (Exodus [Shemot] 2:23-24; 6:5-8; 13:3,14).

The spiritual application that G-d wants us to understand is this: Egypt (Mitzrayim) is a type of the world and the world's system. Its ruler, Pharaoh, was a type of satan (Ha satan). The bondage people are in when they live according to the ways of the world's system is sin (John [Yochanan] 8:34).

Historically, the children of Israel were delivered from the bondage in Egypt (Mitzrayim) by putting the blood of a lamb upon the doorposts of their houses (Exodus [Shemot] 12:2,6,13). Spiritually, this is a picture of the Messiah Yeshua and how those who believe in Him are delivered from the bondages of sin and the rule of satan (Ha satan) in their lives. Yeshua is the Lamb of G-d (John [Yochanan] 1:29). Yeshua is also our Passover (Pesach) (1 Corinthians 5:7). Those who follow Yeshua are the house of G-d (Hebrews 3:6; 1 Peter [Kefa] 2:5). The doorposts are our hearts. It is only through trusting by faith (emunah) in the shed blood of Yeshua (Jesus), our Passover (Pesach), that we are free from the bondage of sin (Galatians 4:3-5,9; 5:1; 2 Peter [Kefa] 2:19). This is because the blood of

Yeshua redeems us from sin (Leviticus [Vayikra] 17:11; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; 1 Peter [Kefa] 1:18-19; 1 John [Yochanan] 1:7; Revelation 1:5).

During Passover (Pesach), the head of each household was to take a lamb of the first year on the tenth day of the first month known as Nisan and set it aside until the fourteenth day (Exodus [Shemot] 12:3-6). In the evening of the fourteenth day, at exactly 3:00 p.m., the lamb was to be killed (Exodus [Shemot] 12:6). The blood of the lamb was to be sprinkled on the lintel and two side posts of the household door. The lamb was to be roasted with fire, with bitter herbs, and with unleavened bread, and the entire household was to feast upon the body of the lamb (Exodus [Shemot] 12:7-8). The people were instructed by G-d to eat the lamb with haste and to be dressed and ready to leave Egypt (Mitzrayim) at the midnight hour. This would be the fifteenth day of Nisan (Exodus [Shemot] 12:10-11).

At midnight on that fateful evening in Egypt, the death angel passed through the land. Every house that did not have the token of the blood on the doorposts and lintel suffered the judgment of G-d (Exodus [Shemot] 12:12-15). The Hebrew word for Passover is Pesach, which means "to pass or hover over." This word speaks to us about two things. First, it shows the passing over in judgment from death and sin to life in Yeshua. Second, it tells us about allowing, by faith (emunah), the blood of Yeshua to hover over our lives and give us divine protection from the evil one (Ha satan).

God's Commandments (Mitzvot) for Passover (Pesach)

1. Passover was the beginning of months (Exodus [Shemot] 12:2).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). Nisan is the first month of the religious calendar. Receiving Yeshua into our lives is the beginning of a New Covenant (Brit Hadashah) relationship with G-d (Jeremiah [Yermiyahu] 31:31-33; John [Yochanan] 3:5-7; Romans 6:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:17). Passover is the first of the feasts. Likewise, repenting of our sins (teshuvah) and believing in the shed blood of Yeshua is our first step in our walk (halacha) with G-d.

2. The lamb was hidden for four days (Exodus [Shemot] 12:3,6).

Messianic Fulfillment. G-d commanded Israel to take a lamb on the tenth day of Nisan and set it aside until the fourteenth day. These four days were fulfilled by Yeshua during the Passover (Pesach) week. Remember, Yeshua is the Lamb of G-d (John [Yochanan] 1:29). He entered Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) and went to the temple (Beit HaMikdash), which was the house of G-d, and went on public display there for four days from Nisan 10 to Nisan 14 (Matthew [Mattityahu] 21:1,9-12,17-18,23; 24:1,3; 26:1-5).

Eschatologically, these four days that the lamb was hidden is prophetic of the people's expectations that the Messiah would come 4,000 years from the creation of Adam as part of the 7,000 year plan of G-d to redeem both man and the earth back to how things were in the Garden of Eden (Gan Eden) (Mishnah, San Hedrin 97-98). These four days are prophetic of the Messiah Yeshua being hid from

the world and not coming to earth for four days or 4,000 years from the creation of Adam. A day is understood to be prophetic of a thousand years, based upon Psalm (Tehillim) 90:4 and Second Peter (Kefa) 3:8. Linking Psalm 90:4 to each day in creation, G-d ordained each day in creation to be prophetic of a thousand years of time and the entire redemption to take 7,000 years to complete from the fall of man in the Garden of Eden (Genesis [Bereishit] 1:1,5,8,13,19,23,31; 2:1-3).

3. The lamb was to be without blemish (Exodus [Shemot] 12:5).

Messianic Fulfillment. Yeshua was the Lamb of G-d (John [Yochanan] 1:29) without spot or blemish (1 Peter [Kefa] 1:18-20). During the crucifixion week, Yeshua was examined by many in fulfilling this Scripture, including:

- (a) The chief priests and elders (Matthew [Mattityahu] 21:23)
- (b) Pilate (Matthew [Mattityahu] 27:1-2,11-14,17-26)
- (c) Herod (Luke 23:6-12)
- (d) Annas the high priest (Cohen HaGadol) (Luke 3:2; John [Yochanan] 18:13,24)
- (e) Caiaphas the high priest (John [Yochanan] 11:49-53; 18:13-14,19-24,28)
- (f) Judas (Matthew [Mattityahu] 27:3-10)
- (g) The centurion (Matthew [Mattityahu] 27:54)
- (h) The repentant thief (Luke 23:39-43).

When we examine Yeshua, we must conclude also that He was without blot or blemish.

4. The lamb was of the first year (Exodus [Shemot] 11:4-7; 12:5).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). G-d always distinguishes between the believers and the world (Exodus [Shemot] 12:29-30). This can be seen in the examples that follow. The firstborn of both man and beast was to be set aside and given to G-d (Exodus [Shemot] 13:2,11-13). The theme of the firstborn runs throughout the Bible. Cain was set aside for Abel (Genesis [Bereishit] 4:1-8); Ishmael for Isaac (Yitzchak) (Genesis [Bereishit] 16:1,11-12,15; 17:17-19); Esau for Jacob (Ya'akov) (Genesis [Bereishit] 25:19-26; Romans 9:8-13); and Egypt (Mitzrayim) for Israel.

Spiritually, G-d gave us these examples to teach us that the firstborn after the flesh (that which is natural) is set aside to bring forth the firstborn after the spirit (that which is spiritual). In this process, G-d distinguishes between the first or natural birth and the second or spiritual birth. The first birth constitutes us as sinners and the second birth makes us believers and children of G-d (John

[Yochanan] 1:12; 3:1-7; Romans 9:8-13; 1 Corinthians 15:22; 15:45-47).

Messianic Fulfillment. Yeshua was the firstborn of Mary (Miryam) naturally, and the firstborn of G-d spiritually (Matthew [Mattityahu] 1:21-25; Romans 8:29; Colossians 1:15,18; Revelation 3:14).

5. It is a male (Exodus [Shemot] 12:5).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). It was through one man's sin that sin came into the world (Romans 5:12; 1 Timothy 2:12-14). Because Adam, the first male, sinned, so a male, Yeshua, must die to atone for that sin (Romans 5:17-19).

6. It is a lamb for a house (Exodus [Shemot] 12:3-4).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). G-d's intention was that all (households) experience salvation. The lamb was a lamb for the house. By believing in the Messiah Yeshua, we become members of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 2:19). Salvation for a household is available to all who believe in the Messiah, Yeshua, the Lamb of G-d (Genesis [Bereishit] 7:1; 18:16-19; Joshua [Yehoshua] 24:15; John [Yochanan] 4:46-54; Luke 19:5-10; Acts 16:15,31; 18:3,8).

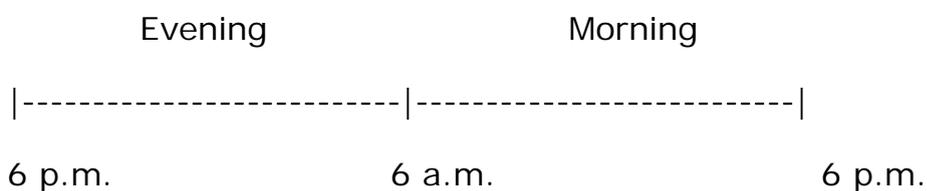
Messianic Fulfillment. There is a progressive revelation of the Lamb in the Bible. First, there is a lamb for a house (Exodus [Shemot] 12:3-4; second, a lamb for a nation (John [Yochanan] 11:49-52); and finally, a lamb for the world (John [Yochanan] 1:29).

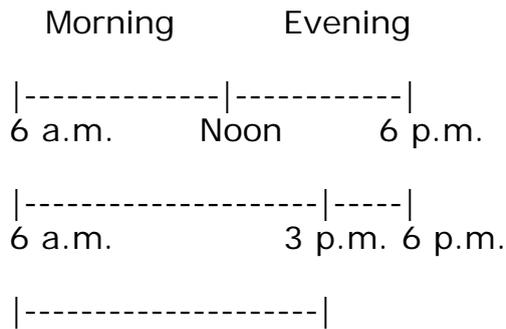
Genesis (Bereishit) 22 is known in Hebrew as the Akeidah, or the binding of the sacrifice. In Genesis (Bereishit) 22:7, Isaac (Yitzchak) asked, "Where is the lamb?" The lamb that Isaac (Yitzchak) asked about is Yeshua (Isaiah [Yeshayahu] 53:7).

7. A Passover (Pesach) lamb was to be killed between the evenings (Exodus [Shemot] 12:6).

The biblical day goes from evening to evening, from sundown to sundown, which is roughly 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Genesis [Bereishit] 1:5,8,13,19,23,31). The day (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) is divided into two 12-hour periods. The evening runs from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The morning runs from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Each 12-hour period is divided into two smaller portions. From 6:00 a.m. to noon is the morning part of the day. From noon to 6:00 p.m. is the evening part of the day. The phrase, "between the evening" (from Exodus [Shemot] 12:6) refers to the period of the day that goes from noon to 6:00 p.m., which is exactly 3:00 p.m. This would be the ninth hour of the day, counting from 6:00 a.m.

The Biblical Day





The 9th hour of the day = 3 p.m.

Messianic Fulfillment. Yeshua died at the ninth hour of the day (Matthew [Mattityahu] 27:45-50). This would be exactly 3:00 p.m. (the ninth hour, counting from 6:00 a.m.).

8. The whole assembly shall kill it (Exodus [Shemot] 12:6).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). Every person who has ever lived on planet Earth and sinned is guilty of killing Yeshua because He died for all sinners (Romans 3:10,23). No human being had the power to take His life (John [Yochanan] 10:17-18). Therefore, Yeshua laid down His life for us by His own free will. There has been a misplaced accusation over the years that the Jews were the people who killed Yeshua. As a result, they have suffered horrendously over the centuries. To my beloved Jewish friends who are reading this book, I ask you with sincere repentance (teshuvah): Please forgive those who are ignorant of the truth. The truth is that I killed Yeshua, as did everyone who ever lived on planet Earth, because He died for my sins! (Romans 5:8,12)

Messianic Fulfillment. A whole congregation of people was involved in the death of Yeshua. The Gospels of Matthew (Mattityahu), Mark, Luke, and John (Yochanan) show how the Sanhedrin, the priests, the Romans, and the people of Israel all clamored for the crucifixion of Yeshua and for His blood to be shed (Matthew [Mattityahu] 27:17,20-22,25; Acts 4:26-28).

9. The blood must be applied to the door (Exodus [Shemot] 12:7,13,22).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). Those who believe in the Messiah are the house of G-d (Ephesians 2:19; I Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:6). The only way into the house of G-d is through the shed blood of the Messiah Yeshua, who is the Door (John [Yochanan] 10:7-9).

10. The body of the lamb must be eaten (Exodus [Shemot] 12:8-10).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). Both the body and blood of the lamb speak of the body and blood of Yeshua (Matthew [Mattityahu] 26:26-28). We spiritually eat of the body of the Lamb (Yeshua) when we eat of His body (today represented by the bread), which spiritually

is the Word of G-d (Luke 11:3; 4:4). By following the Word of G-d and obeying the commandments (mitzvot) of G-d with sincerity of heart, we eat (spiritually) of His body.

- (a) It must be eaten the same night (Exodus [Shemot] 12:8). Yeshua was crucified, suffered, and died the same night.
- (b) It must be eaten with unleavened bread (Exodus [Shemot] 12:8). Leaven speaks of sin (1 Corinthians 5:6-8). Unleavened bread is without sin. As believers, we are instructed to live holy (unleavened) lives before G-d (Leviticus [Vayikra] 11:44; 19:2; 1 Peter [Kefa] 1:15-16).
- (c) It must be eaten with bitter herbs (Exodus [Shemot] 12:8).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). To those who have accepted the Messiah into their lives, bitter herbs speak of two things. First, they speak of the bondage and burdens we experience while living in this world (a type of Egypt) before we accepted Yeshua into our lives. This burden of sin is placed on us by satan (Ha satan) when we yield to his lies and deception, and then sin because of our own evil desires. Second, the bitter herbs speak of the bitter things that come into our lives after we accept Yeshua and attempt to follow Him on a daily basis.

Messianic Fulfillment. For Yeshua, dying on the tree was a bitter experience because He had to pay for man's sin with His sinless life.

- (d) The lamb must be roasted in fire (Exodus [Shemot] 12:8).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). Fire speaks of judgment, refining, and purification. Our faith (emunah) is judged and tested by fire so it can be refined and purified and come forth as pure gold (Zechariah 13:9; James [Ya'akov] 1:12; 1 Peter [Kefa] 1:7; Revelation 3:18).
- (e) It must not be sodden with water. The gospel (basar) of Yeshua must not be watered down (Mark 7:9,13; 2 Timothy 3:5).
- (f) The head, legs, and other parts of the lamb must be eaten.

Spiritual Application (Halacha). Those who believe in Yeshua must feed on the mind of Yeshua (Philippians 2:5; 1 Corinthians 2:16; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:21-23; Hebrews 8:10). The legs speak of our walk (halacha) (Colossians 2:6). How are the believers in Yeshua to walk? (See Romans 6:4; 8:1,4; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 2:10; 5:2,8; Colossians 1:10, 4:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 1 John [Yochanan] 1:7; 2 John 1:6; 3 John 1:4.)

- 11. The lamb must be eaten in haste (Exodus [Shemot] 12:11).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). Bible believers must be quick to leave Egypt (the influences of the world) and run toward the life that is in the Messiah (Luke 19:5-6).

- (a) It must be eaten with our loins girded (Exodus [Shemot] 12:11). Our loins being girded speaks about our hearts' desire to eagerly serve and obey G-d. Our spiritual loins are the truth of the Word of G-d (Ephesians 6:14). Scriptures that speak about our loins being girded include the following: First Kings (Melachim) 18:46; Second Kings (Melachim) 4:29; 9:1; Jeremiah (Yermiyahu) 1:17; Luke 12:35; Ephesians 6:14; First Peter (Kefa) 1:13.
- (b) Shoes must be on our feet (Exodus [Shemot] 12:11). Shoes on our feet speaks about our walk with God. Scriptures that speak about shoes being on our feet include the following: Isaiah [Yeshayahu] 52:7; Nahum [Nachum] 1:15; Romans 10:15; Ephesians 6:15.
- (c) A staff must be in our hand (Exodus [Shemot] 12:11). A staff in our hand speaks about the believer's authority in the Kingdom of G-d by the name of Yeshua (Matthew [Mattityahu] 28:18-20). Scriptures that speak about a staff being in our hand include the following: Genesis (Bereishit) 38:17-18; Exodus (Shemot) 14:16; Judges (Shoftim) 6:21; First Samuel (Sh 'muwel) 17:39-40; Second Samuel (Sh 'muwel) 3:29; Second Kings (Melachim) 4:29; 18:21; Psalm (Tehillim) 23:4; Isaiah (Yeshayahu) 10:24; 14:5; Mark 6:7-8.

12. It is the L-rd's Passover (Exodus [Shemot] 12:11).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). If we follow Yeshua with all of our hearts, we will pass from death to life, and from judgment to divine protection (John [Yochanan] 5:24; 1 John [Yochanan] 3:14; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Psalm [Tehillim] 91).

13. It is a memorial (Exodus [Shemot] 12:14; Luke 22:1,7-8, 13-15,19).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). Passover (Pesach) is a memorial or a remembrance (Luke 22:1,7-8,13-15,19). There are two elements of remembrance:

- a) G-d remembers us (Genesis [Bereishit] 8:1; 9:1, 5-16; 19:29; 30:22; Exodus [Shemot] 2:24-25; 3:1; 6:2,5; 32:1-3,7,11,13-14; Leviticus [Vayikra] 26:14,31-33,38-45; Numbers [Bamidbar] 10:1-2,9; Psalm [Tehillim] 105:7-8,42-43; 112:6). In fact, G-d has a book of remembrance (Exodus [Shemot] 32:32-33; Malachi 3:16-18; Revelation 3:5; 20:11-15; 21:1,27).
- b) We must remember G-d (Exodus [Shemot] 13:3; 20:8; Deuteronomy [Devarim] 7:17-19; 8:18; 16:3; Numbers [Bamidbar] 15:37-41).

- c) It is to be observed at the going down of the sun (Deuteronomy [Devarim] 16:2,6). This was fulfilled by Yeshua at His crucifixion (Matthew [Mattityahu] 27:45-46).
- d) It is the place where G-d would put His name (Deuteronomy [Devarim] 16:2,6).
Messianic Fulfillment. The place where G-d has put His name is Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) (2 Kings [Melachim] 21:4). Yeshua was crucified in Jerusalem (Yerushalayim).
- e) Not a bone of the lamb was to be broken (Exodus [Shemot] 12:43-46).
Messianic Fulfillment. Not a bone of Yeshua was broken on the tree (John [Yochanan] 19:33).
- f) There was to be an explanation of the service (Exodus [Shemot] 12:25-28).
Messianic Fulfillment. Yeshua explained each part of the Passover (Pesach) as He did the service (Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).
- g) The Egyptians were spoiled at the Exodus (Exodus [Shemot] 12:31-36).
Messianic Fulfillment. Satan was spoiled when Yeshua entered hell and rose again (Colossians 2:15).
- h) You must be circumcised to eat the Passover (Exodus [Shemot] 12:48; Joshua [Yehoshua] 5:2-10).
Spiritual Application (Halacha). The physical act of circumcision was only a picture of the inward or spiritual circumcision that G-d wanted us to have (Romans 2:28-29; 1 Corinthians 15:46; 2 Corinthians 4:18). God has always desired for His people to be circumcised in the heart (Deuteronomy [Devarim] 10:12-16; 1 Corinthians 7:18-19; Galatians 2:3; 5:2-3; 6:12-15; Ephesians 2:11-13).
- i) The Passover (Pesach) feast was to be a holy convocation, and no work was to be done (Exodus [Shemot] 12:16).
Spiritual Application (Halacha). A believer finds true rest in ceasing from his own works and resting in the finished work of Yeshua, G-d's Passover (Pesach) Lamb (Genesis [Bereishit] 2:1-2; Matthew [Mattityahu] 11:28-30; John [Yochanan] 17:1-4; 19:30; Hebrews 3:14-19; 4:1-10).
- j) The Passover (Pesach) must be killed outside the gates of the city (Deuteronomy [Devarim] 16:5).

Messianic Fulfillment. Yeshua was crucified outside of the city walls of Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) at a place called Golgotha (John [Yochanan] 19:16-19; Hebrews 13:10-13).

- k) There is healing power in the lamb (Exodus [Shemot] 15:26).

Messianic Fulfillment. Yeshua is the Healer sent from G-d (Psalm [Tehillim] 105:36-38; Isaiah [Yeshayahu] 53:1-5; 1 Peter [Kefa] 2:24; 1 Corinthians 11:26-30).

- l) The Exodus was on eagle's wings (Exodus [Shemot] 19:4).

Scriptures associated with this are Deuteronomy (Devarim) 32:9-13; Isaiah (Yeshayahu) 31:5; 40:31; Luke 17:33-37; Revelation 12:6,14.

- m) They sang a song of rejoicing to the L-rd (Exodus [Shemot] 15:1,19-21).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). Whenever a believer experiences and understands the meaning of Passover (Pesach), there is a spirit of rejoicing to the L-rd for his or her deliverance from sin, and for experiencing the newness of life in the Messiah. Note: The Passover Seder, which is the service and meal that celebrates the Passover, always ends with songs of rejoicing and the declaration: Next year in Jerusalem! This can be seen in Mark 14:26.

- n) Israel is the firstborn of G-d (Exodus [Shemot] 4:22-23).

Spiritual Application (Halacha). All those who accept the Messiah Yeshua are called the firstborn of G-d even as Yeshua is called the firstborn of G-d (Romans 8:29; Colossians 1:15,18; Hebrews 12:22-24).'

Did Yeshua have a Passover Meal?

Today there are 15 steps in the Passover Seder. In order to understand if Yeshua had a Passover Seder, we need to know what is done during a Passover Seder. Therefore, I will list the 15 steps to the Passover Seder and explain what is done in each part. By doing this, we can determine if Yeshua had a Passover Seder prior to His crucifixion.

Before I begin to explain the 15 steps to the Passover Seder, I would like to comment on one aspect of it. During the Seder, a cup of wine is brought forth with this blessing: "Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine." During the Feast of Passover (Pesach), Yeshua said, "I am the true vine" (John [Yochanan] 15:1). Isaiah (Yeshayahu) tells us that G-d had a vineyard and that vineyard was Israel (Isaiah [Yeshayahu] 5:7). The choice vine planted in the vineyard was the Messiah (Isaiah [Yeshayahu] 5:2).

THE SEDER SERVICE

- a) Kaddesh and the first cup.

During the Kaddesh, the first of four cups of wine is blessed and drunk. This first cup of wine is called the cup of sanctification. Before the wine is drunk, a blessing is recited: "Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine."

- b) U-r'chatz (the washing of hands).
No blessing is recited.

- c) Karpas (this word means "parsley, green herbs").

This refers to the place in the Seder when the celebrants dip a green vegetable in salt water and eat it (John [Yochanan] 13:26-27). The oldest will sit on the left side of the table and will dip the sop. From this, we can conclude that Judas was the oldest disciple. The youngest will sit on the right side of the table. Benjamin (Benyamin) was the youngest of Jacob's (Ya'akov's) sons. Benjamin means "son of my right hand" in Hebrew.

- d) Yachatz (the breaking of the bread).

The middle piece of three pieces of bread, or matzot, is ceremonially broken in two. Matzah (plural is matzot) is unleavened bread. The larger piece is wrapped in a napkin and set aside as the afikomen, the matzah that is eaten at the end of the meal. This can be seen in Luke 22:19.

- e) The Maggid (the telling of the story of the Exodus).

The Maggid concludes with the second cup of wine, which is called the cup of wrath. Yeshua partook of this second cup at the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42-44). In telling the story of the Exodus, each person is to see the Exodus as if G-d personally redeemed them! This is based upon Exodus (Shemot) 13:8.

- f) Rachtzah (the washing of hands with a blessing).

- g) Motzi (the blessing over bread).

The blessing over the bread is as follows: "Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe, who brings forth the bread from the earth." This blessing is a prophecy of the resurrection of the Messiah from the earth because He is the believer's bread (John [Yochanan] 6:47-51). G-d brought forth the bread

(Yeshua) from the earth following His death (Acts 2: 31-33).

- h) Matzah (the Matzah is blessed and eaten).

In John (Yochanan) 13:23, we can see that the disciples were leaning or reclining. Passover (Pesach) is called the season of our freedom. On this day, you are freed from the slavery of Egypt (Mitzrayim), symbolizing the bondage of sin, and you are seen as a king. Kings traditionally recline at their meals, and so celebrants reclined during portions of the Passover Seder. The believers in Yeshua are kings and priests before G-d (Revelation 1:6; 5:10).

- i) Maror (bitter herbs are blessed and eaten). Maror is bitter herbs. These bitter herbs are symbolized by romaine lettuce and horseradish.
- j) Korech (the matzah and maror are eaten together).
- k) Shulchan Orech (the meal is eaten).
- l) Tzafun (the afikomen that was hidden is found, ransomed, and then eaten).
- m) Barech (grace after meals).

At the conclusion of Barech, the blessing for wine is recited over the third cup. Then the cup is drunk. This is the cup of redemption (Luke 22:20; I Corinthians 10:16).

- n) Hallel

Psalms (Tehillim) 115-118 are chanted in special praise to G-d. The fourth cup is now filled, and a door is opened for Elijah (Eliyahu) to enter and proclaim the coming of Messiah.

- o) Nirtzah (all is finished).

A final song is sung and ends with the phrase, Next Year in Jerusalem! This can be seen in Matthew 26:30 and Mark 14:26.

Yeshua ate the Passover (Luke 22:15). This Scripture passage refers specifically to the Lamb. Frequently, there were two sacrifices during the Feast of Passover. One lamb is the Passover lamb and the other lamb is called the haggigah or peace offering. These sacrifices are referred to in Deuteronomy (Devarim) 16:2 where G-d required that the sacrifice be from both the flock and the herd. This was interpreted to mean that two sacrifices were needed. The Haggigah (the additional lamb) was offered in addition to the Pesach (the Passover lamb). The Pesach was required, but the Haggigah was not because it was a freewill offering.

During the days of Yeshua, in order to have a Seder, you needed to

register at a rabbinical court in the temple (Beit HaMikdash), and you must have at least 10 and no more than 20 people. Each group of pilgrims who came to Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) had one representative carrying a lamb without spot or blemish (Exodus [Shemot] 12: 4-5). An assembly of at least 10 people (known in Hebrew as a minyan) was required to participate in the ceremony.

Each group of people entered the temple (Beit HaMikdash) with their lamb. They were instructed, "You must slay the lamb, not the priests." The priests caught the blood and ministered the blood according to the Scriptures. The only place where a Passover (Pesach) lamb could be killed was in Jerusalem (Yerushalayim). Therefore, those who couldn't come to Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) to keep the Passover (Pesach), but still wanted to keep the meal, would have to have a substitute for the Passover (Pesach) lamb. That substitute was the shankbone of a lamb. It has a special name in Hebrew: zeroah, or arm. Yeshua was referred to as the zeroah or arm of the L-rd in Isaiah (Yeshayahu) 53:1. The shankbone or zeroah will be a remembrance of the lamb that was slain.

The Passover (Pesach) requirement is that you must eat until you are full. The entire lamb must be consumed before midnight on the fifteenth of Nisan. If you had only 10 people, you would not want to have two lambs because they could not be totally eaten in time. This would violate the commandment (mitzvah) that the lamb was to be eaten before midnight (Exodus [Shemot] 12:8). If you had 20 people, one lamb would not be enough to make everyone full, and this would also violate the commandment (mitzvah) given by G-d. Therefore, if you had 20 people, you would need two lambs.

Once again, Yeshua ate the Passover (Luke 22: 15). You can have a Seder without a Pesach (or Passover lamb), but you cannot have a lamb without a Seder. Also, since Yeshua was the Passover Lamb of G-d (John [Yochanan] 1:29), He had to come to Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) from Bethany not only to be the Passover (Pesach) lamb, but also for the Seder (Mark 14:3,12-16). So, Yeshua was having a Passover lamb (Luke 22: 15), and it was a Seder. Today, there is no temple (Beit HaMikdash), so the Passover Seder is held on the fifteenth or sixteenth of Nisan. The Seder on the fifteenth is called the First Seder, and the Seder on the sixteenth is called the Second Seder.

In Mark 14:12, it is written, "And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the Passover [the Pesach lamb]...." The word translated as first is the Greek word protos, which means "before, earlier, and preceding." Because there was a temple (Beit HaMikdash) in Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) in the days of Yeshua, the First Seder would be on the fourteenth of Nisan, and the Second Seder on the fifteenth. The Seder could be held on either night. Yeshua had His Passover (Pesach) Seder by midnight on the fourteenth of Nisan (remember that the fourteenth of Nisan begins at sundown, which is roughly six hours prior to midnight), and was crucified the next afternoon at 3:00 p.m., which is still the fourteenth of Nisan.

The high priest (Cohen HaGadol) kills the Passover (Pesach) lamb for the nation of Israel at 3:00 p.m. on the fourteenth of Nisan. At sundown, the fifteenth begins, so Yeshua would have to eat His Passover lamb by midnight of the fourteenth of Nisan, which is prior to the time that the

high priest kills the Passover lamb for the nation. To further prove this, in John (Yochanan) 18:28, when Yeshua was brought before Pilate, Caiaphas the high priest (Cohen HaGadol) wouldn't enter the judgment hall of the Gentile ruler because he would be defiled and couldn't eat the Passover lamb. So, this event must have taken place on the morning of the fourteenth of Nisan because the high priest had not yet eaten the Passover. If he was defiled, he would be defiled for one day. Since Yeshua had already eaten the Passover by the time He was seized and taken before Caiaphas and Pilate, He had to have eaten the Passover with the disciples on the evening of the fourteenth. Thus, we can see how Yeshua ate a Passover meal and could still fulfill being the Passover Lamb of G-d by being killed at 3:00 p.m. on the fourteenth of Nisan.

The Bread and Cups of the Passover Seder

During the celebration of Pesach, three cakes of unleavened bread (matzot) are placed one upon another, with a napkin between each cake. At a certain point in the Seder service, the middle cake, known as the afikomen, or "that which come after," is broken in two. One piece is distributed among the people present, and the larger piece is hidden in a napkin. Toward the end of the Passover Seder, the hidden portion is brought to light and eaten by those surrounding the Passover table. The Messianic understanding is that these three pieces of matzot represent G-d the Father, the Messiah Yeshua, and the Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh). The central piece, the afikomen, is broken, a portion is eaten, and the remainder hidden and then brought forth to testify of the death, burial, and resurrection of Yeshua.

During the course of the Seder, the four cups of wine that are served to the people present at the Seder are used in the following manner, and are called:

1. The cup of blessing (Luke 22:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16). This cup is called the cup of sanctification, or the Kiddush.
2. The cup of wrath (Luke 22:42-44). This cup is not drunk, but is poured out on the table as the plagues of Egypt are recited. Yeshua drank of this cup for us in the Garden of Gethsemane and when He died on the tree.
3. The cup of blessing, salvation, or redemption. This cup is filled to overflowing, symbolizing an overflowing salvation (Psalm [Tehillim] 116:13).
4. The cup of the kingdom (Luke 22:18,20; Matthew [Mattityahu] 26:28-29). Yeshua spoke of eating and drinking afresh in the Messianic age with His disciples after His resurrection.

In addition to the four cups of wine served to the people, another cup, called the cup of Elijah (Eliyahu), is also a part of the Seder. This cup is poured out at the end of the Seder. Only Elijah (Eliyahu) himself, or one coming in the spirit and power

of Elijah, or the Messiah, was allowed to drink of this cup. When Yeshua referred to Himself drinking of this cup, He was saying in no uncertain terms that He was the Messiah.

How Did Yeshua Fulfill the Passover?

The Feast of Passover (Pesach) was given by G-d to be a rehearsal (miqra) of the first coming of Yeshua. The Passover ceremony was observed in remembrance of the past and in preparation for the future. Many years after the Passover in Egypt, a person named John (Yochanan) the Baptist (Immerser), pointed to Yeshua and declared that He was the Lamb of G-d (John [Yochanan] 1:29). After John (Yochanan), a type of Elijah (Eliyahu) who would prepare the coming of Messiah, proclaimed Yeshua as the Lamb of G-d, Yeshua ministered for three-and-a-half years. At the end of that time, on the tenth of Nisan, the high priest marched out of the city of Jerusalem to Bethany where a lamb was to be slain. The lamb was led back into the city through streets lined with thousands of pilgrims singing the Hallel (Psalms [Tehillim] 113-118). The liturgy for Hoshanah Rabbah says that the Messiah will come to the Mount of Olives and weep over the city. This happened in Luke 19:41. The people also waved palm branches as Yeshua rode into the city on a donkey in fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9. Today, Nisan 10 is known as Palm Sunday in the non-Jewish community.

The lamb that was to be slain by the high priest was led into the temple (Beit HaMikdash) and put in a prominent place of display. Likewise, Yeshua the Lamb of G-d went on public display when He entered the temple (Beit HaMikdash) and spent four days there among the people, the Sadducees, the Pharisees, and the scribes, as the leaders asked Yeshua their hardest questions. Yeshua was questioned in front of the people for four days, showing Himself to be without spot or blemish, fulfilling Exodus (Shemot) 12:5.

On the fourteenth of Nisan, at the third hour of the day (9:00 a.m.), the high priest (Cohen HaGadol) took the lamb and ascended the altar so he could tie the lamb in place on the altar. At the same time on that day, Yeshua was tied to the tree on Mount Moriah (Mark 15:25). At the time of the evening sacrifice (3:00 p.m.) for Passover (Exodus [Shemot] 12:6), the high priest (Cohen HaGadol) ascended the altar, cut the throat of the lamb with a knife, and said the words, "It is finished." These are the exact words said after giving a peace offering to G-d. At this same time, Yeshua died, saying these exact words in John (Yochanan) 19:30. Yeshua died at exactly 3:00 p.m. (Matthew [Mattityahu] 27:45-46,50).

In Exodus (Shemot) 12:8-9, we are told the lamb was to be roasted before sundown. According to the tractate Pesachim in the Mishnah, the lamb was roasted on an upright pomegranate stick. This pomegranate stick is representative of the tree upon which Yeshua died. The lamb was to be gutted, and its intestines were to be removed and put over its head. Thus, the lamb is referred to as the "crowned sacrifice." This is a picture of Yeshua in (Psalm [Tehillim] 22:13-18).

Deuteronomy (Devarim) 16:16 says that all the congregation of Israel was required to be present at the feasts of Passover (Pesach), Weeks (Shavuot) or Pentecost, and Tabernacles (Sukkot). This explains why all were gathered to witness the death of Yeshua on the tree (Matthew

[Mattityahu] 27:1-26).

The night of the fifteenth of Nisan, G-d commanded the people to eat the lamb with unleavened bread (matzah) and bitter herbs (maror), their sandals on their feet and their bags packed and on their backs (Exodus [Shemot] 12:6,8,11), for on this night they are to leave Egypt. Likewise, we are to be quick to accept Yeshua into our hearts and leave Egypt, which represents the sin and idolatry of this evil world.

The Feast of Passover in the Gospel of John

There are four recorded Passovers in the Gospel (basar) of John (Yochanan), even as Yeshua attended the Passover with His parents from year to year (Luke 2:41-42).

1. The first Passover Yeshua attended at Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) as an adult is recorded in John (Yochanan) 2:13-17. In these passages, He found the temple (Beit HaMikdash) defiled with money changers. He then declared that "My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer..." (Mark 11:17). The spiritual application (halacha) is this: The believers in Yeshua are G-d's temple and we are not to defile it with sin (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18). Those who believe in the Messiah Yeshua are the house of G-d (Hebrews 3:6; 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter [Kefa] 2:5).
2. The second Passover feast is recorded in John (Yochanan) 5:1-15. Although the particular feast is not specifically mentioned here, we know that it is either Passover (Pesach), Pentecost (Shavuot), or Tabernacles (Sukkot) because Yeshua went up (aliyah) to Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) to observe it (Deuteronomy [Devarim] 16:16). By knowing what Yeshua did in these passages and what these feasts teach us, the evidence suggests it was Passover. This Passover reveals Yeshua as the Healer of men's bodies and souls; the Forgiver of sin; and the Healer of disease. In the Egyptian Passover, Israel was to feed upon the body of the lamb. As they did, they were saved from the destruction of Egypt and their bodies were healed (Exodus [Shemot] 12:13; Psalm [Tehillim] 105:26,36-37). Thus healing is associated with Passover, and at this Passover, Yeshua healed an impotent man.
3. The third Passover is found in John (Yochanan) 6:1-13. At Passover, the children of Israel ate the flesh of the lamb, sprinkled the blood on the door, and ate unleavened bread. Thus the bread and the lamb's body were eaten by all at Passover. In these passages, Yeshua is the Bread of Life, the unleavened bread, and the heavenly manna.
4. The fourth Passover is Yeshua's sacrificial death on the tree. He is the Lamb of G-d and the Unleavened Bread, dying despite having never sinned.

In conclusion, in the first Passover, Yeshua is the Temple Cleanser (the spiritual temple is the physical body of the believer). In the second Passover, Yeshua is the Healer of body and soul. In the third

Passover, Yeshua is the Bread of Life. In the fourth Passover, Yeshua is the Lamb of G-d slain for the sins of the whole world.

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I obtained the link to this site from

<http://members.aol.com/Princvladd/Feasts.html>

There are some useful links to information regarding the Torah feasts and related subjects on this site and links to a diversity of other web sites, many of which are Messianic in nature.

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It is hoped that this document has assisted.

Shalom

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CORRECTION OF SPELLING ERROR : YAHSHUA

Owing to a typing error in creating a Word Processing macro, the Name of Our Saviour, YAHSHUA MESSIAH has been misspelt in numerous documents for some time.

His correct name as we understand it is YAHSHUA NOT YASHUA as it has been repeatedly recorded.

I repent of my negligence in failing to adequately check the macro and also in not reading what was written carefully because it had been inserted with a macro. Please forgive me!

James Robertson

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Yahshua Messiah is Adonai
(Jesus Christ is Lord)

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FOR WE ARE ALL ONE BODY IN CHRIST

(Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)



PROACTIVE INTERCESSION: MAKING HOLINESS MORE ATTAINABLE

We received this yesterday from a friend in the Body who had previously shared with us the major impact that this very elementary principle was having in his life.

As he shared his experience i was struck by how easily we stray from the Way of Yahshua! There have been times when i have prayed constantly and daily in the Holy Spirit and walked in victory in every area but, more recently, i have not been diligent in this area.

We are enjoined in Ephesians 6:18 relating to Spiritual Warfare and the whole armour of God **"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—"** (NKJ)

We see that prayer in the Holy Spirit is a VITAL component of Spiritual Warfare and therefore of the walk of the Believer.

In 1 Corinthians 14:18 Paul writes *"I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;"* (NKJ)

We see here that Paul regarded praying in tongues as a vital part of his life. If he did, then we are well advised to follow his example.

In 1 Corinthians 14:2 we read *"For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, **in the spirit he speaks mysteries.**"* (NKJ)

From this we learn that when we pray in tongues, we speak mysteries to God and only God understands us. In other words, we pray by the Holy Spirit within us to Father YAHWEH such that His perfect will for our lives is prayed AND Satan and his demons have NO knowledge of what we are praying -- for we, ourselves, do not know what we pray.

This is an extremely powerful weapon that it seems most of us seldom use to it's full potential.

Following is what was sent to me:

PROACTIVE INTERCESSION: MAKING HOLINESS MORE ATTAINABLE

Why wait for the enemy to attack?

Take the battle to him, and enjoy the fruit of it.

A suggestion:

- 1) Pray in the Spirit for the events of the next day the day before.

Use your understanding where possible, but pray through until you get peace in your spirit about God's control of the next day's events. This will reduce ENORMOUSLY the white-knuckle-ride effect of the storms you encounter.

NB: you may still come across them, but you will fly over them at an enjoyable low altitude.

- 2) Pray in the Spirit, as in 1), but specifically for the victory over the carnal, (Greek: "sarkus") fleshly man, for the entire period of the forthcoming 24 hours. Of great importance is the attainment of the peace in your spirit.

You might try this approach:

"Father God , i pray in Jesus' name for victory over my flesh, in thought, word and deed in every split second to come tomorrow.

I pray that my love for You will increase, and that it will combine with Your love for me and Your anointing in me and on me to bring into subjection every impulse of the carnal man, and that i will walk in complete Union, unity, and harmony with You at all times and particularly tomorrow.

I claim this by faith in Jesus' Name, and now pray this into being..... (pray in the Spirit until peace is obtained)"

- 3) Take-home of note: the natural realm and the spirit realm run parallel in likeness; nature abhors a vacuum and will rush to fill it.

Drive out the carnal influence, and you will welcome a greater rush of God's influence in your life.

- 4) Recommended reading: "God Calling" edited by A.J Russell.
- 5) Recommended listening: "The Sarkus Man"; preached by Leon van Daele, at Cornerstone Church, Bedfordview, South Africa, early 2001.

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We hope to do a teaching on the carnal nature shortly.

I have found over the years that, with a little practice and self discipline, it is possible to pray quietly in the Spirit under one's breath even while on a bus, train or aeroplane without anyone around one noticing. It is also possible to pray in the Spirit while reading or doing other work since one is not praying with one's understanding but it is the Holy Spirit who is praying - all He requires is that we release our mouth, tongue and vocal chords to submit to our own spirit's instead of to our carnal minds so that He can use them. This is a discipline well worth developing and maintaining as it truly does permit one to do two jobs at once much of the time!

It is important while praying in the Spirit from time to time to give thanks to God and praise Him with your understanding in your own language and from time to time to declare the focus of your prayers so that you are in touch with what you are praying. It is also important from time to time to declare by faith in the Name of YAHSHUA that you receive what you are praying in tongues.

Creflo Dollar has an excellent tape series "Hidden Answers revealed through the prayer of tongues" which discusses this subject in great detail with considerable additional scripture.

Be aware that there ARE false tongues and false anointings so, if you experience discomfort while praying in tongues or do not experience peace it is possible that this applies. In this case we can assist.

If you have observed others praying in tongues and have been put off by carnal or demonic manifestation, be aware of the counterfeits but realise

that Satan cannot produce a counterfeit unless there is something to counterfeit. Again, we can assist if you have had a bad experience.

We can also assist if you have never received the gift of Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of Speaking in Tongues.

It is hoped that this document has assisted.

May YAHWEH bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you in the Name of the Lord YAHSHUA MESSIAH.

Shalom

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**Yahshua Messiah is Adonai
(Jesus Christ is Lord)**

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(Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)



"I"

This morning a mail was received with the following post script:

"P.S. Why is it that in the whole English language only "I" is in capital letters in the middle of a sentence? Surely if it was Godly we would have "I" as a small letter and the third party as a capital letter? Methinks me smells a subtle deception"

Taking this further, it is notable that we tend to use capitals when referring to God, as in "Him", "He", etc as well as when using proper nouns (names). "I" is not a proper noun but easily becomes a "god" or an "idol".

This note reminded me of a statement in the book "Lord Teach Me How to Love" summarized in an article we posted on 17 November 2000. The relevant extract reads:

"Page 78. God hates the proud look proverbs 6: 16, 17.

God has a problem with people who are always boasting about their accomplishments.

GIVE GOD THE GLORY ELSE YOU MAKE YOURSELF YOUR OWN IDOL!

Wherever you see the spirit of "I" you see the spirit of Satan!

Brag on God."

The correlation between the spirit of "I" and the spirit of Satan has a ring of truth to it and for months now the writer has been making an effort to cut down on the use of "I" and other personal pronouns and to make what is written more independent of self. This has been and continues to be an enormous challenge.

However, this note this morning really hit a responsive chord. There really is NO reason to use "I" when "i" will do and there is a not so subtle distinction associated in the discipline of writing this way.

The more we can remove "I" and self from our lives, the easier it is to put God first!

May YAHWEH bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you in the Name of the Lord YAHSHUA MESSIAH.

Shalom

James Robertson

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**Yahshua Messiah is Adonai
(Jesus Christ is Lord)**

END TIME ISSUE MINISTRIES

FOR WE ARE ALL ONE BODY IN CHRIST

(Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)



P.S. ABOUT WORSHIP

The following was received in response to some discussion regarding the posting on Spirit Led Praise and worship a few weeks ago. It very beautifully and very eloquently presents much of what i could not articulate at the time:

"An additional thought.....

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Our denomination (which claimed not to be a denomination :)) did not use instruments in worship, and emphasized singing "a cappella." From my youngest age, I loved to sing. One of my favorite memories was when we would travel out of town to visit my maternal grandparents, and after services at a tiny southern congregation, my grandpa and I would travel after lunch to a gathering called the "Sunday singings." The song leaders from many different congregations would meet, and anyone who wanted to sing, and they would pack some other tiny meeting-house, and the singing would begin... and go on and on.

I never wanted it to end! We sang till we were hoarse :) It was always hymns. And I felt very alive then, and very safe. My grandpa's voice already cracked with advanced age, and we sat on hard wooden pews, turning to familiar hymns as their numbers were announced. And really, the singing was more cacophony than harmony, but I felt so close to G-d. I still can feel I'm right there, my grandpa's suit smelling of tobacco and peppermint, and the two of us were the happiest two you could find. He would get choked up some and would fight back tears. Now I know how he feels. I want to sing with him again in our eternity before the throne.

..... My voice is weak now, only good for singing along with others. That is how I worship now....I see it as G-d's gift of letting me blend with other voices and finding beauty in that mixing. I play music on CD all the time, but playing it on an instrument has never been my gift....it is more a desire :) At the moment, the music I listen most to (I only have very few yet) is the CD entitled "Adonai" (messianic) and one by Don Moen called "I Will Sing." I also like the "Shout to the L-rd" CD from Australia. But right now the Don Moen one is the one I pray to.....I am very moved to the throne when worshipping to it.

I love to worship :) That is His gift to us all :) Worship was so important in the life of the Hebrews in both serving G-d and in representing Him to the world. I find great comfort in the fact that worship was continual, accompanying the feasts, and preceding any battle He sent them into.

It is worship that declares the holiness and beauty of G-d and lifts us up to Him above the cares of this world....it puts things in their true perspectives. Worship is life to the servant of G-d....He Himself puts His Name in our mouths so we have the ability to praise Him at all. In worship the Spirit of G-d freely moves in ways not found elsewhere. I believe we were created for the purpose of worship, which is both praising and lifestyle. I believe the ideal worship is non-stop.....it goes from voice and heart to relationship and moves aside things that cannot be moved in any other way.

It is what is expressed when we see the face of G-d in the humanity of the suffering or abandoned of the world, and we can touch the eternal, beyond our flesh, and minister to He Himself when we touch the world with His healing. Worship is holding the dying, cleaning the wounds of the sick, touching the lepers, anointing our children with kind words instead of harsh ones, opening our doors to those seeking family, seeing the beautiful in those the world has cast away, finding a paradise of sharing with a spouse.

All these are worship. This is our singing at His table of feasting. So is marvelling beneath an entire banquet of stars in the sky spread overhead, alone with Him. And so is not cheating the books when paying taxes, or participating in gossip, or not being silent when silence is assenting with evil. And so is crying from helplessness and bowing before Him. His song is in our every utterance. He is beautiful. He is captivated by us, and He is moved to tenderly keep us in extreme love. He sings us songs in the night...being able to see Him, and somehow return love to Him, that is worship. It is the intimacy of tabernacling that is only between two in the tent that is not shared. He is my Beloved, our Beloved.

I cannot live without Him.

"And I said, 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?' Scarcely had I passed when I found Him whom my soul loves; I held on to him and would not let him go...."

The entire Song of Solomon speaks of His intimacy.....He is the Beloved. It is directly duplicated in a marriage relationship as a mutual expression of worship in Him and for Him as well. This One, this beautiful Beloved Who keeps His beloved, is the same One Who took her from the world, healed her, purified her, anointed her, adorned her, and now takes her into a place of no separation.

How can any word from her mouth be any but a whisper, a song, a cry of joy, a shout of delight, or a silence of worship before Him?? He is beautiful beyond expression.....it is not merely His imprint that is left on her as she goes forth, but it is His continued L-rdship / tabernacling / encompassing of her that keeps her.

There is no way to gaze on His beauty and not be moved.....to be in His arms eternally is beyond this world. This world has no charm in comparison, not even mortal life on earth. What threat can the enemy be if we are in this place? Though the flesh can be touched, we can neither be snatched from His hand nor broken away from the Husband Who encompasses His beloved fully.....we, I, am hidden in Him.

Worship is intimate.....it is proof of relationship. It is a deadly weapon to apathy, despair, and satan's lies. Our intimacy cannot be compromised (must not be). For He longs for us even more than we are capable of ever returning....that is how infinite is His goodness :)

What a beautiful Love sought us out.....

Marana-Tha! Hurry my Beloved and be like a gazelle or young stag on the mountains of spices. Come, L-rd Yeshua

Robbyn

>>> END OF ITEM <<<

SOME COMMENTS

This item raises some other aspects of Spirit led praise and worship which seem worthy of mention.

Recognizing that not all of us are musical or able to visit ministries where anointed praise and worship is a regular occurrence, there is another alternative.

CONTINUOUS PRAISE AND WORSHIP IN THE HOME

Over the years we have built up a substantial collection of audio CD's which we play constantly. Many years ago i heard a teaching which led me to conclude that it was desirable to have suitable praise and worship playing in the house 24 hours a day. This recognized that the Spirit of

YAHWEH fills the entire Universe and that He is present in our houses even when we are not there. Thus YAHWEH can be blessed by pleasing music and praise and worship even when we are asleep or not at home.

We therefore have two five disc CD shuttles, one in the lounge and one in the main bedroom. The one in the lounge plays 24 hours a day and the one in the bedroom from the time we get up to the time we go to bed. Over time we have reached a point where the CD's in each player hardly ever change, they have CD's in which have words which are profoundly moving to us and reflect where we desire to go. Songs like "I choose to be Holy", "I was on His Mind", etc are constantly playing in the background to sing along with when we are in the room but playing to Him all the time. Even when we are away on holiday!

The CD's that we constantly play include:

Simply Worship 3 - Hosanna Music

World of Worship Volume 6 - Alliance Music

I Was on His Mind - Kenneth Copeland

Healing - Benny Hinn

In Christ Alone - Hosanna Music

Refiners Fire - Vintage Vineyard Music

Simply Worship II - Hillsongs

Fill This Temple - Benny Hinn Ministries

Believers Praise 3 - Kenneth Copeland Ministries

Psalms Volume 1 - Vineyard Music

Personal first choice for the last six years, it includes: Unending Love; It's Your Blood; Soften my Heart; Holy is the Lord on High; You are My King; One Holy Passion; There's No One Like You; My Delight; Holiness Unto the Lord; Psalm 121; Refiners Fire; I Bow Down; Come and Fill Me Up; Holy and Anointed One and Exalt the Lord -- to me this CD contains the very essence of seeking to draw close to YAHWEH, to praise Him and to please Him. Play this on tape in the car frequently.

PRIVATE SPIRIT LED PRAISE AND WORSHIP

For several years now, when we praise and worship at home we pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show us which CD's to put in the CD Shuttle and then select the discs and tracks from the front panel as we feel impressed as we praise and worship. It is wonderful how the SPIRIT OF YAHWEH can speak to us by leading us to select particular tracks of music on a CD. With the same 5 CD's He can give us dramatically different messages, simply by leading us to tracks which all have a similar theme or which together build up a composite picture of what He wants to say to us.

END NOTE

It is hoped that the combination of the extract from Robbyn's note and the above information will assist you to draw closer to YAHWEH in Praise and Worship.

May YAHWEH bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you in the Name of the Lord YAHSHUA MESSIAH.

Shalom

James Robertson

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**RUBBLE DECLARES THE GLORY OF GOD:
THE CASE FOR FAITH (3)**

BreakPoint with Charles Colson

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For years, sceptics have assailed the Bible as a book of pious pronouncements, and scientists like Carl Sagan claimed science would prove the Bible to be unreliable.

This question of the historical reliability of the Bible was a major stumbling block for journalist Lee Strobel before his conversion. So, like any good journalist, he decided to investigate. He turned to theologian Norman Geisler, an expert on the historicity of the Bible. Their conversation is recorded in Strobel's excellent new book, *The Case for Faith*.

First, Geisler said, the accuracy of the Bible is backed up by thousands of archaeological finds. For instance, the stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were once considered legends -- but archaeological evidence has done much to corroborate them.

The same goes for the Genesis account of Sodom and Gomorrah. The tale of how God destroyed these two cities for their sexual sin was once dismissed as a myth. But "evidence has been uncovered proving that all five of the cities mentioned in Genesis were, in fact, situated just as the Old Testament said," Geisler said. And archaeologist Clifford Wilson says there is "permanent evidence of the great conflagration that took place in the long distant past."

Archaeology has corroborated many other Biblical details, as well. There's evidence confirming the Jewish captivity. Every Old Testament reference to an Assyrian king has been proven correct. During the 1960's, an excavation confirmed that the Israelites could indeed have entered Jerusalem by way of a tunnel during the reign of King David.

And then there's the evidence that the world had a single language at one time, just as Genesis teaches. Biblical accounts of the burial of Saul -- once thought to be in error -- have also held up under secular scrutiny.

Critics used to say there was no evidence that the Hittites existed. But now, Geisler says, "archaeologists digging in modern Turkey have discovered the records of the Hittites."

New Testament details are documented just as solidly. As Geisler put it, "archaeology has confirmed not dozens, but hundreds and hundreds of details from the biblical account of the early church. Even small details have been corroborated, like which way the wind blows, how deep the water is a certain distance from shore, what kind of disease a particular island had, [and] the names of local officials."

The evidence is now so overwhelming that Sir William Albright, one of the world's most prominent historians, concludes that critics of New Testament accuracy hold "antiquated views" that are "pre- archaeological."

Another authority puts it even stronger. Oxford University historian A.N. Sherwin-White says the evidence confirming details in the Book of Acts alone is so staggering that "any attempt to reject its basic historicity must now appear absurd."

This leaves Christians with an exciting apologetic argument: If archaeology proves the Bible's accuracy in thousands of historical details, why would it be any less accurate in its other claims?

Lee Strobel's book, *The Case for Faith*, answers this and other questions, taking a closer look at some of the toughest questions the world throws at believers.

The Bible's historical accuracy is a reminder that while "the heavens declare the glory of God," there's also plenty of evidence among the rubble and ruins.

For further reference:

Strobel, Lee. *The Case for Faith*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2000.

Lee Strobel's *The Case for Faith*, this week's BreakPoint series feature, is a Christian response to eight of the most hard-hitting objections to Christianity -- including doubt about the historical accuracy of the Bible. To order a copy of this thoughtful book, call 1-800-995-8777 or visit BreakPoint On-line at <www.BreakPoint.org>.

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TONGUES: FROM SATAN OR FROM GOD?

Received some negative comment on the mail relating to tongues and, having responded, thought it appropriate to send to the list as well.

Hi

Thought quite a bit about your mail and felt should write again.

Firstly, important to stress that there are MANY demonic tongues and demonic manifestations associated with these demonic tongues and demonic anointings. Totally agree with you on that point.

Secondly, there are many carnal displays of "praying in tongues" which do not conform to Scripture in terms of tongues not being for public display when there is no interpretation.

1 Corinthians 14:27-28

27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret.

28 But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. (NKJ)

In other words, a large proportion of what is presented as being of Yahweh is NOT. Anyone with reasonable spiritual discernment will recognize this.

However, there are many scriptures which refer to tongues and interpretation - see appendix.

Consider particularly **1 Corinthians 14:2** *"For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries." (NKJ)*

Furthermore, there is no basis for Satan to counterfeit something which is not from Yahweh, so, accepting that there are demonic tongues implies that there must also be tongues from Yahweh, even if seldom encountered, else there would be nothing for Satan to counterfeit.

Please pray about this. Do not want to get into division over this point but it IS an important truth that is lost to much of the Body and corrupted in much of the rest of the Body. Like all other truths in this realm, it is necessary for it to be restored. True HOLY SPIRIT inspired prayer in another language is exceptionally powerful and extremely important and therefore greatly hated by Satan. In this case, as with many other critical truths, the more vicious the condemnation, the more likely that somewhere in the middle is a critical truth trying to get out.

Shalom

James

APPENDIX SCRIPTURES RELATING TO TONGUES

Acts 2:4

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other **tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (NKJ)

Acts 2:11

11 "Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them speaking in our own **tongues** the wonderful works of God." (NKJ)

Acts 10:46

46 For they heard them speak with **tongues** and magnify God. Then Peter answered, (NKJ)

Acts 19:6

6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with **tongues** and prophesied. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 12:10

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of **tongues**, to another the interpretation of **tongues**. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 12:28

28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of **tongues**. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 12:30

30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with **tongues**? Do all interpret? (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 13:1

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

1 Corinthians 14:4

4 He who speaks in a **tongue** edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:5

5 I wish you all spoke with **tongues**, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with **tongues**, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:6

6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with **tongues**, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:9

9 So likewise you, unless you utter by the **tongue** words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:13

13 Therefore let him who speaks in a **tongue** pray that he may interpret. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:14

14 For if I pray in a **tongue**, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:18

18 I thank my God I speak with **tongues** more than you all; (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:19

19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a **tongue**. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:21

21 In the law it is written: "With men of other **tongues** and other lips I will speak to this people; and yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:23

23 Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with **tongues**, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:26

26 How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a **tongue**, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:27

27 If anyone speaks in a **tongue**, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 14:39

39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with **tongues**. (NKJ)

POKEMON: CHILDREN PLAYING WITH FIRE

by
PASTOR BRETT PETERSON

SUMMARY

This article by a Pastor who has undertaken considerable research into the game "pokemon" provides a solid basis to conclude that there is an extremely comprehensive occult foundation to the game. Consequently children that play the game are exposed to occult influences and practices which can result in demonization.

It should be noted that the children of believers will be more at risk to such influences than the children of unbelievers simply because Satan is looking for any loop-hole or foothold with which to attack the families of believers.

This article demonstrates that all the basic elements of elementalism, evolution, etc are present in Pokemon. It also demonstrates that many of the fundamental attributes of the game, the attributes of the characters, etc have their roots firmly in the occult, witchcraft, shamanism and numerous other oriental and other occultic practices.

For any person who has children who are or might be exposed to Pokemon, this article is essential reading.

Taking this further, this article should be seen as being only the "tip of the ice-berg". There are numerous other children's games, videos, artefacts, etc which open the door for demonic influences in the home. In addition, numerous seemingly innocuous symbols, like the "peace sign" and the "ankh" can be used by Satan to provide a mechanism to introduce demons into the home.

Satan uses the high levels of ignorance of believers to introduce massive demonic influences into peoples homes. Thus, while most believers will not have pornography in their homes and many will avoid alcohol and smoking, few understand that a seemingly innocuous and cute "troll" can bring far more danger into their home and that a game like Pokemon, based on what is presented below, could potentially take their children into full blown witchcraft or Satanism!!

The series of teachings on deliverance of which, God willing, we will publish more sections in the weeks ahead addresses more of these aspects.

Following this article we will, God willing, post two further items written to assist in a specific situation which have a further bearing on this subject and particularly how to go about cleaning demonically infested articles out of the home.

James Robertson

INTRODUCTION

The item that follows was forwarded to us with the following introduction:

Christian Greetings.

I thought that you may find this article interesting in the light of the world wide craze that is gripping the hearts and minds of our children. **We have personally had experience of pre-school children that have been exercising supernatural powers as a result of the so-called "innocent" pokemon phenomenon.**

Roy.

POKEMON: CHILDREN PLAYING WITH FIRE BY PASTOR BRETT PETERSON

The latest game craze among school children these days goes far beyond childish antics. In fact, it's out right dangerous. Do you have any idea what your children are playing with?

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) My son and I were trading the cards and playing the game - I observed groups of children role playing the Pokemon characters for a period of 4 months - I watched the anime (cartoons or Japanimation) - and I did extensive research into the subtle influences on the whole Pokemon world before I wrote this paper.

It is out of much prompting that I finished this and I pray it helps many of you make an informed decision about whether or not Pokemon is a game that you want your children playing with.

Pokemon is the result of influences that are completely mystical. These are just to name a few: Buddhist Mysticism, Hinduism, meditation rituals, Egyptian Book of the Dead, Book of Tao, the Analects of Confucius, the Gita, the I Ching, The Tibetan Book of the Dead: All These Philosophies influenced Pokemon! C.G. Jung summarizes all these philosophies in his theory of 'collective unconsciousness', & he assures his followers of the congeniality with occultic energy sciences and the evolutionary sciences with the occultic practices and tapping into the water energy, fire energy, leaf energy, and wind energy you can achieve spiritual enlightenment and success - all of which are incorporated in Pokemon.

Jung draws upon Oriental conceptions of consciousness to broaden the concept of "projection": Not only the "wrathful" demons / monster (pocket monsters) but also the peaceful" deities / spirits (pika-chu's) are conceived as animal projections of the human psyche - the fundamental religious teaching and game play in Pokemon!

The Bible says: *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."* (Ephesians 5:8-17)

THE COLOR ENERGY CARDS

In the Tibetan tradition life is a sort of 'game', and they state that each of the levels of game-existence is associated with a particular color and also certain geographical symbols. Note the energy cards in Pokemon have colors and elements that also refer powers and positions.

In Tibetan teaching, each person (trainer of projections) has to learn to decode his own internal road map. The Tibetan indicators may be used as a starting point. The purpose is clear: one should follow the signs of the three higher types and shun those of the three lower. One should follow light and pleasant visions and shun dark and dreary ones. Look at the Pokemon cards - both are represented and role-played by our children. Sorcery is based on the mystical and ethical teachings of the Tao (pronounced "dow". All powers and creatures receive their strength by the five elements: fire, water, air or wind, soil, and the void. They teach that these powers can be manipulated by magic.

Recently I observed a group of children who were role-playing Pokemon. They were making evil faces and chanting their Pokemon character names over and over! One three year old was chasing another boy almost trance like in expression saying in a deep raspy voice, 'bulbasore attack, bulbasore, bulbasore.' They are, in a very conservative and innocent way,

doing what members deep into the occult practice regularly - meditating and projecting their spirits just like practitioners of the occult!

I don't believe the children themselves are doing this as they play, but for some of the children they are feeding the methodology into their minds and creating a desire for that kind of power. I don't know if the writers of the game intended to indoctrinate children into mysticism or new age believe systems or the occult - but too many aspects of Pokemon do just that - and this can not be ignored.

In Shinto, the spirits or Kami's can be summoned, can be the agents of possession as in Shamantic possession trance rituals, and can be utilized to aid in protection and fighting off evil Kami's. They utilize music called Kagura that is made up of drum, flute, cymbals, and the singing of kami uta (kami songs), each of which has the power to summon the deities. However, the most significant action associated with kagura as shamanic rite of possession and spirit control. Pokemon monsters in the game and the cartoon (anime) can only say their name, so when they talk they are really chanting their name - chanting is a form of self hypnosis and truly opens oneself up to the demonic realm!

Why would Satan influence a game like Pokemon? It opens up players to the demonic realm, channeling (a power some of the Pokemon characters have), and possession. Luke 11:24 -- *"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out."* 25-- *"And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished."* 26-- *"Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first."*

In Japan, Shinto grew out of an awe for manifestations of nature such as sun, water, rocks, trees and even sounds (jiggly puff, a cute Pokemon sings a song and the sounds puts all who hear her into a trance (my definition of a trance is any sleep that is induced against the persons will) - this is a common type of teaching in Shinto and is very evident in Pokemon)! Shinto teaches that all such natural features were felt to have a god behind their power. Many Shinto beliefs were incorporated into Japanese Buddhist practices after its introduction in the 6th century. Just as they believe in evolution and re-incarnation, these very ideas are manifest in Pokemon.

Some of the cards show creatures associated with Satan (dragons, ghosts, wizards, etc) and are typical examples of the dark side of Pokemon. Haunter, an evolved spirit can hypnotize and has 'dream eater' power (powered by the purple Pokemon energy cards which is the psychic energy). This power lets him drain the energy from his opponents. Some eastern and New age philosophies teach this principal and call spirits that can do this 'energy vampires'. This is just the tip of the iceberg! The Pokemon game contains many typologies manifest in the cards that reflect the philosophies of Shinto with mystic Buddhism, in addition to many other

beliefs. Kadabra, above on the right, evolved from Abra. Both have demonic powers.

EVOLVING

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27) In Pokemon, the monsters actually die to their old self and evolve into the new, more powerful Pokemon. This is the teaching of eastern mystery religions and is spelled out in the Egyptian book of the Dead and other occult religions. In one Pokemon episode, Bulbasore did not want to evolve - some feel this means to just 'grow up' - but the idea is to go through a substantial change and it is even suggested that the Pokemon 'looses' its former self or in a way dies to his current psyche - a typical example of Pokemon and it's occultic influence.

The Pokemon evolve and take on new characteristics and one (Eevee) can evolve into one of two completely different Pokemon, which indicates a complete change as I have asserted. Children are subtly being indoctrinated in the theory of evolution and mysticism in the Pokemon game.

At this level, you will teach your children that God created the world, and the world will tell your children that we evolved from Apes, and they will be so familiar with evolution that they will instinctively believe that unprovable theory! On a side note, the latest theory of evolution is not survival of the fittest (this is simply adaptation within a species), but 'punctual equilibrium' - species changed spontaneously with no evolutionary steps (which is what Pokemon do).

What other influences are evident in Pokemon? It gets more unbelievable and shocking as you read on! Wicca, Witchcraft, Paganism, Satanism, 'New Age', and other occultic influences in 'Pokemon' Lets look at what these religions teach and a short history. Remember - Pokemon's energy is derived from earth, water, fire, lightening, etc. - and the 'pocket monsters' are part of a universal whole.

First - do you really believe there is power in the occultic? Let's see what the Bible says about all this: *"And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger."* 2 Chronicles 33:6 AV

These are real powers that have one intention - to keep you from knowing God and experiencing His plan and will for your life! Any game, cartoon, etc that even hints at occultic practice is dangerous! Wicca, or Witchcraft is a popular and fast growing religious practice all over the world today. Most Witches / Warlocks consider their practice something that is learned by experience - not by books. They go through many incredible rituals to become powerful in the 'craft'. Pokemon trainers must go through a lot of training and ritual type actions to become 'Master Trainers', with the ability to control the Pokemon and their powers.

Pagans use earthly powers and demonic spirits, shamans use animal spirits - their minds are set on the flesh - the Bible says the mind set on the flesh is death! *"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary. the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, sedition's, heresies, 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."* Galatians 5:16-23 AV

Through the true power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives us these according to that same passage: v. 23- *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."* *"Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?"* (1 Corinthians 10:19-22) In Pokemon, trainers summon one of their Pokemon to battle other monsters and they use them as guardians. In Wicca, guardians, known as Watchtowers, are called. These spirits (and sometimes animals) are called by them to protect them from 'evil' spirits while they open themselves up to these spirits during rituals - the circle, the pentagram, etc. all provide a 'safe' area to practice. (In Pokemon the monsters are held in a Pokeball until the trainer summons them). In witchcraft these spirits are summoned and called to stay in the circle until needed to fight off bad spirits.

These Guardians in Pagan practice are often the spirits with whom a person feels comfortable with and has developed some form of a relationship with (in Pokemon the trainers befriend their 'pocket monsters' and develop trusting and advice seeking relationships with them). Possible guardians might be one of the Ancestors, a "spirit guide," or other spiritual entity (including animal spirits and even real animal - like the typical witches black cat) with which the person is familiar with. This is what occurs in Pokemon play -the pocket monsters are captured, trained, and summoned as needed.

Elements & Powers, geography, and demonic realms of power in Pokemon and astrology, New age cults, & Witchcraft. Most Pagan and earth based religions and philosophies find power in the Four Elements - Earth, Water, Fire, and Wind. These are the energy cards in the Pokemon game! Look at this verse in the Bible: *"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron."* (1 Timothy 4:1) What are we allowing to come into our homes!

The elements in Pokemon are foundational to many earth religions and mystic rituals. We draw our power from God, not the earth! The Bible tells us: *"Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world"*(Galatians 4:3) *"But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?"* (4:9)

Most all covens and eastern philosophies, and Pagan belief systems hold the elements as sources of power, as the Pokemon game does. Again - the Bible says: *"Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do."* (1 Timothy 1:4) *"But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness."* (4:7) *"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."* (2 Timothy 4:4) This is what all religions are - nothing but mans attempt to reach God. Listen - finite man can not reach an infinite God! He had to reach down to us, and He did in Jesus Christ!

One last example of occultic practices and Pokemon. In Paganism and the Occult there are spirit guides, messengers, and elementals or artificial elementals. They can be summoned to do things for the 'trainer' or 'practitioner'. They can:

- 1.) Watch and tell the trainer what it sees
- 2.) Guard the trainer
- 3.) Fight with other spirits or elementals
- 4.) Carry out assignments given by the trainers

Pagans can capture free elementals (much like Pokemon trainers capture pocket monsters) and build relationships with them for use (just like Pokemon trainers). Witches, Shamans, etc, recommend only master practitioners do this because you are not masters of the elementals, just like Pokemon trainers are not masters of the Pocket monster - and they warn that they can be hard to get rid of and may require an exorcism to become free of a bad one. *"And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. How be it this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."* (Matthew 17:14-21)

Please pray and do what the Lord instructs you to do - it is time to take a stand for God and protect our children from the influences of our enemy!

My son is six and we had a whole book of Pokemon cards - after praying about it he made the decision to get rid of his cards, because he could see they were evil!

Listen Christians - we are in a battle! The enemy is subtle and is trying to influence our children's minds. Pokemon teaches all the basics of many false religion and occultic practices! Pokemon also indoctrinates children in evolutionary thought and pagan beliefs! It is not Pokemon that we fight - the Bible says: *"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."*(Ephesians 6: 12) These 'powers' are the very real demonic spirits behind all-false religion and self-serving pursuits. Again, Pokemon is not the enemy - it is Lucifer and all that exalts itself against Jesus Christ and the true path to enlightenment.

Pokemon is a tool the enemy can use to build a false foundation and plant seeds of futility in my child - and this I will not allow, and I will, by the blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit come against all falsehood and doctrines of demons that try to indoctrinate my child with eastern mysticism and occultic practices. There is only one way to God - and He revealed that way in the Bible. It is our absolute fixed point of reference and tells us the Jesus Christ is the only way to God. We have this fixed point of reference - no other religion or philosophy has this! More on the Bible in a moment - read on.

I pray that our Lord Jesus Christ by and through the power of the Holy Spirit will lead you into truth, protect you and your children from the schemes of the enemy, and work in you to will and to do His good pleasure. Grace, peace, and courage to take a stand for righteousness be yours!

FOOTNOTE

It is hoped that you have found this article of relevance.

Father, in the Name of YAHSHUA I ask that all that is according to Your Will and Your Word in this article will find deep root in the hearts of the readers and that if there is anything that is not of You, You will blow it away by Your Spirit so that it finds no root at all.

It is our prayer ¹⁷ *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ [YAHSHUA MESSIAH ADONAI], the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ [MESSIAH] when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age*

but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJ)

Shalom

James Robertson

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FOR WE ARE ALL ONE BODY IN CHRIST

(Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)



DEMONIC ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH ARTEFACTS AND IN DWELLINGS

INTRODUCTION

The article on "Pokemon: Children Playing With Fire", article ETI#2001.04.10 raised the issue of demonic activity associated with artefacts and games and, by extension, the subject of demonic activity in dwellings.

The following is a composite of an email discussion and some teachings on the subject directed at assisting a person in the USA deal with heavy demonic activity in the area where they lived.

In the process, another person on the discussion list where the discussion originated raised a number of questions which represent typical concerns or objections which many believers may have to the concept of demonic activity associated with artefacts, games and in homes.

This composite article is presented in the hope that it will assist readers to identify specific instances in their own homes and lives where these things may have a bearing. It is our observation that the vast majority of believers will have at least a few artefacts in their home which are triggering demonic activity. This article provides some guidance on identifying these items and also some guidance on the appropriate prayers and Spiritual Warfare measures to deal with them.

The person whose appeal for assistance gave rise to the following exchange of correspondence and the writing of the articles found themselves living in a location where there was massive demonic activity. As a believer, he found himself facing tangible demonic attack on his dwelling and his family. His overview of the situation is presented first.

This is followed by the first article written to assist him and this is followed by a response to an email received from someone who questioned what was written. A second article was then written which contains practical prayers and Spiritual Warfare measures to deal with the situation.

THE SITUATION THAT GAVE RISE TO THIS DISCUSSION

An email titled "REGARDING DEMONIC ATTACK" which was received after producing the article which follows this. However, this email gives a greater understanding of the context to the article that follows and is therefore offered first.

Important to note that the vast majority of believers tend to be very sceptical of these things and reluctant to believe that such things happen. For that reason it seems appropriate also to share what this man wrote first that readers may understand that there are places in the world where this level of demonic manifestation does occur. Thereafter, one may begin to realise that it is frequently much closer than we think.

>>> EMAIL BEGINS <<<

James,

OK, thanks for giving me the opening I needed.

I have had lots of experiences with dark forces also. I have worked with many wiccans, witches, etc. a lot in past, and am still dealing with them.

I am very sensitive to that kind of stuff. Often I could feel the presence, just like that.

Never dealt with it as formally as you apparently did, except to know they are around and go on with faith and do what I need to do.

Your information is much needed and appreciated.

I strongly believe that my battle with dark forces is mainly because of the fact that I am God's child and doing what I can do, to please Him.

From your words, I believe I can say a few things.

Recently my non-believer of a wife left. When she left, the house actually felt brighter and cleaner. Many of my Christian friends felt it too, when they stopped by for a visit. Then, to gain an entry, they found my daughter, who does not live under my protection, but is rebellious, a weak vessel. After I brought this before the list for prayers, they disappeared.

She was at peace. A few days later, I told her what happened, that demons bothered her and left because of prayers of Christians. I explained to her why it happened. She was startled with that truth and understood. She is not rebellious anymore, but still is a weak vessel and needs support.

I feel I need to say this. You mentioned house or ground being "cursed", or "haunted" by spirits. I live in an area that is very powerful in darkness. About two miles away, there is a road, that was named "Spooky Hollow Road". They changed it to another name now, but that is what it was. Nobody could ride horses there. The horses get spooked all the time. Many people who lived there tell me they had experiences with ghosts and spirits. I feel it there also. On other side of my house, about a quarter mile away, there is a log cabin church and cemetery. That church is a Catholic Church built in 1700's. I went in to see "history", and I could sense them very powerfully.

Many in this area, had experienced supernatural things. One friend told me that she saw a tombstone in the woods, but when she went back next day, she couldn't find it. There are many stories like that. Many saw ghosts and felt them around. Some talk to them. One saw a man hanging in a tree, but is a spirit. And, in this area, many members of Ku Klux Klan live. They are very strong and active here, full of hate. Many blacks have been burned out of their homes, even right in town! It delights the devil! They feed off each other. They have attacked me constantly for years, just because I am deaf. But I know they do it in part, because of demons around. We have some "christians" here in this area, but they are not close to God, playing the church game. Many others in nearby areas are just "churchians", always busy with "church" and not seeing spiritual things. We have nobody here to help us, or to give us strength.

I believe He will provide and I am very firm on it. I do feel that He had been telling some Christians to do something, but they are not listening. I am not giving up, but I am tired. I desire good solid Christian fellowship. There is none here in this area. That is why I am on some lists, and online a lot. But that is not good.

That is why I have been praying and talking about finding another place. This place is not good, and our home had been foreclosed already. Soon we will be homeless. As I have told you, I am disabled, living on a very small disability check. I can't do much work, and will need help. There is another Christian family, who lives in that Spooky Hollow Road, and they are also oppressed very badly. They love the Lord, and wants to move out also. We are looking for a place where we can farm, and support ourselves off the land. We want to dedicate it to the Lord, to be built up into a retreat / communal grounds for Christians. We know it is His will that we will do that, eventually. In meantime, it is really rough for us.

R.....

>>> EMAIL ENDS <<<

THE FIRST ARTICLE

This article was actually written before the email above but the email confirmed what was partially "seen" in the Spiritual realm and is therefore presented here first.

RESPONDING TO DEMONIC ATTACK

Further to my previous rather cryptic email, it occurs to me that your situation warrants more detailed response as others may be facing attacks on a less severe level and may not know how to deal with them.

Many will find what follows very challenging and many who call themselves by the name of Christ tend to reject this subject. However, I write from intense personal experience of the Power and Authority of the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth over the demonic forces of Hell and some of the lessons we have learned in dealing with attacks that we have come under.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

There is a whole set of teachings on the demonic in the tapes on "God's Plan for Healing Marriage". This is set 6 in the tapes, directory 06Deliver on the second CD.

There is also information in tapes 12 and 13 of set 04 (12 is the same as tape 11 of set 6 but with some additional commentary, etc so probably better to listen to 04-12 than 06-1.1). These messages are in directory 04Marriage2 on CD 1 and are messages 12Demon.mp3 and 13Jezebl.mp3 respectively.

Not all that is contained in this mail is contained in the teachings referred to above and the teachings refer to much more than is contained here.

Tape 11 "Spiritual Warfare Prayers Preparing for the Coming Judgment" in tape set 2 contains some prayers which have relevance to tearing down strongholds, etc and provides more scriptural context to what follows. This is teaching 11SpirWf.mp3 in directory 02Judgment on the first CD.

CAUTION

The application of what follows requires a clear revelation of the might and power of the Name of Jesus Christ (Yahshua Messiah) of Nazareth.

If you do not have such a revelation or have no experience in hand to hand combat with the forces of darkness, please read what follows with the understanding that you will probably find much of it hard to believe and also that you should not lightly put into practice certain of the principles of binding, etc set out in what follows. If at all possible, seek the

assistance of a mature believer who can assist you with these things. At the very least, get a group of people to intercede on your behalf if you are facing a really serious situation, such as that described by R.....

In light of R... 's posting, I am addressing this specifically to him and to his situation. However, these are things which all on the list need to know AND to apply in this age. You can take it for granted that your participation in this list qualifies you for special attention from Satan and his demonic and angelic hordes. Therefore, the basic principles of sanctifying your home, pleading the blood, claiming the protection of angels, etc, apply to everyone of us.

SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES

The most important thing to understand is that Satan CANNOT TOUCH YOU unless he has a legal right and Yahweh Adonai (God the Father) permits it after a judgment in the court of heaven as set out in the posting on "Judgment on the Church" a few weeks ago and as set out in detail in set 02 "Judgment in this Life" of the teachings on "God's Plan for Healing Marriage" (directory 02Judgment on CD1).

There are a number of distinct avenues where such legal right can be obtained and I address them here specifically from the perspective of demonic attack and manifestation in and around a dwelling.

1) THROUGH LEGAL RIGHT GIVEN BY PAST OCCUPANTS OR INTRUDERS

It is common place to find that previous occupants of a home or even a piece of land have engaged in some or other form of spiritism, sin or other activity that has given demons legal right to reside in that dwelling.

This can range from spirit's of fornication which remain after a house or property has been used for immoral purposes and which will constantly seed one's thoughts with immoral ideas and look for opportunities to trap one into adultery or fornication. In a house or on a property where a murder has been committed a spirit of murder may remain. In a house or on a property where a person who has participated in ancestor worship and other rites has died and the survivors have not actively transferred the familial spirits to an heir, these spirits can remain in the house or on the property.

The list is endless. It is not generally necessary to know how a spirit came there. Once the Holy Spirit has revealed it's identity it can generally be evicted.

In some cases spiritists may leave an artefact or symbol somewhere in the house or on the property. On one occasion I was sent by Yahweh to a church in central London (United Kingdom) which met in a 16th century church building to tell the pastor that there were satanic signs concealed in various parts of the building. Many

African tribes use various forms of "tokkelosh" or voodoo artefacts and I am under the impression that many American Indian tribes use similar things. These can comprise of animal parts or any of a wide diversity of things which may be buried on a property, hidden in the walls or roof, etc.

Such symbols can also include specific symbols such as the pentagram, the "yin yang" sign, the peace sign, etc, etc which can be spray painted, engraved, written, etc anywhere on the property.

The artefact or symbol itself often has limited significance in and of itself BUT the demonic prayers, assignments, associations, hexes, etc which are spoken over them, and the motives behind their creation, do. Scripture requires these items to be removed and destroyed by fire where ever possible. In the case of symbols spray painted on walls, they should be painted over with holy oil (olive oil over which prayer has been offered that it will be symbolic of the Blood of Jesus), prayer should be offered, all demons assigned to the mark should be bound and cast out and the symbol should be painted over if it cannot be physically removed.

2) WATCHERS

Demonic intrusion can also take place through demons in the form of "watchers" that are assigned to birds and animals, particularly owls and cats or assigned to stationary positions. These demons can act as spiritual "bugs", they report back in the spirit realm to "mediums" and "witches" who are able to see through the eyes of the demon and hear through it's ears and listen in on conversations, etc.

In the past year we have twice been shown by the Holy Spirit that there is a watcher on the top of a 15 foot high pole at the end of our garden. In each case we have gone to the pole, bound and cast out the watcher and anointed the top of the pole.

3) ARTEFACTS BROUGHT INTO THE HOME INNOCENTLY

Demons can also be brought into the home by artefacts, pictures, jewellery, books, etc, etc which are purchased or received as gifts completely innocently.

Many Christians have difficulty with this. By way of example, let me make the point that most Christians would not have too much difficulty in believing that pornography could give demons the right to enter a home. Most will destroy pornography once they have come to salvation.

The sort of artefacts, pictures, etc that I am referring to are just as bad in spiritual terms as pornography. Remember that scripture instructs us not to look to the things which are seen but to the things which are unseen. Scripture also constantly equates idolatry

with adultery. Therefore, anything which relates to idolatry is just as bad, and often worse, in the sight of Yahweh than pornography.

A few examples:

AN ANKH AS A GIFT

Yahweh once sent a woman to my door to ask me to pray with her after her house had been robbed. When I went with her, it turned out that her daughters garden cottage had been raided and all her art work stolen.

Yahweh told me to tell her that she had certain artefacts in the room and that while those artefacts were there He could not protect her.

It turned out that the daughter (a student at Art School), had dabbled in a few occult things and a few months earlier had been given an "Ankh" pendant for her birthday. The Ankh is a very common symbol, it is essentially a T with a sort of upside down teardrop shaped loop on the top. It occurs in many Egyptian drawings, etc and is widely used as a piece of Jewellery. However, it has powerful Satanic significance.

AFRICAN TRIBAL GIFTS

On another occasion, while praying for a man whose life was falling apart, if I remember correctly, he had lost his job, his marriage was in dire straits and his wife was losing her sight.

As I prayed, I had a vision of a fireplace with shelves on either side with two objects of irregular shape. The Holy Spirit told me to tell them to destroy them. They went home and found two small carved wooden bowls of Central African origin which they had been given as gifts when they attended a wedding some time previously. EVERY GUEST had been given one of these little bowls. When they tried to burn them with petrol they would not burn. The petrol even boiled in the pots but did not ignite!! Finally they pled the Blood of Jesus over the pots and then they were consumed by the fire. Within days all the adverse situations in their lives started to turn around.

A GARGOYLE ON A FIRE SCREEN

In another instance, I was led to minister to a believer who in five years had backslidden totally, got into hard drugs, heavy consumption of alcohol, etc to the point that he was arrested and jailed for assaulting his own brother.

It turned out that five years previously, he had been given as a gift, an elaborate brass fire screen with the head of a "gargoyle" on it. When high on drugs he had actually seen demons coming out of the mouth of the gargoyle. We applied the Blood of Jesus, bound the

demons and the next day he took the screen to an engineering works to be destroyed with an acetylene torch. His life turned around.

SUMMING UP

These examples are intended to give some indication of what can happen.

In South Africa there is a very popular form of modern Egyptian art on papyrus. It is sold for relatively low price and is attractive as a talking point. Nearly every one of these has an "Ankh" or other symbol somewhere in the drawing. Sometimes very obvious, other times not at all obvious. I was told by the Holy Spirit to burn ours.

Books on mysticism, travel books with photographs of pagan temples and idols, there is an enormous list.

The relevance of all of this to any particular individual is dependant on where you are with Yahweh right now. If you are a young believer, He may cover these things with grace for years. If you are more mature and making a real impact for the kingdom, Satan is likely to make a concerted effort to use these footholds to attack you and Yahweh will require you to get rid of them by burning.

In the last seven years we have gone through our house at least once a year, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit and found things we had not seen previously. As recently as "christmas" this year, my family had still wanted a "tree" and I had consented against my better judgment. After a series of events in which there had been strife and arguments, Ingrid was impressed to say that we should destroy a little "father christmas" troll and we then discovered that nearly the whole family had seen a demon staring at them from this little ornament which had been in the family for probably a decade! We then became aware of demons in a number of the other little ornaments which the family jointly agreed to burn. After this it was decided that clearly christmas trees and christmas decorations were pagan and should not find a place in our house again! Thinking back now, we have had arguments within the family every year at christmas time when that troll was on the tree!!

Incidentally, trolls and many other children's toys, particularly those which are hybrid man-animals are demonic.

The bottom line is that if you love Yahweh and Yahshua you should want to get rid of these things and that if you do not you should not be surprised to experience demonic interference in your life.

CAUTIONS

Whatever you do, DO NOT THROW THEM AWAY OR GIVE THEM AWAY, you must bind the demons and cast them into the pit and the

objects **MUST BE BURNED WITH FIRE** - it does not matter how valuable they are - remember the gold in Joshua 7 and the books in Acts 19. Demons are like flies, they hover around unclean artefacts. If you give it away, the demons go with it to the person you gave it to but you bring a curse on yourself. If you throw it away, the demons go with it to anyone who picks it up from the garbage truck or dump and the demons will make sure that someone does find it. Again, you bring a curse on yourself.

The process of identifying and destroying these artefacts can be traumatic if a member of your family is not fully sanctified and has some association with the item, the item may also have given particular demons the right to oppress that family member, in which case you can experience outbursts of rage, tears, etc, etc in opposition. Recognize it for what it is, demonic manifestation, bind it. Do not try and cast it out until the necessary preparatory work has been done, otherwise it may return with seven others.

4) CURSES, ETC

Demonic attack or attack by fallen angels can also be associated with curses or active attack.

Scripture tells us that a curse without a cause will not alight but only the most sanctified of us are free of anything that will prevent curses from impacting us. Curses can range from simple "bad language" and swearing, such as was encountered on the list a month or so ago and includes name calling, etc. Calling someone a "whore" when they are not but where there may be some tendency to sexual sin can result in a spirit of whoredom gaining access to that person. The person guilty of this curse can bring a curse upon themselves if the person they cursed is anointed of Yahweh.

At the other extreme, Satanists, witches covens and other Satanic groupings will actively curse believers, leaders, congregations, etc which are moving powerfully for Yahweh. In such cases they may use infiltration with demonic watchers to gain information to identify demonic strongholds or openings in the lives of believers and specifically assign demons to strengthen those strongholds. If we are not fully sanctified and have demons oppressing our flesh, which applies to virtually every Christian on this planet. The very demons of pride, religion, etc that we carry can be sources of information to Satanic groups.

Based on this information, Satan's agents can mount a systematic attack on a believer or congregation to destroy it.

A POWERFUL ANOINTING DESTROYED

By way of example. We were led by the Spirit to a small but highly anointed congregation led by a strong apostle. There were a large

number of prophets and apostles and mature believers in the congregation and the Spirit started to move powerfully. There was a beautiful and gentle anointing developing and prophetic word was being increasingly given that the leader of the congregation and the people in the congregation were, together, to do a mighty work for Yahweh.

One of the elders of the congregation had put away two wives decades ago without cause and Yahweh started to speak to him to make right. He refused the word, because it required that he acknowledge that he had two wives in the sight of Yahweh. As a consequence of this sin he was destitute having lost a fortune of millions, yet he would not repent. At the same time, he was in possession of documents concerning massive oil and diamond reserves, given him by Yahweh, which he intended to exploit but had never been able to because of the sin in his life. As a consequence of this expected fortune, the leader of the congregation ceased looking to Yahweh as source and focused on the tithes that this man was supposedly going to bring in.

This opened the door for Satan. Next, when the leader was away for a few days, another elder, who also had some problems in his life was tasked to lead the meetings. At the first meeting, the Spirit spoke and gave very specific instructions for the conduct of the meeting, promising a mighty move. After a while, the elder concerned disobeyed the Word of Yahweh through His prophets INCLUDING the elder concerned.

That night there was a witch in the congregation (rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft), the same rebellious elder called her up to pray for a member of the leadership. The witch did a dance around the woman concerned who ended up in intensive care in hospital the next day. A few days later, Yahweh gave a word of correction through myself which was rejected, the move of the Spirit ceased immediately and, today, that congregation consists of half a dozen people going nowhere.

SUMMING UP

This example is rather dramatic, but we can, in many ways, through disobedience, open the door for Satan to attack our ministries, our families and our homes.

Thus, while dealing with the issues raised above, we must also examine ourselves closely and deal with all sin in our own lives that is giving Satan a foothold to attack us.

In certain cases, Yahweh will permit curses to be returned, but this should only be undertaken by experienced prophetic ministers who clearly discern the leading of the Holy Spirit in this. The motive for this should be one of bringing correction by the Satanist or witch realizing that Yahweh is stronger than the god they serve. However,

in cases where the person is beyond redemption, asking for curses to be returned can result in the death of the person who issued the curses in the first place. This aspect of spiritual warfare is only for those who are called to it and anointed for it.

BLOOD LINE CURSES, ETC

A further dimension to the subject of curses, relates to generational or "blood line" curses. Certain sins carry curses for up to ten generations. Many secret societies, like the Free Masons, take blood oaths which are an abomination in the sight of Yahweh and which can open the blood line up to demonic attack for up to ten generations.

Cancer, suicide and many other abnormalities can be associated with blood line curses.

It is unlikely that there is a single man or woman alive today who does not have some blood-line curses passed down from the past ten generations. Once these curses have been identified by the Holy Spirit, it is not difficult to deal with them. However, UNTIL they are cut off, they provide a powerful avenue for Satan to attack us individually and as families.

The teachings on deliverance deal with this subject comprehensively so I will not address it further here.

CONCLUSION FOR THIS POSTING

I had not intended to go into as much detail as I have in this posting and my time is running out so I will wrap up at this point.

God willing, in the next day or so I will be able to document in some detail the basic processes for sanctifying your house, etc.

In the interim, I suggest you ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you all artefacts, symbols, etc which there may be in your possession or on your property which He wants you to destroy at this time.

In dealing with such items, pray as follows:

"Father, I ask you in the name of Jesus to cover myself and all my family and near relatives with the Blood of Jesus from the top of our heads to the soles of our feet."

"Father, I confess that I am not fully informed as how to deal with this situation and I therefore ask you for GRACE in Jesus name to protect me from my ignorance."

"Father, I ask that your mighty warring angels will encamp around me to protect me and my family and to give effect to every instruction that I give the demons that I address today. In particular, I ask that your angels will bind these demons and escort them to the pit, in Jesus Name."

"Father, I confess that I have sinned unwittingly by having these items in my possession and I repent of that sin and ask you to forgive me, in Jesus' name."

FOR EACH ITEM OR PILE OF ITEMS IF THERE ARE MANY

"I bind every demon that has attached itself to this (name of artefact, symbol, etc - or just point to it if you don't know it's name) in the mighty name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. I command you to leave now and go to the pit for a thousand years, in Jesus name!!"

"I cover this with the blood of Jesus, in Jesus name and I command it to burn until it is utterly destroyed, in Jesus name."

If you have a gas burner, that can be quite effective, otherwise get a fire going in a brazier or just an open fire, as appropriate and progressively burn the items. Books may have to be torn up into pieces otherwise they can take a very long time to burn. Where you can do it safely you may find it helpful to soak items in petrol.

If you live somewhere where there is absolutely no possibility of having a fire, you may need to make arrangements with someone who can help you or possibly take items to a municipal or hospital incinerator, or similar.

I hope this helps as a starter.

>>> END OF FIRST ARTICLE <<<

RESPONSE TO A MAIL FROM SOMEONE WHO HAD QUESTIONS ON THE ABOVE ARTICLE

The above article was also posted to an email discussion list and an email with queries was received in response. The email plus my comments "in thread" follows:

Dear ...

Thank you for your mail.

The subject is extremely challenging to present in a way that does not inadvertently give the wrong impression.

I will endeavour to answer your points in the body of your mail and then respond further at the end.

Subject: REGARDING DEMONIC ATTACK

Dear James,

I thought I would write this to you only, since I thought that your long post on the subject interesting and important and I did not wish my public remarks to detract from what you had to say, though I may not agree on all points. As one who has an extensive library on many subjects I was concerned about some of the things that you wrote that seemed to limit God's power, accentuate superstition (attribution of power to inanimate objects), and diminish the role that intent of actions and purity or innocense of motive with regard to the symbol in question (whatever).

I will endeavour to address each of these points. Let me start by saying that I DO understand your concern and, were it not for much praying, much study led by the Spirit and many confirmations through other believers and practical experience over about seven years, I would probably see things in much the way you set out.

To provide a context, firstly consider that Hosea 4:6a states "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...*" (NKJ)

In the context of "innocense motive", consider firstly that many of those who are in hell today are there because they believed lies about Yahshua Messiah or did not hear about Him at all. It can be argued they are "innocent" - sadly, they are STILL in hell.

In this context, I asked The Holy Spirit about the issue of whether a person who believed a lie would be judged anyway and the scripture that He gave me was in 1 Kings 13. I quote 1 Kings 13:15-26 which contains the core of the principle:

*15 Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."
16 And he said, "I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place.
17 "For I have been told by the word of the LORD, 'You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.'
18 He said to him, "I too am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" **(He was lying to him.)**
19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.
20 Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back;
21 and he cried out to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you,
22 'but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which the LORD said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water," your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers."
23 So it was, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, the prophet whom he had brought back.
24 When he was gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey stood by it. The lion also stood by the corpse.
25 And there, men passed by and saw the corpse thrown on the*

road, and the lion standing by the corpse. Then they went and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

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

The key thing here was that the prophet who was killed by the lion was killed because he believed the other man's lie and acted on it rather than obeying the Word of God.

Shortly after that, I encountered Proverbs 21:28 in the NIV which states: *"A false witness will perish, and whoever listens to him will be destroyed for ever."* (NIV) -- interestingly not all versions of the NIV have this rendering. However, I encountered it at the time of asking The Holy Spirit for an answer to this situation. I have subsequently seen in more and more detail that we have been given the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to guide us and if we sin, Satan WILL use it against us.

The important thing to realise is that sin opens the door to Satan to attack. This was set out in summary in the message on "The Wrath of God for the Church" and is set out in much more detail in the teachings on "Judgment in this Life" on the two CD's and tape series.

It is NOT a case of God's power being limited, it IS a case of sin, whether in ignorance or not, opening the door to Satan to attack. If we are young believers this sin is frequently covered by Grace, BUT as we become more mature, Yahweh requires us to sanctify ourselves and to draw closer to Him and deal with sin which has previously been covered by Grace. He requires a bride without Spot or Wrinkle for His Son.

When Yahweh says that He "cannot" protect us if we sin, that is a statement of the reality of spiritual principles. If we sin, and possession of unclean things IS sin, Satan gains a legal right to attack and since Yahweh is uncompromisingly righteous it would be against every principle of justice that He has set out in His Word, to protect us from the consequences of our sin. It is only through the intercession of our Advocate, Yahshua, that grace is extended to us, because He has been tempted in every way as we have. BUT, when we have had access to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit for sufficient length of time, Yahweh will not permit Yahshua to carry the burden of our ignorance indefinitely.

It appears from my experience that most believers are fatalistic and do not ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and counsel as to WHY they are suffering loss and we therefore get the various doctrines which attribute suffering to Yahweh as being some arbitrary act of unpredictable capriciousness and injustice. I have consistently found that, whenever I ask the Holy Spirit "Why", I always get an answer and, when it relates to something that is going wrong in my life, it always relates to sin in my life. In earlier years this was frequently

from sin I was ignorant of, more recently, it has resulted from finer points that I did know but had failed to apply diligently.

Remember also that we are now in the period of final judgment and great tribulation which is closing off the two thousand years from the birth of Yahshua before the start of the millennial reign of Messiah on earth. Those who are to reign must be taught the rules of justice and judgment BEFORE they will be qualified to reign. And must sanctify themselves in ALL things.

To clarify, inanimate objects do NOT have power, however, the demons that attach to them DO.

Hope that helps?

With regard to the passage you wrote,

"Yahweh told me to tell her that she had certain artefacts in the room and that while those artefacts were there He could not protect her."

If this implies that she had some allegiance to these artifacts, then of course I would understand her problem.

She had consciously "dabbled" in some things and backslidden, but, at her level of spiritual maturity, and that of her family, my experience indicates that the same judgment would have applied.

But to say that Yahweh "could not" do anything, begs me to wonder if you are not attributing much more power to these things than one ought. For "to the pure all things are pure" must apply here, if anywhere.

Perhaps the question we have to ask ourselves is whether any of us are even close to being pure in this age? There is so much deception and wrong doctrine in the church today that an enormous amount of what we accept as of God is in fact heresy and blasphemous - the whole subject of monogamy and the pagan marriage ceremony is a case on which I think we would agree?

Again, we must remember that the epistles in the "new testament" were written at the beginning of the age. We are now at the END of the age and have had two thousand years of the ministry of the Holy Spirit to lead us into All Truth. John 16:13 states: *"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."* (NKJ)

And of course the fact that through the ages almost every symbol has been misused in idolatry (including, if you will, the intricate designs that the Muslims use which are meant to be totally abstract). It would seem to me that demons would greatly appreciate being able to frighten Christians into conducting "artefact hunts" in their homes rather than "sin hunts" in their hearts. For this removes the culpability for "arguments" and jealousies and hateful (murderous) attitudes from the doer and allows him to blame the troll the "Ankh" or the whathaveyou.

Not so at all. Possession of these things is sin. If we have unknowingly sinned, whether in our hearts OR by owning things that are unclean, we must STILL confess our sin, repent and receive forgiveness. As I said, most people would agree that believers should not have pornographic magazines like Penthouse or similar in their homes and would willingly seek them out and destroy them. Other objects of uncleanness, just because we do not recognize them as such, should be treated no differently. Because these things are

contaminated and impure, it grieves the Holy Spirit for us to have them in our houses, EVEN when He provides grace to us because of our ignorance.

Consider also Acts 19:19 *"Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver."* (NKJ) so we see that it is indeed scriptural to destroy unclean artefacts.

Consider also Joshua 7:20-26:

20 And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done:

21 "When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."

22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver under it.

23 And they took them from the midst of the tent, brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.

24 Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor.

*25 And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; **and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.***

26 Then they raised over him a great heap of stones, still there to this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor to this day. (NKJ)

The "Babylonish garment" is quite likely to have been embellished with designs which were forerunners of the Moslem designs to which you refer. Closer investigation into the patterns on Persian Carpets and the like reveals that many of them have demonic significance.

The thing with dealing with objects is that, once they have been dealt with by the power of the Blood and the Name above All Names, Yahshua / Jesus, that is the end of it.

As an engineer, I find that it is important to draw a distinction between blame - which I understand to be willful denial of responsibility - and recognizing cause and effect. In all things which give rise to failure or loss in the physical world, there is cause and effect. If a structure fails because a component was under-designed, we do not consider it "blaming" to state this fact. On the other hand, if a driver crashes a car by going into a bend at twice the legal speed limit and then says that the bend was too tight, THAT is blaming - that is a denial of responsibility for exceeding the speed limit. If he was travelling at the speed-limit, his car was in perfect condition with new tyres, etc and he was an experienced driver completely sober with no medical condition and under perfect driving conditions,

one would then consider the possibility that there was indeed a design flaw.

In the same way, many believers who suffer lack or loss effectively blame God by failing to seek their sin and error that gave rise to the loss - the "God giveth and God taketh away syndrome".

It should also be noted that it is not a question of "frightening" believers. It is simply a question of recognizing these truths, making people aware of them and ministering the necessary precautions.

Insofar as I should have followed up with a second mail on Friday setting out some of these factors in more detail, I must repent.

Did not Paul say that idols are nothing? Mere nothing as in no power whatsoever?

Paul also said that that which is offered to idols IS offered to demons. In 1 Corinthians 10: 19-20 he states:

19 What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything?

20 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons." (NKJ)

So we clearly see that demons associate with idols and, therefore, possession of an idol brings with it the demons associated with it.

So I must ask, If the item is destroyed, and the home (or place) is blessed by Christian prayer from the heart, is this not sufficient? Are not the prayers of the righteous, (or merely the sincere of heart, for God knows our infirmities, to Yahweh much more efficacious than the chants of the heathen to the demons?

YES totally agree with what you have written - the item MUST be destroyed and the house blessed with prayer and sanctified and that IS sufficient. If I created a different impression, please forgive me. Perhaps you could highlight the passage which gave this impression so that I can amend the document?

The issue of curses and assignments of watchers, etc is a separate issue not necessarily related to artefacts. Curses gain right to attack because of sin in our lives - such sin can include but is not limited to possession of artefacts. Watchers are effectively demonic "spies" which gain access to our properties because we fail to be spiritually diligent in warfare and taking appropriate protective measures through regularly pleading the Blood of Yahshua, claiming the protection of the angels of Yahweh, etc.

In interpreting what is written here it is vital that we recognize that we are in the last few years of the current dispensation, in fact, we are effectively in the seven year period between the dispensation of Grace and the millennial reign of Messiah. So, firstly, much of the grace of the dispensation of Grace has or is falling away as we move through the period of Judgment and tribulation. Also, because Satan has so few years left before being cast into the pit for a thousand years, he is pulling out ALL THE STOPS and venturing his forces, possibly recklessly, in the hope of in some desperate way destroying all believers so that there is no one with the authority to pray the necessary prayers to cast him into the pit. We understand that he will not succeed BUT that will not prevent him from seeking to

destroy as many believers as he can so that they can go to hell with him.

In the case that I mentioned regarding a watcher on our property. Since previously cleansing the property, we had had a man staying on the property for several weeks receiving ministry for major demonic infestations, drug addiction, etc. For various reasons we had been less than diligent in praying protection over our house and family when he first came onto the property AND we had had the troll on the "christmas tree". After he left and we burned the troll and other items, we cleansed the house and property and anointed with oil but FAILED to anoint the top of the pole concerned because it required additional effort. Again an example where sloppy spiritual warfare gave Satan a foothold. I should also mention that our neighbour on that particular boundary is an apostolic pastor with a very anointed ministry and it is our impression that they do not have the same knowledge we do and therefore do not take the same spiritual precautions. The watcher may therefore have been watching them as much as it was watching us.

In any event, we bound it, cast it into the pit for a thousand years, prayed, applied the Blood of Yahshua to the top of the poles and anointed them with oil.

By virtue of our ministry, we do find ourselves facing much more of this type of activity than perhaps many believers, but the lessons are important nonetheless.

And beyond this would not a clean home still attract demons if those in the home are not clean with the blood of Jesus? And would not a home filled with such symbols be repulsive to the demons if it were filled by those enthralled in the love of Christ?

Again, YES, a clean home WILL attract demons if those in the home are not clean. However, they will attach to the people not to the dwelling UNLESS there is some artefact, symbol or act which permits them to remain. For example, as indicated, a room in which fornication occurs on a regular basis will, in due course, become spiritually contaminated that the room will come to be associated with fornication and spirits of whoredom, perversion, etc will come to take up residence. A simple statement like "this is the best F.....g bedroom in the house", could open the door for such infestation if fornication is taking place and such demons are already present on the person making the statement. This is why swearing is so dangerous for Christians - it is cursing and opens them up to all sorts of demonic activity.

Thanks for your time,

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My pleasure indeed! Thank you for your questions, it is always useful to dialogue with someone who is seeking clarification. It is so easy with the knowledge and experience that we have gained over the past seven years to forget the basic principles that are necessary for people to gain an effective understanding of abstract subjects like this.

I did not think your post was too long and it certainly was well written, I would like to hear more of your thoughts on this subject--it is little dwelt upon here. (But then I see little demon activity here as well.)

What I have increasingly come to realize in recent years is that there is FAR more demon activity on the earth and around each one of us, than we realise. As we sin, we give demons the right to attach to us. Frequently these demons are not evident until something arises to provoke them. The unpleasantness on the list a month or so ago was a classic example of demons of pride, religion, etc manifesting.

Remember also that Joyner, in the Final Quest, reports that "all the hordes of hell have been released" that was some time in 1995 and corresponded to greatly increased demonic activity in many respects and certainly an increase in awareness and teaching on the subject.

Accordingly, let me caution you that, having read these things, you may well start to become aware of FAR MORE demon activity around you than you have previously been conscious of. It can be very disconcerting initially and, if it does happen, please let me know.

I am attaching a copy of the first chapter of the manual on which the teachings on the tapes and CD's are based which gives more information on the general principles - it is a retype which is currently in draft and still requires some editing. – NOTE this was posted last month as mail "ETI#2001.03.15 Deliverance Manual Part 1".

In closing, lest I have again inadvertently created the wrong impression " the Name and Blood of Jesus / Yahshua IS more powerful than anything that Satan can throw at us BUT we must have the knowledge to use the Name and the Blood effectively and apply that knowledge and also the knowledge to use the FULL ARMOR OF GOD effectively, if we are to avoid personal loss or defeat.

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Shalom and thanks for your mail

James

>>> END OF EMAIL AND RESPONSE <<<

SECOND ARTICLE OVERCOMING DEMONIC ATTACK

In the first posting, some indicators were given with regard to the basis on which demons can gain access to your house and property and attack you and yours. In this posting, I will endeavour to give the basics with regard to countering these attacks and clearing out your property.

Note that all prayers are suggestions as a basis for your own prayers, they are NOT rigid formulae. I refer to Yahshua (Jesus), Messiah (Christ) and Yahweh (THE LORD). If you are still at a place where Jesus Christ and THE LORD are the names you are accustomed to using, there is no reason not to use them. However, I do believe that it is a mark of respect to use the correct names as best we currently understand them and also that there

is power in using the Hebrew words rather than Greek or English equivalents.

FUNDAMENTALS

The fundamentals to spiritual warfare are:

2. THE NAME OF YAHSHUA IS THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

Ephesians 1:17-23

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

*18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, **what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,***

19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (NKJ)

This passage in Ephesians 1 is a good prayer to pray over yourself at this time, particularly if you need the "eyes of your understanding enlightened" with regard to any of the issues in this teaching.

Philippians 2:5-13

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

*9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him **the name which is above every name,***

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

*11 and that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you 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;

13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. (NKJ)

It is vital to understand that when you rebuke a demon in the name of Jesus, or bind it, or command it to leave, IT MUST OBEY YOU. It has nothing to do with who you are, it has everything to do with who Yahshua is and what He purchased on the Cross.

However, a demon will not leave if it still has a legal right to remain. To use a few examples which are perhaps easiest to relate to. Demons of whoredom and other demons of sexual immorality will not leave if there is pornography in the house, no matter how well it is hidden and no matter whether you know it is there or not. So, if the previous owners hid copies of Playboy in the roof, you need to get them out and burn them! The Holy Spirit will show you what you need to know.

When you have done all that you can find to do, then STAND (Ephesians 6:13) and pray:

"Father, I come to you in the name of Yahshua. I have done all that I can to locate artefacts that are giving these demons legal right to attack me / occupy my house / property (etc) and I humbly ask you for Grace in the Name of Yahshua that you will cover any remaining articles that I have not yet found, with the Blood of Yahshua and that you will prevent these demons from acting until the Holy Spirit has revealed the location of remaining articles to me."

Clearly, if you ask for such grace you must then be diligent in prayer to seek out that which is hidden. In some cases, people have had to dig things up from their gardens or even buried under their houses. In such cases, until you have a VERY clear leading from the Holy Spirit, do NOT just start digging. Just stand on God's Grace and Mercy!

3. YAHSHUA GAVE US AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS

Matthew 10:5-8

5 *These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans.*

6 *"But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

7 *"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

8 *"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, **cast out demons**. Freely you have received, freely give. (NKJ)*

Note that Yahshua sent them to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel". In other words, He sent them to believers. All those that Yahshua delivered of demons believed in Him, that was why they came to Him!

Mark 16:15-20

15 *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*

16 *"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

17 **"And these signs will follow those who believe:
In My name they will cast out demons;** they will speak
with new tongues;

18 "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly,
it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and
they will recover."

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received
up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working
with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.
Amen. (NKJ)

If you have a revelation that Yahshua died for you and that He gave you authority over demons then you HAVE the authority to cast them out. But you MUST be resolute and speak to them in faith NOT fear and you MUST have eliminated whatever was giving them legal right to remain.

As discussed in the previous posting, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you what needs to be removed or destroyed.

Be aware that deliverance (driving demons out of people) or exorcism of demons from a dwelling or property, is generally a stepwise process. They have to be cast out one at a time.

4. **WEAR THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD**

Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

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

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- (NKJ)

If you do not regularly pray for Yahweh to clothe you in the FULL ARMOUR (that is ALL COMPONENTS) or pray for Him to maintain the armour and to guide you to maintain it. You should start immediately.

Pray (I suggest that the first time you pray this you actually make the motion of putting on a large belt and the same with each of the other items - this is NOT necessary, but it helps you to get a vision of what is happening spiritually):

"Father, I come to you in the name of Yahshua, I ask you to cover me with the full armour of God."

"I put on now the Belt of Truth (enact putting on the belt), the Surefooted Shoes of the Gospel of Peace (enact putting on the shoes), the Breastplate of Righteousness (enact); the Helmet of Salvation (enact)."

"I take up the Shield of Faith with which I can quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one (take the shield on your left forearm - it is a large rectangular shield which covers you from top to bottom)."

"I take the Sword of the Spirit which is Your Word (take your Bible in your right hand and hold it up - see it as a large, two edged sword)."

"I ask you Holy Spirit to help me to pray at all times in the Spirit without ceasing."

(if you have not received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, this would be a good time to seek that gift as soon as possible - in principle it does require the laying on of hands but if you are in a situation where that is not possible it can be imparted without the laying on of hands).

"I thank you Father that I now have on the full Armour of God and I ask you Holy Spirit, in the name of Yahshua, to guide me to maintain and develop this armour and to learn how to use it."

A few comments: The armour relates to the various truths, if you do not have a revelation that Jesus Christ is your righteousness and that you are called to seek to live a righteous life, the breastplate will not be effective - your doubt and unbelief will do this. The same applies to the other components. Please note, I am not saying that you need to be spotless to receive the armour, far from it, only that you must have a basic revelation of the scriptural truth to which the armour relates.

Similarly, if you do not have a revelation of faith, and constantly speak doubt and unbelief over your life, the shield will not be effective in your life.

By the same token, if you do not read your Bible regularly (as in daily) and systematically from Genesis to Revelation on a regular basis (I would suggest at least once a year) your spirit will be weak and malnourished and you will not have the scriptures you require to stand on in every situation engrafted in your heart. NB, you do not need to remember them, the Holy Spirit will bring them to your remembrance, but if you never read your Bible there is not much for

the Spirit to work with. If you have not been reading regularly, repent, ask for Grace and start reading diligently.

The Word is Spirit and it is Life - it feeds your spirit, even if you are tired and cannot concentrate - this is not a carnal "remember the book" thing, it is a SPIRITUAL thing.

5. **CALL ON THE ANGELS OF GOD TO PROTECT YOU**

Angels are there to serve us and to watch over us (guardian angels).

Luke 4:10-11

10 *"For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over You, to keep You,'*

11 *"and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "* (NKJ)

2 Peter 2:11

11 *whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.* (NKJ)

Matthew 18:10

10 *"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.* (NKJ)

Psalms 103:20

20 *Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.* (NKJ)

Psalms 34:7

7 *The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.* (NKJ)

Psalms 35:5

5 *Let them be like chaff before the wind, and let the angel of the LORD chase them.* (NKJ)

Psalms 35:6

6 *Let their way be dark and slippery, and let the angel of the LORD pursue them.* (NKJ)

It is apparent that angels minister in situations for our protection and for the punishment of transgressors.

It is important to understand that the angel of Yahweh encamps around ALL those who fear Him, and delivers them. Accordingly, pray:

"Father, I come to you in the Name of Yahshua, and I ask that your angels encamp around me to protect me and to deliver me and that you teach me to fear you."

When you are involved in difficult spiritual warfare, you can pray:

"Father, I ask you in the Name of Yahshua to send your mighty warring angels to bind and cast out the demons that I have named."

If you are not sure that you have dealt with everything that is giving the demon the right to remain, you can either pray:

"In the name of Yahshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth, I bind you demon of (name of demon) or Satan, and I command you to do down and be silent."

OR:

"Father, in the name of Yahshua I ask you to send your mighty warring angels to bind and silence this demon / these demons."

This is a temporary measure, for example if demons are really kicking up a fuss in a house in the middle of the night and you become aware there are things that need to be dealt with, or if demons are manifesting while you are dealing with other demons. The binding is temporary, you **MUST** ask the Holy Spirit to help you get to the bottom of the problem to cast them out.

6. YOU ARE NOT ALONE - SEEK HELP

If you are not coping, don't know what to do, etc. Pray and ask Yahweh to send people across your path. A particularly relevant prayer would be:

"Father, in the name of Yahshua, I declare that I do not know what more to do. I ask for your mercy and your grace to protect me until I have the answer.

"Holy Spirit, I ask you to give me utterance in prayer to pray exactly what is required in order to obtain the solution to this problem."

"Father, I ask you in the name of Yahshua to bring people across my path who can advise me or assist me or who have the anointing to deal with this problem." -- be prepared for people to come across your path in unusual ways and to meet people that you might not necessarily immediately understand.

While on this subject, a very powerful prayer, worth praying daily is:

"Father, in the name of Yahshua I ask you to bring the people that you want into my life and I ask you to take out the people you do not want in my life."

"Father, in the name of Yahshua I ask you to open the doors you want opened in my life that no man can close and to close the doors that you want closed that no man can open."

Be prepared for the unexpected. In the first year after I prayed the above for the first time, Yahweh took out half my staff, one of my business partners and my wife!

Another useful prayer would be:

"Father, I ask you in the name of Yahshua to speak to me through your apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, books, videos, audio tapes, radio, television or in any other way that is necessary for me to gain the answers to my questions and to obtain guidance in every area of my life."

Also

"Father, in the name of Yahshua, I ask You to lead me by Your Spirit every second of every minute of every day of every week of every month of every year for the rest of my life."

Clearly, all these prayers must be prayed in faith without doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea (James 1:6).

After any prayer, give thanks BY FAITH that you have the answer and that you have been heard. All the prayers suggested in this document are, to the best of my knowledge and experience, according to the Word and Will of God and, therefore, He has promised that He will hear you and will grant your petition. However, if you pray in fear OR presumption He will not necessarily answer you. You must come humbly and with faith! If you have sin that He has been speaking to you about for a while and you have not dealt with it, then deal with it first - Satan knows all about your un-dealt with sin - long before you do much of the time.

As you proceed, constantly praise His Holy name and give thanks, for He is worthy of praise and worthy of honour and he deserves your praise and thanksgiving with a Joyful heart!

7. UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF YAHSHUA

The Blood of Yahshua IS the blood of the Covenant - it is the Symbol of your covenant with Almighty God. It is the EVIDENCE of ALL His mighty promises to you.

Remember also that "the life is in the Blood" (Leviticus 17:11 and other scriptures), in other words, the VERY LIFE OF YAHSHUA is in the Blood.

So when you "plead the Blood of Yahshua" or "apply the Blood of Yahshua" or "cover" something with the Blood of Yahshua, you are asking that the VERY LIFE AND POWER OF THE RISEN SON OF YAHWEH be brought into the situation! This is IN ADDITION to the blood being symbolic of your covenant with Yahweh!

If you do not have a revelation of the Blood Covenant, then I recommend tape 14 of set 04 - "Covenant Made by Blood: Hessed Agape" (CD 1, Directory 04Marriage2, file 14Agape.mp3). This refers to a whole set of tapes by Kenneth Copeland on the subject which are VERY powerful.

Ephesians 2:13

13 *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (NKJ)*

Hebrews 10:19-22

19 *Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,*
20 *by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,*
21 *and having a High Priest over the house of God,*
22 *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. (NKJ)*

Hebrews 12:22-24

22 *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,*
23 *to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,*
24 *to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. (NKJ)*

Hebrews 13:12

12 *Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. (NKJ)*

Hebrews 13:20-21

20 *Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*
21 *make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (NKJ)*

1 John 1:7

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

Before entering into a deliverance or exorcism situation, one should apply the Blood of Yahshua to oneself, those assisting you and all family members, whether present or absent, as well as to any animals you may have. Pray:

"Father, I come to You in the Name of Yahshua. I ask you to cover myself, (each person involved by name), my wife / husband, children (by name) and all our family members with the Blood of Yahshua from the top of our heads to the soles of our feet. I ask you to cover our pets and livestock (name specific pets, if you have herds of cattle, etc 'all our cattle') with the Blood of Yahshua from the top of their heads to the soles of their feet."

As indicated in the previous teaching, if you have identified an unclean article, pray:

"Father, I ask you in the name of Yahshua to cover this with the Blood of Yahshua. I bind every demon attached to this and I command it to leave now and go to the pit for a thousand years. Father, I ask you to send your mighty warring angels to bind and cast these demons into the pit for a thousand years. In the name of Yahshua."

8. PREPARATION : ALWAYS GO TO WAR TWO BY TWO

If you are planning to undertake warfare against any demons, you should do so two by two. In other words, there should be at least two of you.

Yahshua ALWAYS sent his disciples out in two's.

The armour does NOT cover your back. Christians are vulnerable to attacks from behind such as verbal back stabbing, demonic attack in areas which you are not watching because you are concentrating on something else, etc. I am not saying this in a physical sense but in a spiritual sense. You may say something inadvertently which opens the door, you may find the demonic manifestation intensifying to a point where you cannot keep track of all that is going on. A second believer can support you, even if all they do is pray constantly in the Holy Spirit and tell you if the Holy Spirit reveals something to them.

Frequently, as one wages warfare against demons, you are speaking constantly, you may have to shout in some cases, demons may resist. It is not always easy to hear the Spirit at those times. A second person standing by and praying can listen attentively to the Spirit.

Where there is absolutely NO possibility of a second believer assisting you, get one or more people to intercede for you remotely and, if possible, arrange to telephone them before you start and for them to phone you if the Holy Spirit shows them anything specific.

If even this is not possible, then get someone to intercede for you remotely at an agreed time.

If even that cannot be arranged then only enter into warfare on your own if you are absolutely certain that the Holy Spirit is clearly directing you to do this and you have made the necessary preparations.

Please note, this is completely distinct from having to respond to an attack which comes completely unexpectedly. For example, I was once on holiday in a Game Reserve in Eastern South Africa (The Kruger National Park) when a demon tried to strangle me in the night. My wife has had a demon try to strangle her in our bed at home. In a case like that, at least cry out JESUS or YAHSHUA or "I plead the Blood". If you cannot get anything out your mouth (which happens sometimes when a demon is physically attacking you, then

pray in your heart "Father, I ask you to cover me with the Blood of Yahshua and to send your mighty warring angels to bind and remove this demon." REACT IN FAITH, NOT FEAR!

9. PREPARATION : THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PRAYER IN TONGUES

If you do not have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, you are at a significant disadvantage. I am not saying that you should not attempt deliverance, only that one of the key weapons is not available to you. Tape 07 of set 04 "The Realm of Exceedingly Abundantly : Hidden Answers by the Holy Spirit" gives a concise teaching on some aspects of the gift of tongues. CD1, directory 04Marriage2, file 07Exceed.mp3.

In fact, much of tape set 04 (marriage set 2) deals with issues of holiness and sanctification and diverse aspects of the Christian walk including the power of words, negativity, the anointing, etc. Tapes 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 22 and 23 all contain relevant information to the Christian (Messianic) walk and experiencing the full benefits of the Messianic Covenant. This is CD1, directory 04Marriage2, files starting with the same two digits as above.

10. PREPARATION : FASTING

Fasting is a discipline all too often neglected by believers today. Fasting disciplines the flesh and helps to bring it into subjection.

A one day full fast, drinking only water, is a minimum recommendation prior to any significant warfare against demons UNLESS there are significant medical reasons why you cannot do this. During this period make a serious effort to spend a substantial time in prayer interceding for guidance, protection, wisdom, victory, etc as the Holy Spirit leads you.

In a particularly serious situation, it may be desirable to fast for three days drinking only water and praying. Note that only a one day or three day fast is scriptural in this context.

11. PREPARATION : TEARING DOWN PRINCIPALITIES, ETC

As a specific spiritual warfare process (set out in detail on tape 02-11) it is highly desirable for ALL who read this to regularly pray to tear down the principalities, powers, thrones and dominions operating over their dwellings, their ministries, local churches, major Government institutions, etc.

Pray as follows:

"In the Name of Yahshua, I come against every principality, power, throne and dominion of Satan that is operating over this house. In the Name of Yahshua I bind every principality, power, throne and dominion of Satan that is operating over this house, I tear you down and I cast you into the pit for a thousand years."

"Father, in the Name of Yahshua I ask you to send your mighty warring angels to bind the principalities, powers, thrones and

dominions of Satan which I have just named and to cast them into the pit for a thousand years, in the Name of Yahshua."

Pray exactly the same prayer over:

- The property (e.g. "this property")
- The City Block where the property is situated (e.g. "this city block")
- The suburb (e.g. Randpark Ridge Ex 41)
- The local area (e.g. Randpark Ridge)
- The police precinct (e.g. Honeydew Precinct)
- The town or city (e.g. Randburg)
- The metropolitan sub-area if applicable (e.g. Northern Metropolitan Area)
- The metropolitan area (e.g. Johannesburg Metropolitan Area)
- The province or region (e.g. Gauteng)
- The state (e.g. Transvaal)
- The country (e.g. South Africa)
- The geographic region (e.g. Southern Africa)
- The continent (e.g. The African Continent)
- The world (i.e. This planet)
- The universe

While praying pray the same prayer over any specific ministry, family, political institution, government entity, global entity (United Nations, World Banking System, Vatican, etc) as you may be led. You might also pray the same prayers over the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel and the Middle East.

The principle here is that the prayers of one individual are not sufficient to tear down these principalities, powers, thrones and dominions. But, if we keep firing off these prayers into the heavenlies immediately where we live on a daily or weekly basis, we will progressively weaken them until, eventually, they will start to fall and be cast into the pit. The more believers who are praying the same prayers in perfect harmony in any specific geographic location, the more the powers of darkness over that location will be reduced. BUT remember that Daniel fasted and prayed for three weeks before Gabriel made it through to him and Gabriel is one of the two Archangels! AND that was just to deliver a message NOT to tear down a principality for eternity.

After praying the above, pray:

"Father, your word says that on the appointed day Satan will be bound and cast into the pit for a thousand years. Father I ask you now, in the name of Yahshua, to send your mighty angel to cast Satan into the pit for a thousand years on the appointed day."

However, the more you pray this over your home, office, ministry, the more the darkness will be lifted. If a group set themselves to fast and pray and pray like this over a specific town or suburb on an intense basis and, at the same time pray for revival and whatever else the Holy Spirit leads them to pray for, REVIVAL WILL COME.

12. PREPARATION : APPLY THE BLOOD

When you are ready to commence warfare, pray as set out above for Yahweh to cover you and your co-worker/s and family members with the Blood of Yahshua from the top of your heads to the soles of your feet.

Apply the Blood to your dwelling:

Purchase a small container of Olive Oil. If you cannot obtain Olive Oil other oil would probably do but try and get Olive Oil.

Take the container in your hands and pray as follows:

"Father, I come to you in the Name of Yahshua. I take this oil and I ask you to impart to it the symbolic representation of the Blood of Yahshua."

"By faith I now declare that wherever I apply this oil it will be as the Blood of Yahshua to all in the Spirit realm who see it, in the Name of Yahshua."

"Father, I thank you now by Faith that this oil now represents the Blood of Yahshua."

Take the container of oil and place your finger over the opening. Turn it up sufficiently to get a reasonable quantity of oil on your finger and use your finger to anoint whatever articles you need to anoint. In the spirit realm, this will be seen by demons and angels alike as the Blood of Yahshua.

To sanctify your home, start in the innermost and lowest room in the house and work outward and upward. Do not work in a direction where you finish off in a room which has been closed off on all sides by sanctified rooms. Envisage the demons as pesky flies or mosquitoes that have invaded your home and you are systematically going to work through the entire house and then over the entire property spraying insecticide. Don't herd them into a dead end!

Enter the first room and pray as follows:

"Father I ask you in the Name of Yahshua to guide us in cleansing and sanctifying our home and property to You."

"We dedicate and commit our house and property to you and commit ourselves to ridding it of all that is unclean that it may become a Holy Dwelling Place for your Spirit."

"We ask you to guide us by Your Holy Spirit, in sanctifying our house and property, in the Name of Yahshua."

This is a once off prayer for the entire house and property.

In the FIRST ROOM AND EVERY ROOM THEREAFTER, pray:

"I come against every demon, fallen angel and other cohort of Satan in this room. In the name of Yahshua I bind you and command you to leave now and go to the pit for a thousand years."

"Father, I ask that you send your mighty warring angels to bind and cast every demon, fallen angel and other cohort of Satan in this room into the pit for a thousand years."

Take some oil on your finger and starting at the end of the room furthest from the door you will leave by, anoint the posts and lintel of each and every door and window in the room, including cupboard doors and also the frame of every trap door in the floor or the ceiling.

Pray:

"Father, in the name of Yahshua I ask you to cover this room, the walls, the floor, the ceiling, the roof, the windows, the door, the window frames, the door posts and the lintels with the Blood of Yahshua."

Take the oil and apply it with your finger to each side of the window frame and to the lintel of the window frame and to the posts of the door frame and the lintel of the door frame "In the Name of Yahshua I anoint this window / door with the Blood of Yahshua."

If you have walk-in cupboards or safes, then pray in those as though they are a separate room. If you think there may be demons in a particular cupboard, pray over that cupboard and anoint it as though it were a separate room.

If you have a void under the floor that you cannot stand in, then open the trap door and pray the same prayers over the space under the floor adapting the prayer to suit the structural components in that space (for example floor beams). Anoint the sides of the trap door.

Do the same if there is a space over the ceiling wherever there is a trap door. Stand on a step ladder, open the trap door and pray over the roof space, adapting the prayers to the structural components in that space (for example roof trusses).

Do this for every room in sequence. When you leave a room, anoint the door posts and the lintel of the door through which you leave on

the outside as well as the inside and close the door. Remember, demons have some of the characteristics of flies - they will buzz around all over the place and you are herding them off your property!

When you have done every room in the house, do the same for any outbuildings.

Then pray over the outside of the house and the property.

Pray over a section of garden and then anoint the outside of every window frame and door frame. If you cannot reach the top of any frame and do not have a suitable step ladder then look directly at that frame and speak to it and apply the blood. Wherever possible without endangering yourself, try and reach as many frames as possible. In some cases you may be able to reach your hand out from inside the house to access the outside of the frame.

Also anoint the corner posts and the outside walls of the property. Anoint each corner of the house and, where you have formal corner posts or a wall around the property, pour oil onto the top of each corner post or marker.

Pray over each section of open ground in the same way:

Bind and cast out the demons, etc.

"Father, I ask you to cover this (e.g. garden, field, etc) with the Blood of Yahshua".

If you are able to gain access to the roof, anoint the corners and the ridges of the roof. Where you cannot access the whole roof, look directly at those specific points you cannot access, as for windows, above.

If there are tall poles, such as telephone poles, if you can reach the top, anoint the pole physically, if you cannot, anoint it in prayer, looking directly at it. Do not attempt to anoint electricity pylons physically.

When you have completely covered the whole property, pray"

"Father, in the name of Yahshua, I ask you to cover this entire property and the air space over it with the Blood of Yahshua."

If there are electric cables over the property, pray over them specifically.

Once this is complete, your home and property have been sanctified.

In your case R...., given the level of demonic activity in the general vicinity, it is probable that there will be artefacts and marks on the property that you do not locate the first time round. Pray:

"Father, if there is anything on this property that is still giving demons the legal right to remain on this property, I ask you to

extend grace to me until I can discover what it is and I ask you by Your Holy Spirit to reveal to me all actions that are required to sanctify this property and home, in the Name of Yahshua. Thank you Father for delivering me!"

At this point, your house and property should be a lot nicer place to live than previously. You will need to be diligent in dealing with these issues and, as previously mentioned, you may well find that the property is not fully sanctified the first time round. There may just be too much demonic rubbish to be rounded up first time round. Some may be weakened but not leave, others may return - remember the analogy of the flies.

It may be prudent to do this once a month for several months until you feel in the Spirit that the property is fully cleansed. Thereafter, given the nature of the environment, you might do it every three to six months.

13. NEXT STEPS

R..., I am running out of time again.

I strongly recommend that you pray those prayers above that are applicable in terms of preparation, study the Word of God and seek revelation knowledge from the Holy Spirit of all the truths set out above which may not be fully established in your heart.

In particular ask the Father for Grace and peace to make the necessary preparations.

Study the Word of God, particularly in the context of the teachings above and seek to build up your most Holy Faith.

Seek to pray in the Spirit (in tongues) as far as possible all the time throughout the day.

Apply the Blood to yourself daily! To the house in prayer daily and, physically perhaps once a month, but be led by the Spirit.

Tear down the principalities, powers, thrones and dominions over your property - these are the controlling powers which strengthen and reinforce those spirits which are resident on your property. In your case you might pray those prayers daily.

Shalom

>>> END OF SECOND ARTICLE <<<

FOOTNOTE

It is hoped that you have found this article of relevance.

Father, in the Name of YAHSHUA I ask that all that is according to Your Will and Your Word in this article will find deep root in the hearts of the readers and that if there is anything that is not of You, You will blow it away by Your Spirit so that it finds no root at all.

It is our prayer ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ [YAHSHUA MESSIAH ADONAI], the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ [MESSIAH] when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJ)

Shalom

James Robertson

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**YAHSHUA MESSIAH IS ADONAI
(Jesus Christ is Lord)**

END TIME ISSUE MINISTRIES

FOR WE ARE ALL ONE BODY IN CHRIST
(Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)



A PROPHETIC MOVE IN THIS AGE

INTRODUCTION

Late in January 2001 a series of scriptures were given to a prophet by THE HOLY SPIRIT. These were passed on to another prophet for interpretation and what follows is that interpretation given late in January.

Since this interpretation has a material impact on the direction on the lives of those believers who are earnestly seeking YAHWEH in this age, it is now appropriate to make this available to all on our lists.

The interpretation presents a major move of Yahweh on the earth over the next few years in which a group of apostles will be assembled by Yahweh to lead the final assault on Satan's kingdom. This is portrayed as an arrowhead or spear of truth thrust by Yahweh into the very heart of Satan that his kingdom may be defeated by the Truth and Satan may be judged and cast into the pit.

Certain items in this document have been blanked out with as they relate either to the specific person who gave the scriptures or the interpretation or they should only be disclosed to those who confirm that they have already been shown this picture.

It seems possible that some of the people on the lists may have seen part of this picture and others, on reading it, may realise that in some way it has a direct impact on what YAHWEH is calling them to do. If this applies to you, please contact me directly.

THE SCRIPTURES AND THE INTERPRETATION

Dear

Herewith my thoughts as they came to me - I have read once only to correct typing errors and not to 'improve'.

Daniel 12:1-13

1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

4 "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

5 Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank.

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?"

7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

8 Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?"

9 And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 "Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

11 "And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 "Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 "But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days." (NKJ)

It is my understanding that we are IN this period. I am almost certain that we are in the 1335 days of verse 12 (the second three and a half years).

Key verses seem to me to be 12:1 - trouble such as never was - I believe we are in this BUT it is spiritual NOT physical - thus it is such as never was - there have been periods of much more severe physical tribulation but never such severe spiritual tribulation.

verse 3 - those who turn many to righteousness - we must all aspire to this

verse 10 - many shall be purified and made white and REFINED - as per the teaching on Judgment on the Church - the tribulation is about refining - we MUST depart from ALL sin.

Daniel 9:3-6

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

5 "we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

6 "Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. (NKJ)

This is totally applicable to the "church" today. We have sinned and committed iniquity, rebelled, departed from His precepts and judgments and not heeded the prophets.

There is a great need for those who will intercede, there is also a great need for those who will spread the Gospel of ALL truth, including particularly the truths about marriage.

Hosea 3:1-5

1 Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans."

2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley.

3 And I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man-- so, too, will I be toward you."

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.

5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days. (NKJ)

Again this speaks of the harlotry of Israel = the church. We are required to love the church but not to have intercourse with her while she is defiled, we may abide with her and speak to her of Yahweh's love but we should not go "in" to her while she is in her present state. I think this speaks of membership and regular fellowship with those who are still committing harlotry with the world - most if not all the traditional denominations and probably most, if not all of the modern assemblies as well. This does not prevent us from visiting them, joining their meetings from time to time and dialoguing with them but we are not to unite ourselves to them.

Habakuk 1:1-5

1 The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear? Even cry out to You, "Violence!" And You will not save.

3 Why do You show me iniquity, and cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; there is strife, and contention arises.

4 Therefore the law is powerless, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore perverse judgment proceeds.

5 "Look among the nations and watch-- be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you. (NKJ)

Again, this speaks of the current age. There is great spiritual violence - there is a man by the name of in the USA who is apparently about to be locked away for life (for putting aspects of his faith into practice)!

We cry out to Yahweh for these things and yet it seems that the situation becomes worse and worse. We speak to people and they revile us and blaspheme the Holy Spirit and we are unable to turn them before it is too late. Our prayers and intercession seem to no avail. Spiritual destruction is everywhere.

BUT Yahweh is about to do a mighty work and turn things so rapidly that we will be astounded. This speaks to me of the vision that I have received for the healing of marriage and restoration of the truth, which I touched on the other day on the phone.

Zechariah 7:4-14

4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

5 "Say to all the people of the land, and to the priests: 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months during those seventy years, did you really fast for Me-- for Me?

6 'When you eat and when you drink, do you not eat and drink for yourselves?

7 'Should you not have obeyed the words which the LORD proclaimed through the former prophets when Jerusalem and the cities around it were inhabited and prosperous, and the South and the Lowland were inhabited?'"

8 Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying,

9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother.

10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.'

11 "But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear.

12 "Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.

13 "Therefore it happened, that just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, so they called out and I would not listen," says the LORD of hosts.

14 "But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they had not known. Thus the land became desolate after them, so that no one passed through or returned; for they made the pleasant land desolate." (NKJ)

Again we see the same thing. Praise and worship and communion are not to honour Yahweh and Yahshua, they have become empty "feasts" for our own gratification.

The vast majority of believers have made their hearts like flint. The remnant of true believers is scattered among ALL THE NATIONS and spiritually, the land (the church) has become desolate.

Luke 4:1-44

1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

7 "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.

10 "For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over You, to keep You,'

11 "and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "

12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

14 Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

23 He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'"

24 Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 "But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;

26 "but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

27 "And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.

30 Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

31 Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths.

32 And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

33 Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice,

34 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are-- the Holy One of God!"

35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.

36 Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

37 And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

38 Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her.

39 So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

40 When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

41 And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

42 Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them;

43 but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

44 And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee. (NKJ)

This speaks to me of what is happening / about to happen to those who have been reserved for this hour.

This is the start of Jesus' ministry.

He is water baptized and receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit and is then taken into the wilderness. You and others I know have been in that wilderness for some time.

The Jordan speaks to me of crossing over - we (myself and) were told several years ago that Yahweh would take us over the Jordan but we have been disobedient in certain respects and are now expecting to cross over at any time (as I perceive it, including!)

Each of us must cross over from the wilderness to the promised land through the Jordan. Yahshua alone had never been in the wilderness and therefore he went from the promised land and Jordan INTO the wilderness.

The temptation in the wilderness addresses all that we have or will be tempted with in the near future until we are able to be the vessels for Jesus second coming IN HIS BODY (before He comes on the clouds of Glory).

- 1) Will we depend on Yahweh alone for our provision - or will we turn to the world for our bread? I have just been tested in this area.
- 2) Will we seek power from man and Satan by bowing the knee to Satan or will we only accept authority from Yahweh? Again, I have just been tested in this area.
- 3) Will we test Yahweh by taking foolish risks to prove Him? Or will we trust Him in good times and bad to provide and protect and rest under His wings? Again, I was tested in this area as recently as last Monday night.

When we have endured those tests, Satan will depart until an opportune time and we will come in the Power of the Spirit (we cannot return in the Power because we have never been in the Power that we will shortly experience - only Jesus could RETURN in the Power).

We are called to do all that is set out in verses 18 and 19

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

This is the anointing and the calling we shall be given IF we are obedient and pass the tests set out in the previous verses. This is NOT something that any of us can appropriate for ourselves - it is something that we will be given without our planning or preparing for it IF we have passed the tests set out above. Incidentally - I do not know if I passed those three tests, I would like to believe that I did but ONLY if I receive the Power of the Spirit set out in verses 14 to 19 and thereafter will I know that I did. Then I will know that I have completed my term in the wilderness and passed. It is quite possible for all of us to fail at any time.

We will not be accepted in our home towns or own country - I have sensed for some time that I will have to travel and the team that Yahweh is putting together will also operate internationally.

We will offend many and our lives will be threatened but IF it is not our time we will walk unscathed through every situation.

We will do greater works than Yahshua did and it is my understanding that this will come particularly through men who walk in the fullness of who walk in perfect unity and harmony body, soul and spirit and whose intercession will literally move mountains as unite in perfect harmony with one another AND the Spirit of Yahweh, Yahshua and the Holy Spirit to pray the PERFECT will of Yahweh on earth.

Luke 7:1-50

1 Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,

5 "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

7 "Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

8 "For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

9 When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

11 Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

17 And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

18 Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things.

19 And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

20 When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'"

21 And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

22 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

23 "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

24 When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

25 "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings' courts.

26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

27 "This is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.'

28 "For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

29 And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

31 And the Lord said, "To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like?

32 "They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not weep.'

33 "For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'

34 "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

35 "But wisdom is justified by all her children."

36 Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

40 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he said, "Teacher, say it."

41 "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

42 *"And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"*
43 *Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."*
44 *Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.*
45 *"You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.*
46 *"You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.*
47 *"Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."*
48 *And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."*
49 *And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"*
50 *Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." (NKJ)*

Up to now I have written "we" because I truly believe that both you and I are called to key roles in what is about to happen - on the face of it that is enormously presumptuous, but I have simply written what came to mind without qualifying, examining or in any other way seeking to impede what comes from the Spirit.

I now feel impressed to stress that "we" will only be part of this if we are obedient.

Those who are called to this will know the iron discipline of the solidier as expressed in the great faith of the centurion - a man under authority. It is my impression that Yahweh will raise up specific - I would call them combat teams or "units" - under the direction of one particular man supported by a team of others who will willingly accept the authority of that man, being strong men themselves who understand the rigours of combat and the requirement for disciplined unquestioning submission to a commanding officer. It will not be that the man in command is better than the others, simply that he has been called to perform that particular function and the others have been called to take direction from him in order that the work can be executed.

I currently understand this command structure of this unit to comprise seven apostles deployed spiritually in the form of an arrow head comprising a leader (the commander) who is the point of the arrow plus two who have been raised through the prophetic school, two who have been raised through the evangelistic school, one through the pastoral school and one through the teaching school. See diagram at the end.

The two prophets will form the flanks of the arrow head on either side of the point of the arrow, to discern the voice of Yahweh in direction in support of the leader. These three, all prophetic, will seek the voice and direction of Yahweh and communicate it back to the rest of the unit.

The two evangelists will form the flights of the arrow head, on either side of the prophets - as the arrow head spreads out in triangular form and

forces back the matter which it penetrates to the sides, so will the evangelists spread out the truths given to the leader and confirmed through the prophets to the surrounding environment.

As when an arrow head has penetrated matter, then those who are drawn to the truth will be drawn to the space behind the arrow head which is the "shaft" of the arrow where there is relative safety. Here, looking backward down the "shaft" but still taking direction from the point of the arrow, the apostolic pastor will be responsible for the care of the people who are drawn in and the apostolic teacher will be responsible for the education of those who are drawn in.

Supporting the arrow head but not, as I understand it, specifically part of the arrow itself, will be what I currently understand to be thirty mighty men in the mould of David's mighty men - refer 2 Samuel 23 for greater understanding. These mighty men will be in spiritual terms greater and mightier than those who define the arrow head - they will do greater works - BUT they will be under the authority of those who form the arrow head and specifically the point of the arrow. They will willingly submit to that man to achieve a higher purpose and, as an arrow cannot accomplish its purpose if it fragments, so this unit will be totally united by acts of the will, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, such that those around will truly see unity as they have never before seen it on this earth.

It seems to me that each of the seven apostles who define the head of the arrow will to provide the perfect set of spiritual and other resources to support him in what he has been called to do.

As the head of the arrow is small compared to the shaft of the arrow, so millions of souls will be drawn into the "vacuum" in Satan's kingdom that will be formed as the head of the arrow, driven forward by the mighty men, drives to the very heart of what is holding the world in bondage.

I have seen most of the elements of what I have outlined above for the best part of three years. During that period, I have been sent repeatedly to men of God AND one woman, whom Yahweh has been calling to be the point of the arrow. Each has, in turn, fallen away because of their fear of the people - refer earlier mail on this subject.

Approximately two weeks ago (14 January), Yahweh told me that I think I know who the others are but each must make his own choice and, sadly, my experience in recent years leads me to conclude that many will fail to set aside their own view of their calling in favour of what Yahweh is calling them to do.

CONTINUING WITH LUKE 7

The members of this unit (this is a spiritual war and this is a spiritual unit in Yahweh's army that we are speaking of - I must mention that I do not know whether there are other arrows and, assuming that there are, I do not know the role of this particular arrow relative to the other arrows. In my heart, I fear that this may be the only arrow!)

The members of this unit will perform all the works that are spoken of in Luke 7. They will experience great compassion, they will raise the sick,

they will be questioned and doubted, even by those who confirmed their appointment, they will minister forgiveness and they will reach out to those whom the teachers of the Law of this day regard as being beyond redemption. They will come from all walks of life but many will come from the harlots, the tax collectors, etc. Few will be found in the halls of respectable churches. Most will have sinned much and will have been forgiven much and therefore they will have great love for the Saviour and will count their lives as of no worth accordingly.

Zechariah 8:16-19

16 *These are the things you shall do: speak each man the truth to his neighbor; give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;*

17 *Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; and do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate,' says the LORD."*

18 *Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,*

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

Those who are part of this unit will do all the things set out above. They shall speak love, truth, justice and peace, they will not think evil, they will observe the fasts and the feasts of Yahweh.

Romans 16:20

20 *And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.* (NKJ)

And the God of peace will crush Satan under their feet and grant dominion on earth to men and Satan will be cast into the pit for a thousand years, together with his angels and demons.

Shalom and Amen

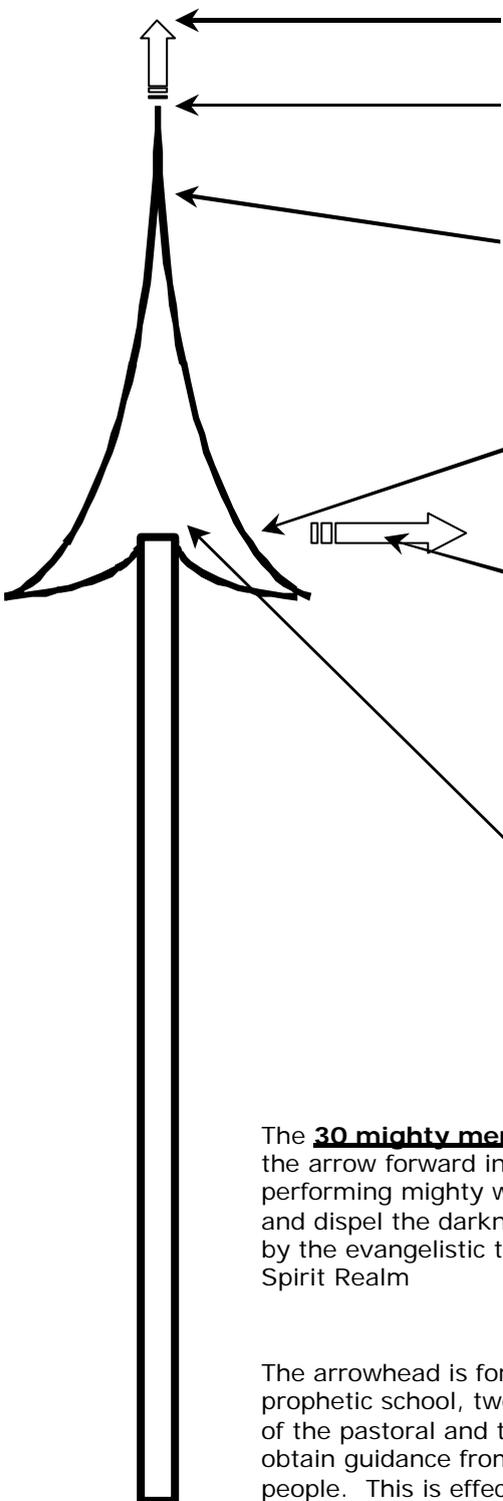
I can say not more!

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On reading this document after writing, it seems to me that there CAN ONLY BE ONE ARROW - Yahweh has always worked that way, He is the God of unity. That arrow is directed at the very heart of Satan itself and, UNTIL, it strikes the mark, this world cannot be free.

**ALL OF THIS DIRECTED, AIMED AND COMMANDED
BY THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS,
YASHUA MESSIAH**



Direction of arrow flying towards the heart of deception - Satan

The **head of the arrow, one apostle** (raised through the prophetic school) Takes direction from Yashua Messiah and leads

The flank's of the arrowhead, **two apostles raised through the prophetic school**. Buttress and support the point of the arrow in confirming direction from Yashua

The flight's of the arrowhead, **two apostles raised through the evangelistic school**. Spread the truths given to the point of the arrow throughout the Body of Christ

Truth spread out into the world by evangelistic teams led by the apostles of the evangelistic school

One apostle raised through the pastoral school and one apostle raised through the teaching school. Lead the pastoral and teaching teams which nurture and train those drawn into the shaft of the arrow in response to the truths spread into the world by the evangelistic teams and mighty men which draw people into the vacuum formed as darkness is dispelled.

The **30 mighty men** provide the spiritual force which drives the arrow forward into the heart of Satan's kingdom by performing mighty works which defeat the forces of darkness and dispel the darkness sufficiently for the truth to be spread by the evangelistic teams. Perform Great Exploits in the Spirit Realm

The arrowhead is formed by seven apostles, three of the prophetic school, two of the evangelistic school and one each of the pastoral and teachings schools which collectively obtain guidance from Yahshua and lead specific teams of people. This is effectively the "staff" component of the unit in military terms. The thirty mighty men effectively lead the combat units. The entire army is very large.

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Since this was written, all that is contained therein has been confirmed by two others who were given it independently. One indicated that this same vision had been given to a great grandfather of his one hundred years earlier who had seen the arrow as a "spear".

It has also been shown to that there will be:

- 400 prophets in support of the two apostles of the prophetic school,
- 1,000 evangelists in support of the two apostles of the evangelistic school and that one evangelist will go to the Body of Believers to restore truth and the other will go to the world (unbelievers) to bring salvation
- 10,000 pastors and teachers in support of the two apostles of the pastoral and teaching schools. I am increasingly coming to understand that pastors ARE teachers and that there are not two distinct offices
- there will be NO formal structures, the entire ministry will be "virtual" led by the Holy Spirit and will use internet technology to communicate with no control over who receives or does not receive what is broadcast from the arrow head.
- Apart from a voluntary acceptance of authority within the seven apostles and possibly by the 30 mighty men, the rest of the "system" will work entirely by the leading of the Holy Spirit and voluntary acceptance of authority by the Spirit with NO formal human structures to enforce or control any aspect of the work.
- I now also understand that Israel also refers to the ten lost tribes (Ephraim) that went into captivity and thence into the dispersion and that these tribes form the backbone of the nations of Western Europe, ALSO that there were small groups of Israelites who left Israel about the time of the captivity and were distributed amongst other people groups around the world. Thus, there are an enormous proportion of men and women on the planet who are, in part, of the direct blood line of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in fulfillment of Yahweh's promise to Abraham to make his seed as the sand of the shore. Accordingly, there is a factor in terms of the re-uniting of Ephraim and Judah in terms of the two evangelistic and teaching directions - Judah will teach Ephraim Torah, Ephraim will teach Judah of the things of the Spirit (personal impression at this time), etc

FOOTNOTE

It is hoped that you have found this article of relevance.

Father, in the Name of YAHSHUA I ask that all that is according to Your Will and Your Word in this article will find deep root in the hearts of the readers and that if there is anything that is not of You, You will blow it away by Your Spirit so that it finds no root at all.

It is our prayer ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ [YAHSHUA MESSIAH ADONAI], the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ [MESSIAH] when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJ)

Shalom

James Robertson

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23 April 2001

**YAHSHUA MESSIAH IS ADONAI
(Jesus Christ is Lord)**

END TIME ISSUE MINISTRIES

FOR WE ARE ALL ONE BODY IN CHRIST
(Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)



WILL A MAN ROB GOD IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS?

INTRODUCTION

From time to time in ministering to individuals who are in financial hardship we discover that they are not aware of the commandments of Scripture regarding tithing. If they are aware of the Scriptures regarding the tithe, many think that it is optional or that they cannot afford to tithe because they are in financial hardship. They do not realize that as long as they are believers and not tithing it is highly unlikely that they will ever get out of lack.

Recently, while interceding into a particular situation, the Word of YAHWEH came to us to the effect that there was an issue relating to tithing in the situation. For some time I have felt impressed to write a document on tithing and it is now important to do this.

The following article addresses the principal aspects of tithes and offerings. There are many other teachings available on tithing from a diversity of ministries for those who want more information.

In considering what follows it is important to note that there are verses of scripture which speak of the tithe as an ongoing event as increase is experienced and there is also reference to every third year being a year of tithing. The indication in this case is that those who lived too far from Jerusalem to take the tithe up more regularly should lay it aside until they could travel to Jerusalem. At the same time there is reference to the tithe being given to the Levites, poor, widows, etc in the city where the person giving the tithe resided. In terms of the objective of this message these complexities are not considered relevant.

There is also reference to eating the tithe when it is brought to Jerusalem. But other verses indicate that the tithe was stored up in the storehouses at the Temple in Jerusalem, thereby indicating that while a portion of the tithe may have been eaten as an act of worship, the bulk was placed in storage to provide for the Priests, Levites, Temple workers, etc. A

detailed reading of scripture also suggests that there may in fact be overlapping tithes and in fact that 10% is actually the minimum and that more is actually expected.

Over and above the tithe, numerous scriptures make reference to sacrifices, offerings and gifts.

Overall, after many years, we have come to understand by THE HOLY SPIRIT that 10% represents the absolute MINIMUM offering to YAHWEH that we should give. In fact, we have come to recognize that 10% is barely an act of worship, it is an act of grudging giving and that those who truly love [HESED] YAHWEH their God with all their heart, all their soul, all their mind and all their strength (Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27) will desire to give more knowing that 2 Corinthians 9:6 states "*But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*" (NKJ) and also that 2 Corinthians 9:7 states "*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; **for God loves [HESED] a cheerful giver.***" (NKJ)

Thus, in the simplest terms, tithing is an act of worship and joyful giving, as is the giving of offerings over and above the tithe, whether offerings to beggars, charities, ministries, ministers, friends in need or any other giving which one may be impressed by THE HOLY SPIRIT to perform.

Giving is fundamental to understanding the ways of YAHWEH, after all, "*For God so loved [hesed] the world that He **gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*" (John 3:16 NKJ) YAHWEH gave His ONLY Son to die the most terrible death, surely it is a little thing to give Him 10% of our income?

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DEFINITION OF "TITHE"

In case any readers are not familiar with the term "tithe", the tithe is simply the first tenth of ALL increase as in **Deuteronomy 14:22** *""You shall truly **tithe** all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year.*" (NKJ)

The bottom line is that the "tithe" is simply "the first 10% of all increase" which belongs to YAHWEH and not something mystical.

DEFINITION OF "OFFERING"

An offering is anything given to YAHWEH over and above the tithe or given for different reasons. For example **Exodus 25:2** *""Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. **From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart** you shall take My offering.*" (NKJ)

In many cases the word "offering" and word "sacrifice" are used almost interchangeably, for example in **Exodus 24:5** we read *"Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD."* (NKJ) In other words, an offering requires a sacrifice, that is giving of something at our expense as an act of worship to YAHWEH.

Scripture refers to a wide variety of specific offerings including "sin" offerings, "burnt" offerings, "heave" offerings, "wave" offerings, "grain" offerings, "drink" offerings, offerings of material and artefacts, "peace" offerings, "trespass" offerings, "whole burnt" offerings, "thank" offerings, "freewill" offerings, "vowed" offerings, "Passover" offerings, "wood" offerings.

The English word "offering" occurs over one thousand times in Scripture. In many cases it is used interchangeably with "sacrifice". There are verses which refer to "offering a sacrifice" and others which refer to people who "sacrifice offerings". The English word "sacrifice" occurs over 350 times in Scripture. Clearly the concept of "sacrifice" and "offering" are important in scripture.

Other verses of scripture relate the offering to the English word "gift" **Numbers 18:29** states **"Of all your gifts you shall offer up every heave offering due to the LORD, from all the best of them, the consecrated part of them."** (NKJ) Thus, in a simplistic sense we can see that an offering, a sacrifice and a gift are synonymous. This may be more so under the Messianic Covenant than under the Mosaic Covenant insofar as YAHSHUA fulfilled many of the formal sacrifices. However, the principle that we should give gifts to YAHWEH remains valid and under the Messianic Covenant, a "new and better" Covenant, we should surely want to give MORE.

There are various Hebrew words translated "offering" and others translated "sacrifice" but in all cases the concept relates to something given willingly to YAHWEH. The various words used to describe the types of offerings above relate in most cases to the motive for the gift, either in fulfillment of specific aspects of Torah or as a voluntary expression of love for YAHWEH or thanks, etc.

Under the "Messianic" Covenant (New Covenant / Brit Hadasha) we find reference to "spiritual sacrifices" and to a sacrifice of "praise" and in Psalm 51:17 we read that *"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart-- these, O God, You will not despise."* (NKJ)

Overall the principle that seems to apply to offerings today is simply that on the one hand the animal sacrifices for sin, etc have been fulfilled by YAHSHUA'S sacrifice on the Cross and are offered by faith when we confess our sins, repent, and turn around. BUT on the other hand the principle of freely giving of ourselves and of our increase as an act of love remains. This includes setting aside quality time to spend with YAHWEH in praise and worship, in prayer and in reading His Word and in His presence but it most certainly extends to include gifts of material things and, in this age particularly finances both to the work of YAHWEH AND to others.

It is vital to understand that the vast majority of offerings referred to in Scripture are OVER AND ABOVE THE TITHE. In other words YAHWEH expects those who truly love [hesed] Him to GIVE FAR MORE THAN THE TITHE as an act of worship.

WILL A MAN ROB GOD?

The subject of this message is "Will a man rob God -- tithes and offerings", this is derived from **Malachi 3:8-9** ⁸ *"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In **tithes** and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation."* (NKJ)

In this passage, YAHWEH makes it abundantly clear that not to tithe is (1) robbing God and (2) carries a curse. Clearly, if one loves [hesed] YAHWEH one will not want to rob Him or to be cursed by Him.

To better understand this it is instructive to consider the WHOLE of Malachi Chapter 3.

Malachi 3:1-18:

1 "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts.

2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderer's soap.

3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; he will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to YAHWEH (the LORD) an offering in righteousness.

4 "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to YAHWEH (the LORD), as in the days of old, as in former years.

5 And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, and against those who turn away an alien-- because they do not fear Me," says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts.

6 "For I am YAHWEH (the LORD), I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

7 Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'

8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In **tithes** and offerings.

9 You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring all the **tithes** into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts;

12 "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts.

13 "Your words have been harsh against Me," says YAHWEH (the LORD), "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?'

14 You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked as mourners before YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts?'

15 So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up; they even tempt God and go free."

16 Then those who feared YAHWEH (the LORD) spoke to one another, and YAHWEH (the LORD) listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear YAHWEH (the LORD) and who meditate on His name.

17 "They shall be Mine," says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."

18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him." (NKJ)

Recognize that verse 1 speaks of the coming MESSIAH, YAHSHUA (Jesus) and recognize also that verses 2 to 5 and 17 and 18 speak of the end of the age when Judgment will come and those who overcome to the end will

become jewels in the Kingdom of YAHWEH. We must therefore accept that all in this chapter has relevance not only to the time of Malachi but ALSO to the time from the coming of YAHSHUA to the end of the age. In other words, it applies to us today.

On the positive side, verses 10 to 12 have a very positive message ¹⁰ *Bring all the **tithes** into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and **try Me now in this,**" says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. ¹¹ "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts; ¹² "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts." (KJV)*

Clearly, IF we are obedient in the tithe there will be GREAT blessings and also the devourer (Satan) will be rebuked. However, as indicated in the message "God's Wrath for the Church : Why Judgment is Coming on the Church Today", if there is unconfessed sin in our lives it will hinder YAHSHUA interceding for YAHWEH to rebuke the devourer (Satan) for our sakes. Thus, tithing on it's own is not sufficient to guarantee blessings and financial provision, however, if there is no tithing, YAHWEH will be prevented from pouring out blessings and we will come under a curse as a consequence of our failure to honour His Word.

Thus, as will all things in the Kingdom of YAHWEH tithing is NOT a "quick fix". We must bring the tithe with the right heart attitude. We must sanctify ourselves and constantly seek to draw closer to YAHWEH and deal with unconfessed sin in our lives. The tithe must be sown where He appoints and we must remove division from our families. God willing there will be a detailed teaching on marriage directed at eliminating a divided house and bringing heaven on earth in marriage shortly.

TITHING IS A FORM OF WORSHIP

In considering the subject of tithing, it is first important to state that tithing is part of worship. YAHWEH appointed the **tithe** in **Leviticus 27:30** *"And all the **tithe** of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is YAHWEH'S (the LORD'S). It is holy to YAHWEH (the LORD)." (NKJ). **Leviticus 27:32** *"And concerning the **tithe** of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to YAHWEH (YAHWEH (the LORD))." (NKJ)* Thus the **tithe** is holy to YAHWEH¹.*

Regarding the holy and vowed things, including the tithe, **Deuteronomy 12:26** states *"Only the holy things which you have, and your vowed offerings, you shall take and go to the place which YAHWEH (the LORD) chooses." (NKJ)*, referring to the Temple in Jerusalem.

The tithe is holy, it is therefore SET ASIDE to YAHWEH. To apply the tithe to any purpose other than as He appoints by His HOLY SPIRIT is gross sin and will also bring a curse.

We must tithe with the right heart attitude as an act of loving worship, not treating it as some form of "bill" to be paid. We must bring take the tithe FIRST off of our increase and we must give thanks when we give the tithe, whether we place cash in an offering basket, execute an electronic funds transfer, write a cheque or give in some other way, we must bring our tithe reverently and thankfully to YAHWEH in gratitude for His provision.

GIVE THE BEST

Numbers 18:29 states *"Of all your gifts you shall offer up every heave offering due to the LORD, from all the best of them, the consecrated part of them."* (NKJ) Clearly we must bring THE BEST of what is available at any time.

However, we read in **Leviticus 27:32-33** ³² *'And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD. ³³ 'He shall not inquire whether it is good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; and if he exchanges it at all, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.'* (NKJ) In this case we are not to sort the flock on the basis of what we can see or understand, we are to trust THE HOLY SPIRIT to sort the flock so that YAHWEH receives those animals that He has chosen. Thus, what we have at hand to give we must give but where, under other circumstances we know what is the best we must give that.

This principle applies particularly to our time and service. There will be times where we must give YAHWEH whatever time we have at our disposal to serve Him AT THE TIME He asks it of us. BUT where ever possible we should give Him our BEST time. That is the time when we are most alert and competent, not the time at the end of the day when we are tired and our concentration is lagging. By implication, we should seek to come to a place where we devote our time daily as He directs with our employment, household activities, etc being directed by Him and NOT by us. This must be done by faith and requires a real commitment to being led by THE HOLY SPIRIT. This is the subject of a detailed teaching in it's own right.

THE TITHE APPLIES TO ALL INCREASE

Deuteronomy 14:24-25 states ²⁴ *"But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the **tithe**, or if the place where YAHWEH (the LORD) your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when YAHWEH (the LORD) your God has blessed you, ²⁵ "then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which YAHWEH (the LORD) your God chooses."* (NKJ) Whatever we tithe can be converted to cash and the cash tithed. Therefore the tithe is not limited to agricultural produce.

Genesis 14:18-20 states ¹⁸ *Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven*

and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a **tithe of all**." (NKJ)

Here we see that Abram tithed even before the fullness of his covenant with YAHWEH and long before Moses was given the Torah. From this we can conclude that tithing is a fundamental part of our covenant relationship with YAHWEH.

In **Hebrews 7:2** we read ² *to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"* (NKJ) and therefore, in light of the several references to the tithe in Hebrews 7, quoted in full in the appendix, it is apparent that tithing continues to apply after YAHSHUA.

Luke 18:12 states ¹² *'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'* (NKJ) from which we again see that the tithe is of ALL WE POSSESS.

Luke 11:41-42, YAHSHUA speaking, ⁴¹ *"But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you.* ⁴² *"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love [hesed] of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. (NKJ) Again we see that we should give from "such things" as we have. Whatever we have to give, be it agricultural produce, money, time or anything else, we must give as YAHWEH leads us.*

THE TITHE IS THE MINIMUM

Deuteronomy 12:10-11 makes it clear that we are to give not only the tithe but also offerings ¹⁰ *"But when you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which YAHWEH (the LORD) your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety,* ¹¹ *"then there will be the place where YAHWEH (the LORD) your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to YAHWEH (the LORD)." (NKJ) Thus the tithe (10%) is the **absolute minimum** that YAHWEH expects of us we must ALSO give offerings.*

THE TITHE IS GIVEN PRIMARILY TO THOSE DOING YAHWEH'S WORK

Numbers 18:24 *"For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer up as a heave offering to YAHWEH (the LORD), I have given to the Levites as an inheritance; therefore I have said to them, 'Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.'"* (NKJ) makes it clear that the tithes are given to the Levites as an inheritance. The Levites were the people who ministered to YAHWEH in the Temple and in the cities, they included the priests and the teachers and the judges as well as those who did the manual work in the Temple. In our own experience today, YAHWEH has led us to give our tithes to a wide diversity of people, ranging from

those in full time ministry, to major international ministries, to beggars and even to His servants who are in full time secular occupations but who are serving Him. However, in most cases we have been led to give to those in full time or near full time ministry although most frequently to those whose ministry does not put them in a position to regularly receive so-called "offerings" in a "church" service.

Ultimately the tithe and the offering belong to YAHWEH and it is His prerogative through His HOLY SPIRIT to direct us to sow as He desires. It is our responsibility to be obedient.

TITHES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL WHO ARE MINISTERING TO US ON BEHALF OF YAHWEH

1 Timothy 5:17-18 states ¹⁷ *Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.* ¹⁸ *For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."'* (NKJ) This clearly indicates that all those who labour in the work of YAHWEH should benefit financially and in terms of sustenance from those who benefit from their ministry.

1 Corinthians 9:7-11 confirms this ⁷ *Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?* ⁸ *Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also?* ⁹ *For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about?* ¹⁰ *Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.* ¹¹ *If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things?"* (NKJ) Clearly tithes and offerings should be given to those who are doing work that is producing spiritual growth in the person who is bringing the tithe. As in Paul's case where there was no formal ministry organization, building or structure. It is possible for YAHWEH to lead people to tithe or give offerings to ministries other than brick and mortar ministries where those ministries are making a contribution in our lives. It constantly distresses us to see how those who are in prophetic ministries, including the ministry of deliverance and the ministry of intercession seldom are considered as potential recipients for tithes and offerings, simply because they do not have a formal "church" structure. We have seen a number fall because they could not support themselves even though they were expending great amounts of time ministering of their time and energy into the lives of others. It does not seem to occur to most of those receiving ministry from such people that those people also have needs.

In 2 Kings 4:42-44 we read of the first fruits being given to the prophets ³⁸ *And Elisha returned to Gilgal, and there was a famine in the land. Now the sons of the prophets were sitting before him;*

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42 *Then a man came from Baal Shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the **firstfruits**, twenty loaves of barley bread, and newly ripened grain in his knapsack. And he said, "Give it to the people, that they may*

eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "What? Shall I set this before one hundred men?" He said again, "Give it to the people, that they may eat; for thus says YAHWEH (the LORD): 'They shall eat and have some left over.'" ⁴⁴ So he set it before them; and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of YAHWEH (the LORD)." (NKJ) Thus prophets and other "unusual" or low visibility ministers, including intercessors, can also participate in the tithes and offerings.

In **Nehemiah 13:10-12** we read ¹⁰ "I also realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given them; for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work had gone back to his field. ¹¹ So I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their place. ¹² Then all Judah brought the **tithe** of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the storehouse." (NKJ) This shows clearly that the service of YAHWEH was being hindered because the people were not giving their tithes to those who were in the ministry. There are many diverse ministries today that are being hindered because people are not tithing. This is a major reason why those who do not tithe bring themselves under a curse.

THE TITHE CAN BE GIVEN TO OTHERS AS WELL AS MINISTRIES

Deuteronomy 26:13-14 states ¹³ "then you shall say before YAHWEH (the LORD) your God: 'I have removed the holy **tithe** from my house, and also have **given them to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all Your commandments** which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed Your commandments, nor have I forgotten them. ¹⁴ 'I have not eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed any of it for any unclean use, nor given any of it for the dead. I have obeyed the voice of YAHWEH (the LORD) my God, and have done according to all that You have commanded me.'" (NKJ). This clearly indicates that the tithe can be given to a stranger, the fatherless and the widow in addition to the Levites. Our own experience indicates that YAHWEH may well command us to give tithes and offerings to people we would not expect Him to tell us to give to and, conversely, to instruct us NOT to give to some we might well expect to give to.

THOSE RECEIVING THE TITHE MUST TITHE IN TURN

Numbers 18:26 states ²⁶ "Speak thus to the Levites, and say to them: 'When you take from the children of Israel the **tithes** which I have given you from them as your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave offering of it to YAHWEH (the LORD), a tenth of the **tithe**.'" (NKJ) Clearly those receiving the tithe must in turn tithe. The same principles in terms of who the tithe is given to apply to these people. In other words, those in full time ministry must tithe to OTHER'S.

TITHES ON GROSS BUSINESS REVENUE

We have increasingly found that where a believer own's a company or the company is owned by a group of believers or the primary shareholders are

believers, that YAHWEH expects the business to tithe on gross business revenue AS WELL as each believer tithing on their drawings, dividends and other income from the business. This is the same principle as those who receive a tithe then tithing on the tithe.

A 20% SURCHARGE IS PAYABLE ON LATE TITHES OR REDEEMED TITHES

From the preceding passages it is apparent that the tithe is the FIRST TENTH of ALL INCREASE and must be IMMEDIATELY SET APART. Where there is no logistical reason to delay bringing the tithe, the tithe must be delivered immediately. The only acceptable reason for delay recorded in scripture was when the person bringing the tithe had to travel to Jerusalem to bring the tithe.

Today, with electronic fund transfers, etc there is no reason to delay bringing the tithe at all. The tithe should be given as the first banking transaction against the receipt of funds except where automatic stop orders, etc automatically go through the account first. Funds should NEVER be drawn for personal consumption expenditure before the tithe has been given, whether this involves the writing of a cheque which is subsequently placed in the offering at church at the weekend or whether it is an electronic funds transfer.

If for any reason the tithe is not brought at all or is delayed, then a 20% surcharge is payable to redeem the tithe that was not brought on time or not brought at all. In cases where someone has known to tithe and then failed to tithe, they are required to redeem all the tithe that they have stolen from YAHWEH AND pay a 20% excess. If this is financially seemingly beyond their means they must pray and ask YAHWEH to show them how to repay the arrears or to extend grace to them for the arrears. Increasingly it seems to us that while grace may be extended to young believers who did not know about tithing or who were wrongly taught, mature believers who have had a revelation of the tithe and then been disobedient may be required to tithe the full arrears, even if it takes some time to make up the backlog. Once they have confessed their sin of stealing from YAHWEH it is vital that they are disciplined with ALL tithes from then on.

Leviticus 27:31 states *"If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it."* (NKJ)

Recognize that one should tithe, including arrears, out of reverence and love [hesed] for YAHWEH and not out of legalistic compliance. In other words, IF one tithes in accordance with the SPIRIT of the Word of YAHWEH and NOT the letter, then blessings can be expected, PROVIDED the other issues that can hinder blessings are attended to. If one tithes legalistically then there may also be no blessing.

MORE ON OFFERINGS

We have already seen that an offering is a gift but it is also a sacrifice, something that requires the giver to go without, in other words something that represents a MATERIAL GIFT, not just surplus distributed out of

largesse but a gift which cuts into luxuries and possibly even necessities so that the giver is intensely conscious of having given. A gift given out of surplus is NOT a sacrifice, it is simply a gift. **One might say that a sacrifice is a "gift that hurts"**.

It requires us to push ourselves beyond the bounds of comfortable giving into the realms of discomfort and doing without. Under the Mosaic covenant, to offer an Ox was a massive sacrifice, it was equivalent to a farmer giving away one of his tractors. Even to sacrifice a sheep or goat was a material reduction in revenue capacity.

While animal sacrifices and offerings have been done away with by the sacrifice of YAHSHUA on the Cross at Calvary, the onus to GIVE TILL IT HURTS must surely remain with us and, in fact, be EVEN GREATER. YAHWEH, through YAHSHUA has given on our behalf the most amazing and wonderful sacrifice that is possible. He has given His ONLY Son's lifeblood shed in the most horrible fashion through one of the most terrible forms of torture that man has ever devised, crucifixion. This was coupled with taking the immense burden of ALL THE SINS OF THE WORLD on Himself while on the cross that the sin sacrifices of the Torah might be fulfilled in Him. The burden was so great that medical analysis of the scriptures relating to His death indicate that YAHSHUA's heart physically ruptured from the intensity of the pressure He was under.

In **Ephesians 5:1-2** we read *"¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."* (NKJ) Once we understand this we should willingly and joyfully GIVE TILL IT HURTS.

1 Peter 2:4-5 *"⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."* (NKJ) Makes it clear that we are to offer up SPIRITUAL sacrifices.

Hebrews 13:15-16 *"¹⁵ Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. ¹⁶ But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."* (NKJ) Makes it clear that we should offer up a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving but ALSO that we should offer sacrifices of doing good and sharing, that is giving. Loving our neighbour as ourselves is a comprehensive state of being which puts "self" as a low priority and seeks to do good to those around us. This includes financial giving but also giving of time, effort, resources, etc.

1 Corinthians 16:1-3 *"¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: ² On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. ³ And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem."* (NKJ) Makes it clear that we should give FINANCIAL and material gifts under the New Covenant.

In **Mark 12:29-34** we read ²⁹ Jesus [YAHSHUA] answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ 'And you shall HESED {love} the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. ³¹ "And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall HESED {love} your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. ³³ **"And to HESED {love} Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to HESED {love} one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."** ³⁴ Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him. (NKJ)

Here we see that to HESED {love} YAHWEH totally is MORE than burnt offerings and sacrifices. In other words, we MUST offer our HESED {love} to YAHWEH as an offering.

Hebrews 10:1-27

1 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.

3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me.

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you had no pleasure.

7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come-- in the volume of the book it is written of Me-- to do Your will, O God.' "

8 Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law),

9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second.

10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

17 then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

18 Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.
19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,
21 and having a High Priest over the house of God,
22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.
26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. (NKJ)

If we can draw any conclusion relative to the present subject from this passage it must surely be that while the slaughter of animals and partial or complete offering by fire is no longer required, YAHSHUA has given such a great sacrifice that we MUST GIVE all we can. BUT, we must also understand that while a legalistic interpretation of Torah (the Law) might lead us to conclude that one could keep on sinning and constantly offering up animal sacrifices, BECAUSE YAHSHUA has given so great a sacrifice, we must in turn MAKE A GREATER SACRIFICE. This must include a commitment to holiness and sanctification which must in turn include a deep readiness to constantly examine our hearts and be quick to repent and turn around from our sins. IF we do not do this, in time we WILL BE REJECTED, the more so because the sacrifice of YAHSHUA was so great.

THE BLESSINGS OF THOSE WHO TITHE

While the focus of this message is on obedience to the Word of YAHWEH as an act of love [hesed] for Him, it is important to note that Malachi 3:10 "*Bring all the **tithes** into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and **try Me now in this,**" says YAHWEH (the LORD) of hosts, "**If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.**" (KJV) makes it clear that there are considerable blessings associated with obedience in the tithe.*

Proverbs 10:22 states "*The blessing of YAHWEH (the LORD) makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.*" (NKJ) clearly the blessings referred to in Malachi, as reading of the subsequent verses in Malachi chapter 3 confirms, INCLUDE considerable financial blessings. Those who are blessed by YAHWEH become rich.

This is apparent in the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Israel) and Joseph. This blessing is also apparent in the children of Israel when they came out

of Egypt having "plundered the Egyptians". **Exodus 12:35-36** records ³⁵ *Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing.* ³⁶ *And YAHWEH (the LORD) had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.* (NKJ) BUT it is important to note that a large amount of this wealth was used to build the Ark of the Covenant, the Tabernacle and all the furniture and fittings for the Tabernacle in Exodus 25 onwards. In other words, the blessings of YAHWEH are not just for our own comfort they are for worshipping Him.

We see the blessings of YAHWEH in the lives of David, Solomon and other kings of Israel who served YAHWEH faithfully and we see the blessings of YAHWEH in the life of YAHSUA who needed a treasurer to manage his finances and wore clothing of a quality that warranted the soldiers who crucified him casting lots for it.

Note also that **Galatians 3:29** states *"And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* (NKJ). Clearly the blessings of Abraham are part of the inheritance of his heirs and therefore financial blessings are available to those who, like Abraham, tithe.

Phillipians 4:15-19 reinforces this understanding ¹⁵ *Now you Phillipians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.* ¹⁶ *For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.* ¹⁷ *Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.* ¹⁸ *Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, **a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.*** ¹⁹ *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*" (NKJ) There is a clear correlation between the Phillipians giving to Paul's ministry and his statement that YAHWEH SHALL supply all their need according to HIS RICHES IN GLORY by MESSIAH YAHSUA.

Proverbs 28:20 states *"A faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished."* (NKJ)

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 sets out the blessings of obedience in detail:

1 *"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of YAHWEH (the LORD) your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that YAHWEH (the LORD) your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.*

2 *"And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of YAHWEH (the LORD) your God:*

3 *"Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.*

4 *"Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.*

5 *"Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.*

6 *"Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.*

7 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

8 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which YAHWEH (the LORD) your God is giving you.

9 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of YAHWEH (the LORD) your God and walk in His ways.

10 "Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of YAHWEH (the LORD), and they shall be afraid of you.

11 "And YAHWEH (the LORD) will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which YAHWEH (the LORD) swore to your fathers to give you.

12 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

13 "And YAHWEH (the LORD) will make you the head and not the tail; you

shall be above only, and not be beneath, **if you heed the commandments of YAHWEH (the LORD) your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.**

14 "So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

The blessings of YAHWEH are COMPREHENSIVE BUT require obedience.

It is important to note that **1 John 5:1-4** instructs us ¹ *Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves [hesed] Him who begot also loves [hesed] him who is begotten of Him.* ² *By this we know that we love [hesed] the children of God, when we love [hesed] God and keep His commandments.* ³ *For this is the love [hesed] of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.* ⁴ *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith.*" (NKJ) Obedience may not be a "letter of the law" legal requirement under the MESSIANIC Covenant introduced by YAHSHUA but it is definitely STILL a requirement for those who love [hesed] YAHSHUA and love [hesed] YAHWEH and therefore, while we may seek to be obedient through the leading of THE HOLY SPIRIT and NOT through blind legalistic compliance without spiritual revelation, YAHWEH still expects us to love [hesed] Him and therefore to obey Him.

We CANNOT say that we HESED {love} YAHWEH and YAHSHUA and then refuse to tithe!

THE CURSES OF DISOBEDIENCE

Many Believers in ADONAI YAHSHUA MESSIAH (The Lord Jesus Christ) think that since YAHSHUA "became a curse for us" they are not subject to any penalty for sin. This opinion relates in part to **Galatians 3:11-14** ¹ *But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the*

just shall live by faith." ¹² Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them." ¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." (NKJ)

Here we see that YAHSHUA became a curse *"that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles"*. The blessings are therefore DEFINITELY available to us. However, in **Hebrews 6:4-8** we are warned *"⁴ For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. ⁷ For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; ⁸ but if it bears thorns and briars, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned."* (NKJ) Clearly those who continue in sin instead of turning to a life of seeking YAHWEH and seeking, by His HOLY SPIRIT and by faith to sanctify themselves will, in time through continuing to crucify the Son of God (YAHSHUA) come to a place where they are rejected and cursed.

This is confirmed in **Hebrews 10:26-31** *"²⁶ For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."* (NKJ) It is absolutely certain that those who continue in sin will be FEARFULLY judged by YAHWEH for their mistreatment of the grace purchased for us by the Blood of YAHSHUA MESSIAH on the Cross at Calvary.

We must therefore understand that if we walk in disobedience and fail to examine ourselves daily in the Word of YAHWEH and fail to be quick to repent of our sins, at the VERY LEAST, the curses of the Torah WILL apply to us.

These curses are set out in **Deuteronomy 28:15-68** in detail:

15 *"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of YAHWEH (the LORD) your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:*

16 *"Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.*

17 *"Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.*

18 *"Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.*

19 *"Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.*

20 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me.

21 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess.

22 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.

23 "And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron.

24 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

25 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 "Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten them away.

27 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.

28 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart.

29 "And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you.

30 "You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her; you shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes.

31 "Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be violently taken away from before you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue them.

32 "Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long; and there shall be no strength in your hand.

33 "A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually.

34 "So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see.

35 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.

36 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will bring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods-- wood and stone.

37 "And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where YAHWEH (the LORD) will drive you.

38 "You shall carry much seed out to the field and gather but little in, for the locust shall consume it.

39 "You shall plant vineyards and tend them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.

40 "You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil; for your olives shall drop off.

41 "You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity.

42 "Locusts shall consume all your trees and the produce of your land.

43 "The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower.

44 "He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

45 "Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of YAHWEH (the LORD) your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

46 "And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and on your descendants forever.

47 "Because you did not serve YAHWEH (the LORD) your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything,

48 "therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom YAHWEH (the LORD) will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.

49 "YAHWEH (the LORD) will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand,

50 "a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young.

51 "And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you.

52 "They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which YAHWEH (the LORD) your God has given you.

53 "You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom YAHWEH (the LORD) your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you.

54 "The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind,

55 "so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.

56 "The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter,

57 "her placenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.

58 "If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, YAHWEH (the LORD) YOUR GOD,

59 "then YAHWEH (the LORD) will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues-- great and prolonged plagues-- and serious and prolonged sicknesses.

60 "Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.

61 "Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, will YAHWEH (the LORD) bring upon you until you are destroyed.

62 "You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of YAHWEH (the LORD) your God.

63 "And it shall be, that just as YAHWEH (the LORD) rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so YAHWEH (the LORD) will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess.

64 "Then YAHWEH (the LORD) will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known-- wood and stone.

65 "And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there YAHWEH (the LORD) will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.

66 "Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.

67 "In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see.

68 "And YAHWEH (the LORD) will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, 'You shall never see it again.' And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you." (NKJ)

These curses are EXTREMELY comprehensive and therefore obedience to the tithe and to the Torah of YAHWEH BY FAITH IN HIS SPIRIT is essential. It is VITAL to understand that the difference between Law and Grace in these matters is a HEART ATTITUDE by THE HOLY SPIRIT.

HINDRANCES TO THE BLESSINGS

From consideration of the curses of disobedience, it is apparent that even if one is faithful in the tithe there are still factors that can inhibit believers from receiving the blessings of YAHWEH. The teachings on "God's Wrath for the Church: Why Judgement is Coming on the Church Today" posted on 04 January 2001 and "God's Wrath for the Church: The Judgment for Adultery" posted on 22 February 2001 explain the basis of judgment in this life and identify some of the fundamental factors which give rise to financial lack, loss and illness in the Body of Believers.

The message "The Wages of Sin" reference ETI#2001.03.06, 11 March 2001 provides greater understanding. The message "Poverty in the Church", reference ETI#2001.03.07.1 & 2, 11 March 2001 provides a catalogue of factors which, in our experience, give rise to financial and other loss in the lives of Believers. Dealing with these factors is a critical component of responding to YAHWEH'S requirement that we sanctify ourselves and circumcise our hearts by dealing with sin in our lives.

God willing we will shortly publish a detailed teaching on how a divided marital house brings about financial lack and how to resolve this by moving towards "heaven on earth" in your existing marriage.

TITHE INTO FRUITFUL GROUND

Over the years, as we have prayed over our tithes THE HOLY SPIRIT has repeatedly spoken to us concerning how we should allocate our tithes. One of the critical lessons that we have been taught is that it does no good to simply tithe where we want to tithe, we MUST tithe where YAHWEH WANTS us to tithe.

We have also learned that for any particular person there is fruitful ground and unfruitful ground in which to sow the tithe. While Luke 8: 4-8 does not specifically relate to tithing it DOES relate to a general principle in any aspect of commercial, agricultural AND spiritual endeavour ⁴ *And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him [YAHSHUA] from every city, He spoke by a parable: ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ "Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. ⁷ "And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. ⁸ "But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"*" (NKJ)

Thus it is possible to tithe into a "dead" ministry, that is a ministry that is entirely out of the will of YAHWEH and doing it's "own thing". That ground is NOT fruitful and a person who tithes into that ministry will receive no blessing because they are NOT IN FACT GIVING TO YAHWEH they are giving to a man, a ministry or an organization that claims to represent YAHWEH. By extension, there are ministries that are extremely fruitful and where tithes and offerings sown will produce a hundredfold return and other ministries which will produce a lesser return.

HOWEVER, it is NOT for us to tithe according to expected return but according to the leading of THE HOLY SPIRIT whether a return can be expected or not and whether a substantial return can be expected or not. At the same time we MUST understand that it is extremely unwise to tithe WITHOUT prayer! **We give to YAHWEH NOT to man!**

We have also been shown that a ministry that may be fruitful for one may not be fruitful for another. For example if one is called in a certain area and the ministry concerned does not recognize that calling or that area but is otherwise serving YAHWEH faithfully within the limitations of their understanding of the Word of YAHWEH, that ministry may yield a hundredfold return for those who share that understanding and that calling but may be barren for those who have a calling not recognized by that ministry or actively opposed by it. This can be particularly applicable to those called as apostles and prophets or called to restore difficult truths.

TITHE AND GIVE WITH THE RIGHT MOTIVES

In all that has been discussed, understand that God looks at the heart. **1 Samuel 16:7** tells us *"⁷ But YAHWEH (the LORD) said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For YAHWEH (the LORD) does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, **but YAHWEH (the LORD) looks at the heart.**"*" (NKJ)

We are not to tithe OR give in order to obtain financial blessings for the sake of having money. We are to tithe and give because we love [hesed] YAHWEH and desire to please Him and show our love and appreciation for Him. He WILL KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!

Remember that **1 Timothy 6:6-14** tells us that the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil:

6 *Now godliness with contentment is great gain.*

7 *For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*

8 *And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.*

9 *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.*

10 ***For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.***

11 *But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.*

12 *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

13 *I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,*

14 *that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, (NKJ)*

It does NOT say that "money is the root of all evil" as is often quoted, it says that "the love of money" is "A root of all kinds of evil". Money is a necessary mechanism for exchange in any society and is, effectively, a logistical convenience for the day to day conduct of life. However, once money or the things money can buy becomes the reason for our existence it becomes evil.

We all need abundant finances, even riches and wealth in order to do the work that YAHWEH is calling us to do in this age. However, if the acquisition of that wealth becomes the driving force in our lives THEN it is evil. If we are seeking the blessings of YAHWEH in order that we can do the work that He has called us to do and support the ministries of others that He has called, then our motives are right. But if we start to have difficulty giving money away and start hoarding it, then, like the manna hoarded in the wilderness, it will go bad.

The day we cannot give away our **last** dollar to a beggar then money has got us, we no longer have money. Our own experience of serving YAHWEH is that He constantly challenges us to give more than we would like to but,

in return, the more that we give more than is comfortable, the more there is to give.

EATING YOUR SEED

We have encountered an excellent teaching on the subject "are you eating your seed?" It makes the point that if one is a farmer in lack and one has a small quantity of grain, one can either plant it in the ground or one can eat it. At the time, planting it in the ground looks like throwing it away and eating it seems more sensible. However, if one plants it one will reap a harvest which will provide many meals whereas if one eats it there will NEVER be another meal. Thus, when one has a shortage one should rather give finances away to a ministry that YAHWEH shows one than to hold onto them and "eat" them. Such acts of faith open the door for YAHWEH's provision.

GIVING OVER AND ABOVE

Repeated reference has been made to giving "over and above" the tithe. By way of example, we have been repeatedly challenged by YAHWEH in this area. Three years ago we were challenged to tithe on the income to our business and then again on our drawings. Since the business is a one man business working from home, this essentially amounts to a double tithe. The second tithe was used to finance the ministry that YAHWEH has given us.

More recently we have been challenged to turn our priorities on their head and put the ministry first and regard the business as the "tent making" ministry of End Time Issue Ministries. We have been led to regard all income to the business as income to the ministry and then to pay ourselves out of the funds available from the ministry. With this, YAHWEH challenged us to tithe 10% off the top of gross income to other ministries and then to allocate the balance 50:50 to the work of the ministry and our own domestic needs. In other words, tithe 10% and then apply 50% of the balance to the work of YAHWEH, an effective 55% tithe plus offering. This is mentioned simply to give a perspective on comments about giving "over and above" the tithe.

It increasingly seems to us that YAHWEH will challenge believers in this way. Remember that the issue is not about living in lack, it is an issue of living by faith in the absolute certainty that if we are obedient in our finances AND sanctify ourselves and walk by faith, YAHWEH will increasingly prosper us as instruments for financing His work. But, if we amass wealth, luxuries, etc and do not contribute proportionately to the work of His Kingdom, then He cannot trust us with abundance and we should not be surprised to remain in lack or "just get by".

Again, by way of example, in 1993 the writer was impressed by THE HOLY SPIRIT to make a commitment to seek to come to a point where 90% of gross income would be devoted to the work of YAHWEH. Slowly, as evidenced by the examples above, we are coming to that point. BUT what was not understood at the time that I prayed that prayer, was that it would involve a vision and a calling of the magnitude of what has been

given to us. In the last few months, YAHWEH has called us to an international work requiring massive financial outlay and operating costs to publish and distribute material electronically, provide distribution resources to other ministries and distribute teaching materials free of charge around the world to those who cannot afford to purchase them. At this point we increasingly see that giving even 90% of gross revenue will not be sufficient and that a much higher percentage is called for. Only because we have been walking in the tithe and the offering since 1993 can we today see this as a truly real future reality. The reality is that with a 99.9% contribution to His work we can still, by faith, envisage much greater abundance in our own lives than when we were only giving 10% plus some offerings. We serve a great God and He IS able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we can ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

I encourage all readers to step out in faith and seek to hear what YAHWEH is saying to them in the area of finances. Do this with a view to seeking also to come to a place where the financial blessings in your life are of such a magnitude that you too can see by faith a situation in which you will be able to contribute a large proportion of your income to the work of YAHWEH. Not by way of massive sacrifice and poverty living but by coming to a place where the blessings of Abraham manifest in your life to a point where your surplus is such that you can GIVE the vast majority of your income to YAHWEH'S work and still have great abundance.

BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR TITHING AND YOUR GIVING

Accordingly, before bringing ANY TITHE IT IS VITAL TO PRAY AND SEEK THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Be aware that He may lead you to tithe to different people, ministries, congregations, charities, etc from month to month and even from payment to payment and He may lead you to distribute any one tithe amount over several entities.

Seek to be obedient and avoid limiting YAHWEH by adopting a religious formula approach to tithing, the guiding of His Spirit is the only opinion that counts. It is HIS money and we are simply stewards responsible for distributing the finances as He leads.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS STEWARDS OF YAHWEH'S FINANCES

Note also that if YAHWEH calls you to support a ministry on a regular basis and that ministry starts to get out of His will, He may instruct you to cease your support OR to raise the issue with the ministry OR BOTH.

Some time ago we were led to produce a document on "The Financial Stewardship of Believers" which addresses this topic in more detail. God willing it will be posted immediately after this message. The essence of this message is that YAHWEH was saying to us that if we were to be responsible Stewards of His finances then, when we gave to a ministry we should have a degree of Godly concern as to what was done by that ministry. This relates not to an intrusive or offensive assertiveness but

a prayerful concern that they walk according to the call of YAHWEH on the ministry and draw closer to Him and not fall away. This concern should be manifested first in Spirit-led intercession and secondly, IF He leads, to expressions of concern to the leader of the ministry.

By the same token, those who receive tithes and offerings of YAHWEH'S finances should respect the fiduciary interest of those who give. Where a person who has been financially contributing to a ministry has a concern the leaders of the ministry should understand their obligation before YAHWEH to give them a fair hearing and prayerfully consider any concerns that are expressed, particularly if they indicate that YAHWEH has spoken to them. All too often leaders of assemblies seem to think that they are above accountability to those who give when it comes to how the ministry is run and for that matter, how finances are used, and fail to recognize the serious impact that their error or falling away will have spiritually on those who have financially supported their ministry for a considerable time.

BEGGING BOWLS, BAGS, LETTERS AND WITCHCRAFT IN THE CHURCH

In the vast majority of formal assemblies it is taken for granted that a begging bowl, begging basket or begging bag will be handed around as part of the meeting to collect "tithes and offerings". In most assemblies this is associated with a particular message to encourage people to give. The term "begging" is used here because that is what the Spirit of YAHWEH has described this as to the writer.

It is important to understand that there is no scriptural basis for any form of regular action to obtain finances. People should be advised of the truths of scripture concerning tithes and offerings and occasional teachings offered as YAHWEH leads. New converts should have the principles of tithes and offerings explained in the early stages of their pastoral care. Thereafter, the matter is between the individual believer and YAHWEH.

The same applies to begging letters, that is letters which include a reply slip for a regular stop order and a pre-addressed envelope together with an article or letter encouraging people to contribute financially. Many of these letters are well intentioned and many are even scriptural, but they create a psychological guilt pressure which has the potential to cause people to give even if it is not YAHWEH'S will for them to give. Again, giving should be a free gift inspired by THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Unfortunately, because of the almost universal tendency of ministries to beg, those that do not beg frequently find themselves in serious lack because people seem to think that because a ministry does not beg it does not have need. This is seldom the case, any ministry that is in the will of YAHWEH will find that it has far greater projects in planning or in progress than there are funds to finance. We should all give as THE HOLY SPIRIT leads and NOT in response to begging bowls, begging messages and begging letters.

This same phenomenon tends to go beyond being undesirable begging to something that I have heard called "beating the sheep", that is the preaching or writing of messages which create serious psychological and guilt pressure to give to that particular ministry at that particular time.

In a significant number of cases, by asking members of the congregation to bring the "message" associated with the "offering" people start using ill-advised zeal and carnal, worldly sales tactics to improve the "take". We have heard a number of "offering" messages which are so manipulative that they are opening the door to spirits of witchcraft. Again, it cannot be stressed enough, GIVE AS THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS! Not because of what someone has said!

OTHER SCRIPTURES

There are a number of further passages of scripture in the appendix which relate to specific historical instances of adjustment in the Nation of Israel which involved tithing and also other verses which relate to tithing.

CONCLUSION

It is hoped that this article has provided a reasonably comprehensive discussion of the critical issues surrounding tithes and offerings and has addressed most of the issues that may be of interest.

Father, please cause all that is according to Your Word, Your Will and Your Spirit in this article to find deep root in the hearts of the readers and, should there be any leaven please blow it away by Your Spirit that it will find no root at all.

It is our prayer ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ [YAHSHUA MESSIAH ADONAI], the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ [MESSIAH] when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJ)

May YAHWEH bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you. In the name of ADONAI YAHSHUA MESSIAH (the Lord Jesus Christ), King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

Shalom

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Reference material at the end of the appendix.

APPENDIX : SOME OTHER SCRIPTURES ON THE TITHE

Following are a few other scriptures relating to the tithe.

2 Chronicles 31:3-10

3 The king also appointed a portion of his possessions for the burnt offerings: for the morning and evening burnt offerings, the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths and the New Moons and the set feasts, as it is written in the Law of YAHWEH (the LORD).

4 Moreover he commanded the people who dwelt in Jerusalem to contribute support for the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to the Law of YAHWEH (the LORD).

5 As soon as the commandment was circulated, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the **tithe** of everything.

6 And the children of Israel and Judah, who dwelt in the cities of Judah, brought the **tithe** of oxen and sheep; also the **tithe** of holy things which were consecrated to YAHWEH (the LORD) their God they laid in heaps.

7 In the third month they began laying them in heaps, and they finished in the seventh month.

8 And when Hezekiah and the leaders came and saw the heaps, they blessed YAHWEH (the LORD) and His people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief priest, from the house of Zadok, answered him and said, "Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of YAHWEH (the LORD), we have had enough to eat and have plenty left, for YAHWEH (the LORD) has blessed His people; and what is left is this great abundance." (NKJ)

Nehemiah 10:32-39

32 Also we made ordinances for ourselves, to exact from ourselves yearly one-third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God:

33 for the showbread, for the regular grain offering, for the regular burnt offering of the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the set feasts; for the holy things, for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.

34 We cast lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for bringing the wood offering into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at the appointed times year by year, to burn on the altar of YAHWEH (the LORD) our God as it is written in the Law.

35 And we made ordinances to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of YAHWEH (the LORD);

36 to bring the firstborn of our sons and our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and our flocks, to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God;

37 to bring the firstfruits of our dough, our offerings, the fruit from all kinds of trees, the new wine and oil, to the priests, to the storerooms of

the house of our God; and to bring the **tithes** of our land to the Levites, for the Levites should receive the **tithes** in all our farming communities.
38 And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive **tithes**; and the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the **tithes** to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse.
39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary are, where the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and the singers are; and we will not neglect the house of our God. (NKJ)

Matthew 23:23-33

23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay **tithe** of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. **These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.**

24 "Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

26 "Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

28 "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

30 "and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.'

31 "Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

32 "Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt.

33 "Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? (NKJ)

Notice the harsh language used by YAHSHUA towards the Pharisees for the wrong heart attitude.

Hebrews 7:1-22

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

5 And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive **tithes** from the people

according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;

6 but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received **tithes** from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

7 Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.

8 Here mortal men receive **tithes**, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

9 Even Levi, who receives **tithes**, paid **tithes** through Abraham, so to speak,

10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

11 Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest

16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

17 For He testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,

19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

20 And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath

21 (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: "The Lord has sworn and will not relent, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek' "),

22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.
(NKJ)

Clearly from this passage we see that tithes are still entirely valid under the Messianic Covenant (New Covenant / Brit Hadasha).

**SOME THOUGHTS ON
THE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF BELIEVERS**

**"Who then is that faithful and wise steward,
whom his master will make ruler over his household.."**

**(Responsibilities of those who tithe and give versus
the responsibilities of those who run the ministries to which funds are given)**

**by
James Robertson**

**To all who call themselves by the name of Christ and truly seek to serve Him
with all their hearts, all their souls, all their minds and all their strength.**

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,

14. INTRODUCTION

Many Christians tithe and give offerings to the churches they attend and into other ministries. At the same time, many ministries experience financial difficulties. Do those who give have any specific responsibility, beyond giving, towards the ministries they support financially and should those who give be accorded any particular recognition by the leaders of that ministry? It seems that most ministries would answer "no" to both points and certainly to the second point. This document presents a different view.

15. BACKGROUND

For a number of years we found ourselves in a financial wilderness. THE LORD always provided our basic needs and always ensured that there was food on the table but at some times there was great lack in all other areas and in the natural we faced financial ruin on several occasions. As we sought Him for guidance He spoke to us repeatedly about sin in our lives, ranging from unforgiveness to disharmony in our marriage, to pride, to blood-line curses, to ungodly vows and a wide variety of other issues. As we dealt with these sins, repented and received forgiveness and turned around we saw periods of blessing and then, again, Satan would come in to kill, steal and destroy in our lives.

More recently we have experienced a season of material prosperity which has exceeded anything we have ever known but we still sit with a legacy of debt. As I have been seeking

YAHWEH (THELORD) about this He has again been dealing with me about sin and error in our lives. After this experience I have to say to everyone who reads this document. If your prayers are not being answered, if there is financial, spiritual or physical (healing) lack in your family or your personal life, there is ONLY one place to look and that is SIN in your own life which is giving Satan a foothold to attack you.

16. LACK IS A CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

Proverbs 26:2 in Lamsa's translation states:

2 *Like sparrows wandering and like birds flying in the air, so the curse that is causeless shall be driven away. (LAM)*

This translation differs from most others which suggest that the curse without cause will not alight by stating that it shall be "driven away". This suggests a more active role on the part of the believer to drive away causeless curses. At the same time it is apparent that if there is a cause the curse will alight. We must therefore deal with sin in our lives, confessing, repenting and bringing it to the cross to receive forgiveness.

In the process of coming to our current financial position we have learnt about many of the things which contribute to financial lack in the lives of Christians. These are documented in summary in a discourse on "Poverty in the Church of Jesus Christ" which is available. Subsequent to writing this discourse we have come to better understand the judgment process as it applies to the church in this day and started to understand how it takes effect in the life of a believer. Believers are either sanctified by this process or they remain afflicted or they fall away. A series of teachings on this subject are also available.

17. A WORD OF REBUKE FROM THE WORD OF GOD

On the morning of 5 January 2000 I was impressed by the following extract from **Joshua 7:10-11**:

10 *So the LORD [YAHWEH] said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face?"*
11 *"Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff. (NKJ)*

The distinct impression that I had was that YAHWEH (THELORD)¹ was saying to me that many of His people are metaphorically lying on their face on the earth crying out to Him for help and He is saying ***"Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? YOU have sinned, and YOU have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded YOU"***. I had myself been metaphorically lying on my face and crying out to him a few weeks earlier until I recognized that what was happening had to be related to sin in my life. At this point I had started thanking Him by faith for showing me what the sin was so that I could repent. At the time I read the above passage in Joshua YAHWEH¹ had, as always, answered my prayer and was still answering my prayer with further revelation from His Word and things

were starting to come right. It seems to me that He will always answer when one asks Him to reveal sin in our own lives that we may repent.

This revelation of Joshua 7:10 tied in to some notes I had made a week earlier while reading the book "The Surpassing Greatness of His Power" by Rick Joyner (pages 55 to 56). These notes related to the tithes and offerings which we have been led to give into many different ministries in the past few years. I quote the note as I recorded it:

"When one contributes financially to a ministry, one does so first out of obedience to God's word with respect to tithes and offerings, hopefully giving as directed by the Holy Spirit. But one should presumably also have a hope that one is storing up treasures in heaven by participating in the fruits of that ministry?"

"In this case, surely, as stewards of the finances our Father in Heaven has given us and as investors against an eternal treasure in the Kingdom of Heaven, there is some reasonable basis in terms of which we should at least be extended the courtesy of a hearing should we become concerned that the direction of the ministry concerned is not in accordance with the Word or the Will of God -- in other words, if we become concerned that a message or conduct is not scriptural we are entitled to a hearing and, if we are not granted a hearing or the ministry drifts further into error we have a responsibility to sow elsewhere."

18. SOWING AND REAPING IN BAD SOIL

Christians teach constantly about sowing and reaping and many ministries are very willing to hand round offering baskets, preach messages on sowing or publish newsletters or other documents which contain banking details or other subtle, or not so subtle, messages to assist or encourage people to give. Others are more direct in their requests for funds.

In the process use is made of many scriptures to support these teachings. These teachings are generally sound BUT they generally fail to address both sides of the coin. They speak of the blessings that will accrue to the believer who sows in good soil **but they ignore the lack of blessings or even curses that may accrue in the event of sowing into bad soil.**

Matthew 13:1-9 states:

- 1 *On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea.*
- 2 *And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.*
- 3 *Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying:*
"Behold, a sower went out to sow.
- 4 ***"And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.***

5 *"Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.*

6 *"But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.*

7 *"And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.*

8 *"But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

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

Clearly, in addition to ground of different levels of fruitfulness, there are also fields where the seed falls by the wayside and is devoured by the birds (demons?) and other fields where the crop withers and still others where the fruit is choked. While Jesus clearly gave a very specific interpretation to this parable, is it not likely that there are ministries, some of which yield a hundredfold return and others where the seed is devoured, or the crop withers or is choked and never produces a harvest?

Galatians 6:7 states:

7 *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (NKJ)*

Thus if a man sows he will reap **IF there is a harvest!** It seems that many Christians are sowing into barren fields where the seed is devoured or the crop withers or is choked before it can produce a harvest. Surely it is great presumption for any person to teach about sowing and reaping and assume that YAHWEH¹ will produce a harvest for those who sow into a ministry if the ministry is unfruitful!

Proverbs 24:30-31 states:

30 *I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;*

31 *And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; its surface was covered with nettles; its stone wall was broken down. (NKJ)*

Surely if one sows seed in such a field, in a ministry which has become lazy or which lacks understanding in an area which has permitted the ministry to become unfruitful, or is filled with strife and division, or which is in financial lack because of sin, one cannot expect a crop?

19. THE IMPLICATIONS OF PARTNERSHIP - WORKING TOGETHER TO SHARE IN THE HARVEST (OR THE CROP FAILURE!)

Many ministries speak of partnership but ignore the secular reality that partners constantly interact to assist one another to work together to improve the business. By implication, a

ministry which refers to others as partners when they contribute financially and suggests that by being partners they will be partners in the eternal rewards for the fruit of that ministry, should be willing to treat those people as partners even if they disagree with a direction or message.

Partners should listen to one another and work together to improve things for the kingdom of God -- in accordance with the Word of God, NOT man's interpretation. At the same time, partners in a business that fails owing to the error or malpractice of one partner, all suffer financially from that failure. In other words, partners in a ministry that is not producing fruit will share in the lack of fruit and starve spiritually and find they have no treasure in heaven as a result of their partnership. Partners in a ministry which is producing bad fruit will surely find that they have a part in that bad fruit - in other words, they are yoked to that bad harvest.

Note that partnership will operate at different levels. In spiritual terms, immediately someone makes a financial contribution to a ministry, whether as a tithe or a love offering, they become partners in that ministry or become yoked to it in terms of the seed that has been sown. This does not require any membership contribution or any other action beyond the act of giving. The money has been sown in that particular field and if that field produces a bountiful harvest for eternity a portion of that harvest will be credited to the account of the person who planted the seed. Conversely, based on the analysis above, it seems reasonable that if that field produces no crop or a destructive crop, the person who planted the seed will reap nothing or PERHAPS reap of that destructive crop for eternity.

20. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE WHO GIVE TO CONFRONT SIN AND ERROR

From this it seems clearly apparent to me that if a ministry is not producing good spiritual fruit, if there is strife and discord, if there is constant lack to do the work that the partners agree that God has called the ministry to do, those who are giving to that ministry should realize that there is something wrong. As partners in that ministry they have a responsibility to communicate to those who are running the ministry full time that they are concerned and to seek to work with them to rectify the problems. Generally, it seems that sin or error in the ministry, in the lives of the full-time ministers or elders or in the lives of the partners will almost always be at the root of problems of lack in a ministry and will require to be addressed. If they are not the ministry will never produce the harvest that YAHWEH¹ intended.

In principle, it would seem likely that spiritual problems will result firstly from the public life and teachings of the ministry or the private lives of the ministers and that it will be partners who will be the first to really notice what is going on. **If those who are running the ministry cannot accept the concerns of their partners then they are sinning**

against those partners by taking their finances and failing to ensure that the ministry produces good fruit in the Kingdom of God.

21. RESPONDING TO PERCEIVED SIN OR ERROR

The way in which a financial partner should act in responding to perceived error or sin is a difficult subject and one in which I have limited experience. I can say that I have almost universally experienced that where one seeks to suggest that correction is required in a ministry to which one has made material financial contributions it is almost invariably rejected. Frequently the person who raises the issue is also rejected. In the process, of responding to declining attendance or declining revenue, rather than seek to deal with sin, many ministries resort to increasingly carnal and worldly techniques to improve the financial situation. They may resort to advertising, stronger exhortations to give and even psychological manipulation and guilt selling which borders on witchcraft.

22. THE WISE STEWARD

The above comments must be measured against **Luke 12:42-49**:

42 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?"

43 "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

44 "Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

45 "But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk,

46 "the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 "And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 "But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! (NKJ)

This scripture can be applied in two ways. Firstly, the full time minister who attacks those under his care, particularly those who are financial partners, must surely fall into the category of a bad steward who will incur YAHWEH'S¹ wrath. **Secondly, a person whose ministry is financial, in other words he has been called by God to sow bountifully into the works of the kingdom of God out of the abundance that God has provided him, must surely understand that he is called to be a steward of God's finances. Psalm 24:1 states:**

1 The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. (NKJ)

Clearly all the finances that we have are provided by God. In which case, surely a man who sows his seed in an unfertile field or in a field which is producing bad fruit, must also be called to account for failing to properly invest his masters finances. Consider Matthew 25:14-30:

14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man travelling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

15 "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

16 "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

17 "And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

18 "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

19 "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

22 "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

23 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

25 *'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'*

26 *"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.*

27 *'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.*

28 *'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.*

29 *'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.*

30 *'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'* (NKJ)

If the servant who hid his Lord's money was called wicked and lazy. How much more harshly shall a servant be judged who cannot even return his talent on the day of reckoning?

Surely this scripture alone challenges every Christian who tithes to take a more active role in assessing the direction of the church or congregation which he supports financially and, IF he discerns possible error or sin in the ministry, a minister or in the partners or congregation to seek to speak direction or correction to the leadership. If he is correct, then the leaders are sinning against him if they fail to give him a hearing or if they fail to accept and act on his input or if they fail to make a real effort, in Love to assist him to see his error if he is mistaken. In this case, Matthew 18:15-17 is quite clear:

15 *"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.*

16 *"But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'*

17 *"And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, **let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.*** (NKJ)

It therefore appears that there are reasonable grounds for a person who gives financially to a ministry to expect to be granted a fair hearing if he has concerns. If his input is rejected he has reasonable grounds and probably a scriptural responsibility to the Kingdom of God, to leave

that congregation or at the least to sow his finances elsewhere. This is not to say that an individual should be allowed to use his finances to manipulate the ministry. If the leadership are truly trusting God for their provision they should never permit the possible loss of revenue to influence them BUT they should respect the prerogative of those who contribute financially to withdraw if they are concerned, without in any way rejecting them.

It truly seems to me that if these principles were applied in the church today there would be far fewer cases of ministries falling into serious error AND far fewer cases of ministries in serious lack.

I appeal to all those who read this to recognize the joint obligation of those who partner with a ministry financially to contribute spiritually and in terms of direction and correction as well and to encourage those who administer those finances to respect the responsibility of their financial partners to make such input.

Both sides must recognize that differences of interpretation can arise and should not permit these to become a source of rancour or discord. **Partners who have genuine concerns which are not acknowledged or not accommodated should feel free to leave. Likewise, leaders who genuinely cannot agree with the input of a partner and truly believe that their position is scriptural and according to the will of God should feel free not to act on the input of their partners and should be willing to let them leave. After all, if one is truly in the will of God and without major hindering sin in one's life then Philippians 4:19 clearly states:**

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (NKJ)

I urge all those who read this to give careful consideration to this issue. Pastors and other full time ministers whose financial needs are not being met should ask themselves why and should seek the assistance of their partners, particularly any who are **prospering by the hand of God**, NOT because they are in league with the enemy in finances, to distinguish the corrections that are required. In particular, they should open their hearts to genuine concerns and criticisms raised by their partners.

This is no substitute for crying out to God to show us our sin and how to deal with it and it is certainly no substitute for heartfelt repentance.

At the same time, those who give should accept the responsibility to raise their concerns through the scriptural procedures outlined in Matthew 18, above and, if their concerns are not acknowledged and acted on, they should accept that if they truly believe that their issue is in line with the Word and the Will of God, they should withdraw their finances and seek another field in which to sow.

May YAHWEH¹ bless you and keep you;
YAHWEH¹ make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
YAHWEH¹ lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

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