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Will Fear Drive Humanity to the Brink?

From the Editor: Gary C. Miller

or over a year and a half, people on every continent driven by fear, have questioned their safety, health choices, and even their religion at times. But, reacting out of fear, these same millions handed over personal freedoms with little or no questions asked.

The power of fear over once firm religious faith, echoes Satan's ages-old cynicism that for fear, "...all that a man hath will he give for his life." (Job 2:4).

Sure, faith can be fragile and fleeting when the chips are down. We all have those challenges. But which is easier to let go of, faith or freedom? Or does loss of freedom follow loss of faith? One thing is certain, freedom is not free, and often comes at a great price. Once lost, the price must be paid again. Is our personal and collective freedom at risk through socially engineered propaganda campaigns pushing us into a totalitarian police state?

Of course, backing this fear-driven loss of liberty and rational thinking is the COVID-19 threat. The threat is real, but is it highly exaggerated? Our articles on freedom and the COVID-19 test gives some answers from authoritative sources. Some facts may surprise and shock you.

Is there another great source in the universe that answers other pressing questions? Or were we created, then left alone on this island in that universe to fend for ourselves; by ourselves?

Here we are in the outback of the Milky Way galaxy with several lifeless planetary neighbors, struggling with these "...times that try men's souls..." Where and Who is that Great Source?

The good news is "He is right here!" on this pale blue dot.

His name is Yahweh and this Earth is His home in the universe. Believe it or not! He has authored 66 books as our owner's manual to answer every conceivable threat to life and limb that comes our way. And yes, He does answer personal pleas; we can talk to Him. It's called prayer. He hears and answers, if we hear Him and obey His commandments (Isa. 59:2).

Our articles on our home in the universe, and the Creator's fearful and powerful name, Yahweh, hopefully give us the perspective we need to focus on the bigger picture. That, and who is really in charge of mankind's destiny and who will salvage this wrecked universe.

Until that happens, that ultimate salvation, prophecy pulls-no-punches: the human race is in for a bumpy and mind-boggling ride to the end. AND if there is not Someone who steps in to save us from ourselves, as "...a firebrand plucked out of the burning..." (Amos 4:11). Yahweh may just have to start over again...from scratch. He did it once before in Noah's day when only eight survived an unprecedented global catastrophy.

That Someone is Yahshua, the Messiah, and we know from Scripture the season when He will return. Not in the fall, not in winter, not in spring, but the summer season. Our article on the Messiah's long-awaited Second Coming gives the Bible facts proving the time. True that no one knows "the day or hour" of that epic event, but there is more to it than those few verses.

Read that article for the details. Will it happen in this decade? If He is not who He says He is, the King of Kings, and Master of Masters, then humanity will not survive!

"...when the Son of Man comes, shall He find faith on the Earth?" (Luke 18:8).

FREEDOM

to the 2019-2020 pandemic scare, most felt little need to question the freedoms enjoyed in the United States and other countries worldwide. Going where and when we pleased, visiting family, taking vacations, shopping where we liked, buying what we could afford, and visiting any restaurant were not in doubt. The choices were ours. Freedom to choose was a given.

Yahweh, Himself, gives mankind the right to choose and does not infringe upon that right (Deut. 30:15, 19). We have it in writing.

But then we saw how fragile our freedoms are, that what generations fought to preserve could evaporate in months. That reality hit us when public fear, hysteria, and government overreach began taking them away.

We saw how quickly freedom of the people could be replaced by the freedom of tyrannical governors, politicians, and unelected bureaucrats to trample on the constitutional right to "...secure the blessings of liberty..." (US Constitution, Preamble); "...freedom of speech..." and "... peacefully assemble..." (Bill of Rights, Article 1).

Using the COVID-19 scare, governors invoked their "emergency powers", seizing the opportunity to empower themselves with executive orders in unprecedented power grabs.

Imposing overbearing, often needless, lockdowns, stayin-place orders, business closings, school shutdowns, and mandatory quarantines for everyone-not just the sick, they began systematically crashing the economy.

THE SPIN STARTS TO ENSLAVE

Who can argue those power grabs do not limit personal freedoms? The more Draconian and invasive they are, the less freedom people enjoy. Remember the constitutional right to "...secure [not let go of] the blessings of liberty..."

To soften public resistance, the extreme losses of freedom are sold under the guise that our "personal safety" and the "common good" are at stake. And being a good citizen meant that handing over freedoms without protest is caring for our fellow man ("virtue signaling").

But remember when freedom is at stake, such feelgood platitudes should be ignored, not embraced.

What is called for is due process guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution. Courts of law demand "proof beyond a reasonable doubt" in criminal cases when the defendant's FREEDOM is at stake, the highest standard of proof in the American legal system. The higher the stakes the higher the proof needed to limit freedom.1

Without due process, slavery is the next step, and without the rule of law, the public is subject to the taskmaster's whims.

"...Yahweh gives men the right to choose..."

YAHWEH'S LAW OF SERVITUDE

Yahweh has laws regulating slavery; limiting it to indentured servitude. He is far more merciful than man. Under His system of jurisprudence, a fellow Israelite could not be held indefinitely against his will after serving six years (Ex. 12:21). The master could be punished for proven evil intent against the slave (Ex. 21:14), AND these types of slaves had a status of honor in society (Gen. 24:2; 41:12; 15:21); not as mere chattel or property.

TO MISINFORM AND CONFUSE

Yahweh puts precise limits on rulership and consequences are always because of sins, crimes against His Law...not crimes against the state nor against arbitrary decrees (See first five books of Scripture). He allows questions and answers: "Come now let us reason together..." (Isa. 1:18).

But these tyrannical power grabs are aided by coordinated media disinformation campaigns designed to silence independent thinking and replace it with media's non-stop fear mongering. The *power of fear* is carefully leveraged to stupefy and confuse the public into compliance.

That should not be surprising since there is a branch of public health psychological research that identifies effective ways fear can be used to scare people enough that they accept a desired public health measure.2 It works. They know what they are doing.

The politicized Big Media became a mouthpiece of Silicon Valley Big Tech, Big Pharma, and self-appointed experts to censure and marginalize those opposing their agenda. Journalism became more about telling us what to think and less about reporting news.

The digital mob kicked into high-gear its attempts to discredit and muzzle as "fake truth tellers", "conspiracy cranks", "discredited 'experts" any disagreeing with their COVID-19 narratives.

FOLLOW-THE-SCIENCE?

Media "fact checkers" often tout "studies" using proven junk science; while urging everyone to "follow the science."

Yahweh says, "And it is told you and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire thoroughly...IF it is true and the thing certain...then..." (Deut. 17:4-5; my emphasis). Media saying something is true must be followed by thorough research to see IF it is. That's the Law.

See also Deut. 19:16-19 where the liar is punished the way he intended for his victim. That will stop the lies (v. 19) and the consequences are pure equity (v. 21): "life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot." Yahweh's Law works to ensure a stable, free society.

JUNK SCIENCE TARGET

One target was "fact-checking" with junk politicized science any alternative method for treating the SARS-CoV-2 virus (acronym "COVID-19"). Their main target was low-dosage hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) alone or HCQ

with the antibiotic azithromycin (HCQ + AZM). Its safe and effective use has been documented for over sixty-five years.3 HCQ, proven effective against COVID-19, and traditionally used to treat malaria, is an inexpensive over the counter drug in many parts of the world.4

One junk, fake science example used was the British medical journal, Lancet's fake anti-HCQ study. The New England Journal of Medicine also published an anti-HCQ study based on the same data as the Lancet. Both were retracted.

Regardless, the media ran with those discredited studies urging the public to "follow the science", while giving the retractions scant coverage, leaving the public with the anti-HCQ perception.5

Even the Journal of the American Medical Association floated an anti-HCQ study proven seriously flawed by

"...fear is...leveraged to...confuse the public..."

overdosing patients with toxic amounts of HCQ. This one was never retracted.6

"The Lancet's boss...said...the pharmaceutical companies are so financially powerful today and are able to use such methodologies as to have us accept papers which...in reality manage to conclude what they want..."7

NEW TERMS

This confusion and fear created terms and slogans to divide and destabilize society. A couple of examples (too many to detail here) are: "Social Justice Warriors" claiming they are fighting to "correct a wrong", fighting social injustice the system is causing. Their actions prove it is



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not justice they want, but the advantage, the upper hand to become the "ruling class."

Another inflammatory mantra is "Victimhood", the insidious belief that one's economic, educational, or emotional state is not due to their own failures, but because they are victims of the social conditions. Again, they paint themselves as oppressed, victimized by society.

Both these groups justify violence and lawlessness to correct being "wronged by the system". These rebels are

"...if you despise my judgements...they that hate you shall reign over you..."

"...them that despise government. Presumptuous... selfwilled..." (II Pet. 2:10).

The fact is, their scripts are right out of *The Commu*nist Manifesto: "oppressor and oppressed", "forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions..."8

WHY IS ALL THIS HAPPENING? THE REAL TRUTH

Yahweh, the Majestic Creator, explains:

"...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved...for this cause Yahweh shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (II Thess. 2:10-12; our emphasis).

A great prophecy also tells why (Lev. 26:15-17):

"...if you despise my statutes,....my judgments, so that you will not do all my Commandments,...I will do this to you: I will even appoint over you terror... you will be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you..."

The Prophet Daniel also reveals why we are reaping all this [ch. 9:13-14]:

"As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet we made not our prayer before Yahweh our Mighty One, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand the truth. Therefore has Yahweh watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for Yahweh our Mighty One is righteous in all His works which He does: for we have not obeyed his voice."

A FINAL SOBERING PROPHECY

There follows another sobering prophecy in Revelation 21:8, that should shock and humble everyone:

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremonger, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (our emphasis).

Will we repent and confess our national and international sins before it is too late or continue reaping the prophesied consequences? The clock is ticking. The choice is ours.

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His Name is

he Creator's name continues its long history of controversy and division among religious factions from Orthodox Jewry to devout "Sacred Namers", and by those who say "What difference does it make anyway?" Each has their reasons. Each remains steadfast.

But why such disagreements over "The Name"? Can any realistically think when the Messiah said: "Do you suppose that I came to bring peace on Earth? I tell you, no, but rather division" (Luke 12:51), that He was not referring to *religious* divisions?

WHAT DIVISIONS?

Since we know he never denied His Father's name in public or private, there is no doubt part of the divisions He brought (and brings) involves religious division, including disputes over so fundamental an issue as the Creator's name. He was not referring to political debate, for example—which He *never* mentioned in the gospels.

Recall the letter commending the Church in Philadelphia specifically stated "...and hast not denied my name." (Rev. 3:8). Would Yahshua, in this revelation from the Father (Rev. 1:1), commend the church for not denying His name, yet deny His own name or the name he came representing? Hardly.

Since he said, "I am come in my Father's name..."

"...I have made Thy Name known..."

(John 5:43), denying His name, is a denial of the heavenly Father's name as well.

Given the on-going debates over "The Name", the divisions of "...five in a house..." and other family splits He causes (Luke 12:52-52), the Creator's name is surely part of those disputes.

For remember He said, "I am come in my Father's name..." (John 5:43), which He openly and frequently used: "O righteous Father...I have made Thy Name known to them, and will make it known to them..." (John 17:25-26).

And why was and is He making the Father's name known? "...that the Love wherewith Thou didst love Me *may be in them...*" (v. 26).

See the Love of Yahweh may be in US through reverenc-

ing the Father's name...the correct one...and no other. It's one of the commandments: "For this is the love of "God" that we keep His commandments..." (I John 5:3).

COMMON KNOWLEDGE

How do we know He often proclaimed His Father's name? And what name was He using?

This question is answered in Matthew's account: "And the multitudes...cried saying,.. "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord..." (Matt. 21:9; KJV uses "Lord"; see also Matt. 23:30; Mark 11:9-10; John 12:13). How did they know He came in the name of ...?

How should this be translated? This part of the verse is a quote of Psalms 118:26: "Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD." The word "LORD" here in all capitals is the Hebrew [7][7] [the tetragrammaton; YHWH; some say YHVH; more on that later] which is used about 7.000 times in the Old Testament and should be so translated in the New Testament.

Clearly, Matthew 21:9 should be "...He who comes in the name of הווה"..." See, the multitudes knew He came in that Hebrew name, Till' because they heard Him proclaim it, preach it, for over three years in synagogues, the temple, and cities throughout His many travels!

FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE

If we sincerely follow the third commandment to reverence only one name (Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:11), following the Messiah's example, we must do no less than speak, preach, and publish our Heavenly Father's name, Tin'. Doing so, we fulfill His prophecy, "He that believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also..." (John 14:12), having "...made known Thy name [הוֹה"]..." to the world (John 14:12)!

And who could honestly doubt our Creator's name identifies who we worship-by name-as we are commanded in the decalogue (Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:11)?

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Certainly obeying the greatest commandment, that we love Him with all our heart, soul and might, could hardly be done without worshiping Him by name, by HIS NAME and not another name of our choice (Deut. 6:5; quoted in Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27). Does this commandment say we can use any name but the Hebrew name used in the Law (Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:11)? Not at all.

WHY HE BRINGS DIVISIONS

Yahshua's now famous Sermon-on-The-Mount contains a key as to why He came to bring divisions on matters of the Divine Name and other doctrines.

Notice His comments in Matthew 7:13-14: "Enter ye in at the strait gate...(v. 14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

The word "strait" in this verse means "to trouble, afflict, distress..."1

Reading many of His statements recorded in the New Testament along with Paul's many abstract writings makes it clear understanding the truth of salvation is often no easy task.

BIBLICAL APPROACH TO THE NAME "YAHWEH", הוה

In this article one goal is to give a fairly comprehensive list of authoritative sources on the correct pronunciation of the Divine name, Till'. As with most any study there will be no complete agreement. Given authorities of one view, authorities of the opposite or different view can be found. This was never more true than the pronunciation of the tetragrammaton, $\Pi\Pi$.

However, we usually seek a consensus favoring superior authorities as a standard. If, however, we can find solid grammatical evidence of the verbal root or roots of from which we can construct the name, many scholarly conflicts can be avoided or at least minimized.

This set of references provides the reader a handy resource for the true pronunciation of the Divine Name.

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The name is certainly connected with Heb. haya, "to be", or rather with a variant and earlier form of the root *hawa*..."

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"...true pronunication...YHWH... was never lost..."

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YHWH: YAHWEH

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"ADONAY" ("ADONAI")

The Creator's name, by Jewish superstition, became silent as "too sacred to pronounce". This Jewish tradition then substituted Adonai (as some say "Adonay") for the divine name, יהוה, in pronouncing it. The substituted name means "Lord."

When the Jews, called Massoretes, began inventing vowel signs during the late first millennium A.D., they put them among the Hebrew consonants; above, below or within the consonants.

Due to this superstition about the divine name, the Massoretes put the vowel signs of Adonay under the consonants of the divine name.

Like this: The vowels signs of אָרְנֵי , Adonai, or Adonay, ["Lord"] were placed under the sacred consonants, 717,

"...Yahweh is...the correct... pronunciation..."

which became [1][1]. Then each time [1] was read, it was pronounced "Adonai" (or Adonay). Notice the double vowel marks above and below the 1, with the upper indicating "o" and lower mark, the "a" ("ah").

"...Later, Christians who did not know any better, simply joined the consonants of the Sacred Name with the vowels of the word for "Lord", and came up with a new word, sounding something like, "Yahova." En route to the English, the "Y" got hardened to "J," and the word wound up as "Jehovah." The only thing you can be certain about is that "Jehovah" is *not* the way the word [should be spelled or sounded." (Goodrick's "Do It Yourself Hebrew and Greek" (1976, 1980; Lesson 14.4).

MORE ON "JEHOVAH"

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible (1894; entry 3068), Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament (1825, 29?; p. 337), and Young's Analytical Concordance (1879 first edition) transliterate and as Jehovah.

These older sources lacked the advantage of modern scholars' later research. References cited using Yahweh are twentieth century forward. Giant strides have made in Hebrew lexicography since the older Strong's, Gesenius' and Young's Lexicons were published.

The Publisher's Introduction to Gesenius' lexicon notes that "Strong did not intend...for this "Concise Dictionary" [at the back of the concordance] to be exhaustive or very precise..."

However, Young's concordance 22nd edition (1970) lists Jehovah and under "Lord" entry number 5 "He (who) is, וֹחוֹח'. yahweh (read adonai; p. 617)." Scriptural references under this heading are those the KJV translates LORD (all capitals).

The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English **Lexicon** (1906) records under entry # 3068-69: (p. 218): "The pronunciation Jehovah was unknown until 1520, when it was introduced by Galatinus; but it was contested by Le Mercier, J. Drusius, and L. Capellus, as against grammatical and historical propriety..."

The Moffatt Bible (1922...1934) translation in the Introduction: "Strictly speaking, this ought to be rendered "Yahweh," which is familiar to modern readers in the erroneous form of "Jehovah."

Goodrick's "Do It Yourself Hebrew and Greek" (Lesson 14:4): "The only thing you can be certain about is that "Jehovah" is *not* the way the word [הוה] should be spelled or sounded."

Jehovah's Witness literature's admission about the name "Yahweh" [our emphasis]:

- (a). "Where...did pronunciations like Yahweh come from? These are forms that have been suggested by modern scholars trying to deduce the original pronunciation... Some—though not all—feel that the Israelites before the time of Jesus probably pronounced God's name "Yahweh." But no one can be sure.
- "...many prefer the pronunciation Jehovah...because it has a **currency and familiarity** that Yahweh does not have. Would it not be better to use the form that might be closer to the original pronunciation..."? Not really..." (The DIVINE NAME That will Endure Forever; Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society Pennsylvania; 1984; Now under the title "God's Name-It's Meaning and Pronunciation"). Notice not scholarship, but "currency and familiarity" is their basis for not using "Yahweh."
- (b). "Yahweh...is admittedly superior to Jehovah...The wrong spelling Jehovah occurs since about 1100...Yahweh is... the correct and original pronunciation..." ("Let Your Name Be Sanctified"; pp. 16,20; Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society)
- (c). "While many translators favor the pronunciation Yahweh, the New World Translation and also a number of other translations continue the use of the form Jehovah because of people's familiarity with it for centuries....

Is it, then, wrong to use a form like Yahweh? **Not at all.** It is just that the form Jehovah is likely to meet with a quicker response from the reader because it is the form that has been "naturalized" into most languages." ("God's Name-It's Meaning and Pronunciation"; Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society).

Note again, not scholarship, but "...familiarity with it [Jehovah]" is their basis for not using "Yahweh."

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July 4, 2021

SABBATH THOUGHTS: THE COMING 2ND DARK AGE!

THE BIBLE PREDICTS A COMING PERIOD LIKE THE DARK AGES!

Are we on the verge of, or now entering, A 2nd DARK AGE?

THE "DARK AGES" OF OLD: A.D. 500 to A.D. 1500

Estimates vary, but generally the Dark Ages are the 1000year period shortly after the fall of the Roman Empire in A.D. 476 to about A.D. 1500.

WHAT THE DARK AGES WERE LIKE

False Religion was imposed on non-believers (The Crusades" late A.D. 700s to mid-to-late A.D. 800s). Charlemagne, a ruthless murderer and devout Catholic, waged "Holy Wars" to "convert" the masses by "The Sword and the Cross". Thousands died refusing Catholicism. Pagan Viking invader, Ivar the Boneless' Great Heathen Army ravaged England.

ONE CHURCH DOMINATED

Catholic Church Dictated the lives of everyone from the King to the Peasant in the field; controlling all commerce.

Sunday business closings; Sunday worship dominated ("... the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." ("The Converts Catechism of Catholic Doctrine", 2nd ed. p. 50)).

Persisted through the Dark Ages to the present time.

Old Testament worship days discouraged (Council of Nice (A.D. 325), banning Passover continued through the Dark Ages...and to the present time).

Doctrine of demons prevailed: "...giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ...Forbidding to marry [celibacy]..." (I Tim. 4:1, 3). Church forbade selling at a profit.

DISEASE RAMPANT: Black Death killed millions in Europe. IDOL WORSHIP in all Catholic churches.

A SECOND DARK AGE DAWNING USING TECH-NOLOGY TO CONTROL INSTEAD OF ENLIGHTEN

What MODERN DARK AGE is Like: Rev. 13:11-18: Dominant False World Religion:

v. 11: A 2nd Beast arises.

v. 12: Causes ALL to Worship the First Beast with 7 heads and 10 horns. Not possible without modern technology.

DECEIVES BY MIRACLES

v. 13: Signs, Wonders, and Miracles

IDOL WORSHIP

v. 14: Image to the first Beast

v. 15: Gives life to the Image...must be worshipped. (AI, CGI).

v. 15: ALL Not Worshiping the Image are killed (Rev. 20:4)



v. 16: ALL receive, a Mark in right Hand or Forehead

ECONOMIC CONTROL

Not possible without modern technology.

v. 17: "...that no man might buy or sell, [without] the Mark, or the Name of the beast or the Number of his name." v. 18: Number of the Beast; number of a Man: 666.

FALSE PROPHETS DECEIVE

"...Many False Prophets...Rise,...Deceive Many." (Matt. 24:11)

TIME OF TROUBLE

Unprecedented "...Great Tribulation..." (Matt. 24:21)

DISEASE RAMPANT: Apocalyptic Pale Horse rides (Rev. 6:8).

TWO WITNESSES

ALL Nations see their dead bodies 3 DAYS (Rev. 11:9): How? Satellites, Internet. Rumors of Wars known... (Matt. 24:6). How? Satellites, Internet.

TRUE CHURCH HATED: (Matt. 24:9): How will all nations know Yahweh's Name: Technology, Advertising

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

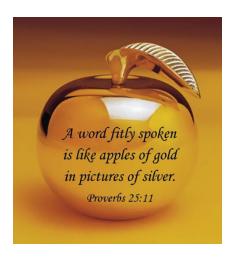
Wicked Spirits Rule in High Places (Eph. 6:12) using: Religious attacks on Church doctrines (repeat of Acts 4:6-7, 18; 19:9; II Pet. 1:20),

Media (fake news lies about the Church, II Tim. 3:3), Limited Church Advertising (Acts 4:18 repeated), Medical Tyranny (forced medical practice).

Sorceries (Gr. "medication" ("pharmacy") from Gr. word meaning a druggist or poisoner; Rev.18:23: world deceived by), Lockdowns (religious assembly, free speech banned: US Constitution Bill of Rights, Article 1 endangered), Cancel Culture (Biblical Law "done away", portrayed as outdated), Fear mongering.

FINAL SIGN

Gospel to all nations: (Matt. 24:14; Mark 13:10): How does it reach all Nations?? Satellite Communication, Global Internet, Television, Word of Mouth.



August 14, 2021

SABBATH THOUGHTS: LESSONS FROM PROVERBS

PROVERBS WHY THE BOOK

"To Know Wisdom and ... Justice, and Judgment, and **Equity.** To Give Subtilty to the Simple, to the Young Man Knowledge and Discretion [the power or right to decide or act according to one's own judgment; freedom of choice]" (Prv. 1:2-4)

"Then you shall **Understand Righteousness**, and...yes Every Good Work...To Deliver You from the Way of the Evil Man..." (Prv. 2:9, 12)

WISDOM'S BENEFITS

"For Length of Days, and Long Life, and Peace, shall they add to you...So shall you find Favor and Good Understanding in the sight of Elohim and Man." (Prv. 3:2, 4)

"...and **Health** to all your Flesh." (Prv. 4:22)

BE A GOOD STEWARD

"The way of the slothful man is as a hedge of thorns; but the way of the righteous is made plain." (Prv. 15:19)

"I went by the way of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down..." Prv. 24:30-31)

RICHES AND HONOR

"Happy is the man that finds **Wisdom**, and the man that gets Understanding...She is more precious than Rubies... Length of Days is in her Right hand; and in her Left hand Riches and Honor." (Prv. 3:13, 15-16)

"I Wisdom dwell with Prudence [cautious practical wisdom; careful forethought; regard for one's own interests]... By Me princes rule...Riches and Honor are with me; yes Durable Riches and Righteousness....That I may cause those that Love Me to Inherit Treasures and I will fill their treasures." (Prv. 8:12, 16, 18, 20-21)

"In all labor there is profit..." (Prv. 14:23)

"He that trusts in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch." (Prv. 11:28)

BE HUMBLE

"Trust in Yahweh with all your heart; and Lean not to Your Own understanding. In ALL your ways acknowledge **Him, and He will direct your paths.** Be not wise in your own eyes: fear Yahweh, and depart from evil." (Prv. 3:5-7)

"By Humility and the Fear of Yahweh are Riches, and Honor, and Life." (Prv. 22:4)

SIX TO AVOID

"These Six Things does Yahweh hate:...A Proud Look, a Lying Tongue, Hands that Shed Innocent blood, ...an Heart that Devises Wicked Imaginations...Feet Running to Mischief, a False Witness that Speaks Lies, and He that Sows Discord Among Brethren." (Prv. 6:16-17)

THE EVIL FOURSOME

"...**Pride** [a high excessive opinion of one's own importance or superiority] and Arrogancy [offensive exhibition of assumed or real superiority], and the Evil way, and the Forward mouth [willfully contrary; not easily managed], do I Hate." (Prv. 8:13)

LAW OF MERCY

"He that Covers His Sins shall not prosper: but whoso Confesses and Forsakes them **Shall Have Mercy**." (Prv. 28:13)

A WORD FITLY SPOKEN

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear...

SPEAK GRACEFULLY

By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone." (Prv. 25:11-12, 15)

"A man has joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!...A soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger....A wholesome tongue is a tree of life...The lips of the wise disperse knowledge...The heart of him that has understanding **seeks knowledge**: but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness....he that is slow to anger appeases strife." (Prv. 15:1-2, 7, 13, 18)

"A merry heart does good like a medicine..." (Prv. 15:23; 17:22)

GENEROSITY

"He that has pity upon the poor lends to Yahweh; and that which he has given will He pay him again." (Prv. 19:17)

"The Liberal soul shall be made Fat: and he that waters shall be watered also himself." (Prv. 11:25)

"Whoso stops his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard." (Prv. 21:13)

"He that Gives to the Poor shall Not Lack: but he that hides his eyes shall have many a curse." (Prv. 28:27)

"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children." (Prv. 13:22)

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man .. Matthew 24:36

ince Yahshua the Messiah ascended in a cloud shortly before Pentecost in A.D. 31, the time of His Second Coming has been a hot topic. Time and again serious students wonder, "This year? Next year? In our lifetime?" And on it goes.

Every generation, it seems, has believed theirs was surely the one, the *last days* when "...the Devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." [Rev. 12:12]. That "short time", generation after generation has become a "long time" coming.

Invariably, any mention of Yahshua's return is met with the quote from Matthew chapter twenty-four verse thirty-six [above] or other verses mentioning "hour" or "day or hour" of the second advent (Matt. 24:36, 42, 44; Mark 13:32). Any reference to the season of the year draws fire from every direction as "a crackpot idea" "what book does that come from?", "false teaching", "season isn't known", "only the Father knows" [most stated] usually followed by a chorus of "Amens".

Disregarding Yahshua's numerous and detailed descriptions of conditions, even month of the year, and other clear hints of that epic event, sincere religious "watchers" always go back to the one or more of those "day and hour" verses, and only those.

But why narrow our vision to a few verses mentioning "hour" or "day" with no larger vision of other possibilities? "Where there is no vision, the people perish..."



"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matthew 24:27) / wallsdesk.com

(Prv. 29:18) for "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." (Hos. 4:6).

Getting the complete picture of the Second Coming demands that we obey the Law, not forget it. For notice what Hosea further recorded in verse six showing why there is no vision: "...because you have rejected knowledge,...seeing you have forgotten the Law of Elohim..."? The Law, coupled with New Testament records, tells us precisely, the season when the Second Coming happens! As we will see.

JOHN'S KEY

John, the forerunner of "One mightier than I", gives us a key to understanding the Second Coming. Overlooked,

"...at the end of this...age, He will...establish a goverment."

and underrated, John's statement links the Messiah's return with the Law's clear record of when it takes place.

His prophecy unlocks this centuries-old puzzle. Notice what he said, "Whose fan is in His hand [Yahshua's, verse 16], and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and will gather the wheat into His garner..." (Luke 3:17).

Did you catch that key? "...will gather the wheat into His garner..." Now all we need is the Bible's record telling us when that happens. Once we know when the wheat is gathered scripturally, we have the Bible's answer, the season of the year when the epic, age-ending, return of Yahshua the Messiah occurs.

HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND THE "DAY OR HOUR"?

How is this related to the "day or hour" verses (Matt. 24:36, 42, 44; Mark 13:32)? Simply this, we must use *ALL* the facts of Scripture related to the subject of Luke 3:17. Those facts are needed to understand how gathering the wheat relates to the "day or hour" statement rather than "forcing" it to mean more than it says.

When "day or hour" is mentioned it means exactly that: day or hour (Matt. 24:36, 42, 44; Mark 13:32).

Are "day" and "hour" Yahweh's only divisions of time? Not at all. Did He mean exactly what He said, "Day or Hour; not month or year?" Yes. To assume otherwise is speculation; not a Bible fact.

Notice that Yahshua knew the difference between "day" and an "hour" and the periods "month" and "year". This is crystal clear in Luke 4:19 [acceptable year], v. 25 [three years and six months], and in John 4:35 [yet four months till harvest].

Assuming the phrase "day or hour" somehow includes **all** Biblical divisions of time such as month and vear, is just an assumption. Of course, that is what most everyone jumps to when studying this matter of the second coming. Just because the Bible says "day or hour" does not exclude seasons of the year. The bigger the picture, the larger the vision needed.

GATHERING WHEAT: A GREAT REVELATION

Yahshua's parable of the Sower (Matt. 13:24-42), begins with sowing wheat and tares sown among the wheat (vv. 24-25). Notice it says in Luke 3:17 that Yahshua will gather His WHEAT into the garner. Both grow together until the harvest and reapers then gather the wheat into the barn (v. 30; v. 39, 41: reapers are the angels).

After a third parable of leaven, His disciples ask about this parable of the sower (v. 36). He then reveals that Sower is Himself the Son of Man (v. 37). But who or what is the wheat, the good seed? The Children of the Kingdom (vv. 25, 38).

Now, notice next His remarkable revelation: "...the harvest is the end of the world ["age"]..." (v.39)! What an amazing revelation!

The harvest of wheat is at the end of the age. When the Kingdom of Heaven is installed (v. 41). At the end of this eon or age, He will purge all wicked (v. 41-42), and establish a righteous government lasting for ages to come. "Of the increase of His Government and Peace there shall be no end...from henceforth even forever..." (Isa. 9:7).

Two indisputable facts we now know absolutely:

- (1) The wheat is the Children of the Kingdom of Heaven (v. 38).
 - (2) The End of the Age occurs at wheat harvest (v. 39). How clear. How certain.

THE NEXT QUESTION **WE MUST ANSWER**

When is wheat harvested? To make those connections with the Second Coming requires we stick with the principle of Bible study: The Bible interprets ITSELF. We must let IT tell us when wheat is harvested; at what Season of the Year.

So where do we go in Scripture to put Yahweh's parable of the end of the age, the wheat harvest, at the proper place within the year?

Recall Hosea's prophecy, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...because you have rejected knowledge,...seeing you have forgotten the Law of **Elohim**..."? (Hos. 4:6).

Clearly by Hosea's words to gain knowledge we are instructed to remember the Law which many have forgotten. Malachi, too, says this, "Remember you the Law of Moses my servant, which I [Yahweh] commanded to him...with the statutes and judgments" (Mal. 4:4).

So when is the wheat harvest...Biblically? It is in the summer, during the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Harvest (Ex. 23:16). How do we know?

The Bible must tell us, and it does. Ex. 34:22 says: "And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest..." (Ex. 34:22). This forty-nine

"...The Bible interprets itself...."

day feast (Lev. 23:15), is the season of the year when He (His angels: the reapers: Matt. 13:39), will gather His wheat. The harvest of wheat is the end of the age.

NEXT QUESTION

Does He come during wheat harvest or perhaps wait until the harvest is complete and return some time later? That is, when His angels reap the wheat is HE there too?

The prophetic chapter, Matthew 24 answers in verse 30 where His coming is described: "...then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven...and they [all tribes of earth, v. 30] shall SEE the Son of man coming in the clouds...'

Then what? "And He shall send His angels...to gather His elect from the four winds..." (v. 31).

He sends His angels to gather the wheat, harvest the elect children of the Kingdom (Matt. 13:30), at His return.

CONCLUSION

There is no doubt, based on these facts of Scripture, the momentous event of the ages will happen during the summer wheat harvest. Scripture is clear. The facts are in. The conclusion is certain.

None will know, but the Father, Yahweh (Matt. 24:36), on His schedule, when He decides, no sooner, no later.

Remember Yahshua's sobering words. These are the words He cautions us to answer individually as we look for the One who will be coming in the clouds on that great day: "...when the Son of Man comes, shall He find faith on the Earth?" Will He find faith in us?

THE GLOBAL **COVID-19 TEST**

hen the COVID-19 pandemic hit in the late months of 2019, increasing into 2020, people in virtually every nation panicked with collective hysteria on a scale not witnessed in history!

As fear gripped the imagination as never before in living memory and freedoms were lost, U.S. patriot, Patrick Henry's sobering question became more relevant than ever: "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?"

Millions answered "Yes!" Neighbors, relatives, and friends chimed in. Voices and actions of millions said: "I would rather live on my knees in slavery, than die free on my feet!"

This chorus of fear and compliance proved something sinister in human nature. What was it? Satan's ages-old cynicism: "Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.' (Job. 2:4; our emphasis).

COVID-19 became a swabbed test at clinics, and doctors' offices, AND a test on the street of character and independent thinking to resist the hype similar to President Bush's 2005 bogus scare that H5N1 bird flu would kill two million Americans.1

WHAT DOES A "POSITIVE COVID-19" TEST MEAN?

COVID-19 [corona virus disease 2019] testing is heavily incentivized. But Stephanie Fischinger (Ph.D. Student, Ragon Institute) tells us what is rarely mentioned: "...of course, there's different levels of positivity.2 Galit Alter, Phd (Immunologist, Ragon Institute) explains: "... Most commercial tests are only giving us a yes or no answer. You do or don't have antibodies...this level is really what is going to dictate whether or not you are going to be protected from infection...."2

Too, the PCR COVID-19 test (polymerase chain reaction) is inaccurate since: (a) it cannot tell the difference between inactive viruses [person is not sick, not contagious], and "live" reproductive ones.23, 25 and (b). the RNA-to-DNA swab sample amplified too many times, "cycled" 35 times or more (CT, cycle threshold), gives an accuracy of only 3%; a 97 percent false positive reading.24, 25 The FDA and CDC recommended 40 cycles; WHO, 45 cycles.^{23, 25} Ignoring positivity levels plus promoting false positives continues driving the vaccination panic forward.

THE BIBLE ON VIRUSES

Biblical history includes viruses, but gives no hint of vaccines. The Hebrew word for virus is "negif" translated "plague" numerous times (Sec. 5063; Ex. 12:13; 30:12; 32:33; Num. 8:19; 16:46; Jos. 22:17; Psa. 89:23).3

At Passover season in ancient Egypt, Yahweh warned Israel of a coming very selective and deadly virus superbug [negif], killing the firstborn of man and animal alike; unless they followed His instructions (Ex.12:12). He revealed the plague, the virus infection, could be prevented with the blood of a lamb (Ex. 12:7), and de-

"...there's different levels of positivity..."

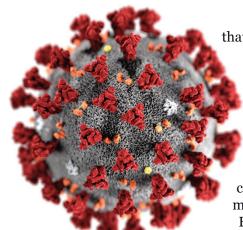
liver Israel from a fast-acting virus the night of Passover! (Ex. 12:13). With no blood on their doorposts, the Egyptians, from Pharaoh's throne to the peasant's house, saw all their firstborn of man and cattle die in a few hours, (Ex. 12:12). Not one Israelite firstborn died.

POWER IN THE BLOOD

That was no accident. The Law says: "...it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul." (Lev. 17:11); referred to in Hebrews 9:14, 22; now, same as then. Back then Egypt's sins were mountainous, and the night of reckoning was at hand. Without the blood, they paid



COVID-19 testing is on average accurate between 58.1 and 72 percent of the time. Would Yahweh take those odds? sru.edu



that debt!

Ignorant of the remedy, their firstborn were "...destroyed for lack of knowledge...' (Hosea 4:6).

Blood sacrifices required by Yahweh's Law are discounted and ignored in modern Christianity.

But make no mistake, they have a practical application. How important was the Pass-

over blood sacrifice? It saved a nation.

Why, for example, did Yahweh require morning and evening sacrifices? (Num. 28:3-4). Empty rituals? Hardly. Those blood sacrifices of lambs preserved the national peace and prevented diseases of all kinds by remitting the sins of millions! Another sacrifice cleansed a nation on Atonements in the seventh month of the year (Lev. 16:29-30; 23:27-29).

Since Yahshua's revelation of the Passover cup and bread realities, we have a similar release from the grip of sin's slavery. What is used? A vaccine? No. His Blood; the blood of a Lamb!

His revelations are, however, usually "spiritualized away" as mere symbols; nothing practical.

Notice the *power of His blood:* "...the blood of bulls and of goats...sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh... [notice] How much more shall the blood of Yahshua purge our conscience to serve the living Yahweh?" (Heb. 9:14). "More" means His blood cleanses the body and the conscience.4

SOCIAL GATHERINGS, MASKS

Lockdowns include severe limits on social gatherings. One governor set the limit at 50. The next day he reduced it to 10. When asked why the change, federal mandates, guidelines,...? he replied "I got that from the media."

Such made-up numbers are mimicked nationwide, "But no scientific rationale has been cited for any particular number." The same is true for social distancing. The six-feet is purely arbitrary.

On masks, Dr. Anthony Fauci, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director, said they provide no protection (ABC News), then flip-flopped; later appeared wearing one.

Breathing one's carbon dioxide behind a mask for hours cannot be healthy; nor do fiber masks stop all COVID-19 viruses ranging from 0.02 to 0.25 micrometers; visible only with electron microscopes.²⁶

THE BIBLE ON MASKS: "COVERING" (SEC 3875)

Yahweh sees the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:9-10; KJV). Notice this stunning prophecy regarding face coverings, masks: Isa. 25:7: "He [Yahweh] will destroy in this mountain the face, [of] **the covering cast** over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations." ...The **shroud** that is drawn over the faces of all..." (Isa. 25:7).6; "...the mask of the veil, the veil that is upon all the peoples,..."; "covering, a veil...which covers their faces..."3

This international "cover up" will be removed...by Yahweh Himself. This prophecy will be fulfilled in our time! How do we know? Simple. When has masking all nations ever happened before? Never. The case rests on the undeniable evidence.

THE COVID-19 VACCINE: **DOES IT WORK?**

Vaccines usually take years to develop and field test a weakened virus, but fast-tracked COVID-19 vaccines use revolutionary genetic instructions telling the RNA, so-called messenger RNA or mRNA, to make the coro-

"...Egypt's...firstborn...'destroyed for lack of knowledge'..."

navirus spike protein coating. RNA controls what proteins to make. This method produces these vaccines super-fast, but no one knows if it will actually work.²

IS IT DANGEROUS?

Vaccine safety is a concern. Rhiju Das, Ph.D. (Biophysicist, Stanford Medicine) warned: "It's still not clear whether these RNA molecules will be safe to inject into everybody."2 In seven short months with no longterm safety data, this May 13, 2020, warning was ignored. The FDA panicked, authorizing Pfizer-BioNTech to distribute its COVID-19 vaccine outside of clinical trials on December 11, 2020. Despite the risk the public became their untried field test.

Marketing worldwide an untried method of vaccine production is risky; even reckless.8

CDC reported September 7, 2021, a "breakthrough infections" update of hospitalizations and deaths of those vaccinated: "2,675 deaths, 11,440 hospitalized." But notice "The number of COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough infections reported to CDC are an undercount of all SARS-CoV-2 infections among fully vaccinated persons. National surveillance relies on passive and voluntary reporting, and data are not complete or representative..."9

In other words, CDC has no accurate idea how many vaccination deaths and severe vaccine reactions are occurring. As "an undercount" is it 5-times, 10-times higher? Who knows?

BY THE NUMBERS: 1-IN-40; THE 5%

Perhaps a more definite idea of how many will likely have serious side-effects from vaccinations is using a study conducted by a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agency on healthcare. Of 376,452 who received 1.4 million doses of 45 vaccines, they found 1 in 40 were injured by vaccines.8 Scaling up that ratio to the 176 million U.S. residents already vaccinated shows about 4.4 million would likely suffer serious side-effects; maybe even permanent injury or death.

ABOUT 5% OF REPORTED COVID-19 DEATHS ARE FROM COVID-19 ALONE

When Big Media reports hundreds of thousands are dying of COVID-19, is that the truth?

Let the CDC straighten this out for us. As of May 5, 2021, they reported 95 percent of 592,300 death certificates with COVID-19 listed, had seven other major co-morbidities listed (preexisting chronic conditions); such as Influenza, Pneumonia, Hypertension, Diabetes and others.10

Notice their frank admission: "The other 5% of death certificates in which COVID-19 was the only condition listed was likely related to a lack of detail listed about other conditions present at the time of death."10 So even that 5% may be due to other conditions. But using their 5% value, that was about 29,600 deaths from **COVID-19 only**; not hundreds of thousands.

A later CDC update (9-5-2021) confirmed the 5% number, and added: "...For deaths with conditions or causes in addition to COVID-19, on average, there were [notice] 4.0 additional conditions or causes per death."11 In other words, each death had those four additional causes.

And what did the media publish September 11, 2021? "663,758 Deaths in U.S." More hype. Using the CDC confirmed COVID-19 rate of 5%, the true number is about **33,200!** Definitely a lot, too many, but **not** 663,758!

So far this is below the ten-year average influenza deaths of **35,900** (years 2010-2020). In that period the highest was 61,000 (2017-2018); lowest was 12,000 (2011-2012).13

Why does politicized Big Media use exaggerated fig-

ures? What agendas are they pushing, and why? Are they the mouthpiece of the theorized "Great Reset" of global control and depopulation to precipitate the slide into the police state?

ANOTHER VACCINE PROBLEM: SHELF LIFE

But vaccines passing clinical trials in record time leaves another major hurdle, shelf life. Dr. Rhiju Das says: "The current RNA vaccines are stable if they're freeze-dried or kept under ultracold temperatures."2 At

"...the mask...which covers their faces...will be removed..."

room temperature or refrigerated shipping containers he explains, "These RNA vaccines,...decay...lose their potency as vaccines on the timescale of days. Their expiration date is so short...they wouldn't be active in the time it takes to ship them from, say, Newark, New Jersey, to California...to the clinic for me to get the shot."2 "Stored in...refrigerators commonly found in hospitals and pharmacies, the [Pfizer] vaccine can last for five days, assuming temperatures remain between 2-8 degrees Celsius."14 Shelf life varies by company, and is updated regularly.

VARIANTS: A MOVING TARGET

New variants of influenza pandemic viruses continually appear with increased resistance to previous immunities; making controlling them more difficult: "...for the influenza virus because...[of]...the need to continuously change the vaccine formulations." To the present situation, this new Delta Variant, are clinics and doctors using the same virus tests and AND the same vaccines formulated for the original Wuhan COVID-19 strain? Or was a new mRNA vaccine developed since August 6, 2021, when CDC called it the predominant strain of COVID in the United States. Who is addressing these issues? Instead, we hear "Get tested. Get vaccinated."

WHO OR WHAT IS BIG PHARMA?

Is the ancient practice of sorcery thriving in the 21st century in dusty, dimly lit laboratories? Or does it look different now? When watching catchy drug ads, are we witnessing the modern version of an ancient occult practice of witchcraft, in short, "sorcery", but with a multi-million dollar ultramodern high-tech persona?



Masks and vaccines cannot replace our reliance on Yahweh as our refuge and obedience to His perfect Law of Liberty. adessoinc. com / ruralhealthinfo.org

THE BIBLE SPEAKS AGAIN: PROPHECY TELLS THE STORY

Fact is, shocking as it may be, the inspired Scriptures reveal *sorcery* is thriving...today. No longer viewed as "black magic" of the dark past, it now has a reputation of respectability.

Notice what an end-time Bible prophecy predicts about this modern form of "black magic": "...for by thy [Babylon: v. 2, 10] sorceries were all nations deceived." (Rev. 18:23; Sec 5331; KJV). Deceived? How? What does this word "sorcery" mean in the Greek? "Scorceries" (Sec 5331) is the Greek, **pharmakeia** and means "medication ("pharmacy")."16 And "pharmacy" is? "...the art and science of preparing and dispensing drugs... Gk. *pharmakeia* druggist's work."17; root word means, drug, a druggist,16; illicit pharmaceuticals.18 Sorcery sounds eerily familiar.

THE BIBLICAL RECORD IS CLEAR

SO WHAT IS SORCERY IN THIS MODERN ERA? Big Pharma. How are the nations deceived as this prophecy predicts (Rev. 23:18)? By stupefying drugs, pharmaceuticals.

And, amazing, but true, that is what Yahweh says He will do to those who break His statutes, judgments, and commandments: "...I will bring the land into desolation..." (Lev. 26:32).

Look what the Hebrew word for desolation (shamen: Sec 8074) means "...to stun...grow numb..stupefy..."16 Is this not what we are seeing? And what does stupefy mean but to make a person unable to think clearly, groggy...even stupid?19,20,17

And even more, "shamen", means to "...Be appalled,...at the judgments of others...causing horror..., astounded...'21 Truly appalling irrational judgment is seen and heard in every corner of society as untold networks of doctors prescribe, and legions of pharmacists dispense about 2.9 billion drugs. An astonishing nearly

three-fourths (73.9%) of physician office visits involve drug therapy.²² The result? A sicker, weaker population more dependent on pharmaceuticals. In short, selfcontrol is replaced by drug-company control through Big Pharma's \$9.6 billion advertising budget that buys influence and political power. Drug companies are the biggest network advertisers, often accounting for up to 70% of network revenues.8 (Introduction, p.xiv).

ARE THE FOUR HORSEMEN ABOUT TO RIDF....OR NOW RIDING?

"...behold a white horse...another horse that was red...behold a black horse...behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death. and Hell followed with him...And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the Earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the Earth." (Rev. 6:1, 4-5, 8).

Now in progress?

Yahweh help a rebellious humanity to repent...while there is still time!

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Sacred Calendar

The true sacred calendar of the Bible is vitally important to salvation. Most professing Christians have been lead to believe all they have to do is "believe" in the Messiah and their eternal life is assured; that all the "Old Testament" observances of holy days have been "done away." Nothing could be further from the clear teachings of Scripture. "Belief" without obedience to the Law of Yahweh is contrary to the true Gospel Yahshua came preaching (Luke 6:46; Matt. 7:23).

The sacred calendar is a central part of the true Gospel,

because it determines the true Sabbath days which are crucial signs of Yahweh (Ex. 31:13; Ezk. 20:12, 20). By these Sabbath signs Yahweh shows who He has personally sanctified. True, we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahshua the Messiah (i.e. His sacrifice; Heb. 10:10), but the evidence that we are in fact sanctified by Yahweh, is that we keep Yahweh's true Sabbaths (See again Ex. 31:13; Ezk. 20:12, 20). The restoration of Yahweh's calendar system is, therefore, a top priority of the International Congregation of Yahweh.

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2021 Sacred Calendar Pocahontas, AR Lat: 36d 14m N / Long: 90d 57m W				
Passover Festival	April 25 - May 1			
Passover Sabbaths	April 25 & May 1			
Passover Supper	Night of April 25			
Feast of Unleavened Bread	April 26 (UB eaten Apr 25-May 2)			
Wavesheaf Offered	May 2			
Feast of Weeks	May 2 - June 19			
Feast of Weeks Annual Sabbaths	May 8, 15, 22, 29 June 5, 12, 19			
Pentecost	June 20			
Shoutings (Trumpets)	October 7			
Pre-Atonement Sabbath	October 15 Noon-to-sunset			
Atonements	October 16			
Feast of Tabernacles	October 21 - October 27			
Sabbaths	October 21 & October 28			
Last Great Day	October 28			

New Moons		Month
January	13	11
February	12	12
March	13	13
April	12	1
May	12	2
June	11	3
July	10	4
August	9	5
September	7	6
October	7	7
November	5	8
December	4	9

Sabbaths and **New Moons are** observed from Dawn-to-Dark

(Note: New Moons may vary with Longitude and Latitude.)

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Passover Sabbaths	April 14 & April 20		
Passover Supper	Night of April 14		
Feast of Unleavened Bread	April 15 (UB eaten April 14 - April 21)		
Wavesheaf Offered	May 1		
Feast of Weeks	May 1 - June 18		
Feast of Weeks Annual Sabbaths	May 7, 14, 21, 28 June 4, 11, 18		
Pentecost	June 19		
Shoutings (Trumpets)	September 26		
Pre-Atonement Sabbath	October 4 Noon-to-sunset		
Atonements	October 5		
Feast of Tabernacles	October 10 - October 16		
Sabbaths	October 10 & October 17		
Last Great Day	October 17		

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ooking up at the moon and stars at night and watching the daily sun circle overhead, it appears we, the Earth, are the center of the universe. Scientists tell us that is not the case as powerful optical and radio telescopes reveal something different.

Fact is though, an Earth-centered universe idea has a long history including the Inquisition's strict penalties for teaching otherwise.

For instance, a 1616 Catholic Codex included "Propositions to be forbidden:...that the earth is not at the centre of the heaven..." Though recanting during his trial by Inquisitors for his "heretical" sun-centered teaching and publishing against this decree, scientist Galileo Galilei was placed under house arrest, and died in 1642 still a prisoner in his own home.1

But times have changed. He was taken off the heretic list in 1992.

A VAST UNIVERSE

Galileo's telescopic observations (he saw what he saw) and modern pictures by the thousands, reveal a universe unimaginably huge and complex. Someone is thinking BIG! And know who that is, Yahweh:

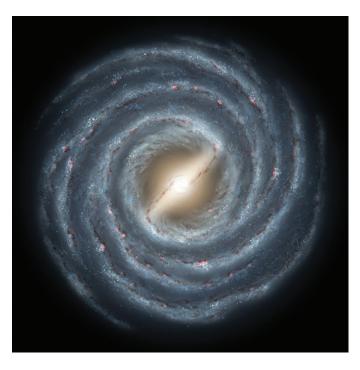
"...My thoughts are not your thoughts...for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways, and My -thoughts than your thoughts." (Isa. 55:8-9)

WHERE ARE WE?

Our Earth lies in the outback of the Milky Way galaxy's upper outer edge. Our home is a speck in this spiral galaxy 160,000 light years across (estimates vary). How far is that? Traveling at the speed of light (186,00 miles per second), a trip across the Milky Way would take 160,000 years. Not days, weeks or months, but that many years.

When we look toward the galaxy's center, we see the hazy "Milky Way" of billions of stars. But looking north at night there are far fewer stars, more "empty", compared to the south and the Milky Way. Reason is the northerly direction is looking *outside our galaxy*. Looking southward is down into the galaxy "below us." Astronomer, Job, alluded to this: "He [Yahweh] stretcheth out the north over the empty place..." (Job 26:7).

The "Milky Way" is where all the action is. Not much is happening out here in our barren "wilderness" region; except that we are here; all 7.9 billion of us. Sounds like a lot, but "...the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance...All nations before Him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing..." (Isa. 40:15, 17). A clear night sky makes



The Mily Way Galaxy artist concept above shows the brightest part of the galaxy in the center. nasa.gov

the point. A good telescope puts an exclamation mark on it!

THE PALE BLUE DOT

If you doubt it, take a another look at our cover photo. It became known as "The Pale Blue Dot "photograph of Earth taken Feb. 14, 1990, by NASA's Voyager I at a distance of 3.7 billion miles (6 billion kilometers) from the Sun. As Voyager I was zipping out of the solar system well past planet Neptune, mission managers sent Voyager a command to take a final look back at us. The dutiful robot snapped a series of 60 images that were used to create a collage of our first "family portrait." What did we look like? From Voyager I's view Earth was just a point of light, a tiny dot...alone with no neighbors in sight. The picture became known as the "Pale Blue Dot." You have to look closely following the hazy line of light angled left to right. The faint dot in that line is down from the top.

ONE OF BILLIONS

Our galaxy is just one of billions each containing billions of individual stars lighting the heavens in all directions.

(See picture # 2 below): "The heavens declare the glory of Elohim; and the firmament shows His handywork..." (Psa. 19:1). What is Yahweh planning? What grand scheme does He have in mind? Billions of galaxies....What is He going to do with them? Does humanity figure into all this? Makes vou wonder.

WHAT WE CAN SEE FROM HERE

A modest telescope or good set of binoculars (say a 7 x 50) on a dark night reveals a starry world the naked eye

"...Andromeda...is 2.2 million light years away..."

misses including binary stars, and can show the difference between light from planets and starlight.

Looking into the night sky how far away are some objects? What about Earth's nearest galaxy? Will binoculars and a small scope bring it into view? No, because of its size



and distance at 25,000 light years. However, the Andromeda spiral galaxy (M31, or NGC 224; about 110,000 light years across) is so large even at 2.2 million light years distant, its hazy smudge of light can be spotted with a modest set of binoculars. Size clearly matters when viewing the night sky, especially for an object 2.2 million light years from Earth!

GALACTIC SMORGASBOARD

Visible light and infrared images show galaxies come in all sizes and shapes: Spiral galaxies, Whirlpool galaxies, Elliptical Galaxies, and Irregular Galaxies. See these pictures of samples. As an irregular galaxy, IC 10 lacks the majestic shape of spiral galaxies such as the Milky Way, or the rounded, ethereal appearance of elliptical galaxies. It is a faint object, despite its relative proximity to us of 2.2 million light-years.

WHAT IS GOING ON?

A lot is going on beyond our home in the Milky Way galaxy. Galaxies are colliding in a spray of stars, supernovae are exploding, pulsars are forming, starburst galaxies are birthing *new* stars, tiny particles called "neutrinos" are being produced by supernovas and collapsing old stars forming neutron stars, and this active universe is expanding as galaxies blitz away at enormous speeds (some traveling near the speed of light).

Neutron stars are estimated to be so dense a sugarcube-sized of it would weigh a billion tons-about the weight of Mt. Everest!2

All this is just some of what is going on.

AND remember Yahweh is watching. He obviously has a lot on His plate. So, considering this "white-hot" uni-

"...stars and galaxies displaying a universe in chaos..."

verse under Yahweh's control and direction, and the tiny blue speck we are riding in the sea of it all, David's comment is spot on:

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou has ordained; What is man, that thou are mindful of him? and the son of man, that though visitest him?" (Psa. 8:3-4).

WHERE YAHWEH DWELLS: THE SURPRISING TRUTH

Did Yahweh create life on Earth, then fly off to the Andromeda galaxy or other world light years from Earth? Where does Yahweh dwell, now, this minute; His home in the universe?

Look at these surprising Biblical *FACTS*:

"It is He that sits [where?] upon the circle of the earth (Isa. 40:22)." And: "This says Yahweh, 'The heaven is My throne, and the earth is my footstool' (Isa. 66:1)."

A neutron star is formed when the core of a massive star undergoes gravitational collapse at the end of its life. Protons and electrons are literally scrunched together, leaving behind one of nature's most wondrous creations. nasa.gov





Earth's horizon as the sun sets over the Pacific Ocean was captured by the Expedition 7 crew onboard the International Space Station in 2003. Yahweh's home is like no other in the universe. *nasa.gov*

Earth, His footrest, is close enough He can rest His feet on it. Where He sits and what He rests His feet on are near to and even *on the earth itself!* Notice too, from His close vantage point: "...and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers (Isa. 40:22)."

So, what about heaven? Were is it? Near the Earth? Did not Solomon say, "Hear you in heaven your dwelling place (I Ki. 8:34)?" Close enough to hear through the vibrations of the atmosphere! Let Yahweh tell us what heaven is, "And Elohim called the firmament heaven..." (Gen. 1:8). Do birds fly in heaven? Yes (Gen. 2:20; 7:23). Are clouds in heaven? Yes (Dan. 7:13). What altitudes does this include? The highest clouds are about six miles above Earth's surface. The facts are clear from Scripture: Yahweh dwells near the region of Earth's atmosphere. *The Earth IS his home in the universe*.

Recall it is a *new EARTH* He will create. (Rev. 21:1). Not a new Venus, or Jupiter, but a new Earth. And, the New Jerusalem will *come down from heaven...*to where? The new Earth (Rev. 21:2).

WHAT YAHWEH PLANS FOR THE CREATION AND MAN

So what is Yahweh going to do with all those billions of stars and galaxies? Where or is man in those long-range plans? Absolutely. In fact, the release of the universe [its fate] from its plunge into chaos depends on the Sons of Yahweh being set free! Man's destiny—those who are converted, has everything to do with the universe itself!

Paul makes it clear: "For the anxious longing of the *CREATION* [the universe] waits eagerly for the revealing of the Sons of Yahweh (NAS "God")...that the *CREATION* itself also will be set free...into the freedom of the Children of Yahweh! (Rom. 8:10, 21).

Amazingly powerful destiny ahead for mankind and it started and will continue on this pale blue dot!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



The Messiah, Yahshua, died for our sins. True beyond any doubt. But did you know there is another major reason He endured that torturous death?

Probably not. Because THIS reason is rarely mentioned. Never, if at all, is it heard nor suspected that it relates to the New Testament references to unclean spirits.

The Biblical Laws regulating clean and unclean food and people are not archaic remnants of old-fashioned religious superstitions. They do affect disease outbreaks and intimately touch our lives.

Maybe you have been taught they were "done away" at Calvary; that Yahshua and His disciples never taught or practiced those Laws.

You need the Scriptural FACTS to see for yourself what they really taught about those Laws.

Get the answers to these and other questions. Read, "Scriptural Clean and Unclean"; a study that lifts the veil off this often-taboo topic mentioned seventy times in the New Testament.

