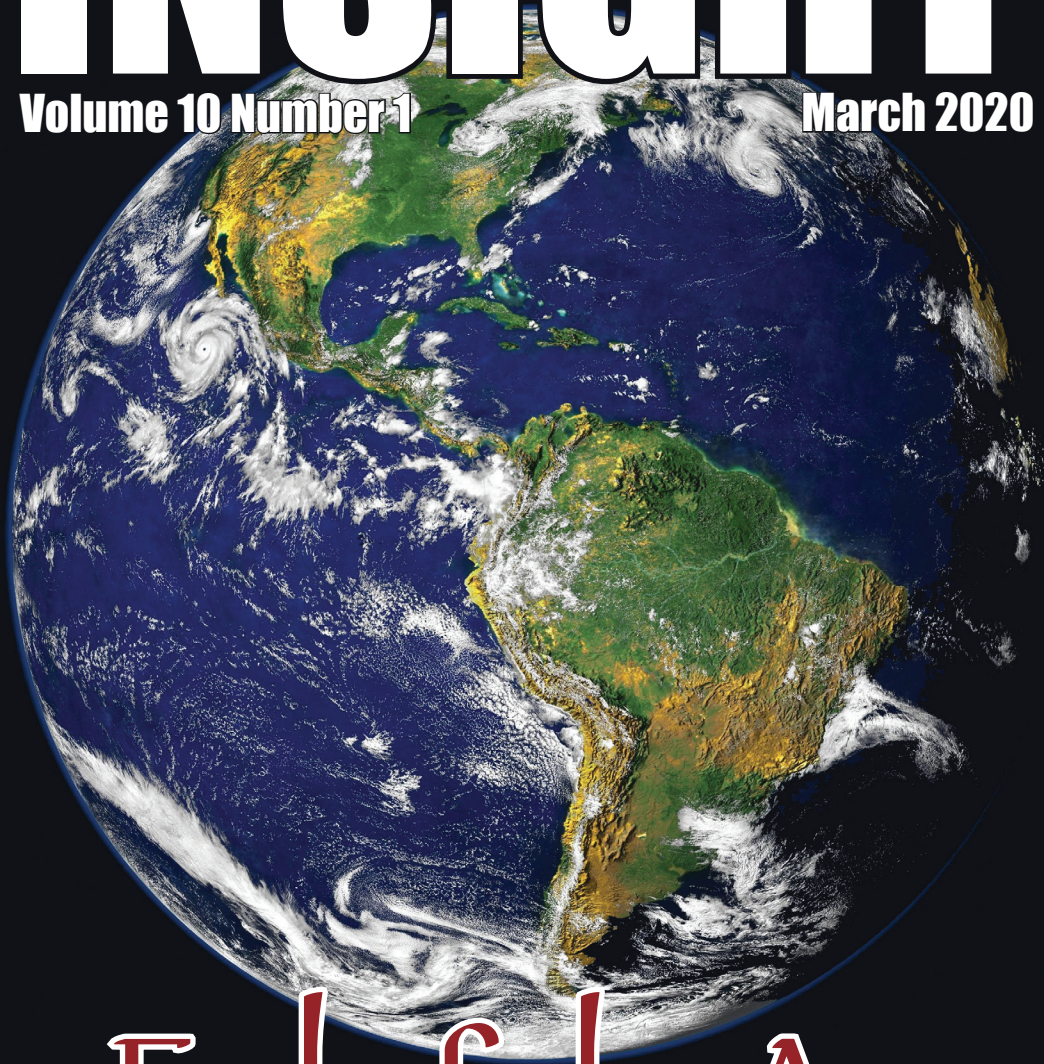


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Try a Little Kindness

Blessed are the Peacemakers

From the Editor: *Gary C. Miller*

In our restless, divided world and our personal struggles, a look back at Yahshua's Beatitudes is comforting and hopeful (Matt. 5:1-12). Those beloved first twelve verses of His great Sermon on the Mount ring true in every age. They give us comfort (v. 4), hope (vv. 3, 10), and assurance that mercy given, gives us mercy back (v. 7).

Verse nine blesses peacemakers—something communities, states and nations need more of. Kindness and peacemaking often go missing in this busy “information-overload” age of technology and fast-paced events.

Verses ten through twelve give us courage to stand firm for “righteousness sake” even when we must stand alone. Holding to principles of right and wrong can separate us from the crowd, and bring disdain or even persecution. If that happens, we are told to rejoice, yes, rejoice, *because it means our reward in Heaven is great!*

Another fact: Did you know this famous sermon fills *one hundred eleven verses*—not just twelve? That it includes the “Golden Rule” and warns of false prophets? An article on the subject covers other facts too.

False teachers and prophets' deceptions are some signs this age is drawing to a close. True, false prophets and deceptive teachers are nothing new, so *they alone* are not the whole story. There are other signs...*and one final sign to look for*. What is it? More details are given in our cover article.

Speaking of teachers, some float the rumor that patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob never heard or used the name “Yahweh.” Really? We present evidence they did.

Yahweh's name and His Son's name should

not be taken lightly. Check the ten commandments. Is “Jesus” the Son's name? Does it matter? What is the origin of that name? History and language shed light on the answer in the article on “Jesus.”

We also include a few Facebook posts from our weekly “Sabbath Thoughts” covering topics such as the Land Sabbath, Lessons from Proverbs and Christmas.

Besides the question of our Savior's name, we recount the “Born Again” matter Yahshua raised that puzzled the Pharisee Nicodemus. Look at the pieces of the puzzle in the article on the subject.

As we study other New Testament scriptures, caution is advised. Some *appear* to end the Law's commandments from the least to the greatest. Nothing could be further from the truth. ALL scripture is inspired and *must conform to this immutable fact*: “...it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the Law to fail.” (Luke 16:17).

Understanding passages that *appear* anti-law can be confusing, so we included an article to help “rightly divide the word” in those cases. How should they be properly handled without contradicting this verse; such as the word “fulfill” found in Matthew 5:17? Are New Testament writers “testing” their readers? Find out in the article on what it “hides.”

When Yahshua said He came “not to destroy the Law or the Prophets” (Matt. 5:17), that included all His apostles. Neither did they. No scripture, *including ALL of Paul's writings*, can overturn that absolute truth... none. Read the article on Paul's epistles, and see that he upheld the Law, and why he is so misunderstood.

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Did Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Know the Creator by His Name Yahweh?

Is it true, as some claim, the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob never knew the name “Yahweh”? Is there Biblical evidence to back up this claim?

The scriptures often used as proof that the name of “Yahweh” was unknown to the patriarchs of old are Exodus 6:2-3. But is this conclusive evidence?

A typical example is as follows:

“Any who continue to support a requirement to designate the Creator as YHWH...must explain the statement in Exodus 6:2-3: ‘And Elohim spoke unto Moses and said unto him, I am YHWH. And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as El Shadday [God Almighty]. But by my name YHWH I was not known to them’”¹

The author of this article continues “...all Bible quotes used in this article are translated directly from the Hebrew or Greek.”

How far does “...translated directly from the Hebrew...” go in that article? For example, the Hebrew names of the patriarchs in these verses are not used: Moses is used instead of the Hebrew Mosheh (SEC 4872); Isaac instead of Yitschaq [SEC 3327; pron. “yits-khawk”]; Jacob replaces Yaaqob [SEC 3290; pron. “ya’ak-ob”].

Literal translation and punctuation help avoid subjective, manmade doctrines.

WAS MOSES A DECEIVER?

If Exodus 6:3 is accepted as usually translated, the actual inspiration of the Bible itself hangs in the balances. Scripture is the final authority that decides if none before Mosheh knew the name “Yahweh”. “...precept upon precept...” (Isa. 28:10) by “...comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” (I Cor. 2:13), Law with Law for “...the Law is spiritual.” (Rom. 7:14).

So is “Yahweh” used in Genesis? Yes, scores of times: Genesis 14:22 we find, “...I have lift up mine hand to Yahweh [“LORD”, *KJV*], the most high Elohim [“God”, *KJV*].” This quote of Avraham is just one example of the *165 times Yahweh’s name is used prior to the book of Exodus!*

The article further states: “Some are bound to ask why the name YHWH is used in the text all through Genesis if it were not known before Moses. It’s simple. By the time the book of Genesis was composed, the name YHWH was known [notice now] *and was simply inserted into the text*” [italics ours].

Inserted into the text? Is this plausible? Did the Hebrew writer, Moses, misquote Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Did he under the inspiration of the Holy

“...is “Yahweh” used in Genesis?”

Spirit [Num. 11:17] ‘doctor’ this and scores of other verses by inserting the name Yahweh even though he *knew* they had never heard the name, “Yahweh”? Was Moses a deceiver putting his own bias into the sacred text?

Is the Holy Spirit the spirit of truth or deception? What does the Bible say (John 16:13)?

So Moses, according to that article, misquoted Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob time and again; misquoting Isaac (Gen. 26:22, 25, etc.), and Jacob (Gen. 28:16; 32:9, etc.)!

Truly, if the Bible is inspired, which it is, then quotes Moses gave of the patriarchs were written exactly as the patriarchs spoke them.

Any other view makes Moses a false teacher with no place in the kingdom of Yahweh. We know, how-

ever, the prophet Moses [Deut. 34:10] will be in the kingdom (Luke 13:28).

MESSIAH YAHSHUA, USED “YAHWEH”

Remember one of the “big ten” says:

“You do not take up the name of Yahweh your Elohim for a vain thing, for Yahweh acquits not him who takes up His name for a vain thing” (Ex. 20:7; *Young’s Literal Trans.*).

Ignoring Yahweh’s name or substituting “God”, “Lord” in its place does exactly what this command prohibits by pretending it does not matter.

Why would anyone want to resist or deny the venerable name of their Creator by refusing to even speak it in prayer or in conversation? What is so bad about using and reverencing His name? David did (Psa. 11:9). And what did Messiah Yahshua say? “I have declared to them *YOUR NAME* and will declare it” (John 17:26).

Are we not to follow in His steps (II Pet. 2:21), doing the works he did and is now doing by declaring Yahweh’s name?

Let Him answer: “He that believes on me, the works I do shall he do also...” (John 14:12). That includes speaking, writing, and reverencing Yahweh’s name.

To whom do you pray, to Yahweh or to God? They are not the same (See ICY article *Just Who Is God?*).

A MISTRANSLATION

Rather than doubt the 165 uses of Yahweh’s name in Genesis, we should doubt the usual *translation* of Exodus 6:3.

But just the opposite is often the case: doubt the 165 uses and accept a questionable translation of a *single verse*! Throwing out scores of scriptures using Yahweh’s name to save a shaky argument against using it is “backwards” theology. The argument must be thrown out; not Yahweh’s name.

Now to the verse in question. After quoting the Exodus 6:3 translation in question, Mr. Grabbe continues: “Did Elohim mean what He said—that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did not even know the name YHWH?”

We have shown the name “Yahweh” was used many times prior to Exodus 6:3 such as in Genesis 14:22; 27:27; 28:13.

The problem is, of course, that Exodus 6:3 as ordinarily translated, “...but by my name Yahweh was I not known to them” (*KJV*) is incorrect.

The *Concordant Old Testament* translates this: “...as to my name Yahweh, I was not fully realized by them.” *Green’s Interlinear Bible* translates it: “...

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and I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as Elohim Almighty and by My name Yahweh...” [YHWH, Yahweh, in place of Jehovah]. Going on to record, “I did not reveal Myself to them...” That is, He appeared to them by *His NAME*, Yahweh, but did not completely **reveal** *HIMSELF* to them.

MORE ACCURATE TRANSLATION

Keep in mind the original manuscripts lacked any punctuation, word divisions, verses, or capitalization. So, let’s look again at this verse (v. 3), keeping in mind punctuation is added by the translators, as well as conjunctions and prepositions when they feel necessary. Without contradicting other verses,

“...we should doubt the...
translation of Exodus 6:3.”

the Hebrew is more literally translated: “*I appeared to Avraham, Yitschaq, and Yaaqob as El Shadday and by my name Yahweh. I was not fully realized by them.*”

So punctuated, the statement “I was not fully realized by them.” is a separate sentence and separate thought. A smoother English translation of this part of the verse as a separate sentence would read something like “I was not, however, fully realized by them” or following *Green’s* “I did not fully reveal Myself to them.”

Too, this translation does not contradict the unshakable facts in Genesis that clearly show Yahweh speaking with the patriarchs and introducing Himself as Yahweh (Gen. 28:13).

There can be no reasonable doubt, therefore, that Yahweh’s name was known throughout ages past, as the book of Genesis testifies. We can be certain it will endure for all time. Halleluyah (means “Praise you Yah!”)

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SERMON ON THE MOUNT

What is Missing?

One of the most beloved set of quotes from the New Testament are from Yahshua's Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matthew chapters five through seven. His ability to summarize profound wisdom in a few lines is one of His most distinguished abilities.

Typically, only the first sixteen verses of Matthew chapter 5 out of the *one hundred eleven* verses recording it, are quoted as the essence of His most famous sermon. From that sixteen, the quotes are commonly narrowed further to the first eleven verses containing the terms "Blessed are..." These eleven are, by tradition, the sum-total of that rather lengthy sermon.

Singled out from the total text and repeated almost exclusively, these lofty platitudes have resonated through the ages to young and old alike. And for good reason. Each "Blessed are..." verse-a Beatitude, gives hope and a special blessing, a reward, for correct responses (Matt. 5:3-11).

Proper action or the right comment are daily challenges. Where do we turn for help?

BEATITUDE DETAILS

The Sermon on the Mount provides some answers to these and other concerns. The Beatitudes start the process speaking to the poor in spirit, those converted [His disciples; Matt. 5:1-2] given the "earnest of the Spirit" [II Cor. 1:22; 5:5]. Poor here means a small measured portion, a security deposit on the total purchase price, earnest payment, "...the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession..." (Eph. 1:13-14). That "earnest" of spirit powers us to lead a righteous life as Yahweh's Spirit powered Yahshua, but given to Him *without measure* (John 3:34). That small down payment secures a place in the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt. 5:3); a wonderful blessing!

These passages also promise comfort when mourning,



struggling with the agonies of life, and tell us that peace brings a blessing. Stressing mercy given will be mercy received, we are urged that the pure of heart eventually see Yahweh; another grand promise.

Verses five and six make clear meekness, and earnestly seeking Yahweh's righteousness have their reward: inheriting the Earth and being filled with righteous living.

And finally, we are reminded that false persecutions and invective hurled toward believers means their reward in heaven is great!

The Messiah ends this section with verse sixteen that letting our light of good works shine to others glorifies the One sealing us with His Spirit [II Cor. 1:22], our Heavenly Father, Yahweh.

SHORT NOTE FROM PAUL

The apostle Paul in his second letter to Timothy, listed some reasons why we all need those encouraging words, those words of hope in this perilous age. Now as then, we see strife, division and cold-heartedness, coveting, focus on self-love, disobedience to parents, ingratitude and dishonestly while professing a form of godliness (II Tim. 3:1-5).

We need help getting past the evil to focus on the righteous life that brings peace.

WHY TRADITION STOPS AT VERSES SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN

As important as those sixteen verses are, what about the other ninety-five? Yahshua, no stranger to the human frailties and tendencies of His disciples, knew much more was needed. The sermon stops at verse hundred eleven, not verse sixteen where tradition does. Much more was revealed in the other 95 verses.

But have you ever wondered why people generally stop quoting the sermon at verse seventeen?

There is a reason. That verse goes against traditional Christian beliefs. True.

Starting at this verse, tradition is put on trial. It must change from the engrained belief that Yahshua came to nullify the Law of the Old Testament. "Think not that I am come to destroy the Law or the Prophets: I am not come to destroy..." (Matt. 5:17). Have you ever heard that quoted as part of the Sermon on the Mount? Probably not.

Those words must sink in, be believed, before jumping to the usual wrong conclusion that "fulfill" somehow means "to end" or "invalidate." (See *What Does the New Testament Hide?*, The "fulfill" Stumbling Block in this Issue, page 13).

Then comes verse eighteen: "...Till Heaven and Earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law..." (See also Luke 16:17: easier for heaven and earth to pass than the Law to fail). Again, this must be believed before reading "fulfill" a few words later.

So what are the real reasons for this resistance? Why balk at verses seventeen and eighteen, but not the previous sixteen?

At fault are human nature and our deceitful heart: "Because the carnal mind ["the minding of the flesh": *KJV* margin] is *enmity against Yahweh: for it is not [naturally] subject to the Law of Yahweh...*" (Rom. 8:7).

There is natural resistance to obeying Yahweh's liberat-

"...Tradition Stops at Verses Seventeen and Eighteen"

ing Law. Human nature wants the Law to change....so we do not have to. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). Who? "I Yahweh search the heart,...to give every man according to his ways, and...to the fruit of his doings." (v. 10).

MORE VERSES USUALLY OMITTED

Now we know what we are up against, human nature and our deceitful heart, and why caution is advised when studying more details. What follows are other selections from the 111 verses recording the Messiah's sermon.

CHAPTER FIVE CONTINUED LEAST COMMANDMENTS

"Whosoever...shall break *one* of these Least commandments, and Teach Men so,... shall be...the least in the Kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do them and teach them...shall be...great in the Kingdom of Heaven." (v. 19).

Which ones are the least? Opinions may vary, but the two greatest commandments (Matt. 22:36-40), and weekly Sabbath and annual Holy Days definitely are not among them. Neither are many other laws.

So, what about breaking greater ones and teaching others to? Clearly, this verse reveals *any above the least*, if broken and taught, means exclusion from the Kingdom. Very serious.

Another more deceptive way of teaching others to break the commandments is by simply ignoring them. Never teaching them is an often-used subtle ruse; out of sight, out of mind. "Faith comes by hearing..." If never heard or read, then never obeyed. But is ignorance an excuse under the Law?

"And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things....forbidden to be done by the commandments of Yahweh; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity." (Lev. 5:17).

The responsibility is on each of us to know them.

THE PHARISEES' RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Pharisees *professed* the Law but did not keep it; adding many dos and don'ts (Matt. 16:3, 12). Remember

the Pharisees (and Sadducees) kept *a set of Holy Days and weekly Sabbath*, but were they Biblically correct times? History shows they used the present-day Hebrew calendar (usually called the “Jewish Calendar”).

Notice how high Yahshua sets the bar for entering the Kingdom. “Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees, you shall in no case [*no exceptions*] enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matt. 5:20).

Their righteousness included celebrating festivals, but something was missing. “...beware...of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.” (Matt. 16:12).

“...O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky: but can ye not discern the signs of the times?” (Matt. 16:3). Note the word translated “times”, the same Greek word used in the LXX (Lev. 23:4; Dan. 7:25 and others), can properly be translated “festal seasons.” Pharisees [and Sadducees], using the wrong calendar, missed the festival seasons of the Law by a day, even days or weeks; off one critical day the year of the crucifixion. Observing wrong festival seasons must be corrected to qualify for the Kingdom of Heaven. Yahweh’s Feasts are great commandments-not least ones.

UNJUSTIFIED ANGER TOWARD CHURCH FAMILY AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS

“...whosoever is Angry with his Brother without Cause shall be in Danger of the Judgment.” (v. 22). And who is our brother? “...Whosoever shall do the Will of Yahweh, the same is My Brother, and my Sister, and Mother.” (Mark 3:35). Remember the second greatest commandment requires we love our relatives and church members as ourselves (Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:39). Lashing out at church brethren or other family can be a serious problem; maybe even blocking our way to eternal life. Making it into the kingdom while routinely breaking this commandment, seems very unlikely.

MATTHEW CHAPTER SIX: SERMON CONTINUES MODEL PRAYER (VV. 9-13) FORGIVE TO BE FORGIVEN

“But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (v. 15). Forgiveness is mercy-not exacting the penalty, and “Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” (Matt. 5:7).

WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon Earth... But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven...For where your treasure is, there will your heart be...” (vv. 19-21).

What we treasure most, we value most. Riches and the

cares of this life can choke the word and distract us from seeking Yahweh’s righteousness (Matt. 13:22). None are totally immune to these temptations in materialistic soci-

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Kingdom of Yahweh...”

eties where “right” means riches and influence, acquiring what we want or reaching goals (I Tim. 6:5: supposing gain is godliness).

Remember the “camel and eye of the needle” example (Mark 10:24).

NO [ANXIOUS] THOUGHT

“Therefore take no [anxious] thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek) for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.” (v. 31-32).

Excessive concern, being anxious about these things and tomorrow is unhealthy, sapping our energy by trying to live our life in advance. Remember what else Yahshua said, “Take therefore no [anxious] thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” (Matt. 6:34). Why “borrow trouble”?

PRIORITIES

“...Seek you First the Kingdom of Yahweh, and His Righteousness; and all these things will be added to you.” (v. 33).

Is seeking Yahweh’s kingdom first on our “to-do list”? What or who is number one?

MATTHEW CHAPTER SEVEN: SERMON CONTINUES LOOKING AT OTHERS’ FAULTS

“And why beholdest thou the mote that is in your brother’s eye, but considered not the beam that is in thine own eye.” (v. 3). “...all things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them...” (v. 12).

Checking ourselves and setting our own house in order first, may help avoid judging others. Too, if we want others to constantly point out our faults, if we would like that, then do that to them. However, keep in mind that whatever we sow, we reap.

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Who is Jesus?

Few names are better known or spoken and written more often than “Jesus” or “Jesus Christ”, but who is he? What is the name of the New Testament Messiah and what did he look like?

Surprising perhaps, but *most* in the lineup pictured below do not resemble the Messiah. How do we know?

First, Yahshua was so ordinary in appearance, His betrayer, Judas, gave the chief priests and scribes a sign so they would know who to capture Passover night. Judas

her hair is given her for a covering.” (I Cor. 11:14).

Before, during and after the Messiah’s life, Judea was under Roman occupation. History records that Roman emperors set the style for the entire empire. Busts of Pompey, Trajan, Julius Caesar, Augustus Caesar, and King Herod Agrippa I (a Jew by religion) ALL show each had short hair! Subjects mimicked their short-haired emperors. This fact, with Paul’s inspired comment, tells the story of a short-haired Messiah; unlike some depictions of Him in that lineup.

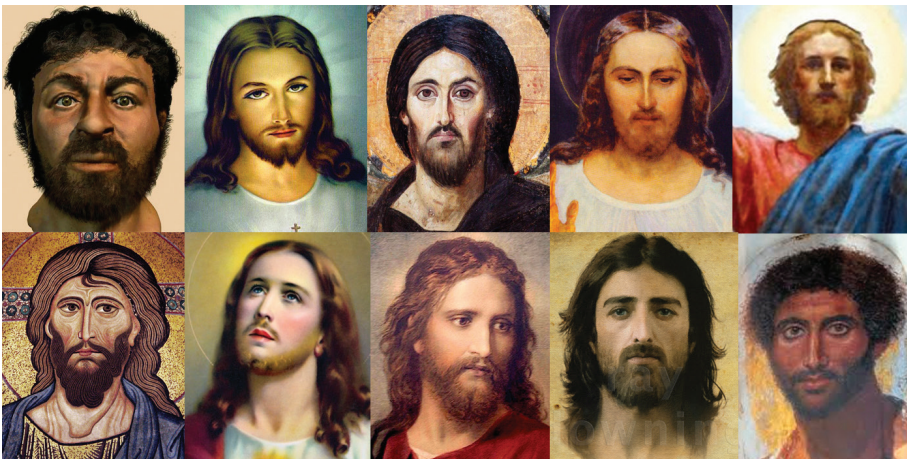
“...the letter ‘J’ in Jesus came...
after 1611...”

said, “...Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He: hold Him fast.” (Matt. 26:28).

In fact, an ancient prophecy about Him recorded, “...he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.” (Isa. 53:2). Not a dashing, handsome standout, not effeminate, nor a “religious” looking fellow, Yahshua was the opposite; plain, ordinary.

NO LONG-HAIRED MESSIAH

Men wearing long hair was long ago forbidden as stressed to the church at Corinth: “Does not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man has long hair [“wear tresses”], it is a shame to him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for



What Yahshua looked like has been discussed for years. Above are several different artists’ iterations of His appearance. chatholictalkshow.com

MESSIAH’S NAME

LETTER “J” IN “JESUS” ...LONG AFTER 1524

A long-haired Jesus has another problem. His name. That is, when was “J” first used in spelling the Messiah’s name? The exact date is obscure. But we know the letter “J” was first distinguished from “I” in 1524 by the Italian Gian Giorgio Trissino (1478-1550) as separate sounds. However, nearly a hundred years later the 1611 King James Version, still used “I” instead of “J”. Clearly then, the letter “J” is a late addition to the English language, a variant form of “I” in Medieval Latin. No doubt, the “J” in Jesus came much later, after 1611 at least. Yahshua’s disciples never spoke it...nor heard it. That much is certain.

HOW “JESUS” IS PRONOUNCED IN NEW TESTAMENT GREEK

“Jesus” (used 975 times) should be written “Iesous” (2424 in Strong’s Concordance), and correctly pronounced: “**ee-ay-sooce**”. True; not the common “**gee-sus**”, but “**ee-ay-sooce**”. The original 1611 King James Version used “**Iesous**”, instead of “Jesus” (Matt. 1:18; and others). Why is Iesous, “ee-ay-sooce” not the New Testament name used in English today? Virtually *no one knows that name!*

Names ordinarily go from one language to another with little change in pronunciation (called “transliteration”). Spellings are to preserve the *sound* of names. “Jesus”—usually pronounced as “**gee-sus**” in English, is taken as the transliterated form of the Hebrew **Yeshua** (with the “J” “**Jesh-ua**” originally “**Yahshua**”).

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Paul's Misunderstood Writings

Did Apostle Paul *Do Away* with the Law?

Apostle Paul's epistles are often used as the standard of Christian liberty *from the Law*. But were Paul's writings against the Law of the Old Testament, letting our conscience dictate? Did he spurn Yahweh's commandments at will? If so, why did the brethren at Jerusalem refute rumors that he taught against the Law? Here is what they said, "...many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed; they are zealous for the Law, and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses....Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, that you yourself live in observance of the Law." (Acts 21:17, 21, 24)?

Paul taught observance of the Law—including, believe it or not, circumcising children: Acts 21:21. But when he is *misunderstood*, Paul fits that "*No-Law-Paul*" image of him *many claimed back then, and still do today*.

YAHSHUA'S STANDARD

When reading the New Testament, especially Paul's books, we **must** remember Yahshua's decree: "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the Law to fail." (Luke 16:17). The Law stands and *all Scripture* must conform to that immutable fact.

For instance, when Paul said, "For we know the Law is spiritual..." (Rom. 7:14), did this mean the letter was irrelevant? Not at all. Just two verses earlier he said: "Wherefore the Law is Holy, and the Commandment Holy [letter of the Law], and Just and Good." (Rom. 7:12). Clearly the Law was at the center of his beliefs...and practices.

Truly, Yahweh's commandments are holy, just and good—**as written**, word-for-word.

In the same chapter notice **who** Paul was writing to, "Know you not, brethren, (*for I speak to them that know the Law*,) how that the Law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?" (Rom. 7:1). And "...Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Yahweh forbid..." (Rom. 6:1-2).

Does this look like the Law is "done away"? Far from it. If each can choose an interpretation, a "spiritual intent" or principle to suit himself, the Law does not have dominion over him. He has dominion over the Law; an impossibility.

AN APOSTLE'S WARNINGS

Before running with vague or mistranslated verses that appear anti-law in Paul's fourteen books, it is wise to heed Peter's

warning: "...our beloved brother Paul...has written to you...in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which *are some things hard to be understood...*" (II Pet. 3:15-16).

Why are they difficult? "...they that are unlearned [no knowledge of the Law]...wrest ("twist"),... *the...scriptures, to their own destruction.*" (II Pet. 3:16).

Too often, those with little or no knowledge of the Law who "...are unskillful in the word of righteousness..." (Heb. 5:13) use Paul's writings to erase the Law's commandments. What's left, but to substitute their own rules for Yahweh's?

"For they being ignorant of Yahweh's righteousness [His Law: Psa. 19:9; 119:138], and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of Yahweh." (Rom. 10:3; using proper name "Yahweh" in place of "God").

Common examples include omitting the weekly seventh-day Sabbath replacing it with Sunday, (Ex. 20:8-17),

"Paul taught...the Law—including circumcising children..."

ignoring annual Sabbaths (Lev. Ch. 23), worshipping God instead of Yahweh (Ex. 20:5, 7), loving ourselves more than our neighbor (Lev. 19:18), defiling the land by farming during land Sabbaths (Ex. 23:10-11; Lev. 25:1-11), charging interest to relatives, fellow Israelites (Ex. 22:25; Deut. 19-20), ignoring laws of clean and unclean meats [eating lobster, shrimp, catfish, pork] (Lev. Ch. 11, 15; Deut. Ch. 14; Num. Ch. 19), robbing Yahweh of offerings (Mal. 3:8)..... The list goes on. These are the standards. Obey them, reap blessings. Break them, they break us *and jeopardize our eternal destiny*.

SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED

See, the point Paul makes, especially in the letters to the Romans and Corinthians, is simply that *it takes Yahweh's Spirit to understand the Law because it is spiritual*: "For we know the Law is spiritual..." (Rom. 7:14). Explaining why it is misunderstood, Paul continues, "But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of Yahweh..."



Knowing and practicing Yahweh's Law are curcial to correctly understanding Paul's writings. This fact and close study of his often misunderstood epistles, show they do not contradict the Law. christianpublishinghouse.com

because they are spiritually discerned." (I Cor. 2:14).

And *how* are they spiritually discerned? "...comparing spiritual things with spiritual." (I Cor 2:13); *comparing Law with Law*. We know "the Law is spiritual", because it applies to the **spirit of man**...*governs, affects, how his spirit reacts* (Job 32:8).

At times we lose in our struggle against human nature. It happens "Because the carnal mind is enmity against Yahweh [Why?]: for it is *not* subject to the *Law of Yahweh*, neither indeed can be." (Rom. 8:7). A battle we all face.

Trouble is, the words "spiritual" or "spiritually minded" are so overused and misapplied their meaning has been lost in a maze of competing beliefs which center around Paul's advanced writings. So what are more points to consider about being "spiritual"?

WHEN ARE WE "SPIRITUALLY MINDED"?

A common and sincere, but mistaken, belief is that we are more spiritual, more righteous, when we "obey the law in the spirit" and not "in the letter of the Law" with its dos and don'ts contained in judgments, statutes and commandments. In other words, we are righteous without knowing or practicing the commandments-as written.

Really? Ignorance of Yahweh's Law is okay? Remember what Peter said about those who are unlearned how they "...wrest ("twist"),... *the...scriptures, to their own destruction.*" (II Pet. 3:16). The fact is, the "letter", word-for-word as written, is the *only way we know what is right or wrong!*

Ducking the matter by calling them "...the weak and beggarly elements..." the Gentiles practiced (Gal. 4:9), does not change the consequences. Remember the book of Galatians was written primarily to enlighten many still steeped in their old pagan Gentile beliefs (Gal. 1:6-8). Converted members practicing the Old Testament Laws had left those beliefs far behind. Knowing the truth and no longer "...ignorant of Yahweh's righteousness...", they "...submitted themselves to the righteousness of Yahweh." (Rom. 10:3). That is what true saints do.

What guiding truth did they know? The **Law still**

judges us: "...as many as have sinned in the Law shall be judged by the Law." (Rom. 2:12; 7:1).

Another fact the apostles lived by was the more spiritually minded we are, the more laws we obey. That is what "being spiritual" means, because we have more of Yahweh's Spirit to discern and **do** His Law, "That the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Rom. 8:4; For more details on the word "fulfill", see *What Does the New Testament "Hide"?* in this Issue, page 12).

Obedying more Laws shows we have more of Yahweh's Spirit...not less, and reap fewer unpleasant consequences.

LET YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE?

What about our conscience? From our youth up most have heard that old refrain, "Let your conscience be your guide." Is that true in all cases? Does it unerringly tell us what is right and wrong with that urging or hunch or feeling of guilt? Can our conscience be wrong?

Paul had this to say, "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron. (I Tim. 4:1-2); "...and being darkened in their understanding,...because of the ignorance that is in them, and they have become callous... (Eph. 4:18-19).

Clearly, the conscience can be misguided, not properly educated in Biblical right and wrong while adopting the cultural situation-ethics of the times or clinging to past errors. Believing "...the hypocrisy of liars..." we can become callous, resistant to the truth having no conscience when breaking the Law.

For example, how many feel guilt when breaking the weekly Sabbath by buying, selling, deal-making or seeking their own pleasure, and speaking their *own* words (Isa. 58:13-14)? Or eating that pork bacon sandwich? Or not releasing a loan made to a relative brother or neighbor after seven years? Or cultivating the land during the sacred Land Sabbath?

Though there may be no guilty conscience for any of these unlawful acts, the guilt remains. Now vulnerable to further influences that can lead one astray, the spiral of illicit behavior, if unchecked, goes further downward.

PARTING THOUGHTS

The list seems endless of arguments hurled against the Laws of the Old Testament—that perfect Law of liberty. Those Laws are commonly ignored. Resisting the Spirit of Yahweh at every turn (Acts 7:51), Paul's misunderstood writings are usually the center piece of it all. But a close look at what he actually said clearly shows he was a Law-abiding apostle of Yahweh (See *What Does the New Testament "Hide"? Is It Testing Us?* in this Issue, page 12). Could it be any other way? Would Yahweh choose a spokesman for Him that is against His decrees in the Law? It did not and will not happen.

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NEW TESTAMENT *what does the* *HIDE?* *Is It Testing Us?*

Does the New Testament “hide” something? What is missing that entirely transformed the “faith once delivered” to the true church from a few Law-*abiding* believers into thousands of generally Law-*avoiding* churches? We need to know. And why is its content often misunderstood? When reading it, certain precautions must be taken to avoid stumbling into heretical beliefs. What are they?

Comprising twenty-seven books, the New Testament has spawned an endless variety of “new testament” beliefs that appear to radically change or abolish Old Testament Laws. Four words, faith, grace, love, and spirit, *by their misuse through vague, often out of context and contradictory meanings*, are used to disarm the New Testament by breaking ties to Yahweh’s Law. In place of the Law, heretical doctrines have created an impotent New Testament void of precise Old Testament laws! In short, the New Testament has no real “teeth.”

What fills this vacuum? The commandments and traditions of men: “Why do you...transgress the commandment of Yahweh by your tradition?....But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” (Matt. 15:3, 9). Sounds familiar.

We have all heard the mantras “we are under grace because the old law is done away” and “Christians live by a new principle of ‘spiritual law’ not the ‘letter of the law’”.

Such phrases usually dominate modern religious thought so completely, contrary Biblical evidence is often pushed aside as anti-Christian and anti-New Testament. Yes, *Biblical evidence—even from the New Testament*, is often discarded at the whim of the believer.

HOW THE NEW TESTAMENT TESTS US

New Testament writings are *designed to test our understanding, practice, and knowledge of Old Testament Laws*. Not all Old Testament Laws are recorded there, and many verses appear to do away with the Law of the Old Testament. Why? Because **that is the Test!** Leaving them out of passages or including those verses which appear “anti-law” tests our skill, knowledge of Yahweh’s commandments and resolve to *stick with them* when studying the *New Testament*.

ALL Scripture must conform to Yahweh’s immutable

Law: “...it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the Law to fail.” (Luke 16:17).

There is no compromising this rule. For once Old Testament laws are tossed out, the sky is the limit to the heresies that spring up, leading sincere people astray by “...turning the grace of... Yahweh into lasciviousness...” (Jude 4; “unrestrained by law or morality”; “Yahweh” for “God”).

STEPS TO TAKE

Now, if a verse or verses seem to contradict the Law, check several points *before drawing a conclusion*. First, make sure the verse or verses in question are *accurately translated*. Translation is often a problem with such verses.

One solution is *comparing that verse with other verses close by, in other chapters or books*. If you find a contra-



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diction, one or both are translated incorrectly. Choose the one that does not throw out the Law and go from there.

Take this example of contradiction (one of many). Rom. 3:20 reads, “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight:...”¹

Compare this to a verse on the same subject *that stands for the Law*, such as Romans 2:13: “for not the hearers of the Law are just with Yahweh [Berry’s: “God”], but the doers of the Law shall be justified.” (Berry’s). Clear contradictions.

Since *this verse* is not “anti-law”, we question the translation of Romans 3:20 which appears to be. Here is what we find. The Greek preposition translated “by” [...by the deeds...] means “away from”, “separation”, “as separation from.”²

A translation more consistent with Romans 2:13 is “Therefore *away from or separate from* the deeds of the Law shall no flesh be justified....”

Paul then explains why in this same verse: “...for through the Law is the knowledge of sin.” When we know

what sin is, it can be avoided, and we can be justified, “made right” by repentance and Yahshua’s atoning sacrifice. No amount of law-keeping can erase *past sins*. That requires a sacrifice. Either us or Yahshua’s.

Also, always check *the context*. Ask “What is the subject being discussed?” keeping in mind a passage cannot change, add to or take from, the Law *under any conditions* (Deut. 12:32). New Testament translations, popular religious beliefs, and our opinion, all *must bend to the rule of Law*.

Once all differences between the Law and any New Testament passages are resolved, then *draw a conclusion-not before*. The result is much closer to the truth of the matter, because again, ALL Scripture must conform to Yahweh’s immutable Law (Luke 16:17).

SAMPLE TEST: CAN WE PASS IT?

Here is an example of “missing laws.” A man came to Yahshua asking, “...what good thing must I do, that I may have eternal life? And He said to him...if you will enter into life, keep the commandments.” (Matt. 19:16-20). He then lists **only five** of the ten commandments (Ex. 20:3-17), and another one in Leviticus 19:18. How do we handle this one?

Notice first that Yahshua **did say** *gaining eternal life required keeping the commandments*—which He listed **by the letter**. Clearly the exact opposite of what most popular gospels teach.

They teach eternal life comes by *faith alone, without works of the Law*. The apostle James’ answers: “Even so faith *if it has not works* is dead, being alone....the devils believe and tremble. But will you know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?” (Jam. 2:17, 19-20). The devils *believe* without *repenting*. Repentance follows belief.

But what is the test here? Those laws **NOT** listed.

Suppose, for instance, one ignorant of the Law [key point] thinks since only five, not ten commandments (plus one other) are listed, he must obey only these. Then is he free to take Yahweh’s name in vain, bow down to idols, serve other gods, covet, ...and what so many believe, *break the seventh-day Sabbath?*

Not at all. Ignorance is no excuse:

“And if a soul sin and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of Yahweh; though he wist is not, *yet is he guilty*, and shall bear his iniquity.” (Lev 5:17).

Knowing this law proves disobedience by ignorance is still sin.

In this account, Yahshua **does not say** “We can treat Yahweh’s name as a vain thing.” He **does not say** “We can make idols and worship them.” He **does not say** “Serve other gods if you like.” AND He **does not say** “Work on the seventh-day Sabbath if we want to.”

Clearly a law not recorded in a New Testament passage is still binding; still a law. Our responsibility to know the commandments remains: “...they that are unlearned [no knowledge of the Law]...wrest (“twist”),...*the...scriptures, to their own destruction.*” (II Pet. 3:16).



Using the Law as a guide to understand other parts of the Bible is essential to correctly understanding the Word Yahweh and Yahshua have left us in the Bible. [google.com](https://www.google.com)

THE “FULFILL” STUMBLING BLOCK

Another translation pitfall is Matthew 5:17: “Think not that I came to abolish the Law...I came not to abolish the Law...but to fulfil.” (Matt. 5:17; Berry’s). Thinking the word translated “fulfil” means “end”, or “nullify”, some conclude Yahshua’s coming ended the Law.

Does this verse really say that? He said, “Think **not** that I came to abolish the Law...” Despite this clear fact, some claim He came to do exactly that, using the word “fulfill” to justify it.

But notice, if “fulfill” means to “end”, or “nullify”, He contradicted Himself in this verse!

The fact is, the word translated “fulfil” means: “*to cause ‘God’s’ will (as made known in the Law) to be obeyed as it should be...*”³

Did He list every Law to educate a listener who may not have known them? No. We are expected to study the Law and know the details ourselves:

“Be diligent to present thyself approved to Yahweh, a workman not ashamed straightly cutting the word of truth.” (II Tim 2:15; Berry’s; “Yahweh” for “God”).

But whether we know them or not these laws judge us: “...as many as have sinned in the Law shall be judged by the Law.” (Rom. 2:12). Word-for-word; letter-for-letter.

Why did He not come to destroy the Law? Simple. *He could not destroy the Law*: “...it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the Law to fail.” (Luke 16:17).

FOUNDATION OF THE BIBLE

New Testament records, including church doctrine, are based on the apostles and Old Testament prophets’ strict message to keep the commandments (Eph. 2:20; Isa. 8:20; Jer. 11:23-24; 32:35-36; Dan. 9:13). Understanding New Testament doctrine depends on our knowledge and practice of what the apostle James called, “...the perfect Law of Liberty...” and if we “...continue therein,...being not a forgetful hearer, but a *doer of the work*, this man shall be

blessed in his deed.” (Jam. 1:25).

Opponents of the Law have a different testimony of “freedom or liberty from the Law” directly opposite to apostle John’s teachings:

“And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” (I John 1:3-4). “Whosoever committeth sin transgresses...the Law: for sin is transgression of the Law.” (I John 3:4). You cannot say it any plainer than that!

“SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES” “OBVIOUS INTENT”

Yet despite such clear verses, continual drumbeats insist Yahweh’s new covenant is based on spiritual principles-of-the-Law whose obvious intent is not the “letter of the Law.” Releasing believers from “Old Testament bondage” we are set free to make our own standards of right and wrong.

Sound reasonable? One question: *who decides* the “obvious intent” or “the principle of the Law” without the restrictions of the letter or word-for-word statements? Everyone and anyone; making all opinions equal. Problem is, the “intent” or “principle of the Law” that is “obvious” to one is not to another, *often leading to contradictory opinions*. The “intent” often depends on *what we intend to find or see*.

Some take the seventh-day Sabbath command as the *principle of resting one-day-in seven*. You get to choose. Most choose Sunday. To others, the principle is a specific day of the week, *the seventh-day* as stated, word-for-word; by the letter. Who decides? Yahweh’s Law.

If each is allowed the obvious intent or “principle” of his choice, each becomes a law unto himself, leaving Biblical Law with no power over him. This Biblical “free-for-all” is not some new enlightenment, a revolutionary new way of “rightly dividing the Word”, but is as old as human nature, and why it gains popularity is obvious. We are let off-the-hook, scot-free to do as we please without reaping any bad consequences. Unrealistic and anti-Law, such ideas persist in our present religious climate.

Yahweh long ago answered such anarchy, “You shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, *every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes*.” (Deut. 12:8)! “Right” is not in-the-eye-of-the-beholder nor depends on the culture of the times. It is absolute.

JUDE KNEW LAWLESSNESS WOULD HAPPEN

A more complete quote of Jude [cited earlier] shows he knew the church would experience a rise of deceivers:

“For came in stealthily certain men, they who of old have been before marked out to this sentence, ungodly [persons] changing...grace... into licentiousness...” (Jude 4; Berry’s; “unrestrained by law or morality”).

He was alerting the church as Yahshua cautioned, “And *many* false prophets shall arise, [result?] and deceive many.” (Matt. 24:11).

PETER ALSO CAUTIONED THE CHURCH

Peter ends his second epistle: “...therefore,...seeing you know these things before, beware lest you also, being led astray with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Master and Savior Yahshua the Messiah.” (II Pet. 3:17-18). That is, gain the knowledge He has; not just learn about Him.

CONCLUSION: NEW TESTAMENT TEST

“Rightly dividing the word” depends on a person’s background, conversion (repentance and practice), and familiarity with clear statements of the Law. All these affect the “intent” or “principle of the law,” he sees,...especially when reading Paul’s writings (See *Paul’s Misunderstood Writings* in this Issue, page 10). Laws not specifically stated in New Testament passages, are not abolished. Their absence simply means

we must know the Law well enough to see what is missing, AND that “missing” does not mean abolished.

That is the New Testament’s test: How well do we know the Law? Studying the New Testament with little or no knowledge nor **practice** of Yahweh’s Law is spiritual suicide.

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breast. For precept must be upon precept,...line upon line, ...here a little, and there a little” (Isa. 28:9-10).

“For everyone that uses milk is unskillful in the word of **righteousness**: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongs to them...who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern **both good and evil**...” (Heb. 5:13-14).

Only the Law shows good from evil, right from wrong. Any interpretation of New Testament passages must use Yahweh’s commandments of the Old Testament as its unbendable standard.

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Born Again?

Are You a Born Again Christian...or Not?

Heeding an altar call or in a personal visit with a minister, people will sometimes say, “*I am now a Born Again Christian!*” following the claim “...I accepted Jesus Christ as Savior...”

What exactly “born again” means is puzzling—a rather strange idea! Biologists have no record anyone has witnessed the biological process. Except as a personal feeling or actions, those professing to be “born again” simply believe that is what they experienced. “It is a spiritual process; not a biological one”, would be a typical response. If it was “a spiritual process,” we will see in our discussion what traits to look for of one “born again.”

Long ago, a very religious man, Nicodemus, a Pharisee, was also puzzled the first time he heard it. A second birth? How? “How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?” Good questions.

Yahshua, the Messiah, the Anointed (“christos”) was clearly the promised Savior who “...shall save His people from their sins.” (Matt. 1:21). Accepting Him as our Savior involves repentance and baptism in His name. Do these personal acts mean we are somehow “born again” at that moment?

THE CHRISTIAN LABEL

Another puzzling point is that one becomes a “born again” *Christian*. See, “The term ‘Christian’ is clearly a Gentile designation for believers...”¹ “Christian” “...does not occur in the NT as a name commonly used by Christians themselves (Acts 11:26; 26:28; I Pet. 4:16).”² “Christian” is used only those three times in the New Testament.

And what Gentiles gave them that label? “And the disciples were called ‘Christians’ first at Antioch.” (Acts 11:26). Note that *pagan* Gentiles at Antioch used the term... not the disciples themselves.

Antioch, now a decaying, miserable Turkish town, was anciently a city of Syria, and part of the Greek Empire with a temple of Apollo. It was well known to be a decadent and immoral city with widespread worship of pagan deities. Eventually it became ranked third behind Rome and Alexandria in the Roman empire.

Why should followers of the Messiah of the New Testament continue to carry a label given them by pagan Antioch? Is that not why His disciples did not commonly call themselves “Christians”?

TWO BIRTHS NEEDED FOR CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship in the Kingdom of Yahweh requires a second birth: “...Except a man be born again, he cannot

see the Kingdom of Yahweh.” (“God”, *KJV*) (John 3:3). And “...Except a man be born of water and of The Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Yahweh (“God”, *KJV*).” (John 3:5). Clearly there *are two births* needed to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, one of the *flesh*, the natural birth. The other birth is of *Spirit*. “That which is born of the flesh is *flesh*; And that which is born of the Spirit is *Spirit*.” (John 3:6). Born of flesh is *still flesh*. Is there *any living human that is not flesh*? Try the “hatpin test.”

NOT “BORN OF THE SPIRIT”...YET

We know what “born of the flesh” means: composed of flesh, blood and bone; human. In His discussion with Nicodemus, Yahshua explained what “being born of the Spirit”, is like. See if you know anyone like this: “The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, But you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. *So it is with everyone who is Born of the Spirit.*” (John 3:8).

Spirit cannot be seen going or coming, is composed of an invisible...something, but can *make a sound!*

Seriously, does this describe flesh-and-blood human beings; religious or not? Hardly. One is not *born of the Spirit if they can be seen; not born-again.*

ANOTHER TRAIT OF THOSE BORN AGAIN

John reveals another trait of one born of the spirit, born of Yahweh, “Whosoever is born of Yahweh Does not commit sin; ...and he cannot sin, because he is born of Yahweh.” (I John 3:9). Do we know any like this; that does not sin? Truth is, as Solomon, the wisest of men prior to Yahshua, said, “For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.” (Eccl. 7:20). John echoed that truth, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (I John 1:8).

A CONCLUSION NONE CAN TRUTHFULLY DENY

Are you, or any living person, a “**Born Again Christian**”? Not at all. The two traits of invisibility and sinless nature prove it. Clearly, no human being walking the face of the earth is “Born Again”... regardless of who they profess to follow or what they profess to believe. We have Yahshua’s word on it!

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SABBATH THOUGHTS: LAND SABBATH ALERT! UNDER ALL IS THE LAND

Sixth year of the 7-year cycle ends October 28, 2019. The 7th-year Land Sabbath begins October 29, 2019.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

"...Sow your Land...Six Years, but in the Seventh Year...let it Rest and lie Fallow..." (Ex. 23:10-11; NAS).

LAND SABBATH BEGINS OCTOBER 29, 2019 ENDS OCTOBER 27, 2020.

A SABBATH OF REST FOR THE LAND AND YAHWEH:

"...the Seventh year the land shall have a Sabbath Rest, a Sabbath to Yahweh..." (Lev. 25:4)

NO PLANTING OR PRUNING VINEYARDS:

"...you shall not Sow your Field nor Prune your Vineyard." (Lev. 25:4) This includes not planting gardens, flowers, shrubs, grass....The Land Must Rest and "...lie still..." (Ex. 23:11; KJV)



SIXTH YEAR ACT OF FAITH:

"...IF you say, 'What are we going eat...the Seventh Year, for lo we may not sow or gather our increase?'" (Lev. 25:20)

YAHWEH'S PROMISED BLESSINGS:

"...then I will...order My Blessing for you in the Sixth Year that it will bring forth a crop for Three Years." (Lev. 25:21). Any-one that thinks faith is not required to obey the Law, just has not tried to obey much of it.

BLESSINGS ARE CONDITIONAL:

"You shall...observe My statutes, and keep My judgments...that you may live securely on the Land (no danger from weather or enemies). THEN the Land will yield its produce, so that you can eat your fill and Live securely." (Lev. 25:18-19)

HOWEVER, IF....

"you shall despise my statutes...or abhor my judgments...will not do All My commandments..." (Lev. 26:15)

THEN...THESE CONSEQUENCES

"...you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it [enemy foreign countries will consume it-buy it]." (Lev. 26:16)

"...I will break the pride of your power;...and I will make your heaven as iron [drought], and your earth as brass...your land shall not yield her increase..." (Lev. 26:19-20)

"...I will bring the Land into desolation,...your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste." [uncontrolled flooding, wind damage] (Lev. 26:32-33)

LAND WILL REST-ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

"Then shall the Land enjoy her Sabbaths...as long as it lies desolate it shall Rest; because it did not rest in you Sabbaths..." (Lev. 26:34-35)

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SABBATH THOUGHTS: LESSONS FROM PROVERBS

WHY THE BOOK:

"To know wisdom and...the instruction of...justice, and judgment, and equity. To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion..." (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)

"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...By me princes rule... Riches and honor are with me; yes durable riches and righteousness...I lead in the way of 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 you 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)

"These six things does Yahweh hate:...A proud look...an heart that devises wicked imaginations..." (Prv. 6:16-17)

"...pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate" (Prv. 8:13)

"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 reprovcr upon an obedient ear...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 merry heart does good like a medicine..." (Prv. 15:23; 17:22)

"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)

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)

December 24, 2017

FACTS YOU PROBABLY NEVER KNEW: CHRISTMAS NEW YORK STYLE

In 1822 Clement Clarke Moore wrote a poem for his six children called "A Visit From St. Nicholas" which created what Santa Claus, the patron of Christmas, would be.

The poem began, "Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring..." and painted an image of a jolly St. Nick, adding the sleigh, reindeer and chimney descent coming on December 24 instead of the traditional December 5, the eve of St. Nicholas Day.

Moore was a prominent Protestant theologian and wealthy land developer of what became the Manhattan neighborhood of Chelsea.

Another New Yorker, cartoonist Thomas Nast, who created the Republican elephant and Democrat donkey, added the huggable, jocular round-bellied look of Santa when he illustrated Moore's poem for "Harper's Weekly" in 1860.



Moore's poem mixed European legends: the gift-giving of the Dutch St. Nicholas, the Norse god Thor's sleigh pulled by flying goats, and the chimney descent of a mythical visitor in Germany. The French and Italians contributed the hanging of Christmas stockings. The name is an Americanization of the Dutch nickname "Sinter Clas."

Jock Elliott, who owns 3,000 books on this character, says, "But Santa Claus that most of the world knows today was a naturalized United States citizen."

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FALSE PROPHETS

“Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves...by their Fruits you shall know them [Not what they Say, but what they Do].” (v. 15).

Wearing sheep’s clothing, appearing so innocent, makes recognizing false prophets difficult. Even “...Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness...” (II Cor. 11:14-15).

Persuasive, eloquent perhaps, with personality-plus, the seduction can be mesmerizing (Prv. 12:26; I Tim. 4:1: seducing spirits). But use caution and watch for these

warning signs “by their fruits you shall know them” (Matt. 7:15), “beware of their doctrine” (Matt. 16:12), and “...they say and do not...” (Matt. 23:3).

WARNING OF JUDGMENT

Yes, this too is a portion of the Sermon on the Mount rarely quoted: “Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matt. 7:22-23).

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How? Curious, is it not, that “Jesus” (“gee-sus”) sounds nothing like the Messiah’s name, “Yahshua” [meaning “Yah is Savior”]. Too, why call the Messiah by the Greek “*ee-ay-sooce*”? Was it purposely changed following a common Greek practice of adding a “deity ending” to names?

Note this. Before being later changed, the 1611 King James Version *openly records*: “...in the time of Elizeus...” (Luke 4:27) using the “El” abbreviation of the Hebrew

“Jesus is pronounced in New Testament Greek...‘ee-ay-sooce’”

“Elohim” meaning “Mighty One.” Then adding “Zeus”, the Greek god of thunder and sky, the King of the gods, the meaning is “Zeus the Mighty One.” Was Elijah, [Elijah] “Yah is El” or “Yahweh is the Mighty One”, the servant of “Zeus the Mighty One” or Yahweh? The answer is obvious.

Does the Spanish “Jesus”, pronounced “**Hay soos**”, mean “Soos is savior”? Who is “Soos”?

The name “Iesous” (“ee-ay-sooce”) now strangely pronounced “Jesus” (“gee-sus”) is suspect at best, given its Greek form, since the Messiah of the New Testament was Jewish... not Greek. *So why would He have a Greek-like name?* Remember the disciples did not label themselves “Christian” to adopt the Greek “christos”. Would they have added “zeus” to the Master Yahshua’s name? Hard to imagine (See *Are You a Born Again Christian?* in this Issue, page 15).

Is “Hay soos”, “ee-ay-sooce”, or “Gee-sus”, our Savior, the Savior recorded in the New Testament? No.

And why would “Yahshua” be changed to “ee-ay-sooce” and then to Jesus, “gee-sus”? Simple. Someone changed it to avoid honoring Yahweh.

ALL THIS PROVES THE MESSIAH’S NAME CANNOT BE “JESUS”

The Messiah’s name is “Yahshua” meaning “Yah is Saviour” (See Neh. 8:17 with Acts 7:48 and Heb. 5:8). Mishandling the Greek forms by eliminating “Yah” (Yahweh) is not alone. A common Jewish pronunciation “Yeshua”, also omits “Yah”, the short form of “Yahweh”, the Heavenly Father’s name, hiding it from sight and sound.

Do names matter? “You shall not misuse the name of Yahweh..., for Yahweh will not leave unpunished anyone who misuses His name.” (Ex. 20:7: *New Jerusalem Bible*).

WHY STRESS THE MESSIAH’S NAME?

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12). Important no doubt. We cannot leave salvation to chance or tradition for “...by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.” (Matt. 12:37).

SO WHO IS JESUS (GEESUS)?

The Greek and Spanish pronunciations of “Jesus” are strong hints he is one who came or comes in the name of “Sooce” or “Soos.” Do these refer to the Greek “Zeus” or some other deity?

Perhaps, but one thing is certain. YAHSHUA came in the name of YAHWEH (Matt. 21:9 quote of Ps. 118:26)...NOT Sooce or Soos! “...Take heed that no man deceive you....And many false prophets shall rise, and deceive many.” (Matt. 24:4, 11).

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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.

2020 Sacred Calendar

Pocahontas, AR Lat: 36d 14m N / Long: 90d 57m W

Passover Festival	April 6 - April 12
Passover Sabbaths	April 6 & April 12
Passover Supper	Night of April 6
Feast of Unleavened Bread	April 7 (UB eaten April 6 - April 13)
Wavesheaf Offered	May 3
Feast of Weeks	May 3 - June 20
Feast of Weeks Annual Sabbaths	May 9, 16, 23, 30 June 6, 13, 20
Pentecost	June 21
Shoutings (Trumpets)	September 18
Pre-Atonement Sabbath	September 26 Noon-to-sunset
Atonements	September 27
Feast of Tabernacles	October 2 - October 8
Sabbaths	October 2 & October 9
Last Great Day	October 9

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	25	11
February	24	12
March	24	1
April	23	2
May	23	3
June	21	4
July	21	5
August	19	6
September	18	7
October	17	8
November	15	9
December	15	10

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

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

Head of the Year
Feb. 15
End of the Year
Oct. 27
Seven-Year Cycle
7th year
Jubilee Cycle
42nd year

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.)

Head of the Year
Feb. 15
End of the Year
Oct. 28
Seven-Year Cycle
1st year
Jubilee Cycle
43rd year

THE FINAL SIGN of the End of the Age What is it?

Prophesied signs of the last days unfold daily. But these same signs appear in *every age*. Earthquakes, signs in the Sun and Moon [Luke 21:25], hurricanes, flooding, wars and rumors of war, famine, drought, and false gospels, are centuries-old events. Dating back to the apostle Paul (A.D. 51), perverted gospels sprang up over 1,900 years ago.

BUT, is there a difference now; in *our time*? And is there *one single true sign* the end of the age, the last days, is at the door?

Are the first years of the 21st century fast *approaching the prophesied age-ending climax*?

We will chronicle just a few events from the current information overload to find the answers.

ARE THESE THE LAST DAYS? SIGNS OF WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

Yahshua the Messiah warned in the *last days*, at the *beginning* of the end of this age or era (Matt. 24:3), "...you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars,..." (Matt. 24:6-7).

Technology makes this possible with a click of the remote or mouse.

Each year we take a sobering look back on Memorial Day to honor those who paid the ultimate price for freedom. WWI, WWII, Korean Conflict, Vietnam war, Iraqi and Afghan wars remind us that freedom is never free. Memories and glories fade, but thankfully many of the freedoms they died for have not.

The price in lives and material paid is **beyond anything witnessed in human history**. (WWI and WWII

had more casualties than all previous wars *combined*). *And never before has the annihilation of the human race been possible...until the 20th and 21st centuries!* IF all out nuclear war erupts, **it will be the last days...for everyone!** That fact alone shows the difference between

"Are These THE Last Days?"

now and previous eras. "...then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time...And except those days be shortened there should *no flesh be saved*..." (Matt. 24:21-22). Nuclear war could do it....or an asteroid collision with Earth.

Are we living in the prophesied End of the Age; foreshadowing Armageddon...? Look at the evidence.

20TH CENTURY

Hopes ran high that WWII would put an end to conflict for good. Commanding officers in WWII told soldiers, "We are going to fight this war so thoroughly and win so decisively, there *will never have to be another war fought!!*" The glorious victories "over there" did not bring the lasting peace they promised. The years since WWII have yielded "...wars and rumors of wars..." in every corner of the globe!

At five beachhead assaults *seven out of ten* young Amer-

ican and Allied soldiers lost their lives on the beaches of Normandy on “D-Day”, June 6, 1944. One and a half million American troops and an equal number of our Allies amassed a sea of weaponry unmatched in human history!

Both World Wars, and Korean and Vietnam wars shattered families on both sides of the conflict. The “brotherhood of man” was only a hollow platitude. In WWII an evil dictator bent on world conquest had to be stopped-no matter the price. Endless rows of white crosses tell that enormous price of lost neighbors, friends, classmates, husbands, fiancées, and fathers. *But when will it all end?*

21ST CENTURY MORE SIGNS: TERRORISM (PROPHECY FULFILLED)

An age-old prophecy: “I [Yahweh] will...appoint over you terror (ism).” (Lev. 26:16), is being fulfilled *like never before!*

A new form of “war” has emerged: terrorism. But during the first years of the 21st century, the specter of war seemed remote. However, on 9-11, 2001, terrorists’ attacked the World Trade Center and Pentagon shifting our national mood from hopeful to mourning and revenge. The homeland suffered a strike *unequalled in our history*. A generation of unprecedented prosperity and ease blinded us to the monster in our midst.

Our leaders pledged, “Freedom has been attacked, and freedom will be defended.” War erupted in Iraq spreading to Afghanistan costing *trillions of US dollars and thousands more precious American lives*.

Modern religion’s prophets, preaching “smooth things” (Isa. 30:10), did little to awaken us to our national sins

and the threat of Muslim Jihadists’ hatred of America. Only ICY’s *Insight magazine* predicted in 1999-to the day, month, and year-a major nation-shaking event was due on 9-11-2001.

That hatred was later echoed by Iranian radicals chanting “Death to America” after receiving \$150 billion from the Obama administration.

TERRORISM TAKES DIFFERENT FORMS

Terrorism takes multiple forms; not just Islamic Jihadists. For example, a non-Islamic radical killed over twenty in 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School (Newtown, CT). Then another struck in 2018 on Valentine’s Day at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (Parkland, FL).

Religious gatherings are not immune as jihadists gunned down 14 at a 2015 Christmas party in San Bernardino, California. In 2017 insanity struck the First Baptist church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, killing 27.

Overseas, in 2015 terrorists coordinated shootings and bomb blasts in Paris, France. Leaving hundreds wounded, 130 dead, some in critical condition, the Friday night massacre included 89 concertgoers at the Bataclan theatre in Paris.

Again in this country, in 2016, shouting allegiance to the Islamic State, a hate-crazed gunman slaughtered 50 at a gay nightclub, Pulse, in Florida.

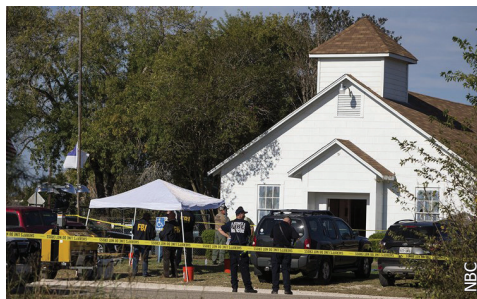
Where is peace? When will the madness end?

CIVIL UNREST: MORE SIGNS

“...and upon the Earth distress of nations, with perplexity...” (Luke 21:25). Worldwide unrest continues from the



(Top left to right) **Americans will never forget** September 11, 2001, when 2,977 people were killed during multiple terrorists attacks. **Twenty-seven people were killed** in Sutherland Springs, Texas at the local First Baptist Church in 2017. **Hundreds gather outside Le Ca Rillon** in Paris after the calculated attacks throughout Paris November 13, 2015.





(Clockwise from top left) **Workers search through** rubble following the massive earthquake in Mexico City. **Strikes in Paris** turn violent in the streets. **Protests in Hong Kong** bring tens of thousands to the streets. **Citizens of Venezuela** wait in the hot sun for their weekly government food rations.

20th century and now into the 21st. Protests in Hong Kong erupted June 2019 as a million angrily protested mainland Chinese legislation; protests continue to the present. Yemen, troubled by civil wars for decades, struggles with foreign meddling. Protests, starting in 2015, increase against a Saudi-led coalition that intervened on behalf of the internationally recognized government.

Venezuela is bankrupt following a disaster of socialist policies that began in 2010. A once oil-rich nation among the wealthiest in the world now is among the poorest. Over two million citizens have fled the country.

December 2019, in Paris, France, massive labor strikes crippled transportation and closed businesses protesting government-imposed 2019 pension reforms. The same month in Iran, protests continue in 170 cities against the Iranian government policies.

“Distress of nations.” Chronicling the global unrest could fill volumes.

EARTHQUAKES INCREASE SIGNS FROM NATURE

The Messiah continued listing signs: “...and there shall be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes...” (Matt. 24:7). Nature is “striking back” with *record-setting* hurricanes (2017), *record-setting* farmland acreage flooded (2019), searing drought and *record* giant earthquake frequency. *But is this different from ages past?*

In 2017 an 8.2 earthquake (huge) killing more than 90, struck off Mexico’s southern coast sparking Tsunami alerts. *Millions* felt the trembler. Ho Humm. Just business-as-usual... earthquakes happen-even big ones, right?

Hardly.

Look at these facts. Since 2003, nineteen *giant* earthquakes (magnitude 8.0 or greater) leveled buildings reducing cities to rubble, and destroyed lives. But notice. In the **40 years prior**, there were **only THREE** of this magnitude! *Three in 40 years versus nineteen in sixteen*

“...these are signs...
but not **THE SIGN**...”

*years; six times as many in less than half the time. That is called **acceleration**!* Events are speeding up. Chaos is more frequent, more intense-like childbirth pangs prophesied in Matthew 24:8. The evidence is undeniable.

ONLY THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS

Despite all this carnage and destruction, Yahshua also said, “...see that you be not troubled...for the end is not yet” (Matt. 24:6). And “All these are the **beginning of sorrows**” (v. 8).

Not the end, but only the beginning of sorrows leading to the end of this age. In these terms, the first sixty years or so of the 20th century and first decades into the 21st century, have been a fierce “beginning of sorrows” globally! Wars, famine, earthquakes,...are just the *beginning of woes*.

WHAT ELSE BEFORE THE END? MORE SIGNS GLOBAL WITNESS; FALSE PROPHETS

Notice what must follow. The true Congregation of Yahweh will be hated by all nations for His name's sake (v. 9). It will be a great witness to all nations (v. 14). Many false prophets will arise (v. 11). Religious deception began proliferating in the early-to-mid 20th century and continues on a massive scale *exceeding any previous religious movements in history!*

"Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves." (Matt. 7:15; also Matt. 24:12). Watch what they do, not what they say; and watch *what they say, but never do* (Matt. 23:3).

THE COLD WITHIN; BETRAYAL MORE SIGNS

"This know also, that in the Last Days perilous times shall come because men shall be lovers of themselves, ... trucebreakers...fierce,...traitors..." (II Tim. 3:1-4). "And many shall be offended, and shall betray one another, and

shall hate one another." (Matt. 24:10). "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." (Matt. 24:12). Common occurrences.

THE FINAL SIGN

All these are signs of the last days, but not **THE SIGN**, the final alert. What has *never happened before; unique to the final generation?*

Let Yahshua answer: "And this Gospel will be proclaimed [also to 'publish'; Mark 13:10] in all the world for a witness to all nations, and **THEN SHALL THE END COME**" (Matt. 24:14).

There you have it; the answer. **THIS** gospel has not reached **all the world...yet-not in any age!** But it will! **Not the perverted gospels** (See again Gal. 1:7), but the **TRUE gospel based on Yahweh's Law**. "To the Law and to the Testimony: if they speak not according to this word, ...there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20; see also Matt. 5:17 and Luke 16:17).

Wars and natural disasters continue, false prophets and iniquity abound, and **ICY** is publishing and preaching the restored Law of Yahweh, the true gospel. Is the end near?

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The true Gospel,
reaching all the world
is the final sign of the end
(Matt. 24:14). *Mic Narra*
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The Scriptural calendar has been a matter of differing views for centuries. Major causes for this uncertainty are tradition and the loss in antiquity of the knowledge of the patriarchal astronomers (Adam, Noah, Moses, Job...). Though sparse and scattered, Yahweh preserved in the Bible sufficient details of their writings to recover His true Holy Days.

The false perception continues, however, that the Bible is void of the structure of the Sacred Calendar. Seriously, how could Yahweh command observance of His New Moons and Holy Days, but leave nothing in His Holy Word showing how He fixes those times?

This study shows the facts of Scripture and firm historical dating which reveal two cardinal points: the beginning and end of the Biblical year. Knowing these, the true Scriptural day and New Moons, we show how to determine Yahweh's solar-lunar Holy Days...from the Bible; not tradition nor other calendar schemes from Babylon and elsewhere.

Yahweh's Sabbaths are the sign of His people, those He has sanctified (Ex. 31:13; Ezk. 20:12, 20). How can we be sanctified without the knowledge of His Sabbaths? This information is essential to salvation, your salvation. Approach it with an open mind. Lay aside tradition and see what Yahweh's Word says about His calendar.

BEGINNING AND END OF THE BIBLICAL YEAR

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