



Remnants Walk

The one claiming to rest in Him, ought to walk, himself, even as He walked. (1 John 2:6)

The Shmita

Examining the significance of the Sabbatical Year

**IS Obama's ISIS Plan
Heading the World Toward...**

***How to be an
OVERCOMER***

World War 3?

***The Matthew 24
Project – Join Us***

Images of... Yahshua?

**Resist the Devil!!! ARE YOU
WILLING?**

**Yahweh has warned His people of Satan and his demons, called "wicked spirits in high places!"
Some have not really heeded that warning! Here is what YOU ought to be doing about it!**

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We encourage all those who consider themselves to be true believers to ask: “which congregation do I belong to? The true faith our Savior Yahshua the Messiah set down in the year 30 CE, or the false doctrine, drenched in paganism and sun worship, as set down by Constantine in 325 CE?” The two are vastly different and we cannot serve two masters. (*Matthew 6:24*)

One was a Hebrew Congregation with a Hebrew Savior that was completely Torah observant. The other was and still is a counterfeit, lawless church, sealed by the decrees of Constantine and implemented for the sole purpose of deceiving and enslaving mankind. (*Revelation 12:9*)

The articles contained in this publication are motivated by the Word of Truth, the Holy Scriptures, inspired by our Almighty Father Yahweh and Yahshua Messiah, His Son. Words made manifest through the power of the Holy Spirit. (*2 Timothy 3:15-17*)

May this free gift bring you closer to our Father Yahweh through His son, our savior and soon returning king, Yahshua the Messiah. In His wonderful name. Shalom...



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Personal

by Don Esposito

Greetings Brethren,

And Shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua; the name above all names. We just finished the most amazing pilgrimage this past Shavuot walking in the footsteps of the Israelites. And although many pilgrimages are there to help one learn lessons and to change and grow in our walk as a believer in Yahshua, this trip was very different as it was literally prophecy being fulfilled before our eyes.

1 Co 10:5 *Yet YAHWEH was not pleased with most of them, "For they were scattered in the deserted place." (Num. 14:16)*

1 Co 10:6 *But these things became examples for us, so that we may not be lusting after evil, even as those indeed lusted.*

1 Co 10:11 *And all these things happened to those as examples, and it was written for our warning, on whom the ends of the ages have come.*

All true believers through the ages would have been able to learn lessons from the Israelite's journey in the wilderness, but the above scripture specifically states that these lessons are in particular to the last generation who will have to take a second wilderness journey in hope of making it this time into the Promised Land.

At first glance it seems quite scary to think if more than 2 million Israelites perished in the wilderness, including even Moses, the servant of Yahweh, then how on earth would I ever make it. But the situation that happened to ancient Israel is not meant to scare us but to humble us.

It is only when we realize that we have no strength on our own and the only way to make it through the wilderness into the Promised Land is total trust and faith in Yahweh and Yahshua. The Israelites failed because they were much too focused on the flesh. They complained about food and water and had a total attitude of ingratitude. They looked at what they lusted after and did not have, instead of all the blessings and miracles that Yahweh did right before their eyes, and in doing so they committed blasphemy against the Holy Spirit; they actually saw and knew what Yahweh was doing for them and they denied it and even claimed Yahweh was trying to kill them.

Num 20:3 *And the people contended with Moses, and spoke, saying, Oh that we had died when our brothers died before YAHWEH!*

Num 20:4 *And, why have you brought the assembly of YAHWEH to this wilderness to die there, we and our animals?*

Num 20:5 *And, why have you brought us up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place, not a place of seed, nor fig, nor vine, nor pomegranate; and there is no water to drink?*

Do we realize that when we complain about our job, our spouse, our money woes etc. that we are making the same mistake the Israelites did in not having a spirit of appreciation for all the blessings Yahweh gives us in our life daily. In each of our lives Yahweh has taken us out of the clutches of death in our former state and has freed us from the bond of prison that our sins held us in. He has blotted out all our transgressions through the blood of His Son Yahshua Messiah and has removed from us all our sins.

And even more amazing He has placed His very Spirit within us, which is like His mind that can transform and shape us into the very character that He is made of. If we die to the old self and surrender to Yahweh in all things His very Spirit will live in us and direct our steps daily. It will speak to us through His word and prayer and it will inspire us to good works and transform our very lives into the mind of Messiah.

But Yahweh will never force His will on our lives, we must freely choose to surrender to Him daily in all things and not be living covetous selfish lives to the flesh that will quench His Spirit living in us and enable it to be able to do any real change.

Do we realize brethren what a gift that Yahweh has given us by putting His very Spirit in us? Do we realize the power that it could have in our lives to real lasting change if we would only stop seeking our own will and be obedient to Yahweh in everything? Do we realize how important judicial order is and how without it simply everyone is doing what is right in his/her own eyes?

The trip to Jordan was an amazing trip filled with faith and lessons that I will be sharing with for many months to come. It was like when Moses went up to Mount Sinai and received the word of Yahweh first hand. The voice of Yahweh on this trip was loud and clear.

PREPARE MY PEOPLE FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND!

And the greatest part is that there is no fear involved. We need not fear what is coming in the wilderness as it is simply the next step toward the Kingdom of Yahweh. Only those who are living for this evil world and trying to protect their life now will fear when they lose it. But to those who are living in faith daily, walking with Yahweh, surrendering to Him and being led daily by His Spirit there is only hopeful anticipation that the Kingdom of Yahweh is moving forward. How exciting, what an El we serve! Yes He will take us through the wilderness but He will be there with us every step of the way to guide and protect us and bring us into His Kingdom.

Eze 20:35 *And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and I will be judging with you there face to face.*

Eze 20:36 *Just as I was judging your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will be judging you, declares Adonai YAHWEH.*

Eze 20:37 *And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.*

Eze 20:38 *And I will purge from among you the rebels and the transgressors against Me. I will bring them out of the land where they reside, **and they shall not enter into the land of Israel.** And you shall know that I am YAHWEH.*

Eze 20:42 *And you shall know that I am YAHWEH when I bring you into the land of Israel, to the land for which I lifted up My hand to give it to your fathers.*

B'Shem Yahshua

Don Esposito

World WAR 3

Is Obama's ISIS Plan Heading toward the next Global Conflict?

I have been giving updates on the political and military circumstances in the Middle East since the start of the so-called Arab Spring. I have said from day one that the Arab Spring was not a democratic uprising of youth who wanted more freedoms and pleasures from western society, but was an organized plan by the United States of America to bring a New Order to the Middle East and ultimately make Israel's borders indefensible.

Now, the strange part of all the wars and rumors of wars going on in the Middle East since the fall of 2010 is that Israel has not been a part of any of them except for local conflicts with Hamas, which has no bearing on the Arab Spring but on the age old conflict that has been going on with Israel and the Arabs.

However, I also have said from the start that even though we have not seen Israel involved yet in the Arab Spring, the circumstances involved in creating it was to bring instability to all the countries around Israel and to weaken the area in which Israel is centrally located, in order to make it impossible for them to defend their borders.

When we look now close to four years later it is hard to argue anything else but the very facts that I stated back then. Democracy never took hold and even though Washington, under President Obama, claimed they supported freedom and Democracy in the Middle East their actions have shown the opposite; every move they have made in the last 4 years has weakened Israel. This is a fact.

Firstly, 6 months before the Arab Spring began the Americans went and trained and supplied arms to the rebels to create the problems in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya. Then, on day one of the conflict with Egypt the American government clearly stated that Mubarak must go; a strange statement to make on the eve of civil unrest from rebels who were killing in the streets and a strange response to Mubarak who was an ally for more than 30 years and who met with every Prime Minister of Israel, which no other Arab leader in the Middle East ever did.

Even more surprising was the Obama Administration's strategy to support the Muslim Brotherhood, a terrorist organization which is part of Hamas. They also were going to send F-16 Fighter Jets to the Muslim Brotherhood, as well as hundreds of Battle Tanks. Then, after the consulate in Libya was destroyed on September 11, 2012, it was found out that America was arming the rebels in Syria through Ambassador Stevens in Libya. Part of those rebels was ISIS.

Then in August 2013 President Obama was about to go and attack Syria supposedly because Bashar Assad was killing his own people only to find out later that it was actually ISIS that was doing most of the killings. America would have been fighting for ISIS last August in getting rid of Assad.

Furthermore, last December ISIS made big gains into Iraq and took over swarms of land, and all the intelligence community in the USA advised President Obama to stop ISIS then, while they were manageable, before they would get too vast lands and weapons and make it much more difficult to stop them. President Obama refused. ISIS continued to make gains in the spring and overtook Fallujah and still all was quiet in the western front. Then, came this June when ISIS stormed into Mosul and took large sums of territory and was beheading anyone in their path.

Again, the intelligence community in the USA urged President Obama to act quickly to stop them before it would be too late and everything accomplished in Iraq over the last 10 years would be reversed. ISIS also grabbed much American weaponry including tanks, anti-aircraft missiles and the like, besides more than a billion dollars and major oil installations.

During this time, Israel was in a war this summer with Hamas, in which John Kerry met in Turkey with Hamas delegates negotiating on their behalf against Israel. This caused a very big stir here in Israel. America also withheld funding for Iron Dome missiles that Israel sorely needed and the relationship is somewhat strained to say the least.

Now, also remember that at the same time America has been positioning for an all out war with Russia sometime in the future. The western news outlets have twisted the facts to make it seem that Putin is another Adolf Hitler looking for land grabs throughout Europe, but the fact of the matter is this trouble started when America announced several years ago that they were putting a missile defense shield in Poland.

When that didn't pan out the next step to neutralize Russia was to change the democratically elected leader of Ukraine and bring in a pro-western pawn in order to bring Ukraine into NATO and put a missile defense shield on Russia's border. Of course Russia would never allow this.

If you have been following the news over the past year, starting with the crisis last summer in Syria, you will see where Vladimir Putin had warned Obama that if he attacked Syria Russia would defend it. Obama backed down, and then, these other troubles were highlighted.

So, is President Obama going to use the ISIS situation to overtake Syria, which was his original goal in 2013? The situation with attacking ISIS is most complicated as many of the Arab nations are against each other and a power struggle is taking place for who will lead the Middle East in the days ahead. What is strange though is that President Obama has not included either Syria, who ISIS is fighting against in Syria, or Iran, who ISIS is fighting against in Iraq, as allies in the coming war with ISIS.

How could the Americans go into a sovereign country like Syria and make attacks without the permission and coordination of the reigning government of Syria? President Obama only announced his war strategy against ISIS a few days ago and already the whole coalition is breaking apart. Turkey has now refused to allow the Americans to use their air space or their air-strips for strikes against ISIS; and no other Middle Eastern nation has given confirmation to use troops on the ground. Look at the following article of Russia, Iran and Syria warning America against entering Syria's sovereign airspace.

<https://sg.news.yahoo.com/isis-russia-warns-obama-against-air-strikes-syria-170544317.html>

It is clear that America would not look to strengthen Assad, but after dealing with ISIS look to remove Assad also. Russia already stated last year they will not allow this as America tries to build their new Middle East with an Islamic Muslim Brotherhood at the head. Before this mission even begins, most are seeing that this is not about ISIS, but about American interests in the Middle East and using ISIS as a means for regime change and increased instability. Every move made by the American government over the last 10 years since the 2nd Gulf war has only brought instability to the region.

However, what we are starting to see will be the emergence of the King of the North and the King of the South and what nations will fall on which side. It will not simply be Shiite against Sunni, as there are many other factors involved and many countries will change their allegiance depending on the fight at the time.

I have been saying that Turkey will be a major player and the Ottoman Empire will be revived, however, Turkey may ally with Iran in one war and fight with them in the next. If you read Daniel the 11th chapter it may seem very confusing until you see the situation on the ground today in the Middle East.

Even now, Saudi Arabia and Egypt allied with Israel of all nations in the Hamas war, because Hamas was supported by Qatar and Turkey who they are fighting against. Israel has taken this as a new opportunity to build Arab allies in the Middle East, however, they will be making a grave mistake, as Arab loyalty does not go much further than the day at hand, and the famous Arab saying states that "***the enemy of my enemy is my friend.***"

Also, watch for a situation such as this American action with ISIS in Syria and Iraq to cause fighting factions to stop fighting each other temporarily to fight America and Israel. Also, and of utmost importance is that I believe Scripture shows that ISIS is the resurrected Assyrian Empire and will be used by Yahweh to bring the big war in the Middle East, spoken of in Revelation, that will weaken the nations to the point that the beast power can rise. I will be speaking on ISIS in the Bible at Sukkot.

Even though we do not know the day or the hour we see many signs that we are in the season and getting dangerously close to a lightning fire war that will not only include America and ISIS, but that will drag in Russia, Europe and China and be the beginning of War World 3.

Update: I wrote the above article in August of 2014 and since the start of the Arab Spring in 2010 the Middle east has only gotten more unstable each year. In the past year ISIS has united with many Al Qaida groups and has more than 100,000 fighters. They are also expanding ever so close to the Israeli border in the north and south and have taken over 2 borders with Jordan. China also has made a military pact with Russia in the past year and is starting a new central bank to replace the dollar as the world reserve currency. And we can't forget Iran who is close to a nuclear bomb and is the superpower in their region. I can only wonder what I will be adding to this article next year.

The Shmita

Some believe that the 7th year land rest from Scripture is only physical. This is not true as it is also most spiritual and a sign of faith. The land rest is physically set to replenish the land of nutrients, but also is an extension of the Sabbath command of faith.

The Sabbath is called the faith commandment because anyone can say they don't lie, or steal, but with the Sabbath you are either worshiping or working. It takes faith to enter the Sabbath covenant and maybe lose your job and not have money to pay bills.

It is the same with the land rest. It takes faith in believing in the word of Yahweh to rest your land every 7th year if you are a farmer and will lose not only a whole year of your own personal food, but a whole year of income selling your grain, vegetables etc.

Lev 25:20 And when you say, What shall we eat in the seventh year; for, lo, we may not sow nor gather our increase?

Lev 25:21 Then I have commanded My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it shall produce the increase for three years;

Lev 25:22 and you shall sow the eighth year, and shall eat of the old crop until the ninth year, until the coming in of its crop; you shall eat of the old.

The land Sabbath is just as much a law as the 7th day Sabbath and takes just as much faith to follow it. Do you believe the promise of Yahweh in Leviticus 25:20-22 above? If you are faithful and obedient in this law then you will be blessed, but if you are not obedient and do not rest your land every 7th year according to Scripture, then you will deplete your land as they have done in the US/Babylon and many other parts of the world and it will become fruitless and unproductive.

The land of Israel is no different than any other land and any land not rested will be depleted.

Also, some claim that Scripture only states to keep the land Sabbaths when you enter into Israel, but they are not being honest with the situation as it states that because they were entering Israel and that is where Yahweh's covenant was made. As a matter of fact **No law** in the Torah was meant to be kept outside of Israel because Israel was never meant to be expelled out of the land, but was kicked out because of disobedience.

Lev 23:9 And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,
Lev 23:10 Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, **When you come in to the land which I am giving to you, and have reaped its harvest, and have brought in the Omer, of the beginning of your harvest, to the priest, (clearly this is the harvest and the land of Israel)**

Lev 23:11 then he shall wave the Omer before YAHWEH for your acceptance; on the morrow of the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

Lev 23:12 And you shall prepare a lamb in the day you wave the Omer, one without blemish, a son of a year, for a burnt offering to YAHWEH.

Lev 23:13 And its food offering shall be two tenths part of flour mixed with oil, a fire offering to YAHWEH, a sweet fragrance; and its drink offering, a fourth of a hin of wine.

Would we only do this in Israel? I think Not...

Lev 23:14 And you shall not eat bread, nor roasted grain, nor fresh ears, until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your Elohim; it is a never ending statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Lev 23:15 And you shall number to you from the next day after the Sabbath, from the day you bring in the sheaf of the wave offering; they shall be seven complete Sabbaths;

Lev 23:16 to the next day after the seventh Sabbath, you shall number fifty days; and you shall bring near a new food offering to YAHWEH;

Lev 23:17 you shall bring in bread out of your dwellings for a wave offering, two loaves; they shall be of two tenth ephah of flour; they shall be baked with leaven; first-fruits to YAHWEH

Lev 23:18 And besides the bread, you shall offer seven lambs, without blemish, sons of a year, and one bull, a son of the herd, and two rams; they are a burnt offering to YAHWEH, with their food offering and their drink offerings, a fire offering of soothing fragrance to YAHWEH.

Lev 23:19 And you shall offer one he-goat for a sin offering, and two lambs, sons of a year, for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

Lev 23:20 And the priest shall wave them, besides the bread of the first-fruits, a wave offering before YAHWEH, besides the two lambs; they are holy to YAHWEH for the priest.

Lev 23:21 And you shall make a proclamation on this same day; it is a holy gathering to you. You shall do no laborious work of service. It is a never ending statute in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

Lev 23:22 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely reap the corner of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor, and for the alien: I am YAHWEH your Elohim. (Would we only do this in Israel? I think NOT)

Lev 23:23 And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

Lev 23:24 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first of the month, a Holy Day Sabbath shall be to you, a memorial acclamation of the resounding of trumpets, a holy gathering.

Lev 23:25 You shall do no laborious work and you shall bring a fire offering to YAHWEH.

Lev 23:26 And YAHWEH spoke to Moses saying,

Lev 23:27 Also, on the tenth of this seventh month shall be a day of atonement; there shall be a holy gathering, and you shall humble and weaken your bodies and shall bring a fire offering to YAHWEH.

Lev 23:28 And you shall do no work in this same day, for it is a day of atonement, to atone for you before YAHWEH your Elohim.

Lev 23:29 For any person who is not humbled in this same day shall be cut off from his people.

Lev 23:30 And any person who does any work in this same day, I shall even cut off that person from the midst of his people.

Lev 23:31 You shall do no work; it is a never ending statute throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

Lev 23:32 It is a Sabbath of rest to you, and you shall humble your souls in the ninth of the month at evening; from evening until evening you shall keep your Sabbath.

Lev 23:33 And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying,

Lev 23:34 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be a Feast of Booths, seven days to YAHWEH.

Lev 23:35 On the first day shall be a holy gathering; you shall do no laborious work.

Lev 23:36 Seven days you shall bring a fire offering to YAHWEH; on the eighth day you shall have a holy gathering; and you shall bring the fire offering to YAHWEH; it is a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work of service.

Lev 23:37 These are the set feasts of YAHWEH which you shall proclaim, holy gatherings, to bring a fire offering to YAHWEH, a burnt offering, and a food offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, the thing of a day on its own day;

Lev 23:38 besides the Sabbaths of YAHWEH, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you shall give to YAHWEH.

Lev 23:39 Also, in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you gather the increase of the land, you shall keep the feast of YAHWEH seven days; on the first day a Holy Day Sabbath, and on the eighth day a Holy Day Sabbath.

Lev 23:40 And you shall take to yourselves on the first day the fruit of majestic trees, palm branches, and boughs of oak trees, and willows of the valley, and shall rejoice before YAHWEH your Elohim seven days. **(These were all trees indigenous to the land of Israel)**

Lev 23:41 And you shall celebrate it a feast to YAHWEH, seven days in a year, a never ending statute throughout your generations; in the seventh month you shall keep it.

Lev 23:42 You shall sit in Sookkuhs for seven days; all who are native in Israel shall sit down in Sookkuhs,

Lev 23:43 so that your generations shall know that I caused the sons of Israel to live in Sookkuhs, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am YAHWEH your Elohim.

Lev 23:44 And Moses declared the appointed feasts of YAHWEH to the sons of Israel.

If we believe the premise that the land Sabbath was only to be kept in Israel then I would also have to believe that the Holy Days including Passover were only to be kept in Israel, as it states the same thing, "when you enter the land you are to keep these days". As a matter of fact every Holy Day can only be kept properly with agriculture that can only be found in Israel and that region. If we are honest with Scripture it never states about keeping the Holy Days anywhere but Jerusalem.

1Ki 14:21b And he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which YAHWEH chose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there.

Deut 16:2 And you shall sacrifice a Passover to YAHWEH your Elohim of the flock, and of the herd, in the place which He shall choose to cause His name to dwell there (Jerusalem).

Deut 16:13 You shall perform the Feast of Tabernacles seven days after you have gathered in from your grain-floor, and from your winepress.

Deut 16:14 And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son, and your daughter, and your male slave, and your slave-girl, and the Levite, and the alien, and the fatherless, and the widow that are inside your gates.

Deut 16:15 You shall keep a solemn feast seven days to YAHWEH your Elohim in the place which YAHWEH shall choose (Jerusalem); for YAHWEH your Elohim shall bless you in all your produce, and in every work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful.

Deut 16:16 Three times in a year shall all your males appear before YAHWEH your Elohim in the place which He shall choose (Jerusalem): In the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks and in the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before YAHWEH empty,

Again, this is not saying this because we should not keep the Holy Days in our Diaspora, but because the original intent of the whole covenant, and primarily the land covenant was to be in the land of Israel. It was never thought of doing any Torah/law outside the land because being outside the land was being outside of covenant relationship and Israel never thought they would ever be outside of the land.

However, Yahweh tells us in Leviticus 26 that in the end time, if we realize the sins of our forefathers and ourselves and we cry out to Him in Jerusalem and ask Him for forgiveness, then He will remember His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and **He Will Remember The Land!**

Lev 26:2 You shall keep My Sabbaths, (including land Sabbaths) and revere My sanctuary; I am YAHWEH.

Lev 26:3 If you walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them,

Lev 26:4 then I will give you rains in their season, and the land shall give her produce, and the tree of the field shall give its fruit;

Lev 26:5 and your threshing shall reach to the vintage, and the vintage shall reach to the sowing time; and you shall eat your bread to satisfaction, and live in your land securely.

Lev 26:14 And if you will not listen to Me, and do not do all these commands;

Lev 26:15 and if you reject My statutes, and if your soul hates My judgments, so as not to do all My commands, to the breaking of My covenant;

Lev 26:20 and your strength shall be consumed in vain, and your land shall not give her produce, and the tree of the land shall not give its fruit.

Lev 26:21 And if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to listen to Me, then I will bring seven times more plagues on you according to your sins (7 times more for neglecting the 7th year land rest)

Lev 26:32 And I shall make the land desolate, and your enemies who are living in it shall be astonished at it.

Lev 26:33 And I will scatter you among nations, and shall draw out the sword after you, and your land shall become a waste, and your cities shall be a desolation.

Lev 26:34 Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths, all the days of the desolation. And you shall be in the land of your enemies; then the land shall enjoy rest, and shall enjoy its Sabbaths.

Lev 26:35 It shall rest all the days of the desolation, that which it has not rested in your Sabbaths while you lived on it.

...He will remember His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and He will Remember The Land!

Lev 26:40 And if they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their trespass with which they have trespassed against Me; and, also, that they have walked contrary to Me,

Lev 26:41 that I also have walked contrary to them, and I have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are then humbled, and they are pleased to pay for their iniquity;

Lev 26:42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and also My covenant with Isaac, and I shall also remember My covenant with Abraham, and I shall remember the land.

Lev 26:43 For the land shall be forsaken by them, and shall satisfy for its Sabbaths, in the desolation without them. And they shall satisfy for their iniquity, because, even because, they have kicked against My judgments, and their soul has loathed My statutes.

Lev 26:44 And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I hate them, to consume them, to break My covenant with them; for I am YAHWEH their Elohim.

Lev 26:45 Then I shall remember for them the covenant of the first fathers, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their Elohim; I am YAHWEH.

Lev 26:46 These are the statutes and the judgments and the laws which YAHWEH has given between Him and the sons of Israel, in Mount Sinai, by the hand of Moses.

How can we prove to Yahweh that we are really repentant and will be obedient to His Torah unless we show Him by keeping the whole Torah in our Diaspora? If not we are just like the Christians, who state yes, the Sabbath was kept for 2,000 years until Messiah, and yes it will be kept in the Millennium, but we don't have to keep it now in our dispensation of grace.

This is not convincing to Yahweh and will not bring the blessing of Him hearing our prayer and restoring Ephraim back to the land, it will only make Him think we are no different than ancient Israel who defiled His Sabbaths, both 7th day and land rests. Leviticus 26 clearly states that in our Diaspora if we repent and keep all the Torah and cry to Yahweh in our obedience then He will hear us and remember the land covenant and bring us back.

And how do we know we have the Sabbatical year correct? Please look at the following historical references that all point to the sabbatical cycle.

- We are told by Maccabees 6:49 that Judas Maccabee's defeat at Beth-Zur was a sabbatical year. This is dated from the autumn of **163 BC to 162BC.**
- Josephus tells us that the murder of Simon the Hasmonian happened in a sabbatical year of **135 BC to autumn of 134BC.**
- Josephus also states that Herod's conquest of Jerusalem happened in a sabbatical year from Autumn **37 BC to 36 BC**
- King Agrippa's sabbatical year was **41 AD to autumn of 42AD**
- A papyrus document found in Aramaic found in Israel is dated to the second year of Nero, which is stated as a sabbatical year in the autumn of **55 AD to 56 AD.**
- Historical references for the temple being destroyed shows it was in a sabbatical year of **69AD to 70AD.**
- Dated documents found from the Bar Kokhba Revolt showed the year to be a sabbatical one dated **132AD to 133 AD.**
- The ruins to a synagogue found have a mosaic and have it was dated to the second year of a sabbatical cycle, which was **237 AD to 238AD.**

Then, in a most striking scripture in the book of John, chapter 4 we see;

John 4:35 Do you not say that after four months comes the harvest? Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and see the fields that are white and have ripened for the harvest already.

This is where Yahshua was speaking with the Samaritan woman, and it is around summer time, yet the harvest is white (ready to be picked) and yet He states that it will be 4 months until they can legally harvest the grain. Only in a sabbatical year would this be possible. Since Yahshua started His ministry in the fall of 27 AD and this is the following summer, then, we can pinpoint this sabbatical year of **27AD to 28AD** according to Yahshua Himself.

The amazing part about all 9 references is that even though they are over hundreds of years apart, they all fit the same sabbatical cycle, and therefore it is clear proof from history that this cycle, which goes back to the days of Yahshua should be followed by us today.

Was it important to Israel? A whole nation went into captivity, we are told in Ezekiel 20, for primarily the reason of not keeping Yahweh's Sabbaths (including land Sabbaths as Lev 26 shows) and lacking faith in Yahweh. Also, look at Psalm 24:1.

Psa 24:1 [A Psalm of David.] *The earth belongs to YAHWEH, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who live in it.*

If the whole earth belongs to Yahweh, then that means just as the 7th day Sabbath should be kept all over the earth, then also the 7th year land rest should be also, as if the land is not rested in New York it will get depleted just as well as in Israel.

The reason that Yahweh gave the land rest command to Israel for when they entered the land was that in the wilderness they had no agriculture, their food was the manna from heaven, which was also a sign of faith and trust in Yahweh. So now in the land they would not have manna but would be growing their own food and would still have to inhibit faith in Yahweh for rain and also for blessing in the 6th year for Yahweh to provide as He promised for the 7th, 8th and even 9th year.

As more proof that the Sabbatical should be kept worldwide look at the significant events that have happened worldwide in many sabbatical years in the last 100 years.

1917-18 – End of World War 1, and signing of Balfour Declaration to allow for the modern state of Israel to be made; 1931-32 – Beginning of Great Depression; 1938-39 – The beginning World War 2; 1945-46 –The end of World War 2 and the beginning of last generation with start up of UN, IMF, World Bank etc; 1966-67 – Six Day War in Israel; 1973-74 – Yom Kippur War; 1980-81 – End of Hostage crisis with USA and Iran- 1987-88 – Stock market crash in USA, 1994-95 – Ratifying the Oslo Accords in Israel. 2001-02 – 911 event in USA,also stock market crash; 2008-9 Worst one day stock market crash in USA history market drops 777.7 points. The Next Shmita year is 2015-16.

So we see that besides the land rests, the Shmita year also acts as prophecy markers to the covenant people of Yahweh who are faithful in keeping it. The Torah is binding.

As Yahshua said in Matthew 5:17 *Do not think that I came to annul the Torah or the Prophets; I did not come to annul, but to fulfill.*

Mat 5:18 Truly I say to you, Until the heaven and the earth pass away, in no way shall one yod or one stroke pass away from the Torah until all comes to pass.

Mat 5:19 Therefore, whoever loosens one of these commandments, the least, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the worst in the kingdom of Heaven. But whoever does and teaches them, this one shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven.

Mat 5:20 For I say to you, If your righteousness shall not exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of YAHWEH, never!

Most modern day Pharisees (The Rabbis) do not keep the Shmita, even in Israel. They also don't tithe and do away with many laws of Torah. But we know that the Torah is still binding, except the animal sacrifices with the Levitical law that was added to the Torah at Mount Sinai and that the priesthood was changed to Melchizedec.

I agree, not all laws apply to everyone in the same way that driving laws would not apply if I did not have a car or drivers license. However, the land Sabbath laws would apply to those farming, because it is part of Yahweh's judicial order to rest the land every 7th year according to the Biblical Calendar.

The Congregation of Yahweh Jerusalem believes in the keeping of the whole Sabbath command, both the 7th day Sabbath as well as the land rest Sabbaths. They are a command to Yahweh's covenant people worldwide and a sign of His provision over them. It is also a sign of prophecy and faith for His people and in keeping them in our Diaspora we are proving to Yahweh that, if He will bring us back to the Promised Land of Israel that we will be faithful to every Torah command.

PICTURES OF YAHSHUA

Is it Wrong to Have Them? Reprint Article

Today, Yahweh is so far off to most people, so it is thought, that one must have some representation of Yahshua, the Father, or some saint in order to pray with reality. There are thousands of images, idols and pictures throughout the world, in homes, in Bibles, in churches, which are to remind people of Yahshua or some Biblical personage. Do we need such images?

Are Images Sanctioned by Yahweh?

The Bible expressly forbids the use of images in any form in the true worship of Yahweh. Notice, Exodus 20:4-5: "You shall not make a graven image for yourself, *or any likeness in the heavens above* {note, the command is against any likeness, no matter what form}, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow to them {it does not say worship them, but merely to bow before them}; and you shall not SERVE them {or to use them in service to the true Elohim}."

This second command is primarily against the use of intermediate, material images, idols or pictures with which to worship the true Elohim mentioned in the first commandment. The worship of Yahweh must not be *through* images. Most of you brethren have understood that the usage of images was wrong, but what about *pictures*?

Does the second commandment specifically include them? Yes, it does! Notice that it says no *likeness* shall be made of heavenly beings to be used in the worship of Yahweh.

Likenesses are portrayed in pictures as well as through idols or other images. Pictures of Yahshua, then, are definitely forbidden.

Israel Told to Destroy Images and Pictures of Heathens

To carry out the enforcement of Yahweh's second commandment, notice what Yahweh commanded the Israelites just before they entered the Promised Land: Then you shall drive out all the ones living in the land from before you, AND DESTROY ALL THEIR CARVED IMAGES; yea, you shall destroy all their CAST IMAGES, and demolish all their high places" (Num. 33:52). Their pictures of heavenly things and their idols were considered one and the same. Idolatrous pictures and images are both forbidden by Yahweh. The Israelites were commanded to destroy them all. Although the Israelites after moving into the Promised Land did not totally abolish these forms of idolatry, we find that the Jews, after the Babylonian Captivity, about 450 B.C. did, in general, remove the idolatrous worship from the land. They had been told by the prophets that their captivity was because of their idolatry and Sabbath breaking (Neh 13:18). And, after the Captivity, the Rabbis made the Sabbath one of the main commandments. Also, they legislated laws which were designed to separate the Jew from all appearances of idolatry. In fact, by the time of our Savior, the making of

Sculptures or pictures was so unknown among the Jews that Caligula, the Roman Emperor, had to employ Phoenicians to make a statue of him to be put in Jerusalem because no Jew knew how to make one (Edersheim, *Life and Times*, pp. 89, 90).

This was the condition of the pious Jews regarding image and picture making during the time of Yahshua. They carried the meaning of the second commandment to an extreme.

Early Believers Forbade Images and Pictures

Not only did Yahshua teach the commandments of Yahweh (Matt. 19:16-22), but His apostles also did (1 John 2:3-4). It is not any wonder that those individuals converted by Messiah and the apostles kept the commandments, including the second. Dr. Farrar in his monumental book *"The Life of Christ as Represented in Art,"* pages five and six says that early Christians of all ranks regarded the painting or representations of Yahshua as profanity and an act of irreverence.

There is ample evidence to show that they took the same stand as the Jews as far as art was concerned. They needed no images or pictures to remind them of Yahshua or the Father. Yahshua had said that those who worship Him must do so "in Spirit and in truth." The only mediator between man and the Father is Yahshua, there is no need of intermediate pictures or images.

This early abhorrence for images and pictures of the Father or Messiah was so

indelibly planted upon the minds of early believers that for over 300 years after the death of the apostles, there was no official representation of deity made.

It is true that a few heretical individuals (undercover - not openly) had sketched outlines of Yahshua in various places (to be mentioned later), but the vast majority of professing Christians, Catholics or otherwise, refrained from portraying anything connected with Elohim until about the Fourth Century.

Early Catholic Officials Denounce Imagery As Idolatrous

Here is an example of how early Catholics looked upon the use of images and pictures of Yahshua. In the year 326 A.D, one of the early Catholic leaders, Eusebius of Caesarea, showed great distaste for the request for a picture of Yahshua from the sister of Emperor Constantine. She had requested a picture to see how Yahshua looked.

Notice what Eusebius wrote back to her. "And since you have written about some supposed likeness or other of Christ, what and what kind of likeness of Christ is there... *Such images are forbidden by the second commandment.* They are not to be found in churches, and are forbidden among Christians alone" (Farrar, p. 56).

This is striking testimony that even the Catholic Church at this time understood the laws of Yahweh on this matter. Farrar, Origen and Lactantius, all of whom were high ranking Catholic officials, sternly condemned their use in any fashion. And, Irenaeus and Clement distinctly appeal to the second commandment as authority (p. 60).

Later, there was another Bishop of the Fourth Century, whom Catholic historians regard as one of the saintliest and most orthodox, who had an energetic abhorrence for anything resembling a sacred picture. This was Bishop Epiphanius of Salamis.

Farrar records an excerpt from one of his letters to the Bishop of Jerusalem. It concerned a condition he found existing in the Jerusalem area. It appears that on a journey to Jerusalem, near Bethel, he had come upon a building in which he saw a lamp burning. On being informed the building was a church, he entered to pray... He saw there a curtain which had on it (as he goes on to write), "an image, as it were, of Christ, or some saint, for I cannot quite remember whose likeness it was. Horrified to see the likeness of a man, hanging *contrary to Scripture, in a Christian Church*, I tore it down and ordered the vergers (attendants) to use it as the shroud of some pauper" (see also Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th edition, vol. 14, p. 272).

Yes, even in the Fourth Century, the majority of Catholic officials were vehemently against the violation of the second commandment. Although, from this example, you can see that some Bishops were beginning to allow pictures even in the churches.

By the end of the Fourth Century, because of the increased influx of pagan influence, the tide was beginning to be in favor of the use of pictures for worship. Augustine, at the beginning of the Fifth Century, "complains that he knew many worshippers of superstitious pictures" (Farrar, p. 59).

Still, however, the majority was opposed to their use. Farrar goes on to say that about the year 600 A.D., there was one Serenus, Bishop of Massilia who "broke up pictures and images in Churches." This act of the Bishop's reached the ears of Pope Gregory who disapproved "of his breaking them, though he commends his opposition to their idolatrous use" (p. 59).

Yes, there was still opposition to such violations of Yahweh's law even this late in the Catholic Church. Even the Pope had to commend this Bishop for his motives. This plainly shows that a knowledge of what was right was known to the ones in authority.

However, even this praise of opposition was soon to leave the officials in the Catholic Church. So strong had paganistic influences entered the Catholic Church, that a council of Catholic leaders was called in Constantinople in 691 A.D. in which they officially sanctioned the use of images and pictures in churches (Farrar, p. 100).

There were some Bishops dissenting from this form of idolatry, but the majority carried and the decree passed. This decree of the Catholic Church was in direct antithesis to the beliefs and practices of the same Church 300 years before when the early Church "Fathers" were in authority.

The reason for this about-face was because of the unbridled paganistic ideals and philosophies that crept into that Church after the "conversion" of Constantine in the first part of the Fourth Century.

This, of course, she did. However it was not until another Council of Constantinople in 842 AD that the last vestiges of opposition to images and pictures was stamped out. From that time, until the present, the Catholic Church has sanctioned images and the like in their churches. Some Protestants made a feeble attempt to reform the Catholic Church from this imagery in the Reformation, but this they failed to do. In fact, the bulk of Protestants carried the representations of Yahshua in picture form, which came from Catholicism, directly into their churches. The pictures, mosaics and paintings of Yahshua you see today in Protestant churches and in their literature, *are direct developments* of the ones used by the Catholics.

How Was Messiah Represented in Early Christian Art?

The Messiah you see portrayed in pictures and images today is an effeminate looking individual with long hair and a beard. There are some differences in portraying Him among the different artists, but generally He is the same. But, is the common picture we are used to and the one the Protestants adopted from the Catholics, the way Yahshua actually appeared while on this earth? Did He have a beard and long hair?

The very first pictures found of Yahshua are painted on the walls of the Catacombs of Rome. Most of these pictures were painted during the Second and Third Centuries and, it might be added, outside of the approval of the Catholic Church. That Church, we have seen, did not allow such representations at this early date.

And, it is true, they should not have been drawn, but still there is something interesting in them for us today, for they show Messiah in an entirely different form than we are accustomed to seeing Him.

What Early Paintings Looked Like

The earliest pictures in these Catacombs, date from about 100 years after the apostles. And, whoever sketched them were undoubtedly acquainted with individuals who were familiar with the general appearance of Yahshua that came by word of mouth from the apostles.

The most ancient of these pictures is described by Roderic Dunkerley in his book "Beyond the Gospels." He says: "In particular, there is a painting of the Resurrection of Lazarus in which Christ is shown,

... *with short hair and large eyes... Although it is now only barely recognizable, this picture is of great interest since it is the oldest representation of Jesus that is preserved anywhere*" (p. 57).

Did you notice any difference from the common portrayals today? Yahshua is here depicted as young (He was around 33 when crucified) *and He is with short hair.*) These pictures are strikingly different from the "Messiah" we see today in the churches of this land.

But, let us go on. These early representations of Yahshua, with short hair, persisted for a number of years. Dunkerley continues, "Reference may be made to another portrayal of Christ, dating from early *in the third century.*

It was found on the wall of a house-chapel at Dura-Europos in the Syrian desert in 1931-2 during excavations of Yale University and the French Academy of Inscriptions and Letters...Here too He is young and wearing the ordinary costume of the time” (p. 58).

This picture was found near Palestine, and it corresponds with the portrayals of those found in Rome. The general appearance of Yahshua seems to have been known throughout the Roman world, and that Yahshua’s appearance was not as we know it today.

These are amazing statements. It took about 400 years to evolve the “Messiah” that we had been brought up to believe in. And, this “Messiah” is not the one the early believers thought of, the Messiah of the Bible. This is the picture of a false Messiah, the one the whole world worships.

Bible Proves Messiah Did Not Wear Long Hair

The foregoing evidence should not surprise you brethren who have studied your Bibles, for Yahweh’s word plainly shows that a man should not wear long hair; it is a shame (1 Co11:14). Yahshua did not wear long hair. Some have erroneously assumed that Yahshua was under a Nazarite vow (this was a vow of extreme humility) in which the hair should, for a period of time, grow long, but this is not so! Yahshua was from the small town of Nazareth in Galilee and was called “Yahshua of Nazareth,” but this had nothing to do with a Nazarite vow! And, the Scripture plainly shows that Yahshua was not a Nazarite while on this earth, for in Matthew 11:19 Yahshua, Himself, stated that He came drinking wine. This was forbidden under a Nazarite vow (Num. 6:3).

Also, another proof of this is Matthew 26:48-49. Here it says Yahshua had to be kissed in order for the soldiers to know which one He was. If Yahshua had been dressed as a Nazarite, with long hair and old clothes (in other words, out of the ordinary), the soldiers would have recognized Him without his being pointed out.

The disciples were also dressed like ordinary men because they were not fasting or under a Nazarite vow (Matt. 9:14-15). The Bible is plain on this matter. Yahshua and the disciples dressed like ordinary men. Yahshua did not have long hair, and the early pictures of Him show Him without long hair.

Where Did False Representations of Messiah Come From?

The first paintings of Yahshua were just simple sketches. There seems to have been no outside influences directing how He should look. His general appearance was apparently common knowledge. But, soon there began to creep into the Catholic Church a number of people who had been reared pagans. Along with them they brought many symbols of their art. These pagans began to blend their ideas with Biblical events.

“Early Christian art,” says Professor Woltmann, “does not differ in its beginnings from the art of antiquity” (Farrar, p. 29). Concerning this fact, Farrar continues, “Christians had to baptize, as it were, all that could be baptized of the ancient heathen types. They themselves had been pagans, and *were unaccustomed to any but pagan decorations, into which they infused a new spirit*” (p. 29).

Notice it! The pagans brought with them into the Catholic Church their old ideas on art and infused into them Christian significance. Yes, the pagans even went a step further than merely representing Yahshua in outline form (and even that was wrong). They brought in direct pagan decorations.

Of course, this was at first done undercover in the Third Century, because the Catholic Church at this time still did not allow such things. But, nevertheless, paganism began to thrive throughout the Roman world under the guise of Christianity.

Pagan Gods Became Direct Representations of Yahshua

Yes, this subtitle is a shocking one to make, but it is fact! The pagans, instead of destroying their gods, turned them into Yahshua or other Biblical characters. They kept right on worshipping them, but calling them now by Christian names.

“Of these types of Messiah, *borrowed from Pagan antiquity*,” says Farrar, “the favorite was Orpheus taming the wild beasts with his lyre” (p. 30).

When the pagans were converted to Catholicism, they quit calling the pagan god Orpheus by his name of antiquity. Now, they called him Christ. They reasoned that it was all right because Messiah will tame the wild beasts in the millennium as Orpheus does.

So, the pagan god Orpheus became Christ. They continued to paint the image of Orpheus, but now it was the Messiah.

“No pagan symbol, therefore, better accorded with their tone of mind than that which represented the youthful Orpheus bending the listening trees and charming the savage lions by his celestial harmonies. It indicated Christ as the King of Love and Peace, as the Law of life, and the Harmony of the world” (Farrar, pp. 33-34).

Another authoritative work entitled “Wonders of the Past” pp. 1118, 1119 also has some information on this subject. It states, “For the Christians, even in the earliest days, observed the customs of their ancestors, *though with a new intention.*”

Continuing, “It (art) remains as it were transformed, seen with new eyes, and drawn into the service of Christ.” Now notice this statement from this work: “Orpheus becomes a prophecy of Him (Messiah); and the Good Shepherd (Messiah) bears the lamb on His shoulders precisely as Hermes (a pagan god) had been wont to do, but with a new tenderness.

The portrait of Christ,” the book continues, “is but seldom found, but when we do find a presentation of Him, He is represented as young and bearded, with a smile on his lips, splendid *AS APOLLO*” (p. 1119). Oh brethren, notice this! Here is Yahshua represented, as you see Him portrayed today, and it is exactly as some ancient portrayals of the chief pagan god *APOLLO*.

Need any more be said? Here is where the Messiah of today comes from! It is nothing more than a portrait of a heathen god. Farrar goes on to say, “Other Pagan symbols adopted by Christianity were those of the winged Psyche, the Sirens,

and Hercules feeding the dragon with poppy seed. The story of Cupid and Psyche, of which there are several instances, was chosen as the emblem of God's love for the soul" (p 34).

Yes, there were many pagan gods of the heathens and they brought them right into the Catholic Church when the pagans were "converted." So numerous had these representations of Yahshua become, that by 691 A.D. (as stated before), the Catholic Church finally allowed them by official decree to become a part of the religious service.

Because there were many of these pagan gods, they could not all represent Yahshua for all of them had slightly different appearances. Augustine, the Catholic official in the Fourth Century stated that there were "in his time, innumerable pictures of Christ, which were all different" (Farrar, p. 73).

We finally see the solidification of these varying pictures (representing many pagan gods) into the *common one today*.

Actually, today's representation is the blending together of the chief characteristics of major pagan gods. The wisest and most powerful of the gods were portrayed *with beards and long hair*. The hair and beard represented their ancient wisdom and godliness. This uniquely blended portrayal that we see today was the one finally sanctioned by the Catholic Church, it satisfied everyone.

This is the very representation of Yahshua that is extant in the Catholic and Protestant churches today. Few realize that it is a direct representation of the chief of pagan gods. Truly, Satan has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9).

How Does Messiah Actually Look Today?

Yahshua does not look like the pagan gods of Greece or Rome and as the world portrays Him today. There is no resemblance whatsoever. If you want a true Biblical picture of our Savior, turn to (Revelation 1:13-16). There is the real Messiah. It is a description that no artist could paint nor any sculptor mould. This is the Messiah who has a face that shines as the sun in its full strength. He was so bright that John fell at His feet as dead when he saw Him (Rev. 1:17).

Here is Yahshua in His full power and glory, the Messiah of the Bible. And this is the way He will appear when He comes back to this earth with all His glory (Matt. 24:30). Most people will be looking for a false Messiah, the one pictured today. What a shock they will have when the REAL MESSIAH is revealed!

Violating the Second Commandment?

In the light of these facts, we should ask ourselves if we are violating Yahweh's commandments. Do we have pictures of this false Messiah, the representation of a pagan god in our homes? – in our Bibles?

If we do have, we should do as Yahweh commanded the ancient Israelites in Numbers 33:52. "**Destroy all their** {the heathen's} **CARVED IMAGES**, and destroy their cast images, and quite pluck down all their high places."

Yes, brethren, let us rid ourselves of any form of idolatry, this form of violating the second commandment.

RESIST

THE DEVIL!

Reprint Article

Yahweh's people are WARNED of Satan and his demons, called "wicked spirits in high places!" Some have not really HEEDED that warning! Here's what YOU ought to be doing about it!

Is Yahshua's Congregation totally IGNORANT of Satan's devices? With the past few years there have been increasing accounts of how some of Yahweh's own people have been harassed by or even allowed themselves to become *possessed by demons!*

What is wrong?

Is it because this Congregation, while priding itself on doing the very WORK OF YAHWEH, of possessing a great amount of *knowledge* of Yahweh's truth, is gradually becoming spiritually *lukewarm*?

Wanting "Experiences"

Brethren, it's time to wake up and come to our senses! It's time we begin to speak plainly. It's time you begin to realize that Yahweh's ministers KNOW that there are *many* who, although *calling* themselves members of Yahshua's true Congregation, have *never been converted!* Repeatedly, we have mentioned this fact in sermons at the Feast of Sukkot, and made it plain in *The Remnant's Walk* magazine.

Perhaps, unwittingly, *you* are one who has "come to see the truth" and simply decided you should go along with it. You have decided, seeing the evils of the present world around you, and understanding the true doctrine of Yahweh, that you had better *follow* that true doctrine. Having made this cold decision, *you* begin to embark upon a life of "coming into the truth" **WITHOUT HAVING EVER EXPERIENCED A REAL DEEP-DOWN REPENTANCE!**

Why is this important? Because Yahshua said, "No, I say to you, But if you do not repent, you will all likewise be destroyed (Luke 13:3). It is only through *repentance* that one can be given the Holy Spirit of Yahweh (Acts 2:38; 5:32). The apostle Paul wrote, "But if anyone has not the Spirit of Messiah, this one does not belong to Him (Rom. 8:9).

Without a real REPENTANCE, none can receive the Holy Spirit of Yahweh! And, mark you well, unless you have the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, you have virtually *no sure protection* from Satan's wiles and his demons.

Many today are seeking “experiences”. They want to come to the “experience” of *feeling* that they are “converted”. Many think they should FEEL something at the time of baptism. Others think that they should have an especially exhilarating or exciting FEELING at the time hands are laid on them for the receipt of Yahweh’s Spirit. Yes – even some of those in Yahweh’s true Congregation (at least, nominally) believe they should have a special *experience*, or get a certain “feeling” at the time they receive Yahweh’s Holy Spirit!

I cannot *begin* to describe to you in plain print some of the revolting, horrifying, and thoroughly disgusting experiences which some have related to Yahweh’s ministers, simply because they were *misled*, deceived of Satan the Devil, and fervently desiring some kind of an *experience* rather than desiring the Holy Spirit of Yahweh lawfully.

Some have been *attacked* by demons. They have found themselves virtually paralyzed while lying in bed, or in a car, while in a dreamy, half-asleep dazed state, and with their *spiritual guard down*. They have been so completely paralyzed so as to be unable to either move or talk for a few moments until, after a frantic battle in their minds, they were finally able to call upon the name of Yahshua or to say, “Yahweh REBUKE you” to the spirit! Brethren, this is *serious*. This is not just my “imagination”. *Many* of Yahweh’s people have been harassed, influenced, attacked, or, in some very few and widely scattered cases, even POSSESSED by Satan’s foul, *filthy* demons! Some have been secretly speaking in demonic tongues and gibberish and have been giving themselves over to the very command of Satan the devil.

Perhaps you can begin to see, then, why it is so *terribly important* you come to understand the WHOLE TRUTH about this problem.

Satan’s Purpose!

Satan the devil is “the god of this world” (2 Cor 4:4). The apostle Paul calls him the “**ruler of the authority of the air**” (Eph 2:2). Yahshua, when being accused of casting out demons by the spirit of Beelzebub, answered, “Every *kingdom* divided against itself is brought to ruin. And every city or house divided against itself will not stand. And if Satan throws out Satan, he was divided against himself. How then will his KINGDOM stand?” (Matt 12:25-26).

Did you notice it? Yahshua says Satan *has a kingdom*.

Whether most “religionists” believe there is an actual devil or not – your Bible definitely says there is a devil! That devil is a fallen archangel, formerly called Lucifer, who took one full third of the angels of heaven with him in his rebellion! Yahshua says, “I saw Satan falling out of Heaven as lightning!” (Luke 10:18). And further reveals, “and his tail drew the third part of the stars of the heaven, and he throws them to the earth...” (Rev 12:4).

We know Yahshua shows in Revelation 1:20 that stars are symbolic for *angels*. Satan, then, took one full third of the angels *with him* in his rebellion!

Those angels are now called *demons*.

As demons, or fallen angels, they still have great powers. They are supernatural, created, *spirit* beings! Their minds, their natures and characters have become so twisted, warped and completely perverted that they are in constant rebellion and hostility toward Yahweh! They have been Satan’s henchmen in deceiving and enslaving this world, causing it to do Satan’s will!

Satan’s purpose is to try to cause Yahweh’s *work* to fail, to disrupt His plan – to cause some of *you brethren* to fall!

The Nature of Demons

But notice what Yahshua tells us about demons! Turn to Matthew 8:28-29. "And He coming to the other side, into the country of the Gadarenes. Two very evil possessed ones met him who were coming out from the cemetery, so that no man was able to cross over by that way. And, behold! They cried out, saying, what is to us and to You, Yahshua, Son of Elohim? Have You come here *before the time* to torment us?"

Notice – these demons possessing the minds of these two asked Yahshua whether He had come to *torment* them "before the time!"

They thoroughly recognized they are to receive *torment* in the future.

There are many different kinds of demons. We find, in the gospels, that demons could afflict various parts of the *body*, without necessarily possessing the mind. Notice just a few examples. "Then one having been demon possessed was brought to Him, blind and dumb. And He healed him, so that the blind and dumb one could both speak and see" (Matt 12:22). "And, behold, there was a woman having a *spirit of infirmity* eighteen years, and was bent together and was not able to straighten herself at all. And seeing her, Yahshua called her near and said to her, Woman, you have been freed from your infirmity. And He laid hands on her. And instantly she straightened herself and glorified Elohim". Later, in answering the ruler of the synagogue Yahshua said, "And this one being a daughter of Abraham, whom *Satan has bound*, lo, eighteen years, ought she not to be freed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" (Luke 13:11-13, 16).

Here are cases where individuals were dumb, blind, or stooped over with afflictions in various organs of the body other *than the mind* as a result of affliction by demons. Some demons are much more *violent* than others.

"And one answered out of the crowd, saying, Teacher, I brought my son to You, having a spirit that does not speak. And whenever it overtakes him, it knocks him down and he foams at the mouth and gnashes his teeth and becomes paralyzed. And I asked Your disciples to cast him out, and they were not able to". After calling for the child to be brought to Him, notice how the demon possessing the child acted: "...And when the spirit saw Him, it knocked him down at once, and he fell on the ground and violently shaken and he was foamed at the mouth". Yahshua then cast out this violent demon and lifted up the child who was well and normal as before (Mark 9:14-29). But Yahshua showed the reason the disciples COULD NOT cast out this violent demon was because they were not as yet converted and not *close enough* to YAHWEH! "This kind can go out by nothing except by prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:29).

Did you notice that it was by "***fasting***" that expelled the demon, which is the vital prerequisite if we are drifting away from Yahweh!

Why Fear?

The reason for this article is not to put members of Yahweh's Congregation in *fear* or *terror* of Satan's foul demons! Notice, rather – it is the demons who FEAR US! "Have You come here BEFORE THE TIME to *torment* us?" (Matt 8:29), the demons asked Yahshua. These demons were fearful of *torment*. Yahshua said, "When the unclean spirit goes out from the man, he goes through *places without water* seeking REST. And not finding, he says, I will return to my house from where I came out" (Luke 11:24). Yahshua reveals here that a disembodied demon is an uncomfortable, apprehensive, *restless* spirit – wanting desperately to get into and possess a body! Yahweh reveals that "FEAR HAS TORMENT!" (1 John 4:18).

Demons then are FEARFUL of their future judgment. Jacob tells us, “You believe that Elohim is One (echad). You do well; even the demons believe and SHUDDER!” (Jacob 2:19).

No, we are not to FEAR Satan or his demons! However, we are not to go to the opposite extreme of taking these things lightly, or of attempting to become “familiar” with demons, all the while “kidding” ourselves since we are not *afraid* of them, we need not *avoid* them. Yahweh absolutely *condemns to death* anyone who will become FAMILIAR with spirits. (Lev. 20:27).

Do Not Be Ignorant

The apostle Paul wrote, “So that Satan does not take advantage of us, for WE KNOW his devices” (2 Cor 2:11). No, the *apostle Paul* was not ignorant of Satan’s devices – but are YOU? Apparently, some of Yahweh’s people have been completely *ignorant* of the devices of Satan – and completely *without defense* against Satan’s demons! Brethren, I am going to speak quite candidly. The ministers in Yahweh’s Congregation have noticed a definite tendency, particularly *among women* – and even more particularly AMONG GENTILE WOMEN to yield to the influences of spirit beings, and even to become possessed by them!

This problem is not going to be conquered and put out of Yahweh’s Congregation if we speak softly about it! The sad thing is – SOME OF THESE WOMEN HAVE DELIBERATELY, KNOWINGLY OPENED THEMSELVES UP TO RECEIVE FOUL SPIRITS, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY WERE “SEEKING” UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES.

Some of these people have submitted to Satan’s demons by willingly speaking in demonic gibberish and claiming it is the Holy Spirit. They so much want some kind of emotional experience instead of a true heartfelt conversion and real change of life. So they will succumb to demonic tongues and only make their situation much much worse.

There have been cases where Yahweh’s ministers have *cast out* demons from some, even to have those people open right up to receive the same spirit and seven others worse than itself back into them again! Yahshua Messiah gave a stark, frank WARNING of this very thing in a scripture I have already referred to. He said the demon will wander through dry places, seeking rest, and then try to come back to the house from which it went out. Yahweh’s ministers, using the power of Yahweh and the authority of Yahshua Messiah, can CAST OUT these demons – but ONLY YOU, with your *will-power* and by staying *close to Yahweh* in PRAYER and beginning to really *resist* Satan the devil and his demons can guarantee that the demon will not come back.

If you are being troubled by spirits of lust, of greed, of covetousness, or of anger you must realize that if you ask an elder of Yahweh to cast out that spirit, then you must repent and keep your life clean or you risk having 7 more worse spirits return, and the end will be worse than the beginning.

This is no game brethren, we must keep our lives clean. We are the very sanctuary of Yahweh’s Holy Spirit. We must keep that spirit sanctified from all worldliness and evil.

“*For our conflict is not with flesh and blood, but with principalities, and with those in authority, and with the possessors of this dark world, and with the EVIL SPIRITS that are beneath heaven*” (Eph 6:12). Yahweh tells us we *wrestle* in a constant STRUGGLE against wicked spirits who occupy high places in the darkness of this present society! It’s about time we *awakened* and became a little more INFORMED of Satan’s devices, and know how to RESIST Satan The Devil.

What You Should Do

Brethren, again, let me speak very candidly. I remember one particular instance, where a young man came to me, telling me he was being harassed by demons. I went through all of the scriptures in the New Testament directly relating to it, spelling out for him in simple order exactly what he should do. I encouraged prayer, and even FASTING with prayer. I encouraged more Bible study and told him how to resist Satan the devil and exactly what he should do in the event any further harassment occurred. This man kept coming back again and again and again. I kept re-informing him of these same scriptures over and over again. He kept on coming back, and each time informing me the situation was worse. I rebuked him sharply on several occasions, *warning him* of the direction in which he was going. I told him Yahweh wasn't wrong, that the advice I had given him was directly from Yahshua Messiah, as revealed in His Word! I told him I, physically, could do absolutely nothing except to add my prayers if he was not going to repent and resist the temptation of these demons.

Later, this young man became absolutely POSSESSED of these demons. It was *then*, that I found out *from others* that he had DELIBERATELY asked these demons to perform certain "interesting" acts in front of him. He had seen a toothbrush waltz around in his bathroom. He had heard various knockings, rappings, seen strange lights and other "curiosities". Instead of abhorring, detesting and totally REJECTING these "spiritual manifestations", HE WANTED MORE OF THEM! He was an "interested" onlooker. He might have said to himself, "Well, that's interesting – I want you to do it again!" He was directly laying himself open for possession of a foul spirit!

And I know just as sure as I write this article there are *some of you* – WHO HAVE DONE THE VERY SAME THING! And I adjure you and admonish every single one of you in the name and by the authority of Yahshua Messiah of Nazareth to QUIT doing any such thing, to get on your knees and REPENT of any such foul and obscene filth, and to call out to Yahweh for His protection! If you have been caught up in demonic foul tongue speaking, STOP immediately and repent before Yahweh before it is too late! If you have been submitting to a demon of anger or lust, or covetousness, then right now rebuke that demon in the name of Yahshua Messiah and repent from it and NEVER go back to the sin!

Here is what *you* ought to be doing.

Jacob says, "*Resist the Devil*, and he will FLEE from you" (Ja 4:7). Do you believe that scripture? Do you really believe Yahweh? Yahweh says if you *resist* the Devil he is *bound* to FLEE FROM YOU!

Notice! The apostle Paul said, "I have been crucified with Messiah, and I live, yet no longer I, but MESSIAH LIVES IN ME!" (Gal 2:20). Yahshua Messiah *whipped* Satan the devil in the greatest spiritual battle that has ever been fought (Luke 4:4; Matt 4:4). Yahshua Messiah is the SAME yesterday, today, and forever! (Heb 13:8). If Yahshua Messiah is truly LIVING His life in you, then *think* of this: Demons are fallen angels. Angels are created beings. Your Bible says not anything was made without Yahshua Messiah –that He made *everything* that was made. Therefore, Yahshua Messiah *made angels!* Messiah, then is the very CREATOR of these demons! He is the Great, Supreme, All-powerful RULER over these foul spirits, and they must *obey* Yahshua Messiah IMMEDIATELY! He is eternal and not created but always existed with Yahweh the Father and controls all power of the universe.

If Messiah is really *living His life within you*, then the very One who created these foul spirits and is over them and rules them is living His life right within you! That means the demons are desperately AFRAID of YOU! You do not need to fear them – you need to respect and be wary and fearful of the consequences should you allow yourself to be tempted by them or to be influenced by them or become possessed by them. *But you are not to fear them.*

Here is the Bible “formula” for resisting Satan and his demons.

If you feel an unnatural influence or anything of the kind say, “YAHWEH REBUKE YOU!” (Judah 1:9). Call upon the name of Yahshua Messiah of Nazareth, and begin praying to Yahweh.

The apostle Paul wrote, “Do you not know that the saints will *judge the world*? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy to judge small affairs? DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT WE SHALL JUDGE CHERUBS?” (1 Cor 6:2-3). Demons are fallen angels. WE ARE GOING TO BE THEIR JUDGES! And we are going to consign them to “foaming up their shames, *wandering stars* for whom blackness of darkness has been kept to the age” (Judah 1:13).

Brethren, the answer to this problem is the same answer as any other spiritual problem which may ever come up. PRAY MORE! FAST MORE OFTEN! GET CLOSER TO YAHWEH! *Learn to “resist the devil” and he will flee from you!*

If you will do this, and stay close to Yahweh, you need have no fear whatsoever for yourself or any member of your family – because Satan the devil with all his millions of demons does not have the power to *make* you commit a sin, think a wrong thought, or do one single thing contrary to the Torah of Yahweh. He has so ordained it and Yahweh will back up this fact in His Word. May Yahweh help each and every one of you to *take heed*, and begin to *really draw close to Yahweh and RESIST THE DEVIL!*

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Greed! Jealousy! Hate! THESE are the words that characterize the society in which you live today!

Brethren of Yahweh's true Congregation: *just how much* of the callousness, the suspicion, the jealousy and the hostility of *this world* have you carried over into the Congregation WITH you?

What is FIRST with You?

Think for a moment. What *is* truly the BIGGEST thing in your life today? Is it your husband, your wife, or your children? Is it your paycheck, your home or your car? To the people in the world, *these* are the big things. MOST Americans, when questioned about their problems, and what they thought it would take to solve them, answered, "About one third more INCOME!" They thought about one third more MONEY than they are presently making would SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS!

Most all of us will immediately think of Yahshua's command to "Seek FIRST the Kingdom of YAHWEH and HIS righteousness, and all these *things* {these *material* necessities} will be added to you!" (Matt. 6:33). Yes, most of us would THINK of this scripture – *but how many of us actually APPLY* it?

IS the KINGDOM OF YAHWEH, the *family* of Yahweh, the opportunity to be born of Yahweh, into His very own family, and to RULE THIS WORLD with Yahshua in the millennium really FIRST with us? Is the WORK, which Yahshua said must be done *before* His kingdom will reign on this earth, an all-consuming, all-important, urgent, driving, powerful PART OF YOUR LIFE? Is it really? Are you *sure*? If it is, you will really know it is by the time you finish reading this article. And if it is not, you should really KNOW it is not.

The WORK of Yahweh

If (and this is the biggest "IF" in your life) you are really *converted*, then you are a part of the very BODY of Messiah! (1 Cor 12:13). Yahshua is the HEAD, the Chief, the Leader of that body (Col. 1:18). When Yahshua was on this earth as a *man*, He accomplished the WORK of His Father in His physical body. He said, "I have finished the work that You gave Me to do.

But He admitted He could do nothing of Himself, that it was the *Father* who dwelt IN Him that actually *did* the work! (John 14:10). Yahshua certainly *knew* the scripture in Zechariah that says, "Not by might, nor by power, but by MY SPIRIT, says YAHWEH of Hosts" (Zech 4:6) since He had directly inspired it!

But Yahshua had merely finished the work which He, personally, through the power of the Spirit of the Father dwelling in Him, had done! HE DID NOT FINISH ALL THE WORK OF YAHWEH!

He *commissioned* His disciples, ordering them to go to *all nations* (Matt 28:19) and saying He would be continuously WITH them, guiding, leading, directing, *controlling* them (Matt 28:20).

Earlier, He had prophesied, “And THIS GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM shall be published in *all* the earth for a testimony to *all the nations*, and THEN, the end will come (Matt 24:14). The preaching of the Good News was continuing the WORK that He had only begun! He *prepared* His disciples to CONTINUE THAT WORK! He had said, “If I do *not* do the works of My Father, do not believe Me. But if I do, *even if you do not believe Me*, BELIEVE THE WORKS, that you may PERCEIVE and may BELIEVE that the Father is in Me, and I in Him!” (John 10:37-38).

Yahshua pointed to what was being *accomplished*. He pointed to what was being DONE!
That’s where YOU ought to look!

You should have really taken the time to PROVE to yourself, once and for all, and beyond the shadow of a doubt, that THIS IS that very BODY OF MESSIAH, part of the ONE and the ONLY true Congregation of Yahweh on the face of this earth!

Yahshua said look to the WORK, find out where His true GOOD NEWS is being preached.

How to Really GROW!

“I am the Vine and YOU are the branches!” said Messiah (John 15:5). He said, unless you ABIDE in Him, you can bear no fruit! But He said, “Unless one remains in Me, he is *cast out* as the branch and is dried up; and they gather and throw them into a fire, and they are burned” (John 15:6).

Do you see? Either you ABIDE IN MESSIAH, in HIS BODY, HIS CONGREGATION DOING HIS OWN WORK, or you will be BURNED!

That’s why Yahshua said the WORK is so important! That’s why it is emphasized over the years that each member will continue to GROW, and to DEVELOP in spiritual character, *only to the degree* that his WHOLE HEART and BEING are in the WORK of Yahweh!

There *is* no middle ground! Either you are IN YAHWEH’S CONGREGATION, and therefore doing the WORK of that Congregation or you are NOT a real Believer, NOT really converted. Yahshua said so!

What is YOUR PART?

The Apostle was inspired to describe the body of Messiah in minute detail as to FUNCTION in the 12th chapter of First Corinthians. Notice it! “...and there are *diversities of ministries* (jobs, duties, functions) yet YAHWEH is first. And there are diversity of powers, but the same Elohim is working all things in all (or everything in each one)” (1 Cor 12:5, 6).

Paul then goes on to explain about the different *outward appearances* of each member, that while some *seem* to be less “honorable” or important, they are actually *vitaly necessary*! This wonderful chapter is a real lesson in HUMILITY, in learning to PROPERLY EVALUATE each job of each individual member of Yahweh’s Congregation! Yahweh tells us, whether we be seemingly helpless, feeble, unable to do anything, that we are really *necessary*, really IMPORTANT, really vital to the body as a *whole*!

“I can’t do much!” complain some of you widows! “What can *I* do?” asks a farmer, clerk, salesman, housewife or office worker.

Brethren begin feeling “left out!” They feel *inadequate* somehow, as if they are expendable, unnecessary and really useless to the body as a whole! But WHY, brethren?

The real reason is only a total lack of understanding, coupled with lack of real living FAITH, and mixed with a lot of SELF-PITY! It’s only when people become embroiled in their *own personal problems* that they feel this way! How MANY articles, broadcasts, sermons have you heard, showing what YOUR PART is in the work of Yahweh? Surely it isn’t necessary to REPEAT, word for word, all this teaching here!

YOUR PART is to PRAY. Pray fervently, earnestly, zealously! Pray *particularly*, getting down to DETAIL about it. Pray for the WORK, for different *facets* of the work, for rulers, for brethren, for the sick, for unconverted ones for whom you need to intervene! There is so MUCH to pray for! Simply giving prayers of THANKS could take *hours and hours* when we really *count* our blessings!

YOUR PART is to BE A LIGHT! It’s to LIVE such a shining example in your own life, in your own area, that others are AMAZED by it. They will want to KNOW what suddenly made you so HAPPY, so VITAL, so filled with ZEST and real ENTHUSIASM! They’ll be *interested* in what makes you this way!

YOUR PART IS TO GIVE! It’s to GIVE of your TIME in prayer, in concern for others, in *helping* others directly. It’s to GIVE of your SUBSTANCE in helping the poor, the lonely, the widows and orphans, and especially to GIVE *to the very work of Yahweh!*

YOUR PART, then, is to do exactly what any one part of YOUR BODY does for all other parts! Notice it! “But the one and the same Spirit works all these things (different jobs, offices and responsibilities), distributing separately to each as He (Yahweh) wills. Even as the body is ONE, and has many members, but all the members of the one body, being many, are one body, *so also is Messiah!*” (1 Cor 12:11, 12).

Your part is also recognizing the spiritual gifts given to you by the Holy Spirit of Yahweh and using those gifts for ministry in the body of Messiah for bearing fruit for the Kingdom. We are all members of the one body and we all work in unison to bring more fruit into the congregation of Yahweh.

Since the body of Messiah is to be zealously accomplishing the *work of Yahweh*, and YOU are, if converted, a member of *that body*, then YOUR WHOLE LIFE IS ABSORBED in the work of Yahweh! Every *facet* of it.

It means you are really BEHIND each project, really *enthusiastic* about each new radio station acquired, each new piece of property purchased, each minister ordained, each new congregation raised up, each new project begun.

How Responsive are YOU?

But ARE you, *really* this responsive to Yahweh’s work?

Actually brethren, many of you are not! Without realizing it, some have permitted themselves to harbor the same basic mistrust, jealousies, suspicions and resentments that characterized their natures BEFORE they were baptized.

Brethren! If you really MEANT it when you were plunged into the water, then Yahweh says to you, “And He has quickened you also {renewed in Spirit} who *were dead* because of your sins and trespasses, in which you *formerly* walked according to the course of *this world*, according to the will of the ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit which is active in the sons of disobedience” (Eph 2:1-2).

All of us lived in this attitude in *times past!* We were *prideful*, envious, jealous, attributing WRONG MOTIVES to other people. But read the rest of this scripture! “In those very deeds {conduct} in which we also were corrupted from the very beginning through the lusts of our flesh, doing the things willed of the flesh and of the mind, and were BY NATURE the children of wrath, even as the rest” (Eph 2:3).

But NOW, Yahweh says, we have been “quickened” by receiving His Spirit; *renewed, changed, made different!* “Even when we were dead in our sins, He made us alive together with Messiah by whose grace we are saved; and raised us up together and seated us together in heaven {heavenly responsibilities, jobs, offices, duties delegated from heaven} through Messiah Yahshua” (Eph 2:5-6).

The job Yahweh has given us to do is *varied*. It is composed of many *different* duties, many *different* areas of endeavor, many *different* programs, fields, projects.

Today, as Yahweh gives more and more *real growth* to His work, and as it becomes better and *better organized*, it is expanding into ever-increasing *departments*.

But what about it, brethren, are you really *with, for, behind, responsive toward, enthusiastic about* each PHASE OF YAHWEH'S WORK?

How Some Wither Away!

Look at the athlete for a moment. The brain, the nerve center of the body, is much like the physical leaders Yahweh has placed in His Congregation. The arms, legs, hands and feet, the torso and all parts of it might be likened to all the various MEMBERS of Yahweh's Congregation. In the body, they are actually *called* “members.”

What does the athlete who is playing a complicated game DO when he needs a burst of speed and agility? What actually happens? Simply defined, there is an instantaneous *communication* from the brain, via the nervous system, to the *muscles* in all the limbs. They *respond*. The legs drive, the arms swing rhythmically, the whole body reacts! His WHOLE BODY, like one smoothly-functioning, well-oiled machine, simply reacts automatically! He doesn't have to slowly ponder, think, and *reason out* each move he makes.

But observe the totally uncoordinated novice. He might have a real grimace of *determination* on his face! He's trying to play the game. He grips the racquet in his hand, and with a look of fierce concentration, makes a pitiful stab at the ball.

He misses! His legs can't react in time, his arms simply don't DO what he wants them to do, even though he *wants* to play the game with all his heart. His EYE is not really “on” the ball, he simply can't SEE it part of the time. The poor fellow is so uncoordinated, so unprofessional-appearing that it's laughable.

What's the difference here?

The *one* responds AUTOMATICALLY! Why? Because he's USED to it. He's *accustomed* to the sport, he's really PRACTICED! The other can't respond to his own desires. Why? Because he's simply a NOVICE at the game. He's never *tried* before; he's never really *practiced* until it became automatic.

Can you see how this affects the BODY OF MESSIAH? Yahshua, by directly INSPIRING HIS MINISTERS, is the brain! He *communicates* to all parts of the body through the nervous system of radio, the printed page, or sermons and counsel, or co-worker and member letters.

The body, if it is really RESPONSIVE TO MESSIAH, should RESPOND IMMEDIATELY! It should really ACT! Then, with a burst of real ENERGY, with the smoothly flowing, automatic ability that comes with real PRACTICE, the body *accomplishes* the task the brain has set for it!

Misused, or unused muscles soon wither away! Someone who is not AN ACTIVE MEMBER of Yahweh's Congregation, that is UNCOORDINATED with the body will become stiff from disuse. Finally, it will simply be UNABLE to be used. Remember, if you are *really* a part of the body of Messiah, then you'll be responding AUTOMATICALLY to what He, Messiah, says! And He *says* it THROUGH HIS MINISTERS!

Our Forefathers' Example

Perhaps you have all read the example of our forefathers during Moses' time. Then, as now, Yahweh's work on earth had an energetic BUILDING program. They were asked to make offerings for that program. "And Moses said to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, This is the thing which YAHWEH commanded, saying, Take from among you an offering to YAHWEH. Everyone WILLING OF HEART, shall bring it..." (Ex 35:4-5).

After hearing the detailed instructions, on the *type materials* that were needed, they left Moses, "And they came, *everyone whose heart was lifted up, and everyone whose spirit made him willing.*" They brought the offering of YAHWEH for the work of the tabernacle of the congregation...And the men came in together with the women, *everyone willing of heart*" (Ex 35:21-22).

Later, Yahweh caused it to be repeated yet a *third* time that the people were really WILLING to help (Ex 35:29). They really became *responsive!* Somehow, even though converted, the very thought of doing something *together*, something really FINE, of erecting and decorating a FINE TABERNACLE for the glory of Yahweh, really INSPIRED our forefathers!

What about US, today? *Are* we, as CONVERTED people, in whom is the very mind and Spirit of Messiah, even as willing as they were?

Finally, some of the foremen over the work told Moses, "The people are bringing MORE THAN ENOUGH for the service of the work...And Moses commanded, and they caused it to be voiced in the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more offering for the sanctuary; and the people were held back from bringing. And their property was sufficient for all the work, to make it, and it was TOO MUCH!" (Ex 36:5-7).

What a wonderful example!

WHERE Can You Really HELP?

Today, the body of Messiah is energetically, actively, systematically accomplishing MANY different tasks! Yahweh's people, as the various *members* of that body, just as the athlete in the final moments of the game, must be called upon for *extra effort*, for that spark of energy, of real ZEAL that is needed to WIN!

Brethren, you should be really ENTHUSIASTICALLY and ZEALOUSLY behind the Matthew 24 program! You should *see* the really CRITICAL NEED! You should be ONE in mind and spirit in *wanting* to see real *accomplishment* in all phases of Yahweh's work! Many are. But, sad enough, many are not.

Today, with the expanding radio work, the burgeoning publishing work, many new offices being opened up, the hundreds being baptized and brought into the body of Messiah, the new congregations being raised up, the Ambassador school program, the building projects, there are MANY phases of Yahweh's work in which *you* should take an ACTIVE INTEREST!

During David's time, the cry went out to the people to give offerings for the time when Solomon would build the temple. The inspiring record tells us, "And the chiefs of the fathers, and the chiefs of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of the thousands, and the hundreds, even the chiefs of the king's work, offered *willingly*, and GAVE for the service of the house of The Elohim of gold five thousand talents, and a myriad of darics, and ten thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

And he having stones gave them to the treasury of the house of YAHWEH...And the *people rejoiced*, because of their WILLING offering, for they offered WILLINGLY to YAHWEH with a PERFECT HEART {NOT suspicious, doubting, jealous; filled with carnal greed and selfish lust}; and David the king also rejoiced with great joy." (1 Chron 29:6-9)

Brethren, what those people gave is astounding! They gave TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF GOLD; NINETEEN AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF SILVER, AND ABOUT SEVEN THOUSAND TONS OF BRASS AND IRON! David himself had already given over ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS' worth of gold and silver! (verses 3-5)

This was an offering of a NATION, however, not just a small, scattered group of called out ones! But regardless of the *size* of the offering, the SPIRIT was really willing! What about us, today? *Are* we really WILLING to give as Yahweh has commanded?

Do we receive co-worker and member letters about the Matthew 24 program, and about *new plans*, with real RESPONSIVENESS, with ENTHUSIASM and with a *really willing spirit*? Or do we think there is something "fishy" here, and become suspicious? Yahweh says, through Solomon, "There is one who scatters yet *increases* more; but a withholder of just due comes only to poverty" (Pro 11:24).

Yes, it truly *is* more blessed to GIVE than to receive!

Some of us need to really PRAY for forgiveness! We need to ask Yahweh to *search* and TRY our hearts, cleansing us *completely* from any of these carnal, suspicious motives and attitudes we have had in the past. We need to become so totally yielded and linked together that we really ARE just like ONE WELL TRAINED BODY!

Brethren, let's DO it! Let's not just put this article down, and think it was either a "nice article" or "interesting," or some such thing! Let's search our own hearts, let's awake to the times, let's realize NOTHING is as important now as the work of Yahweh! Let's use our spiritual gifts and really start bearing fruit for the soon coming Kingdom of Yahweh.

Only then will Yahweh really BLESS US!

How to be an **OVERCOMER**

Why are we not more successful in living up to Yahweh's standard? Why do we slip and fall occasionally? Here is how YOU can overcome where you are weakest and hardest tempted!!!

Do you have some “besetting sin”, some point of weakness, perhaps secret, you have been unable to overcome? Have you ever met temptation, struggled with it, only to wake up a little later to the remorseful fact that you had slipped, and failed to overcome? Or perhaps you are struggling with some habit that holds you as its slave; struggling, wrestling, always fighting it, yet somehow never able to conquer it.

Only the Overcomers

These things are serious. We must overcome these sins, these habits, these sudden temptations – be cleansed of them thoroughly – if we expect to get through to the Kingdom and inherit eternal life. “And the one overcoming” says Yahshua, “I will give him to sit with Me in My throne”.

“And the one overcoming, and the one keeping My works until the end, “I will give to him authority over the nations; and he will shepherd them with an iron staff”. (Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21.)

Not all are even called, now. Many, though who may have heard the true message, have never received a conscious convicting KNOWLEDGE of the truth.

But Yahweh is now calling SOME to a life of separation – to a new and different and Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life in order that they may be wholly CLEANSED of sin, and that they may GROW in grace and knowledge, thus being prepared, trained, fitted for a position of solemn responsibility – that of king or priest – in Yahweh's Kingdom! And it is only those who qualify by the training, the overcoming, the spiritual development and growth, DURING THIS PRESENT LIFE, who shall thus reign with Yahshua.

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So the Disciples' life is a new and a different life, an OVERCOMING life. Sin must be torn out, root and branch. We must be made righteous, holy. First, notice a portion of Paul's instruction to the Philippians. “And be found in Him; not having mine OWN righteousness of law, but through the faith of Messiah, having the righteousness of YAHWEH on faith” (Phil. 3:9). Notice, it is not OUR righteousness, but Yahweh's.

The Kind of Love Required

Right here is one trouble. Too many Commandment-keepers are struggling along, trying to keep the commandments in their own power and strength – thinking it is THEIR own personal human love that fulfills the Torah! Too many have never really EXPERIENCED definite salvation – for a real conversion is a DEFINITE EXPERIENCE! Such people need to go to a private place, alone with Yahweh, and get to their knees, and pour out their hearts to Yahweh, and stay with it until they really KNOW they are converted by YAHWEH'S POWER, and have received His blessed Holy Spirit! We do not even have the kind of love that fulfills Yahweh's Torah and makes us righteous! Love is of Yahweh, for Yahweh is love! And it takes the Love of Yahweh, shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit”, (Rom.5:5) to fulfill the Torah, and give us YAHWEH'S RIGHTEOUSNESS. The Torah is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14). We are carnal. It takes a SPIRITUAL love to fulfill a spiritual law. The Holy Spirit within us is merely YAHWEH'S Torah IN ACTION! And since Yahweh alone can supply the LOVE that makes us righteousness, it becomes YAHWEH'S righteousness, not ours.

Why We Have Not Been Delivered

Yahweh's word promises: “No temptation has taken you except what is human; but YAHWEH is faithful, who will not allow you to be tested above what you are able. But with the trial, He will also MAKE THE WAY OUT, so that you may be able to bear it” (1 Cor. 10:13). Yet temptation has come. You have struggled, even prayed; yet you were overpowered, and you did not find the way of escape. Yahweh's Word promises, “Sin shall not have dominion over you.” Yet have you not found that sin has had DOMINION over you, holding you its slave? Have you not fought it desperately, even with tears streaming down your face – only to fail?

How to Apply and Use Faith

WHY? What is wrong? Simply that we have not known how to receive, apply, and use the FAITH Yahweh promises to give! First, there is something WE must do. Some go to one extreme and try to do it all. Others swing to the opposite extreme, plead with Yahweh, make little effort themselves, and expect him to do it all. Jacob says, “Then submit to YAHWEH. Resist the Devil and he will flee from you” (Jacob 4:7).

Submit! Resist! This takes effort. Peter says to humble ourselves, casting ALL our care upon Yahweh, and to be sober and VIGILANT; because the devil is walking about, watching for the chance to tempt us when we are off our guard: “therefore RESIST him, being steadfast in the faith” (1 Peter 5:6-9). We are to resist Satan, and do it in the faith of Yahshua – but HOW?

The key to it all: BE VIGILANT!

Be on your guard! Be ever watchful! Be prepared! That's where we fall down! It takes constant, continuous, vigilant effort, never letting down! Unless we, ourselves, had to put forth some effort we could not be OVERCOMERS! But if we had power to do it all, we should not need Yahweh! So it requires our effort – our continuous, watchful, ever vigilant effort – empowered by Yahweh's Spirit! Jacob continues: “Draw near to YAHWEH and He will draw near to you” (Jacob 4:8). Now we are getting closer to our answer! When temptation comes, we ARE TOO FAR FROM YAHWEH – and we are then unable, SUDDENLY, on the spur of the moment to get close enough to him to get the help and the deliverance we need! It sometimes takes TIME to get CLOSE to Yahweh – into that intimate contact with Him so that we can draw on Him for the power we suddenly need! In other words, when temptation unexpectedly has come, we have found ourselves caught off guard – out of prayer – out of contact with Yahweh – OUT OF SPIRITUAL TRAINING!

You were entering a CONTEST with Satan. You tried to wrestle with him, but you were OUT OF TRAINING, out of spiritual condition. We can no more win these SPIRITUAL battles when out of SPIRITUAL training. All spiritual power and strength must come from Yahweh. We can drink it in from Him, only when we are IN CONTACT with Him – close to Him – in communion with Him! And, when the temptations suddenly assail you, no matter how hard you then try, or cry out to Yahweh for help, you are simply TOO FAR AWAY FROM HIM to get help!

Spiritual training, to get and KEEP in constant vigilant condition to meet the foe of temptation and sin requires continuous, earnest, persistent PRAYER! That is why we are commanded so often to PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! To KEEP IT UP!

If we draw near to Yahweh, and then KEEP close to Him, our problems will be solved. We will then have the FAITH.

We will then be continually FILLED with his Spirit – His power to overcome.

We can keep in spiritual training only if we keep our affections – our minds – our thoughts – on SPIRITUAL things. Read Col.3:1-10. Most of us keep our minds filled with earthly, material cares and interests, turning to the spiritual only occasionally! Seek FIRST the Kingdom of Yahweh and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Sometimes it takes a siege of FASTING AND PRAYER – earnest, determined, persevering prayer – seeking Yahweh with all our might – with weeping – staying with it, DETERMINED, until we get through. Then we must keep in CONTINUOUS prayer. Cast ALL our cares upon HIM. We are not doing that. If you do, there will be many things a day to pray about! And it takes daily PRIVATE prayer, in real earnest, besides family or public prayer.

Is Eternal Life WORTH IT?

Matthew 24:14 proclaims...

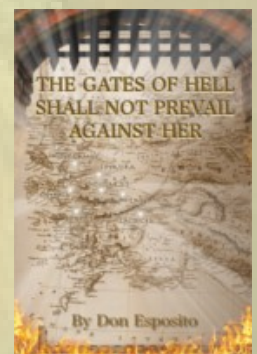
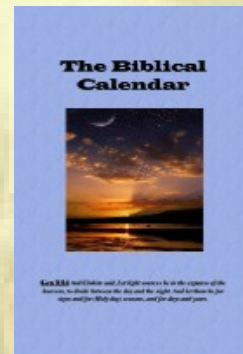
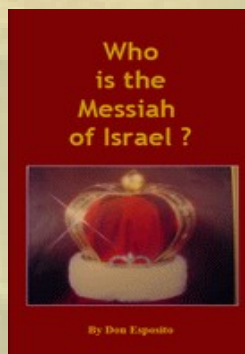
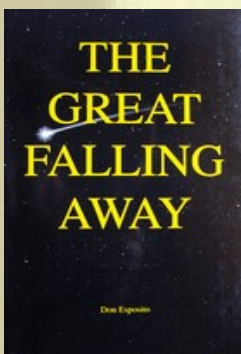
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