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*The
Remnant's
Walk*



Jer 18:6- *O house of Israel, can I not do to you as this potter? Says YAHWEH. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.*

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Personal... ..

Greetings Brethren,

And shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua. What an incredible time that we are living in. As I write this personal, we are just ready to begin the next Roman year of 2012. How fast time is moving. This coming Roman year could be one that proves to be a turning point for prophetic happenings in our time.

There are many predictions of this year being cataclysmic with many irregular weather happenings due to extreme high experiences with solar flares and also because of the proximity of planetary objects coming close into our solar system and affecting the magnetic gravitational pull of the earth.

It is predicted that there could be major earthquakes and even tsunamis, as well as underwater volcanoes that can cause great damage to this planet.

In addition, the world is waiting to see what will take shape in North Korea now that the country has changed leadership with the death of Kim Jon IL.

We are also having great famine in the horn of Africa that has been the worst in almost 100 years. Many children are dying daily and many people are losing hope due to lack of food and clean water. It is expected that in 2012, this famine will worsen and also hit other parts of the world.

Another big question mark for 2012 will be the world economy. In 2011 we started to see more cracks in the worthless paper money system of world democracy and the fall of the dollar. This year as the United States builds even more debt on top of debt ever so quickly, combined with the European economic crisis that is far from over, it could be a disastrous financial year that could see the beginning of another great depression. Only this one will be much worse than the one in the 1930's as consumer debt, as well as government debt, is at astronomical levels that would have to completely crash before ever even beginning to stabilize.

There is also the imminent threat of war here in the Middle East as the Arab Spring is turning into a very cold winter. The Palestinian Authority is in the process of uniting with Hamas and other terror groups and preparing for the third intifada or Arab uprising.

This one will be quite different as Hezbollah has around 60,000 missiles on Israel's northern border and Hamas has more than 30,000 to the south. Also, add in that Turkey has become most aggressive to Israel over the last 2 years and the unstable politics in Egypt due to the Arab Spring which has turned Egypt's government into Islamic rule.

However, none of these factors are even the main issue that is threatening Israel and the world in 2012. The main issue threatening Israel and the world at large is that Iran now has gotten to the point of being able to assemble and possess nuclear weapons. From the best intelligence sources available, it seems that Israel has only a few months at best to prevent Iran from filling nuclear fuel into their reactors and to be able to produce weapons grade uranium for use to make a nuclear bomb. It will be very tense this winter waiting to see what the Israeli response will be.

There have been years in the past where things on the world scene have not looked so promising, but I cannot remember a new year in recent memory where so many negative factors are all shaping up at once to create the "*perfect storm*". I cannot ever remember when there were so many factors that if even a few of these imminent issues were to materialize, as it is thought that they could, it could actually change the world as we know it.

There is good news however. Yahshua foretold about all these happenings in the Olivet prophecy in Mathew the 24th chapter and also Luke the 21st chapter. He said there would be wars and rumors of

wars, and earthquakes in different places. He said that there would be famines and pestilences and many people dying during these times.

He prophesied that there would be signs in the heavens showing when many of these things are about to occur and people's hearts failing them due to the horrible things that are taking place. However, He also added these encouraging words:

Luk 21:28 But when these things begin to happen, have courage and lift up your heads, because your salvation draws near.

As hard as things will get in the coming days and years, if we keep our focus on the Kingdom of Yahweh and the wonderful world that is coming, then we will have the strength to make it through these terrible days ahead.

Whatever you focus on becomes most real to you, and today too many people are focusing on what they want and their own selfish pleasure-seeking desires. But, I highly encourage you to put all your focus and strength into being involved in the end time work of Yahweh, of redeeming the sons of Israel and the land of Israel, and fulfilling the biblical covenants and promises made to Abraham and his descendents almost 4,000 years ago.

I greatly encourage you to go to our website at www.coyhwh.com, and click on the Mathew 24:14 project and become enthralled in the wonderful end time work of Yahweh from Jerusalem. Become an active part of helping to give hope to a world that is almost out of hope, and being able to bring real solutions to a world that has so few true solutions to their problems.

I highly encourage you, if you are blessed to be able, to come to Israel with us and see this great and wonderful Promised Land that Yahweh set apart for His covenant people almost 6,000 years ago.

I invite you and sincerely persuade you to consider coming to the Ambassador for Israel program while it is still possible and have your life and your calling brought to a new level that you never dreamed could be possible, and come and prepare for this wonderful Kingdom of Yahweh that is coming.

Yahweh ~~is~~ has given us an open door that no man can shut (Rev 3:7) and is doing amazing things here in the land of Israel. There are brethren who have sacrificed a lot to come here and volunteer, and have decided that they will be part of the solution and not the problem.

How converted you are is directly connected to how involved you are with the work of the living Elohim that He is doing today with the sons of man in redeeming them back to Him.

Over the last year there has been many amazing archeological finds here in Israel confirming and proving the bible to be most true and accurate. They have found gold coins, garments and even a pomegranate that they believed was on the garment of the High Priest serving in the sanctuary of Yahweh in Jerusalem. They just recently found a seal that was used by the priests at the temple to mark what was kosher for sacrifice and what was not.

There are more than 30,000 archeological sites here in the land of Israel and only 5% have been excavated. Why not come and let the bible come alive like never before and spend a feast with us here in this wonderful promised land of Israel. Maybe things don't look so gloomy after all.

Come Master Yahshua, come. Halleluyah!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

B'Shem Yahshua,

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The Stones Cry Out!



And Confirm Bible History (Reprint)

Disbelieving critics have challenged the accuracy of Bible history at every turn – and have lost!

For centuries the Bible was accepted throughout the Western world as an accurate history of ancient times. It was considered to be *literally true* and authentic in every detail.

The events in the Garden of Eden, the Flood, the building of the Tower of Babel, the deeds of the patriarchs, the Exodus from Egypt, all were believed to have occurred exactly as recounted in Scripture.

But then came the so-called “Enlightenment” or Age of Reason of the 17th and 18th centuries. European intellectuals began to claim that only through human, “scientific” reasoning could true knowledge be acquired.

Scriptural revelation came under direct attack! On its heels arose the 19th century theory of evolution, offering an alternative explanation to divine creation for the presence of life on earth. Yahweh and the Bible were completely excluded from the picture.

Soon many scholars began to totally dismiss Scripture as unhistorical, with no reliable basis in fact. They began to view biblical history as mere legend, primitive superstition and folklore, placing it in the same category as the ancient Greek and Roman myths.

These scholars claimed that many Old Testament books were not contemporary records at all, but were actually written centuries after the events they described. They declared them to have been based solely on garbled, orally transmitted traditions, later put to paper by ignorant, albeit sincere, men.

Some scholars and “higher critics” came to deny the very existence of such major biblical personalities as Noah, Abraham, Joseph and Moses.

These supposedly learned men were committing the same folly as those Roman scoffers of old, so aptly described by the apostle Paul: “[They] became vain in their imaginations, and their unwise heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became foolish” (Rom.1:21-22). Like the ancient Roman philosophers, “they did not determine within themselves to know Elohim” (verse 28).

British logician and philosopher Bertrand Russell provides a good example. He declared as late as 1944 in his *History of Western Philosophy*, “The early history of the Israelites cannot be confirmed from any source outside the Old Testament, and it is impossible to know at what point it ceases to be purely legendary.”

Historian and philosopher R.G. Collingwood, in his posthumous book *The Idea of History* (1946), also dismissed the Bible, labeling it as nothing but “theocratic history and myth.”

These two scholars, and many like them, unfortunately chose not to be confused by the facts. They chose to ignore other scholars’ dramatic, epoch-making discoveries in the Near East, which were rapidly putting an entirely new light on the biblical record, and showing their modern ideas to be hollow, unfounded rubbish!

The Fertile Crescent

The new science of archaeology, the study of the material remains of man’s past, was to severely shake the confident anti-Elohim prejudice of critical “scholarship.”

For centuries, looters and religious pilgrims had unearthed and carried away multiple thousands of ancient artifacts from sites throughout the Near East. But few understood the real significance of these items.

Shortly after the year 1800, systematic study and evaluation of Near Eastern sites began. Archaeology enjoyed a steady and rapid growth. For well over a century and a half now, the region of the Fertile Crescent has been the object of intense archaeological scrutiny.

The term *Fertile Crescent* was coined by Egyptologist James Henry Breasted for the area where civilization began, a crescent-shaped region of rich, well-watered land extending from the Persian Gulf up the Tigris-Euphrates Valley, then westward over Syria and southward along the Mediterranean through Palestine; Egypt’s fertile Nile Valley is sometimes included within its boundaries.

It was in the Fertile Crescent that the lands and peoples that figure so prominently in Old Testament history were found. It is not surprising therefore, that there has been relatively strong public interest in the findings uncovered by the spade of the archaeologist in this region.

It is also not surprising that these discoveries have caused disbelieving scholars to sit up and take notice. In fact, the spectacular archaeological finds of the past century and a half by sound-minded men of learning have prompted a radical reevaluation by scholars of the Bible’s reliability as a historical document!

Critics eat crow

Whereas previously many scholars held the Bible to be suspect and probably false unless substantiated by secular records and other extra biblical evidence, now increasingly the world of learning has been forced to admit that the Bible is indeed remarkably factual as a historical record!

Modern archaeology has provided solid extra biblical corroboration of historical facts otherwise known to us only from Scripture. It has proved beyond all reasonable doubt the accuracy of the Bible as a historical document.

Even still, it should come as no surprise that some scholars remain determined to discredit the Bible as a divinely inspired historical record, stubbornly overlooking the overwhelming array of proof and documentation. Carnal man is disinclined to accept and submit to Yahweh's Word.

These critics will blithely gloss over mounds of facts and plain evidence rather than accept the Bible for what it is. Some few have even chosen to pervert and twist the clear testimony of archaeology to suit their own purposes, deliberately misinterpreting and misrepresenting the facts rather than concede the authenticity of Scripture!

Nevertheless, the past 150 years have witnessed remarkable archaeological confirmation of the Old Testament. We can rely on the biblical record!

Key discovery

Let us briefly examine a few of the scores of archaeological discoveries that bear upon the history of biblical times, finds that have provided dramatic corroboration of the millennia-old Bible record.

Not all archaeological finds have been as highly publicized over the decades as the spectacular discovery in 1922 of the tomb of Tutankhamen in Egypt by Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon. Yet many less-heralded finds have proved infinitely more important to the evaluation of the Bible record.

Without question the most vital of these early discoveries was the unlocking of the secret of Behistun Rock. This momentous breakthrough in the last century opened wide the door to

further inquiry, which has since confirmed and reconfirmed Bible history many times over.

Located on a cliff on Behistun Mountain at the foot of the Zagros Range in Persia is a smoothed rock surface with ancient cuneiform carvings in three languages, Old Persian, Elamite and Babylonian. Cuneiform was a mode of writing, employing wedge-shaped marks, used by many of the ancient peoples of western Asia.

The Behistun Inscription, dating from 516 B.C., is an account of the assumption of the Persian throne by Darius the Great (550-486). Beginning in 1835, Sir Henry C. Rawlinson, an officer in the British East India Company, painstakingly copied the three inscriptions from the rock face. He then set to work unlocking their secrets. By 1846 he had deciphered the Persian part of the inscription. As a result of this achievement, he and other scholars were able to translate the Babylonian and Elamite portions soon afterwards.

The trilingual Behistun Inscription thus proved to be the vital key to ancient cuneiform writing, just as the famous Rosetta Stone had unlocked the mysteries of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. The writings unearthed at hundreds of sites throughout the Near East could now be understood!

Excavation, however, is slow, painstaking work. A single site may be worked for a decade or more. Subsequent analysis of finds can take even longer. For this reason, Mr. Rawlinson's success did not have an immediate impact on biblical studies. Translation of previously unearthed cuneiform tablets, as well as those uncovered later, was a prolonged and time-consuming task. But gradually, year-by-year, decade-by-decade, a clear picture began to emerge.

The "mythical" Hittites

Bible critics had long scoffed at references in the biblical record to a people called the Hittites (Gen. 15:20, Ex. 3:8, 17, Num. 13:29, Josh 1:4, Judg. 1:26 and elsewhere). Their evaluation was that the Hittites were simply "one of the many mythical peoples" fabricated by Bible writers, or, at best, as a small and unimportant tribe.

But the critics were wrong!

In the latter half of the 19th century, Hittite monuments were discovered at Carchemish on the Euphrates River in Syria, amply vindicating the Bible narrative. Later, in 1906, excavations at Boghazkoy (ancient Hattusas, capital of the Hittite empire) in Turkey uncovered thousands of Hittite documents, revealing a wealth of information about Hittite history and culture.

The Hittites, it is now known, were a very real and formidable power. They were once one of the dominant peoples of Asia Minor and the Near East, at times exercising control over Syria and parts of Palestine.

The Bible had been correct after all! Today, books abound on the history, art, culture and society of the Hittites, a strong witness by competent scholars against those critics who had once been so quick to challenge the Word of Yahweh!

Moses illiterate?

Many critics had also long ridiculed the idea that writing had been in existence in the days of Moses. Writing was unknown at that time, they asserted, implying that the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament) could not possibly have been recorded by Moses or his near contemporaries, but rather were oral traditions recorded at a much later time.

With the flowering of Near Eastern archaeology, however, came overwhelming proof that writing was in common use for centuries before the time of Moses! In both Egypt and Mesopotamia multiple thousands of inscriptions have been uncovered, unquestionably antedating Moses by many hundreds of years.

Moreover, pre-Flood (Early Bronze) inscriptions and writings abound, now known to antedate by many generations the Noachian Deluge of the 24th century B.C. The 17,000 cuneiform tablets and fragments of tablets unearthed by Italian archaeologists in 1974 and thereafter at the site of ancient Ebla in northern Syria exemplify the plethora of pre-Flood and post-Flood writings.

Again, Bible critics were proved to be grossly in error!

Another Jewish “myth”?

Some critics had also disputed the historicity of the Babylonian captivity. The Bible recounts, in great detail, the carrying away into slavery of the nation of Judah by the armies of Babylon early in the 6th century B.C. (II Kings 24-25). “Another Jewish myth” was their scholarly consensus.

In 1935 to 1938, however, an important discovery was made at a site thought to be ancient Lachish, 30 miles southwest of Jerusalem. Lachish was one of the cities recorded in the Bible as having been besieged by the king of Babylon at the same time as the siege of Jerusalem (Jer. 34:7).

Twenty-one pottery fragments inscribed in the ancient Hebrew script were unearthed in the latest pre-exilic levels of the site. Commonly called the Lachish Letters or Lachish Ostraca, they were written during the very time of the Babylonian siege. Some of them proved to be communiqués exchanged between the city’s military commander and the commander of an outlying observation post, vividly picturing the final days of Judah’s desperate struggle against Babylon! Another important aspect of the Lachish Ostraca is that it had the sacred name YHWH clearly vowelized as “**Yahweh**”.

Subsequent finds in Mesopotamia of Babylonian historical texts describing the conquest of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar have provided additional proof. The historical fact of the Babylonian captivity has been firmly established.

Dead Sea Scrolls

Probably one of the most spectacular finds in Near Eastern archaeology of the present century was that of the famed Dead Sea Scrolls. These tattered manuscripts were first discovered by a Bedouin shepherd boy in 1947 in desert caves in the Judean wilderness near the Dead Sea. Subsequently, additional scrolls were uncovered at various locations in the region.

The majority of the manuscripts were composed between 100 B.C. and A.D. 68. Some of them contain the oldest-known versions of passages and books from the Old Testament, including the entire book of Isaiah. Before the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest and

fullest manuscript in Hebrew was the Codex Petropolitanus dating from A.D. 916.

It was determined that the scrolls had been part of a library located at Qumran and belonging to the Essenes, a small, heretical Jewish sect. As a result, the manuscripts evidence occasional spurious textual readings, additions, deletions and careless copying mistakes. As Yahshua stated (Matt. 23:2), the scribes and Pharisees, not the Qumran sect, sat in Moses' seat and had authority over the preservation of the original inspired Hebrew text.

Nevertheless, the Dead Sea Scrolls lend support to the high degree of accuracy in the transmission of the Old Testament text. The 2,000-year-old documents demonstrate clearly that the authoritative Masoretic Hebrew Old Testament as we have it today is remarkably faithful to the ancient texts.

Also noteworthy in this regard are fragments of 14 parchment scrolls, including parts of the books of Genesis, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Psalms and Ezekiel, discovered at Masada, the site of the Jews' last stand against the Romans in A.D. 73. In text and spelling, they are identical with the traditional Hebrew Bible.

Noah's Flood – fact or fable?

Many efforts have been made to establish the historicity of the Flood or Noachian Deluge (Gen. 5-8) by archaeological means. The Flood account has probably been one of the most assailed of all biblical narratives.

Though many critics continue to relegate the story to the realm of myth, this is more a result of their refusal to accept the possibility of divine intervention in history than of any lack of evidence.

Thick layers of silt and clay found in numerous Babylonian excavations were unquestionably deposited by flood waters. In some cases, these layers of sediment, with the ruins of earlier cities buried beneath them, correspond to the time of the Flood as demanded by biblical chronology. Many authorities thus consider them to be aqueous deposits laid down by Noah's Flood in the 24th century B.C. Critics, on the other hand, claim "coincidence".

At other sites, critics are quick to point out, sediment layers have been found dating from time periods other than the 24th century. And at some sites there is a total absence of flood deposits at levels where they should be found were the biblical account true.

What these critics fail to recognize is the simple fact that local variations in terrain would have naturally left differing types and degrees of Flood evidence, or no evidence at all, from one site to another. In addition, localized flooding (of the Euphrates River, for example) at other times in history amply accounts for the sediment found at other levels.

Perhaps even more telling than the study of the flood deposits is the testimony of history as reconstructed for the 24th century B.C. Terms and phrases such as *anarchy, destruction, dark ages, breaks in continuity and major population reductions* keep cropping up for this time period, the time of the biblical Deluge!

The break between the Egyptian Old Kingdom and the rise of the Middle Kingdom is one such example, as is the period before the third dynasty of ancient Ur in southern Mesopotamia (Sumer). The period between the Early Bronze culture and Middle Bronze culture in Palestine bespeaks the same type of interruption. "Civilization suffers an eclipse, history becomes misty and indefinite, literacy almost disappears," summarizes archaeologist Kathleen Kenyon.

What clearer evidence could we require for the cataclysmic disruption the Bible describes?

Finally, we should note that ancient Flood stories are found in wide spread areas of the globe, including America, Britain, India, China, Tibet, Kashmir, Polynesia, Greece, and Australia. Almost all races have a tradition of a major catastrophe very similar in detail to the Genesis account! The Sumerian Epic of Gilgamesh, an ancient flood story on a series of clay tablets from the library of King Ashurbanipal of Nineveh, is one of the best known. Since all races descended from the sons of Noah, it should come as no surprise that they handed the same story down to their children.

More proof

Other important corroborative discoveries can be briefly mentioned:

- Many critics had scoffed at the assertion that Joseph shaved before being presented to Pharaoh (Gen. 41:14). They asserted that the razor was not known in Egypt until many centuries later. But, as usual, archaeology uncovered proof to the contrary, demonstrating that razors were known in Egypt long before the time of Joseph (the 17th century B.C.). Solid gold and copper razors have been found in Egyptian tombs dating as early as the fourth millennium B.C.
- At one time the 39 kings of ancient Israel and Judah during the period of the divided monarchy were known only from the biblical books of Kings and Chronicles. Some critics again charged fabrication. But then emerged a large number of cuneiform records from the excavated libraries of numerous Assyrian kings, mentioning many of the kings of Israel and Judah including Omri, Ahab, Jehu, Menahem, Hoshea, Pekah, Hezekiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoram and Jehoshaphat. The biblical record was again proved correct.
- The biblical account of the destruction of the Egyptian firstborn on the night before the Exodus is well known to even the casual student of the Bible. Scripture states, “And it happened at midnight. YAHWEH struck every first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh, the one sitting on the throne, to the first-born of the captive who was in the prison house” (Ex. 12:29).
Archaeology has revealed that Thutmose IV, successor to Amenhotep (Amenophis) II, pharaoh of the Exodus, was not Amenhotep’s firstborn nor the heir apparent. He rather succeeded to the throne after his elder brother’s death, just as required by the biblical account.
- The destruction of the biblical cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18-19) by fire and brimstone is also a well-known account. Archaeology has uncovered the remains of these cities submerged beneath the southeastern part of the

Dead Sea. Evidence has also been found of an abrupt “cessation of population” in the cities, just as required by the Bible.

- The Moabite Stone created a veritable sensation when it was discovered by Mesha, king of Moab, about 830 B.C., it commemorates his wars against Omri, king of Israel (II Kings 1, 3). As it was written from Moab’s viewpoint, there are naturally some variations between it and the biblical account. Yet it provides solid extra biblical evidence of the veracity of the book of Kings.
- The campaign of Sennacherib of Assyria against Judah is recorded in II Kings 18-19 and II Chronicles 32. The biblical account states that he besieged Jerusalem, but returned without taking the city after his army was miraculously destroyed. Sennacherib’s own account of the invasion has been found on a clay prism. Though he boasts of numerous other victories, he does not claim to have captured Jerusalem. Again, the Bible has been confirmed.

Unerring accuracy

Literally scores of additional discoveries of archaeology could be cited as corroboration of the Bible history. Examples of archeological illustration of the Old Testament are continually increasing and new discoveries are being made.

The claims of disbelieving critics have been completely exploded. Archaeology has abundantly confirmed Bible history many times over. The clear message is that we can rely on the Bible record. It is consistently historical in every detail.

The Bible challenges disbelieving critics to prove it false. Many have tried desperately to do so, and failed. Yahweh’s Word cannot be broken (John 10:35)!

The Bible is not the work of fallible man. It is not a book of ancient fables. It is truly the infallible Word of Yahweh! “Your Word is Truth,” Yahshua declared in John 17:17. Archaeology has lent its voice in support of this unassailable fact!

New find sheds light on ancient site in Jerusalem

AP Associated Press

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Newly found coins underneath Jerusalem's Western Wall could change the accepted belief about the construction of one of the world's most sacred sites two millennia ago, Israeli archaeologists said Wednesday.

The man usually credited with building the compound known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary is Herod, a Jewish ruler who died in 4 B.C. Herod's monumental compound replaced and expanded a much older Jewish temple complex on the same site.

But archaeologists with the Israel Antiquities Authority now say diggers have found coins underneath the massive foundation stones of the compound's Western Wall that were stamped by a Roman proconsul 20 years after Herod's death. That indicates that Herod did not build the wall — part of which is venerated as Judaism's holiest prayer site — and that construction was not close to being complete when he died. "The find changes the way we see the construction, and shows it lasted for longer than we originally thought," said the dig's co-director, Eli Shukron.

The four bronze coins were stamped around 17 A.D. by the Roman official Valerius Gratus. He preceded Pontius Pilate of the New Testament story as Rome's representative in Jerusalem, according to Ronny Reich of Haifa University, one of the two archaeologists in charge of the dig.

The coins were found inside a ritual bath that predated construction of the renovated Temple Mount complex and which was filled in to support the new walls, Reich said.

They show that construction of the Western Wall had not even begun at the time of Herod's death. Instead, it was likely completed only generations later by one of his descendants.

The coins confirm a contemporary account by Josephus Flavius, a Jewish general who became a Roman historian. Writing after a Jewish revolt against Rome and the destruction of the Temple by legionnaires in 70 A.D., he recounted that work on the Temple Mount had been completed only by King Agrippa II, Herod's great-grandson, two decades before the entire compound was destroyed.

Scholars have long been familiar with Josephus' account, but the find is nonetheless important because it offers the "first clear-cut archaeological evidence that part of the enclosure wall was not built by Herod," said archaeologist Aren Maeir of Bar-Ilan University, who was not involved in the dig.

Josephus also wrote that the end of construction left 18,000 workmen unemployed in Jerusalem. Some historians have linked this to discontent that eventually erupted in the Jewish revolt.

The compound, controlled since 1967 by Israel, now houses the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the golden-capped Muslim shrine known as the Dome of the Rock. The fact that the compound is holy both to Jews and Muslims makes it one of the world's most sensitive religious sites.

The dig in which the coins were discovered cleared a Roman-era drainage tunnel that begins at the biblical Pool of Siloam, one of the city's original water sources, and terminates with a climb up a ladder out onto a 2,000-year-old street inside Jerusalem's Old City. The tunnel runs by the foundation stones of the compound's western wall, where the coins were found.

The drainage tunnel was excavated as part of the dig at the City of David, which is perhaps Israel's richest archaeological excavation and it's most contentious.

The dig is being carried out inside the Palestinian neighborhood of Silwan, and is funded by a group associated with the Israeli settlement movement that opposes any division of the city as part of a future peace deal.

The excavation of the tunnel has also yielded a Roman sword, oil lamps, pots and coins that scholars believe are likely debris from an attempt by Jewish rebels to hide in the underground passage as they fled from the Roman soldiers.

Editor's note: This is simply more proof that what they are calling the temple mount today was actually the Roman Fort Antonia and the real temple mount was 1/3 of a mile to the south, just north of the City of David. You can read about this amazing subject in Dr Ernest Martin's book "*The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot*".

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man, that it is a glory to a woman and the long hair has been given instead of a veil. And to the Brethren that do not want to accept this teaching from Paul, he is also very clear.

I Cor 11:16 – "*But if anyone thinks to be contentious, we do not have such a custom, nor do the Congregations of YAHWEH.*"

Could it be any clearer; the congregations of YHWH have no such custom of women wearing a veil or men having long hair. This makes total sense as although the Torah never commands a woman to wear a veil, it does say that a man is not to dress or look like a woman and neither should a woman dress or look like a man. When women have short hair and men long hair, they are going against the spirit of this law of Torah. Prove all things!

'The Train's Done Gone'



By William Kessler (Reprint)

The old stationmaster heard all kinds of excuses from late passengers, but no excuse was to any avail. Here's a lesson about qualifying for the Kingdom of Yahweh.

“I ain’t never seen the likes since I’s been born, how the people keep a-comin’ and the train’s done gone.”

These were the words of an old friend of mine, the railroad stationmaster of my boyhood hometown. The son of a former slave, living deep in the southern United States, he advanced himself to the highest position in our depot through a lifetime of dedicated service to the railroad.

I remember him with white hair, standing tall with dignity that I envied as a child. In those days, a stationmaster was an important person. He was responsible for the safety and welfare of everyone who entered the station. All employees had to account to him. His watch was the official railroad time. He directed the loading and unloading of all train passengers and freight.

I admired him because of all the gold on his arm, each gold braid on his uniform represented seven years of service on the railroad, and each star (and there were many) a position that he held.

He called himself, and was affectionately addressed by all, as Ol’ Man Moses, because his word was the law of the railroad station. I never knew him by any other name. By the time I met him, he had become a philosopher and would talk to any who would listen. To this day I can still hear him saying to me, “I ain’t never seen the likes since I’s been born, how the people keep a-comin’ and the train’s done gone.”

There is a spiritual lesson embodied in the old stationmaster’s words of wisdom. As true believers, our time is short. It won’t be long till we must board a train, as it were, bound for the Kingdom of Yahweh and eternal life.

Yahweh is even now setting His Congregation on the spiritual track heading for His Kingdom. There is not much time left to prepare for departure. Are we going to be on time to board that train, or be among those left behind?

There will be many, Scripture warns, who will not be on board. They will be left standing at the gate pleading to be included, but will be denied entrance to Yahweh’s Kingdom (Matthew 25:10-12).

Our stationmaster’s responsibility was to rule that railroad station. No one boarded or left the train unless he gave his permission. You may not have always seen him because he directed others who

served under him, but his job was critical to the lives of all who entered the station.

Two nonstop trains, mainliners, roared by our station daily. One came from the west, going east; the other came moments later from the east, traveling west. The trains rolled through at between 40 and 80 miles per hour. Our stationmaster made sure that the tracks were clear of people and debris and that nothing would endanger the lives of those in and around the station.

A commuter train left our station every morning to take working people and shoppers to a nearby big city. In order to be on the job by 8, you had to be at the station’s train gate by 7 o’clock at the latest, with ticket in hand, to board the commuter train. It stood waiting for its morning load of passengers about five tracks out.

You had to be aboard and in your seat no later than 7:04, because at 7:05 the mainliner from the west came rushing through the yard. If you were on the tracks then, you might easily have been startled by the roar of the train, become frightened and not known what to do as the train bore down upon you. If you were not hit by that train, seconds later the mainliner from the east could easily have trapped you on the tracks and killed you.

Ol’ Man Moses, our stationmaster, closed the gate promptly at 7 each morning, and no one went through the gate after that time. Even though you could see the commuter train still standing on the tracks, Ol’ Man Moses refused you permission to cross the tracks to board.

On any given day latecomers entered our station wanting to board the commuter train. Our beloved old stationmaster would refuse them all, stand, shake his head and say, “I ain’t never seen the likes since I’s been born, how the people keep a-comin’ and the train’s done gone.”

He was inflexible in this rule. He knew its importance. When he was a young man working in a much lower position at that same station, a mother and her two children were caught on the tracks when the mainliners came through. The woman stood transfixed, not knowing what to do or where to go. At the last moment she lurched with one child in hand to miss being hit by the train. The other child was left standing on the tracks. He was killed instantly.

Ol' Man Moses was given the job of picking up the remains of the dead child. The mainliner had hit the boy and carried his body hundreds of yards down the track. Tears of anger and sorrow came to Moses' eyes and he said bitterly to himself, "If I were stationmaster, I would never have allowed this to happen."

Many years later he became the stationmaster at this same depot in my hometown. He daily stood at the gate, remembering well that incident and his promise to himself. No one was permitted on the tracks after 7 to board the commuter train. No one would ever again be permitted to risk his life crossing the tracks when the mainliners were coming through.

Excuses, excuses

Most who came to board the 7:05 commuter were on time and passed through the gate before 7 a.m. But there were others who came late, with their excuses. To them all, Ol' Man Moses would say, "The train's done gone."

A housewife, late for the train, might come seconds after the gate was closed and plead: "I had to get up early this morning and get my husband off to work. I had to get my three children ready for school. I got here as soon as I could. Let me board! I can see the train. It is still there!"

Ol' Man Moses would tell her: "The train's done gone. It is past 7. Your life is in jeopardy if I let you go across that track. The mainliner does not stop. It could take your life. And if the first one does not get you, another one will because it is coming from the other direction. I can't let you go out there."

Some came and said: "I left the hotel on time and gave the taxi driver a generous tip, but the traffic was heavy and he got me here late. It is not my fault that I am late. It is the taxi drivers fault."

Some would persist when denied permission to pass through the gate, saying: "But I can see the train!" But Ol' Man Moses would shake his head and say to all the latecomers: "You don't understand. The train's done gone."

One day a young lad on crutches came hobbling as fast as he could. He excused himself by saying: "You see, I am handicapped. I had an accident last night, and it took me longer than I thought to get dressed this morning. Please let me on the train."

But to him as well, Ol' Man Moses said, "I'm sorry, but the train's done gone."

And so it went. Many came with their excuses, but Moses never opened the gate to allow any latecomers to board the 7:05 commuter train. Through the years he was stationmaster, many were left to watch the train leave while they stood behind that gate with Ol' Man Moses' words fresh in their minds: "The train's done gone."

What is your excuse?

Many times we are inclined to offer excuses for not doing what we should have done, when we are late, when we fail to plan ahead, when we don't keep our word, times we seek to justify ourselves to escape punishment or embarrassment or other negative consequences of our actions.

The Bible gives us many examples of people who brought excuses to Yahweh. But Yahweh accepted none of them. We need to resolve that we will never again give Yahweh an excuse for failure to do His will.

Mat 25:10 *But they going away to buy, the bridegroom came. And those ready went in with him to the wedding feast, **and the door was shut.***

Mat 25:11 *And afterwards, the rest of the virgins also came, saying, Master, Master, open to us.*

Mat 25:12 *But answering, he said, Truly I say to you, I do not know you.*

Mat 25:13 *Therefore, **be alert, for you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man comes.***

There is an element of finality in Yahweh's plan in our lives. There is a time ahead when the gate, our spiritual entrance, as it were, into the Kingdom of Yahweh, will be closed. Someone will be standing there, saying to those who did not take their spiritual preparation seriously enough: "It's too late, the gate is closed. You may not enter."

One of our favorite excuses has been popularized in a song: "I did it my way". Have you ever considered that this is an excuse? It is. Yahweh tells us in His Word, "Many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14).

Perhaps the ones chosen for eternal life can be compared to the passengers who prepared and readied themselves to be standing at the gate by 7

a.m. to board the train for their destination. They followed all the rules.

The others, late and offering excuses, say, in effect, "I did it my way". They feel justified, the exceptions to the rule, though late, they feel they deserve to be rewarded equally with those who were on time and ready. But our human way is not good enough for eternal life. We must prepare and meet Yahweh's requirements to be accepted by Him into His Kingdom.

Adam and Eve had their excuses for disobeying Yahweh (Genesis 3:9-13). Aaron had his after making the golden calf idol (Exodus 32:21-24). Israel had excuses for not entering the land Yahweh promised them for their inheritance (Numbers 13:28-33). King Saul was rejected from being king over Israel because he had an I'll-do-it-my-way attitude toward following Yahweh's instructions (1 Samuel 15:1-23), he did not obey Yahweh (notice 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-9, 13-16, 19-23).

Yahshua spoke to another group of excuse makers in Luke 14. They too, were invited to receive eternal life in Yahweh's Kingdom, but each wanted to do things his own way, and all were rejected. Their place was given to others (Luke 14:15-24).

Even some of Yahweh's greatest servants offered excuses at first, but they recognized their error, overcame and went on to serve Yahweh mightily (Jeremiah 1:4-7, Isaiah 6:5-8, Exodus 4:10-13).

Yahweh is merciful. There is still time for us to put away our excuses and prepare spiritually for the Kingdom of Yahweh. Thankfully for us, the train has not gone yet. But it will not be much longer before it does. Any who persist in offering excuses for disobeying Yahweh, thinking their own way is good enough, will surely lose their reward (Matthew 7:21-23). All excuses must be eliminated. The believer's life must be lived without excuses. We must do things Yahweh's way, not our own.

I hope that what I learned from that wise old stationmaster many years ago will help you in your quest for eternal life. He hoped that everyone would take getting to the train on time seriously and be there, ticket in hand, ready to board by 7 at the very latest. One morning our local bank was robbed. The robber came to the gate just after 7 a.m., thinking to get on the train and escape. No one knew yet what he had done.

As usual, Ol' Man Moses was at the gate. It was closed and locked. The robber demanded that the old stationmaster open the gate. But Moses said, as he had so many times before, "No, the train's done gone."

The robber replied: "Don't give me that. I can see the train. Open the gate or I'll shoot you." Again the stationmaster stated, "The train's done gone." Seeing that Moses was adamant, the robber took out his pistol and shot my friend twice killing him on the spot.

The robber then jumped the gate with his satchel full of money and ran across the tracks. The mainliner from the west was passing our station at that exact time. The robber, intent on his escape, likely did not see or hear the train boring down on him. The force created by the onrushing train threw the robber, now murderer, off balance. He fell and then rolled onto the next set of tracks. Within seconds the speeding mainliner from the east came roaring through, instantly amputating both his legs, crushing the satchel and scattering the bank's money all over the station yard.

For the rest of his life, spent in prison with stumps where his legs used to be, I am sure the robber and murderer well remembered the stationmaster's last words: "The train's done gone."

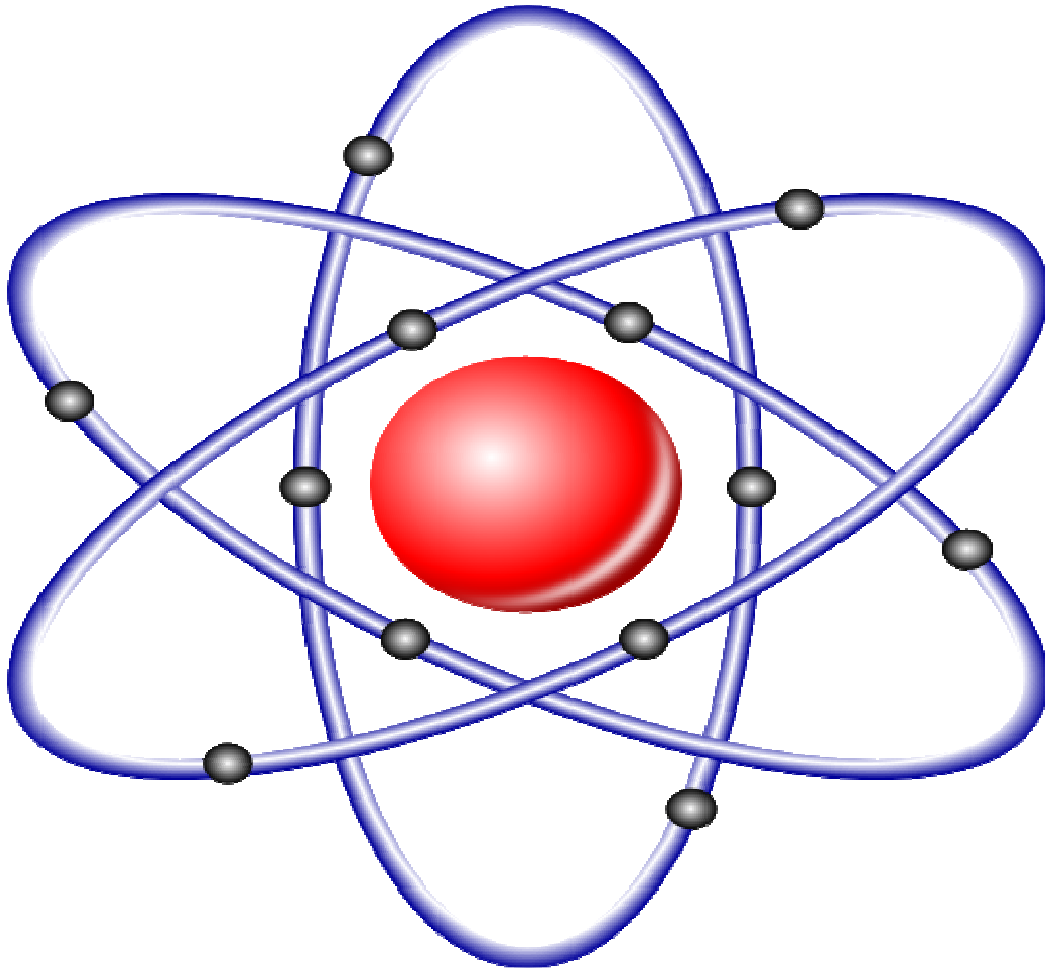
Not much time left

In Deuteronomy 30:11-16, Yahweh tells us that His laws of life are not far off or hidden from us. It is up to us to determine not to offer excuses for sin, excuses that will lead only to our spiritual destruction. It is Yahweh's desire that each of us choose the way of obedience to all His laws, the way that leads us to eternal life.

There is not much time left to prepare for Yahshua's return and the end of this age. Look into your life now, while there is yet time, to find what excuses you have for not doing Yahweh's will, and cast them out.

It is time to be sure you are ready for the return of Yahshua to this earth. Be sure you are there, ready and on time to meet our returning Savior Yahshua, and not a moment late, to be told with the rebellious and disobedient, putting it in the words of the old stationmaster I knew and loved, "The train's done gone."

Tap the Power of the Universe!



The forces binding matter together point to the immense power of the Creator. That great Elohim offers to share His power with us to help us overcome. (Reprint)

One night, long ago, King David looked up into the vastness of space. As he meditated on the power and majesty of the Elohim who created the universe, he learned an important lesson.

He was inspired to write: *“The heavens are recording the glory of El, and the works of His hand the expanse is manifesting. Day by day they pour forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.”* David wrote so that others might learn the lesson, too.

They didn’t.

And so, about 3,000 years later, another group of men looked out at the night. It was just before dawn on July 16, 1945, and these men were about to test the

world’s first atomic bomb, in the desert of New Mexico.

It worked.

In a split second, the world’s first atomic weapon released the power of 20,000 tons of conventional explosive.

Three weeks later, a second bomb was exploded. But this was no test. It was dropped over the Japanese city of Hiroshima, and in a flash of heat and light, the city was destroyed and 100,000 people were killed or injured. Conquered and conquerors alike were awed by the power of this terrible new weapon. “Oh my,

what have we done?" asked the copilot of the *Enola Gay*, the B-29 bomber that carried the bomb to Japan.

The power of the atom

What they had done was turn a small piece of uranium, about one gram, or a 30th of an ounce into raw energy. Scientists had long suspected that it was possible. It took the urgency of war for them to discover how.

But when they did, even those who worked on the project were sobered by the implications of the power they could unleash. "I had gooseflesh all over me when I realized what this meant for the future of humanity," wrote one scientist.

U.S. President Harry Truman summed it up in a warning to the people of Japan the day after Hiroshima was destroyed. "It is a harnessing of the basic power of the universe. The force from which the sun draws its power...if [the Japanese] do not now accept our terms of surrender, they may expect a rain of ruin from the air, the like of which has never been seen on this earth."

President Truman was right. Man had indeed harnessed the power of the universe, the very force from which the sun draws its power.

The atom bomb that devastated Hiroshima was a mere firecracker compared to the weapons of today. Now we measure their destructive power in megatons; one megaton is the equivalent of a 300-mile long trainload of conventional explosives! But we have become so accustomed to such figures that they no longer impress us.

We should look again at the power of the atom. It is indeed the force by which mankind will bring himself to the edge of destruction. But there is also an encouraging and reassuring side to it. By splitting the atom, we learn or could learn if we were willing, a little more about the awesome power of Yahweh.

So let me give you a quick, and, I hope, not too hard to understand physics lesson. For most of his approximately 6,000 years on earth, man has been surprisingly ignorant about the true nature of his surroundings. The ancient civilizations of Egypt, Greece and Rome made some progress in science. But after the fifth century, man's knowledge hardly advanced for 1,000 years.

During the Dark Ages, science, magic and witchcraft were considered to be much the same thing. Such scientists as there were wasted their time trying to find the elixir of life or a way to turn lead into gold. They thought the earth was flat and that angels pushed the sun and stars around it. Superstition rather than science guided men's thinking.

Then, in the middle of the 16th century, knowledge began to expand rapidly again. Navigators discovered that they could sail around the world without falling off. Copernicus showed that the earth was not the center of the universe, but just another planet in orbit around the sun. Galileo's experiments in astronomy and physics challenged some ideas that had remained unchanged (and wrong) since the days of Aristotle.

The English scientist Sir Isaac Newton demonstrated how physical phenomena could be measured and quantified. He made it possible for scientists to build on their discoveries, rather than conduct isolated experiments. Newton realized there was a system of law governing gravity, mass, force, acceleration and motion. This laid the groundwork for the advances that made our modern world possible.

For two centuries nobody seriously questioned the validity of Newton's laws. In the 18th and 19th centuries, it was considered indisputable that physical matter (the elements) and energy (heat and light) were separate entities that could neither be created nor destroyed. The amount of energy in the universe was presumed fixed.

Matter could change its form through chemical reaction. Energy could also change heat into light, for example. But matter could not turn into energy or vice versa. Or so they thought.

The theory of relativity

It was Albert Einstein who first understood that this was not totally true. He put forward a theory that predicted that physical matter and energy were not separate, that they were, in a sense, interchangeable. Matter could be transformed into energy, and energy could be transformed into matter.

This "theory of relativity" rocked the scientific world. This article is no place to try to explain in detail these incredibly complicated ideas. But Dr. Einstein summed them up with the now famous equation $E = mc^2$ (where E = energy, m = mass and c = the speed of light, which is about 186,000 miles a

second). What this means is that if you can transform physical matter into energy, the amount of energy produced is equal to the mass of the matter times the speed of light multiplied by itself (i.e., $186,000 \times 186,000$).

You don't need to be a genius to realize that if this line of reasoning is true, even a small amount of matter can produce an astonishing amount of energy.

Splitting the atom

But how do you turn matter into energy? To do this, you would have to literally split the atom, or to be specific, the nucleus of the atom. And that is easier said than done.

Scientists had shown that the atom, once thought to be the smallest possible particle of matter, is composed of even smaller, subatomic particles neutrons, protons and electrons among them. The protons and neutrons make up a central core or nucleus of an atom, while the electrons whirl around the nucleus rather like the planets orbit the sun, only much faster, billions of times in a millionth of a second. (The makeup of the atom is actually even more complex than this, but this will serve to make the point.)

These components of the atom each have an electrical charge, negative, positive or neutral. The electrons whirling around in orbit have a negative charge. The nucleus is made of neutrons, which have a neutral charge, and protons, which have a positive charge.

Think of these charges like the opposite poles of a magnet and you'll get the idea. If you have played with magnets, you've discovered that like poles repel each other, while opposite poles attract. It's the same with electrical charges. So since the nucleus of an atom is made up of neutral neutrons and positively charged protons, what stops the protons from repelling each other, or, in other words, why doesn't an atom's nucleus fly apart? (Again, think of it as trying to hold the like poles of two powerful magnets together. It takes a surprising amount of strength, and as soon as you let up, the magnets immediately push themselves away from each other.)

There must be a force that counteracts the repelling power of the protons and binds them together in the nucleus. Physicists call this the "strong force."

It is indeed so strong that, for centuries, nobody even suspected its existence. So firm was its grip on the core of the atom that no force available to man could even begin to persuade it to let go. Thus it was hardly surprising that scientists thought the atom was the smallest possible division of matter.

In the 19th century it was discovered that some elements had a strange property. They gave off radiation, or, as we say now, were radioactive. Physicists realized that the atoms of these elements were slowly disintegrating. It happened very slowly, so slowly and unobtrusively that for thousands of years nobody even suspected it.

Strange, isn't it? For millennia, alchemists had wasted their time trying to turn one element into another, yet here it was happening naturally under their noses all the time. Uranium, for example, given enough time, will decay down to lead, a nonradioactive element.

Experiments showed that when one element is transformed into another, not *all* of it is changed. A *very small* percentage of matter is changed into energy.

But if Einstein was right and E really did equal mc^2 , that still meant a lot of energy would be released as an atom decayed. Just before the Second World War, scientists learned how to speed up the decay by splitting the atom with a nuclear reactor, releasing the power of the atom.

When a radioactive element decays in nature, a small amount of energy is produced. For example, one pound of radioactive uranium gives as much energy as is produced by 5,000 pounds of gasoline. But it needs a thousand million years to do it. In a nuclear reactor (or a nuclear bomb) the atom is literally split in two. Much greater amounts of energy are released, suddenly and violently.

In the reaction that caused the devastation at Hiroshima, only about 1/1000th of the uranium was transformed into energy, about a 30th of an ounce.

Think of the power that was locked into that speck of matter, when it was transformed into heat and radiation! And that was a very small bomb.

A hydrogen bomb is many times more powerful than an atomic bomb. It takes an atomic explosion to produce enough energy to start the reaction.

But when the reaction does take place, it is with a flash of light brighter than the sun. Millions of degrees of heat are generated. That is why it is called a thermonuclear reaction. With the making of the hydrogen bomb, man has actually succeeded in duplicating the force that drives the sun.

The incredible sun

Look up at the sun. What you are seeing is a continuous chain of nuclear explosions in a reaction of unimaginable power.

The sun is actually a giant thermonuclear reactor. It is composed mainly of hydrogen that is gradually changing into helium. Deep inside the sun's core tremendous gravitational forces, 250 billion times those of earth, compress hydrogen atoms until the heat and pressure force a thermonuclear reaction to take place.

Energy released is thrust toward the surface, but the sun's great mass pulls it back. It may take up to 15 million years for the energy to jostle its way through the surface and escape as heat and radiation.

Scientists estimate that nearly four million tons of hydrogen are transformed into energy every second in the nuclear holocaust on our sun. (Remember, it took only a 30th of an ounce to destroy Hiroshima.)

And then stop and think about this: our sun is only one star in our galaxy of 100 million stars. And there are probably 100 million other galaxies, each with another 100 million stars. That makes, oh, never mind. The point is that there is an almost inconceivable amount of power locked up in this awesome universe that surrounds us.

Yahweh made that universe by and out of His own power. *"For He commanded, and they were created,"* the Bible tells us (Psalm 148:5).

The power of Yahweh

How can we even begin to comprehend the power that Yahweh has available? How much energy had to be held together to forge the atoms of even the most commonplace and seemingly insignificant of Yahweh's creations, a sparrow, a spider, or a leaf?

If all the energy compacted in a gram of matter could be released (it can't by any means now known to science), it would supply as much energy as Hoover Dam produces in about 18 and a half hours. Put

another way, the matter in a 150-pound person, if converted completely to energy, would supply as much energy as Hoover Dam could produce in 144 years.

Yet Yahweh made giant stars 1,000 times the size of our sun! Can we ever begin to appreciate just how great Yahweh is? No wonder He could never allow mortal man to see the full power that radiates from Him. Nothing made of flesh and blood could survive that experience.

But Yahweh has, through His creation, given us hints, mere suggestions, of the immensity of this power. *"For, from the foundations of the world, the invisible things of YAHWEH are clearly seen and understood, in the things He created, even His eternal power and divinity; so that they might be without excuse,"* wrote Paul (Romans 1:20).

The physical things Yahweh has made can teach us, if we have eyes to see. But, sad to say, many scientists today have rejected the very idea of Elohim.

Never before have they known so much about the universe. Never before has there been more reason to believe in a creator. Not so long ago, sailors were afraid to sail over the horizon for fear they would fall off the earth. Now we travel into space routinely, discovering, measuring, analyzing and quantifying. And every breakthrough leads inexorably toward one conclusion, that there must have been a time when all that we see began.

But that implies a creator, and that is something that many scientists cannot or will not admit. And so they *"became vain in their imaginations, and their unwise heart was darkened"* (Verse 21).

Perhaps if scientists had been willing to acknowledge the awesome power of Yahweh, they would never have dared tamper with those forces that bind the universe together.

In Yahweh's hands, those forces are under control and are used only to do good. He has carefully regulated the inferno on the sun so that it makes life possible on earth.

But what has man done with nuclear power? Certainly there have been numerous peaceful industrial applications, although some argue that even these are hazardous. But our potential to split the atom is also lurking in the warheads of the weapons that will destroy all life if they are ever used.

Those weapons may be more destructive than we dare think. President Truman threatened a “rain of ruin” on Japan. He didn’t know then that those relatively little bombs were paving the way for a possible nuclear winter that would eventually eliminate those who survived the initial blasts of nuclear bombs.

While the human heart is ruled by anger, lust and greed, it would be wiser to leave the “basic power of the universe” alone.

But it’s too late now. Once the first atomic bomb went off successfully, the die was cast. A chain reaction began. The bombs got bigger, and Bible prophecy tells us that man will use the principle of $E = mc^2$ to batter the earth to the point where it can no longer sustain life.

Then, and only then, will the people of this world look out to the heavens and ask once again, “My El, what have we done?”

The lesson of Psalm 19

King David lived long before the days of nuclear power. He knew nothing of the theory of relativity or the splitting of atoms. But he did understand that there was a great Creator, Yahweh. He also knew that Yahweh was to be respected and obeyed and worshipped.

When David saw the immensity of Yahweh’s power manifested in the universe, he was inspired and humbled. “*When I look upon Your heavens, the work of Your fingers: the moon and the stars which You have fixed; what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man, that You visit him?*” (Psalm 8:3-4).

But David understood what man was, and why Yahweh was mindful of him. Yahweh has great purpose for man. David realized that Yahweh was not selfish or power mad. He was eager to share His power, but only if it were used properly.

Before King David or you and I can share the great power of Yahweh, we must qualify. We saw at Hiroshima what even a small fragment of just one aspect of that power, wrongly used, can do. Before Yahweh shares all His power with us in the Kingdom of Yahweh, we must show Him that we will use it responsibly.

How do we show Yahweh this?

Let King David teach us, because although David sometimes let his mind soar in the magnificence of the universe, he kept his feet firmly on the ground. He continued in Psalm 19: “*The Torah of YAHWEH is perfect, converting the soul. The Testimony of YAHWEH is sure...The precepts of YAHWEH are right...The commandments of YAHWEH are clear, giving light to the eyes...Also Your servant is warned by them; in keeping of them is great reward.*” (Psalm 19:7-11).

David knew that Yahweh rules His Kingdom and regulates His power with the great law of love. Before humans can inherit that Kingdom, they must show that they will live in obedience to that law. Only then can Yahweh be sure that the great reserves of power will always be used for good and peaceful purposes.

So Yahweh watches us now, while we are still relatively powerless, to see how we live. He expects us to take seriously even the smallest details of His law, which is far more binding than even the strong force that holds the earth together, or the power that constrains the energy locked in the stars. “*The heaven and the earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away, never!*” (Luke 21:33).

King David believed that. And so, when this righteous king looked into the heavens, he was filled with longing for the time when he could share that splendor as a born child of Yahweh. But he knew he had to qualify, and he knew he needed help. So he prayed, “*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing before You, O YAHWEH, my Rock and my Redeemer*” (Psalm 19:14).

Yahweh did help David. He gave him power, not the power of the atom, but the even greater power of the Holy Spirit. He began the greatest reaction process of all, the transformation of the very nature of David. One day, David will be resurrected in power and glory.

Yahweh will do the same for you. He will share His Spirit with you, just a little, for now. But you must use it properly, to overcome, to obey Yahweh’s law, to do good and serve others.

Then one day, you too, will be welcomed by the great Creator, Yahweh into His Kingdom, to live with Him in full brilliance and majesty and share His awesome power forever.

A Message to the Youth

By Eric Serrano

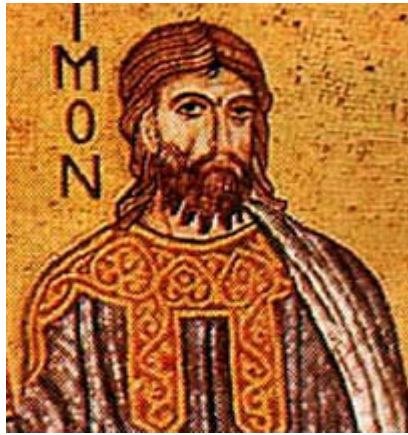
Greetings and shalom to all the youth reading this letter. I am very excited and pleased to be able to write to you in this latest edition of the “Remnant’s Walk”, as I have been appointed the task of being a youth leader, and I am committed to and will do my very best to help you in the journey we all must take if we desire to be a child of the living Elohim. As I will have the privilege to write future articles for the youth in the Remnant’s Walk, I would like to share with you some of my goals in helping the youth in Yahweh’s congregation prepare for His soon coming Kingdom.

I am a graduate of both the Hayahad Bible Seminar and Return to the Land Ambassadorship training course, which I took here in the very land where our Master Yahshua walked. I find it a great honor and privilege to be trained in Galilee where Yahshua grew up and spent most of His three and a half year ministry while He walked the earth. I am pleased to say that the training I received has been the most rewarding and most cherished experience that I have ever had in my life. It has helped me tremendously in my walk with Yahweh by helping me to understand what our faith really is and what it’s all about. Yahweh has opened my eyes to so much truth and how we are to live to Him as first fruits. Becoming a complete believer is one of the courses one will take in the Hayahad Bible Seminar that helps believers live a fruitful and complete life to Yahweh and as a disciple of Yahshua. There is no money you can put to this kind of training and I hope to impart some of what I have learned and experienced to you.

In the Hayahad Bible Seminar we learned to write specific purpose statements or S.P.S., which are specific goals we wanted to accomplish, and with them, plans of action that would help us accomplish our S.P.S. And since I have been given the duty of being youth leader, my S.P.S. is to *give our youth hope for the future and to prepare them to be leaders in Yahweh’s Kingdom*. I hope to frequently write articles to you in the coming Remnant’s Walks and will be, Yahweh willing, working with the youth that come to the feasts in Jerusalem. I hope to be able to be an encouragement to the youth through correspondence and individually help you wherever there may be a need.

Yahweh has given each and everyone one of you a gift that He is expecting to find blossomed and with much fruit when He returns. Yahweh’s Kingdom is real, it is not a figment of one’s imagination, but a true literal Kingdom that will come very soon and be established here on earth. And just as an earthly king is trained from birth to receive his kingdom, Yahweh has promised all of His first fruits the reward of being kings and priests in His Kingdom! However, time is short and much preparation must be done, in order to be ready when our Master returns. *Revelation 22:12, And behold, I am coming soon, and My reward is with Me, to give to each according to his work. I am the Aleph and the Tav, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last. Blessed are the ones doing His commandments, that their authority will be over the Tree of Life, and that they may enter by the gates into the city.* May the grace of our Heavenly Father be upon you as you serve Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Simonites Establish *UNIVERSAL* Church(Reprint)



Elevating his teachings above the Bible, and a “no-works” for doctrine for salvation, Simon Magus soon had a universal following. Deified by the Romans, he was buried on Vatican Hill. Read how it happened now!

Simon Magus, just like his Samaritan forefathers, deliberately blended together the teachings of Babylon with Biblical phrases. One of his main intentions was to appropriate a Christian vocabulary to the Babylonian ceremonial system. In other words, he kept on with his heathenism, but now called his system “Christian” in origin.

To legitimately introduce paganism into the church, he had to explain away many passages in the Old Testament, which forbade idolatry and contact with the abominations of the heathen. This he quite cleverly did. His primary method of explaining the Old Testament was to allegorize its teachings.

Magus Degrades the Bible

If this wasn't sufficient to explain it away, he would repudiate it as being of *less* value than the present will of Elohim which was supposedly being revealed to him. In fact, he got to the place of doing away altogether with the Old Testament by teaching that its doctrines were meant to enslave people and that its *commandments were too grievous to bear*. “Irenaeus states that Simon taught that the Jewish prophecies {the Old Testament} were inspired by the creator angels; therefore, those who had hope in him and Helen NEED NOT ATTEND TO THEM, BUT FREELY DO AS THEY WOULD; for that men should be saved according to his grace, and not

by any intrinsic quality of their own, but by the accident of thee being ordered by these creator angels WHO HAD MERELY WISHED TO ENSLAVE THOSE WHO HEARD THEM” (*Dict. Of Christian Biography*, vol. 4, p. 683).

How diabolical! The *Dict. of Religion and Ethics* had this to say about this cardinal doctrine of SIMON PATER. “Simon taught that the precepts of the law and the prophets were inspired by angels {lesser beings} in the desire to reduce men to slavery, but those who believed in him and Helen, since they were delivered from the sinister tyranny of the law, *were free to act as they would*. For men are saved by grace and not by good works. The antinomianism of the Simonians issued in *LIBERTINE* conduct and *A COMPROMISE WITH HEATHENISM*” (vol. 11, p. 518).

Let's go on. “But he {Simon} promised that the world should be dissolved, and that those who were his own should be redeemed. And accordingly, *HIS PRIESTS*, Irenaeus tells us {yes, Simon established a priesthood}, led lascivious lives, used magic and incantations, made philtres, HAD FAMILIAR SPIRITS by whose aid they were able to trouble with dreams those whom they would. *They had IMAGES of Simon and Helen, in the forms respectively of JUPITER and MINVERVA*” (*Dict. of Christian Biography*, vol. 4, p. 683).

Simon Honored as Jupiter

People who had demonistic powers as Simon were honored as gods in the first century, even sacrifices were offered to them. Does this seem unlikely? Then read Acts 14:11-13. After seeing the great miracles that Paul and Barnabas had done through the Holy Spirit, Luke says: “And seeing what Paul did, the crowd lifted up their voice in Lycaonian, saying, The gods have come down to us, becoming like men. And they called Barnabas, *Zeus*, and Paul, *Hermes*, because he was the leader in speaking. And the priest of Zeus, one who was outside of the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the gate of the courtyard where they stayed, and desired to offer a sacrifice to them.”

Paul and Barnabas “rent their clothes” at such action. What would SIMON MAGUS have done? Or rather, what did Simon Magus do? He let the Roman Senate, with the approval of the Emperor Claudius, deify him as a god and erect a statue to him. And, the people who followed SIMON called him JUPITER, at the same time calling themselves Christians. The statue that must have been dedicated to Simon was in the likeness of the chief god of the pagan world, the god that desolated the Holy Place in Yahweh’s temple, Jupiter Captiolinus.

The Hebrews honored and regarded the number seven as recorded in Yahweh’s law, that is, kept the seventh day, the seven holy days, etc., but Simon and his followers made a distinct change and honored the number eight instead (i.e. the eighth day, which becomes the first day of the week). See *AnteNicene Fathers*, vol. 7, p. 379.

The records regarding Simon’s death vary widely. Many of the stories try to incorporate some fiction from the Greek and Egyptian myths to enhance the reader’s interest in this fascinating character. But the earliest records say that he was *buried in Rome* after a long period of great honor and deification.

It is not clearly known where Simon Magus, alias Simon Pater, or Simon Jupiter was buried. But this much is known. The place of burial for ALL prophets and holy men of the Romans was in the *sacred cemetery on Vatican Hill*. This much is certain.

Notice what Werner Keller in his *The Bible as History* says about the so-called burial of the Catholics’ Peter (Before reading Keller’s statement,

let us remember that he is a Catholic and firmly, himself, believed that the Apostle Peter was buried in Rome. However, the Bible shows nothing of the kind. Now, let’s read Keller’s comment, the official comment of the Roman Catholic Church):

“On the night of his death on the cross, Peter’s followers *BURIED* his body. As in the case of Jesus on the hill of Calvary, it was wrapped in linen and secretly taken to a PAGAN BURIAL GROUND on the Via Cornelia, behind the stone structure of the arena. This PAGAN CEMETERY lay on a knoll called VATICANUS: the Latin word ‘vatis’ means a ‘prophet’ or ‘SOOTHSAYER’. In days gone by, there had been an Etruscan oracle on this spot” (p. 368).

What an admission! Keller ought to have better sense to know that *this* Peter buried in *this* cemetery, *of all places*, could NOT be the *Apostle* Peter. In the first place, Peter was a Jew, and they had to be buried in their own cemeteries. And even if by a happenstance, a Jew could be buried in a Roman cemetery, it is most unlikely that a Jew, especially one who attacked the Roman religion as the *Apostle* Peter did, would ever have been allowed into *the most holy of pagan cemeteries!* This cemetery was reserved for prophets, soothsayers and the great ones of pagan Rome. It would be as sensible to say that Hitler could find a place of burial in Westminster Abbey. And too, can you imagine TRUE Christians searching out a PAGAN CEMETERY, *the chief one*, in which to bury the chief *Christian* Apostle, *the inveterate enemy of PAGANISM?*

This place, of all places, could not be the place of the *Apostle* Peter’s burial, even if he had been in Rome. But, there is really no better place for the burial of SIMON MAGUS. He had been, and was being, honored as a god, not only by the people of Rome, but even by the emperor and the Senate.

Keller and his Catholic friends have undoubtedly found a SIMON, but not the *Apostle* Peter.

Catholic Church Accepts SIMON MAGUS’ Teachings

We have the record of history which tells us that Simon’s teaching spread like wildfire, especially in Rome where he was honored as a god. In fact, after going there, he made that city his headquarters. But let us recall that the followers of Simon *called themselves* TRUE Christians.

Simon steadfastly adhered to this. In fact, it finally became the desired name for his followers to use. The names Simonians and Samaritans began to die out in the 2nd century A.D. Justin tells us that some were still going by the parent name in his day (152 A.D.). But by the time of Origen (220 A.D.), he states that there were hardly 30 people in the world who went by the parent name. Yet Eusebius, who lived about 100 years later, said they were indeed still numerous *all over the world*.

The fact is, they were divorcing themselves from the use of the name SIMON or Samaritans because by the 4th century their names were beginning to have an odious connotation to them. Nonetheless, the Simonians were very much around, this time with the *name* of “Christian”. And we have the exact testimony of Eusebius himself (325 A.D.) that these people were flocking into the Catholic Church.

Notice what Eusebius says, after stating that Simon Magus in the days of the Apostles received baptism and feigned Christian belief: “And what is more surprising, the same thing is DONE EVEN TO THIS DAY by those who follow His most impure heresy. For they, after the manner of their forefather, SLIPPING INTO THE CHURCH, like a pestilential and leprous disease, GREATLY AFFLICT THOSE {a great number of people} into whom they are able to infuse the deadly and terrible poison concealed in themselves” (*Eccl. Hist.*, II, ch. I, sect. 12).

This is amazing testimony, for Eusebius is telling us that these people were now “Christians” and that they were corrupting the entire church as a pestilential disease which hits the whole body. Eusebius later maintains that the chief troublemakers were being expelled from the Catholic Church. But how could they expel all of them? Almost the whole church by this time was affected.

It is not to be supposed that all of the early heretical sects were *direct* branches of the Simon Magus religion. By the end of the first century, there were at least 50 minor sects. The Simon Magus group represented several of these sects, but not all of them. The truth is, the Simonians, whose headquarters were at Rome, finally *absorbed* ALL these minor sects by the fifth century.

Simonism IS Catholicism

It is also true that even some of the Catholics (in Eusebius’ time) were unwilling to go all the way and

accept the SIMON MAGUS doctrines of IMAGES, PICTURES, INCANTATIONS, etc., but within another hundred years, history shows the bars were let down completely.

But in Eusebius’ day, he even balked at their bringing outright images into the churches and worshipping them. Notice what he finally says of these “Christians” of SIMON: “Simon was the author of all heresy. From his *time down to the present*, those who have followed his heresy have FEIGNED the sober philosophy of the Christians, which is celebrated among all on account of its purity of life. *But they nevertheless have embraced again the superstitions of idols*, which they seemed {ostentatiously} to have renounced; and they fall down before pictures and images of Simon himself and of the abovementioned Helena who was with him {that is, the images of JUPITER and MINVERVA, the Catholics do exactly this today}; and they venture to worship them with incense and sacrifice and libations” (*Eccl. Hist.* II, 13, 6).

What clear and revealing statements! Eusebius is not talking about what he considers distinct heretics *outside* the Catholic Church. He is talking about the MAJOR group *IN THAT CHURCH* which was continually adding more and more on a large scale. He attributes these evils to the “Christians” who followed SIMON MAGUS. They were so active in his day *INSIDE THE CHURCH* as to give him grave concern.

But what happened? Did the few Catholic leaders of the 4th century who abhorred outright IDOLATRY manage to persuade the masses to give it up and turn away from the SIMONIANS (now called Christians) who were the cause of it all?

The answer from history is NO! The Simonian “Christians” won out. Imagery, idolatry and paganism became the Universal Church *just as planned* in the very beginning by SIMON MAGUS, or by the Devil who possessed him.

Can we now understand why Yahweh, through Luke, devotes a whole section of Acts to warn us of this man’s origin. He was NEVER a part of the Congregation of Yahweh, NEVER!! But he, and his followers, from clear history, have succeeded in bringing their UNIVERSAL religion, a pagan blend, *called* “Christian”!

PROVE ALL THINGS! WOMEN'S HEAD COVERINGS

Where did the custom of women wearing head scarves come from? If we look into the Greek culture that the Apostle Paul was writing to in the book of Corinthians, we will see that women in the Greek culture wore head scarves after their pagan deities that they worshipped. One does not have to look much further than the Catholic Church and the Mary idols, and also the nuns that are fashioned after Mary, or more correctly, Ishtar idols. In I Corinthians 11, Paul is addressing the group of brethren that were trying to force head scarves on all the women, and clearly this is his response:

I Cor 11:16 – *“But if anyone thinks to be contentious, we do not have such a custom, nor do the Congregations of YAHWEH.”*

It is clear from Paul's response that he did not agree with women having to wear an additional cloth on their head as a secondary covering. The first thing that one should ask is if women were meant to wear head coverings, why does the Torah not say one word about it? Also, did Paul have the authority to change or add to Torah? Absolutely not!

So what is I Corinthians 11 about then? The real issue that Paul was trying to deal with was not *head scarves but hair lengths*. In the Middle Eastern Greek culture where women were wearing these head scarves, it is also very hot, so since their hair was not shown, many were cutting the hair short to have more comfort from the heat and scarf. On the other hand, many men who were also trying to imitate their Greek male gods, were wearing long flowing hair such as you see on the “*Jesus pictures*”, which is a model of the Greek god, son of Zeus. This is the real problem of I Corinthians 11.

I Cor 11:4 – *“Every man praying or prophesying, having anything down over his head shames his head.”*

The Greek word used here is Strong's #2596 - “Kata” and means to have anything down over the head. Paul here is referring to a man having long hair fully covering his head.

I Cor 11:5 – *“And every woman praying or prophesying with the head uncovered dishonors*

her head, for it is the same as to her whose head is shaven.”

The word here for uncovered is Strong's #177 and means to be uncovered. In other words, he is saying that if a woman has short hair (not fully covering her head) that it is as if she were shaven. In scripture, the only time you see a woman with short hair was when she was shamed, such as when her husband suspected she was an adulteress, as we see in Numbers the 5th chapter. In this case the priest would shave the woman's head before he gave her the test of adultery.

I Cor 11:6 – *“For if a woman does not fully cover her head, let her also cut off her hair. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn, or to be shaven, let her head be covered.”*

Here again Paul is saying that if a woman is not fully covered (having long hair), then it is as if she is shaved, but since women are only shaved for shame, then let her be fully covered (have long hair). The Greek word here for covered is Strong's #2619 and means to fully cover the head. Then verse 14-15 makes Paul's case clear.

I Cor 11:13-14 – *“You judge among yourselves: Is it fitting for a woman to pray to YAHWEH with an uncovered head? Or does not nature herself teach you that if a man indeed wears long hair, it is a disgrace to him?”*

I Cor 11:15 – *“But if a woman wears her hair long, it is a glory to her; **because the hair has been given to her instead of a veil.**”*

The word used here for veil is Strong's #4018 and literally means cloth wrap or veil. This is the first time in the letter that Paul even mentions the word veil, all other references were to coverings, not veils. Paul clearly believes the long hair is the covering. Where maybe the beginning of Paul's letter was a bit confusing because he does not come out and explain the true purpose of his writing (hair lengths, not veils), the latter part of the letter is very clear, that as long hair is a shame to a
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Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) 2012

It is truly one of the most exciting experiences that you will have in your life, to be blessed to spend a feast in Israel and take a Pilgrimage in the land. After reading the Holy Scriptures for so many years, to be able to see it all with your own eyes will be a life changing experience. We are trying to truly encourage representatives from countries all over the world to come and experience this rare blessing, and represent their given nation as **Zech 14:16** states. After spending the feast in Jerusalem you will never want to spend it anywhere else. As it states in

Eze 36:38, Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so the wasted cities shall be filled with flocks of men. And they shall know that I am Yahweh.

We are living in these times where Yahweh has brought Judah back to the land of Israel after 2500 years of Diaspora. Come and share what Yahweh is doing in His land, Israel, in these end times. Before Sukkot, you will arrive in the **Old City** and we will build our Sukkah before the opening night of the feast. Then, during Sukkot we will travel several days around the **Old City of Jerusalem** and you will get to see the **Mount of Olives, The City of David**, as well as **David's tomb** and the **room of the last supper**, and also the remains of the **House of Caiphas** where they still have today the remains of the scourging room where Yahshua would have been held the night before His crucifixion. We also hope to possibly go to a biblical park that will teach you everything there is to know from a Hebrew perspective on the harvest fruits of Sukkot and the land of Israel. We also hope to travel to the Dead Sea during Sukkot.

After Sukkot we will stop at the **Valley of Elah** where David fought Goliath, on our way to Caesarea. Then, you will get to see Mount Carmel, Megiddo and the valley of Jezreel where Ahab and Jezebel were from, as well as seeing the spring of Harod where Gideon picked his army to fight for Yahweh.

The next day, we will travel in the north and you will be blessed to see **Capernaum**, the very village where Yahshua lived during His public ministry and then take **a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, the very water that Yahshua walked on. Also we will visit Bethsaida, the fishing village where Peter and Andrew were from, as well as being the ancient Old Testament city of Geshur where King David's son Absalom's mother was from.

Then, we have the blessing to go to Samaria to the very land Of Ephraim. We will visit Mount Gerizim and you will see the remains of the 2,500 year old Samaritan temple built during the Persian era. We will also meet with an authentic Samaritan Levite priest who can show his lineage all the way back to Aaron and Eliazer. After Mount Gerizim we will continue to travel to Shiloh to see the very place where the Ark of the Covenant was placed for more than 400 years during the times of the judges and also see biblical Gilgal where recent archeological finds have been discovered dating back to the time of Joshua. It will be a very special day.

We will also take a day in the Golan Heights visiting the biblical stronghold of Gamla, as well as the Tel Dan nature reserve, which actually has the remains of the very altar that Jeroboam built in the book of first Kings. There is also the oldest archway in the world there that dates back to the time of Abraham and which he would have personally walked through.

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AMBASSADORS FOR ISRAEL PROGRAM



(Math 24:32)

But learn the parable of the fig tree

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2 Cor 5:20- *Then on behalf of Messiah, we are ambassadors, as Yahweh is exhorting through us*

Rev 5: 10- *and made us kings and priests to our Elohim; and we shall reign on the earth.*

Scripture clearly tells us that to be true believers, we will be Kings and Priests of the Most High Elohim in His Kingdom and that we are now Ambassadors for Yahweh's soon coming Kingdom. To this end, we will teach and train our students how to prepare for this most important job. Ambassadors are not just sent, but they must be trained for the position and country that they are going to.

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