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This book is not to be sold. We are told in the second part of Matthew 10: 8 “*freely you received, freely give.*” The book contains a number of sermons that I gave over the past few months and is intended as a reference manual for like-minded Nazarene Jewish/Israelite believers.

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Chapter 1: Jacob's trouble (or the great tribulation).

Is the great tribulation spoken about in the Scriptures, just around the corner? Daily news reports are filled with accounts of natural disasters like drought, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, volcanoes and famine. The world scene is filled with accounts of murder, rape, kidnapping and other tragedies too sick to mention. Some people insist that we are living on the verge of a New World Order, whilst others warn that we are about to self-destruct. Because people are eager to know what would befall us next, they consult so-called mediums or sooth-Sayers and listen to anyone who claims to foresee the future, except for looking for answers in the Scriptures, since most came to realize that their old believe systems were based on falsehood.

Very few are aware that YHVH told Moses in Deuteronomy 18: 18 – 19, saying: ***'I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. (19) And it shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.'*** YHVH Himself confirmed the identity of this prophet to whom we should listen, when Yahshua was transfigured before His disciples Kepha, Yaa'cov and Yochanan in Mark 9: 2 – 7, as follows: ***'And six days later, Yahshua took with Him Kepha and Yaa'cov and Yochanan, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; (3) and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. (4) And Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Yahshua. (5) And Kepha answered and said to Yahshua, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (6) For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified. (7) Then a cloud formed, over shadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"*** In addition to YHVH telling us to listen to Yahshua here, Yahshua confirmed the authority of the Father in whatever He says and does to the religious leaders in John 12: 44 – 50, saying: ***"He who believes in Me does not believe in Me, but in Him who sent Me. (45) And he who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me. (46) I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness. (47) And if anyone hears My sayings, and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. (48) He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word that I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. (49) For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak. (50) And I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."*** Yahshua the Messiah was the greatest prophet who ever lived. Yahshua gave His disciples a detailed description how the end of this age will come about in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. But He also showed the author of the fourth Gospel, namely Yochanan in detail how the end of this age will unfold in the book of Revelation.

Yahshua's disciples, beholding the temple building because of His remark that the temple building will be torn down in what was then still future, came to Him privately in Matthew 24: 3, saying: ***"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"*** Yahshua answered them in verse 4, saying: ***"See to it that no one misleads you."*** The problem is that most of us, especially from the lost ten tribes have been deceived for almost 2,000 years by the counterfeit religion that Satan and his agents started soon after Messiah's death, resurrection and ascension to heaven, as Rav Shaul also wrote in 2 Timothy 3: 13, saying: ***'But evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.'*** Satan and his agents, including some like-minded believers proclaim false doctrines, a different message, and even doctrines of demons have been introduced to many believers in books, videos, music, webpages and groups who even claim the use of Elohim's Set-apart name. We read about those who consult mediums and spiritists in Isaiah 8: 19 & 20, in this way: ***'And when they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter," should not a people consult their Elohim? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? (20) To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.'*** Rav Yochanan also wrote about this in first John 4: 1, saying:

'Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from Elohim; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.'

It is vitally important for those of us called out of the religions of the world, to separate ourselves from the false belief system of the world, as we are warned by Yochanan that which Yahshua showed him in Revelation 18: 1 – 8, as follows: ***'After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. (2) And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. (3) "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality." (4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues; (5) for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and Elohim has remembered her iniquities. (6)"Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. (7) To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I SIT AS A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never see mourning.' (8) "For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for YHVH Elohim who judges her is strong."***

This angel will be given great authority by Almighty YHVH to announce the fall of ***'BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH'*** (in Revelation 17), which is a system of the beast (or Satan). This angel also gives the reasons for her destruction, in Revelation 17: 2 and Jeremiah 51: 7, in this way: ***'with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality.'*** Mystery Babylon has declared herself the Mother of religion, and she who has murdered true believers will receive a double portion from her own cup. In order for those of us called by Elohim to proclaim the full Messianic Message. We need to tell the world about the soon coming kingdom of Elohim, instead of the false gospel Churchianity has been proclaiming for years, namely that J*s*u*s* C*h*r*i*s*t* came to earth to Christianize the world including the Jews, and those who are 'saved' by believing in this false Messiah will go directly to heaven at death. This false gospel is keeping the bride (of true believers in Yahshua) from the Groom, Yahshua our Messiah, who is personally coming to rule the world with His bride made up of Torah observant Jews and truly converted members of the lost ten tribes who believe in both Torah and the testimony of Yahshua. Yahshua explained this in Matthew 24: 9 – 14, saying: ***"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. (10) And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another. (11) And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many. (12) And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. (13) But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved. (14) And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come."***

Even though many have since the last century proclaimed the true gospel about the coming kingdom of Elohim, very few understood that the kingdom of Elohim will really be the reestablishment of King David's rulership over both the house of Israel and the house of Judah with its headquarters in Jerusalem. For years people from the Churches of G-d, the Assemblies of YHVH and even some Nazarene/Messianic Israelite and like-minded believers, preached a reestablished kingdom of Elohim with converted returnees from the house of Israel ruling under Messiah for a thousand years, without understanding that there cannot be a kingdom of Elohim over the united Israel, without the house of Judah also being part of it. People simply did not understand that Yahshua our Messiah's main purpose was (and still is) to bring the lost sheep of the house of Israel back to the Father, but also to Brother Judah to eventually reestablish the commonwealth of Israel, ruled over by King David. The Church of G-d never taught that Torah observant Jews need not be immersed to receive the Set-apart Spirit, like we from the lost ten tribes have to be immersed and then return to full Torah observance, including circumcision if we want to live in the Promised Land eternally with

our fathers in the faith, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The prophet Daniel in fact prophesied about the fact that these truths will only be discovered during the time of the end, as witnessed in Daniel 12: 4, saying: ***“But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.”*** Yes, the knowledge we are talking about here, means knowledge in general, such as scientific discoveries to improve our health as well as making our lives easier, but also knowledge about Elohim’s Torah and will for mankind. But the overriding remaining question is: just how close are we to the end of the age right now?

We read from Matthew 24: 9 – 14 what is playing out at this time, but will increase extraordinarily to a point where some of us will deliver up one another to the leaders of the false religious systems of this world, because of the pressures of life, as follows: ***“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name.*** (Yes, we are going to be hated even by our own race because we proclaim the correct name of our Master and Savior namely Yahshua.) (10) ***And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another.***(11) ***And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many.*** (12) ***And because lawlessness(Torahlessness) is increased, most people’s love*** (for Elohim and other human beings) ***will grow cold.*** (13) ***But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.*** (14) ***And this gospel of the kingdom*** (of Elohim on earth as it is now in heaven) ***shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.”*** Verse 10 is expanded a great deal in the same prophecy by Yahshua in Mark 13: 9 – 12, in this way: ***“But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues*** (many in Christianity teach that this is saying that the Jews will persecute true believers in their synagogues, but we need to be reminded that when this was written by the Jewish man Mark, the only places where religious meetings were conducted, were synagogues. Yahshua was here really referring to places where religious meetings will be conducted by the counterfeit religion that He knew would be started in His false name after His death, resurrection and ascension to heaven), ***and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them.*** (10) ***And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.*** (11) ***And when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Set-apart Spirit.*** (12) ***And brother will deliver brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.”*** If you and I really get serious about proclaiming the true gospel into the world, the job will be done and the end of mankind’s misrule will come, but as can be seen from Mark’s account, it will result in our persecution by our own people.

Reading further from Matthew 24: 15 – 22, we see a number of additional things that still need to happen, before Messiah’s return to come and save us from ourselves, as follows: ***“Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),*** (16) ***then let those who are in Judea*** (not everyone in every Israelite country – but only the Jews in Israel) ***flee to the mountains;*** (17) ***let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house;*** (18) ***and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.*** (19) ***But woe to those who are with child and those who nurse babes in those days!*** (20) ***But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath;*** (21) ***for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.***(22) ***And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short.”*** Since World War II there have been numerous wars throughout the world and the potential for another World War exist almost all over the world. What is described in Matthew 24: 6 & 7 started with World War I, in this way: ***“And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.*** (7) ***For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.”*** So if all that we have experienced over the past 100 years or so, is not the end yet? What was the meaning of it all? Yes, even though over 160 million people have been killed in wars since 1914, that was in fact what Yahshua referred to in Matthew 24: 8, saying: ***“But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.”*** The point is that Messiah is just about to give birth to the Great Tribulation.

If the number of people who died in wars, famine, and pestilence from 1914 after the start of World War I until today is described by Yahshua as merely the beginning of birth pangs, do you and I fully realize what the great tribulation will be like? Let me quote a number of statistics to make us understand the severity of what happened in our world since World War I. YHVH has been trying to correct the children of Israel since He brought our forefathers out of Egypt. But because the false religious system of the world has succeeded in hiding the truth that the Israelites who came out of Egypt consisted of both the house of Israel and the house of Judah, and somehow convinced the whole world that only the almost 16 million Jews alive today are Israelites, most people came to believe that two thirds of the Scriptures is not applicable to them any longer. Most do not even have an inkling that King David ruled over both the house of Israel and the house of Judah, and that he will again after Messiah's return be the Prince ruling over the kingdom of Elohim over Israel under Messiah, as confirmed in Zechariah 37: 24 & 25, as follows: ***'And My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd (Yahshua); and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes, and observe them. (25) And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant shall be their prince forever.'*** Once we understand that the Israelites were scattered through mainly the nations of the western world and that most of those of us called by YHVH at this time are from the lost ten tribes of Israel, we will realize that most of the prophecies given in the Scriptures are busy playing out right before our eyes, and that the worst of what have been prophesied to happen to us the descendants of Jacob, is about to happen in the next few years before Messiah's return.

As stated before a 160 million people died in wars since 1914. But in countries where they keep accurate statistics of violent crimes like the USA, we are told that every 25 minutes someone is murdered, and one woman is raped every six minutes. This is a relatively small first world country of only about 325 million people out of a total of about 7.4 billion people world-wide. According to statistics I obtained from google around 437,000 people were murdered in 2014 alone and 69,000 females and 9,000 males are raped/sodomized annually. How sick have we become? What must YHVH our Creator think of us? I believe this is also why He is trying to correct us through natural disasters, pestilence and famines as He also warned in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. According to 'The World Almanac' there were only 21 earthquakes of major strength between 1000 and 1800, this increased to 18 major earthquakes between 1800 and 1900, then from 1900 to 1950 there were 33 major earth quakes, and between 1950 and 1990 there were 93 major earthquakes and finally between 1991 - 2014, 56 major earthquakes. The death toll due to major earthquakes alone since 1900 amounts to well over a million people. Since the year 1900, 814 out of every 100,000 people alive in the world died annually because of famine. Since the same time Aids, typhoid diphtheria, malaria, tuberculosis, cholera, Ebola, Marburg fever and other diseases have killed millions of people. Since 1983 almost 22 million people died of Aids alone. A hundred different types of cancer kill over 5 million people annually. The cost of war is enormous. While some famines are caused by drought or other natural disasters, children are probably more likely to starve as a result of wars, government corruption and economic oppression. The World Health Organization estimates that one third of the world is well fed, whilst a third is under-fed, and one third is starving. While millions starve of hunger, rich countries destroy millions of tons of food and pour millions of gallons of milk down the drain to keep prices high. However, most human beings have become so calloused that these numbers do not scare us in the least. Or as some would say: *'That's life'*. Nobody understands that YHVH is causing these things to try and bring us to repentance, as the prophet Amos testified in Amos 3: 4 – 6, saying: ***'Does a lion roar in the forest when he has no prey? Does a young lion growl from his den unless he has captured something? (5) Does a bird fall into a trap on the ground when there is no bait in it? Does a trap spring up from the earth when it captures nothing at all? (6) If a trumpet is blown in a city will not the people tremble? If a calamity occurs in a city has not YHVH done It?'*** YHVH is punishing us like a father would his wayward children, to get them to repent and become obedient again, but we are not even aware of it. A fellow believer, who only recently came from the church system, asked me how I can talk about curses that the Law of cause and effect has meted out on us if Messiah took these curses away. He was obviously referring to Galatians 3: 13 which Churchianity misapplied to teach that Torah is abolished.

What most people who recently come from Christianity do not understand is that Yahshua paid the death penalty due to us for breaking various Torah commands which is punishable by death through stoning. Since Elohim's Laws or Torah teachings are made up of commandments, statutes and judgment; the statutes are an explanation of how we apply the Ten Commandments in our lives; and the judgments are the punishment due for breaking the commandments. Because the church teaches that Yahshua abolished Torah, they came to believe that they need not concern themselves with curses listed in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 any longer, since **'Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Law.'** But they do not understand that Yahshua came specifically to bring us from the lost ten tribes back to the faith into which He was born, namely Judaism as he explained to the Jews in John 10: 16, saying: **"And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold (synagogue); I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd."** Yahshua further confirmed this in Matthew 15: 24, when He said to the Canaanite woman who asked Him to heal her demon-possessed daughter, saying: **"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."** Yahshua came to save the first fruits whom the Father is busy calling from among the lost sheep of the house of Israel to return to YHVH and Brother Judah, in order to restore the commonwealth of Israel (consisting of both houses) for the reestablishment of the Kingdom of Elohim over Israel. Yahshua removed the judgment in respect of our past law-breaking, by paying the punishment due to us and dying in our place, but now that we are reconciled to YHVH and Brother Judah, we need to obey all the Torah commands applicable to each one of us, to inherit eternal life. Since we are now reconciled to the Father by having been immersed in Messiah's saving Name, and having received a portion of Elohim's Set-apart Spirit, we are in exactly the same position all Torah observant Jews find themselves in; we can come to YHVH every time we transgress His Torah commands, repent and go on with our lives obeying Torah, as we read from Ezekiel 18: 23, as follows: **'Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked,' declares YHVH Elohim, "rather than that he should turn from his ways (Torah breaking evil ways) and live?'** Once we, like all Torah observant Jews know what sin is (which is something we did not know as part of Churchianity), we are able to truly repent and return to YHVH every time we transgress His Torah teachings.

Continuing His prophecy about the end of this age, Yahshua compared the things happening in our time with the time of Noah, when YHVH destroyed all life from earth except for Noah, his family and the animals YHVH protected in the Ark that Noah spend many years to build, in Matthew 24: 37 & 38, saying: **"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. (38) For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark."** Some might say: *'There have always been earthquakes, droughts, epidemics and even war; it is all cyclical – and these things come and go!'* Others might ascribe the present drought situation in South Africa as simply the *'el-Niño'* effect that plays out from time to time. We might believe nonsense like that , but YHVH never forgot the covenant that He made with both houses of Israel at Mount Sinai, even if Christianity are adamant about not keeping Elohim's commandments because of their so-called faith in J*e*s*u*s*, something which Yahshua our Messiah totally contradicted by saying in John 5: 46 & 47: **"For if you believed Moses you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. (47) But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My(Yahshua's) words?"** We see further what Rav Kepha had to say about what is busy playing out at the time we live in, saying in 2 Peter 3: 3 – 4: **"Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, (4) and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."** Ask yourself: Have there always been nations with nuclear weapons? Have there always been Aids and Ebola? Have there always been droughts, floods, pestilence and earthquakes of the magnitudes that we see today? The answer is no to all of these questions. In fact for the very first time in history, we see all the aspects of Messiah's prophecy about the end of this age coming together at the same time. It is obvious that we are a lot closer to the end of the age than what we were ever before. It was for this very reason that Rav Shaul warned in first Thessalonians 5: 1 – 10, saying: **'Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. (2) For you yourselves know full well that the day of YHVH will come just like a thief in the night. (3) While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. (4) But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief; (5) for you**

are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; (6) so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. (7) For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. (8) But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. (9) For Elohim has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Master Yahshua Messiah, (10) who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.' Because we have been keeping the Feast Days of Elohim for a number of years, we understand that Messiah will return one day in the near future on the Feast of Trumpets, also known as Yom Teruah (or Rosh Hashanah as our Jewish Brothers refer to it).

The prophet Daniel prophesied about the great tribulation in Daniel 12: 1, saying: ***"Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your (Daniel's) people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued."*** The length of the Tribulation is traditionally considered to be seven years. From Messiah's prophecy in Matthew 24: 15, we understand that the Great Tribulation will commence with ***'the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet'*** set up in the Temple. Yahshua clearly told His disciples that YHVH will shorten the duration of the Great Tribulation for Israel's sake, otherwise all creation would be destroyed. Yahshua's bride, the commonwealth of Israel, meaning the called out Israelites together with their Torah observant Jewish Brothers will be protected from the coming persecution as Yahshua witnessed to Yochanan in Revelation 12: 6, saying: ***'And the woman (Yahshua's bride) fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by Elohim, so that there she might be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.'*** The bride of Messiah will flee from the serpent, the great dragon, also called the Devil by going into the wilderness where there will be a special place prepared for her, as also witnessed in Revelation 12: 14, in this way: ***'And the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.'*** Isaiah prophesied about this time in Isaiah 26: 20 & 21 saying: ***'Come, my people, enter into your rooms, and close your doors behind you; hide for a little while, until indignation runs its course. (21) For behold, YHVH is about to come out from His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; and the earth will reveal her bloodshed, and will no longer cover her slain.'***

Continuing in Revelation 12: 15 – 17, we see that those multitudes that turn to YHVH because of the Great Tribulation, will continued to be persecuted, as follows: ***'And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. (16) And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. (17) And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of Elohim and hold to the testimony of Yahshua.'*** Next the prophet Isaiah told us about the day of YHVH in Isaiah 24: 21 - 23, saying: ***'So it will happen in that day, that YHVH will punish the host of heaven, on high, and the kings of the earth, on earth. (22) And they will be gathered together like prisoners in the dungeon, and will be confined in prison; and after many days they will be punished. (23) Then the moon will be abashed and sun ashamed, for YHVH of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and His glory will be before His elders.'*** The prophet Joel also prophesied about the Day of YHVH in Joel 2: 10, 11, 31 & 32, saying: ***'Before them the earth quakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and the moon grow dark, and the stars lose their brightness. (11) And YHVH utters His voice before His army; surely His camp is very great, for strong is He who carries out His word. The day of YHVH is indeed great and very awesome. And who can endure it? (31) The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and awesome day of YHVH comes. (32) And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of YHVH will be delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as YHVH has said, even among the survivors whom YHVH calls.'*** At the end of three and a half years the Bridegroom will come as witnessed in Revelation 19: 11 – 16, in this way: ***'And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. (12) And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. (13) And He is clothed***

with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of Elohim. (14) And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fire linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. (15) And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of Elohim, the Almighty. (16) And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND MASTER OF MASTERS."

Yahshua told us about His coming in Matthew 24: 29 & 31, saying: *"But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, (30) and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. (31) And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."* If we consider all these facts, we know that the coming of our Master and Savior is very close, but there are still a number of factors outstanding, such as there need to be a Temple to be desecrated, followed by the Great Tribulation and the Day of YHVH. But, we are also aware that when these things start happening, it will happen very quickly. It is therefore vitally important that we remain in a state of readiness for the Bridegroom when He comes, by obeying Elohim's instruction manual for us fully. Think about It!

Chapter 2: The restoration of the two houses of Israel.

For almost the past hundred years a fairly large group of believers calling themselves the Church of G-d, the Assemblies of YHVH, Messianic Israel and even Nazarene Jews/Israelites believed in the restoration of the two houses of Israel. They were mostly all on the right track teaching about the weekly and annual Sabbaths of Elohim, clean and unclean foods, immersion into Messiah's name and the gospel about the coming kingdom of Elohim. However, most of these groups believed in two (YHVH) s, with Yahshua being the second, lesser YHVH and the Set-apart Spirit simply being the 'so-called' power of Elohim. In addition most did not believe in wearing tassels (tzitzit), counting the Omer from the day after the First Day of Unleavened Bread (the evening of the 16th of Aviv), obey the commandment not to cook/eat meat and milk products together, lighting Sabbath candles to usher in Elohim's weekly and annual Sabbaths, wear head covering for both men and woman as a royal priesthood (as per first Peter 2: 9), keep Chanukah like Yahshua did (as per John 10: 22) and read the Book of Esther during Purim (as those who allied themselves with the Jews as per Esther 9: 27).

True to His word and prophecy by the prophet Daniel in Daniel 12: 3 & 4 where Elohim told Daniel about the things to occur at the end of time, saying: ***"And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. (3) But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."*** Even though these groups put some of us on the right track, they did not have all of the knowledge necessary to lead their people to the full restoration of the two houses of Israel, and as a result some of them came to believe that only their specific group will make it into the coming kingdom of Elohim. The main problem was and still is that not many understood Messiah's overriding purpose for coming to the earth to bring the lost sheep of the house of Israel back in to the commonwealth of Israel, in order to reestablish the tabernacle of David which has fallen at His return; something which we only really started to understand during the past 10 – 15 years. This knowledge pours water on the false belief that Messiah's first advent was to Christianize the whole world including the Jews. Even though Churchianity had it all wrong for two millennia, their (Babylon's) confusion was better for the world than the out and out paganism (Egypt), since they taught people certain moral laws and values. However, since mankind is slowly but surely beginning to see through the lies and deception Churchianity taught over the past two thousand years, some Israelites from the lost ten tribes, as well as a number of real gentiles have started investigating the Hebrew roots of their faith.

It is important for those who are returning to the faith once delivered to the saints (meaning true believers in YHVH), that the blessings YHVH bestowed on Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were passed down to Jacob's twelve sons, with the first born blessing going to Joseph's two sons Ephraim and Manasseh, since Jacob's first born son Reuben sinned against his father. There were only two main blessings given to Abraham, the first being that his descendants through Isaac and then Jacob would inherit the Promised Land for ever, provided they like Abraham prove their faith in YHVH by obedience to Him, including to circumcise their male children at the age of 8-days old, as a sign to this eternal covenant. The second part of the blessing, that YHVH will bring the people who will eventually become known as the lost ten tribes because of idolatry and disobedience to Him, back to the covenant relationship they had with Him together with their Jewish Brothers, to again have an opportunity to become first born heirs of Abraham to inherit their part of the Promised land which they lost, through Abraham's one Seed, namely Yahshua, who will also eventually save the rest of mankind who after learning Elohim's true way after the 2nd resurrection, and decide to follow it, as second born children into Elohim's eternal family. YHVH gave Joseph's descendants the first born portion of blessings, but reserved the authority to rule religious matters for the tribe of Judah, as witnessed in Psalm 60: 7 (KJV), as follows: ***'Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver*** (the side note against my lawgiver refers the reader to Genesis 49: 10¹).¹ So, even

¹ Genesis 49: 10, ***'The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.'*** The name Shiloh (the 'sent one') here refers to Messiah, when He comes to rule the world from Jerusalem.

though Ephraim was given the birth right, Judah was given authority over religious matters. In fact considering what happened during the past two thousand years, we know that the British commonwealth (including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa) and the United States of America, indeed had a double blessing since especially the 18th century, during which time the house of Judah remained faithful to Elohim and retained their faith, language and culture as Elohim's Lawgiver, despite the fact that they were persecuted severely for doing so.

As history teaches Moses lead the Israelites out of Egypt to Mount Sanai where they received Torah from YHVH and after forty years of wandering in the desert, the 12 tribes of Israel settled in the Promised Land. After a period of diverse Judges and after King Saul, David was anointed King over all Israel. In the time of David we saw the house of Judah ruling over a united Israel with all twelve tribes under David's monarchy. However, after King David died his son Solomon ruled over all Israel and he began whoring physically and spiritually and YHVH revealed to him that the United Kingdom of Israel would be split in the life of his son Rehoboam because of Solomon's sins, as we read from first Kings 11: 11 – 13, in this way: ***'So YHVH said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant. (12) Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. (13) However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."*** YHVH further revealed to Jeroboam an Ephraimite, one of Solomon's servants that he would reserve ten tribes resulting from the split in the kingdom after King Solomon's death, for him to rule over, provided he remain faithful to Elohim and His Torah. Approximately 921 BCE the ten northern tribes broke away from the House of David and called themselves the house of Israel making Samaria its capital. The southern tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi, known as the house of Judah retained Jerusalem as capital.

Soon after the split, the northern kingdom of ten tribes began to adopt pagan practices because of fear that some of the house of Israel would return to David's house if they had to go to Jerusalem for the annual Feast of Tabernacles, as witnessed in first Kings 12: 26 – 33, as follows: ***'And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. (27) If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of YHVH at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their master, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah." (28) So the king consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt." (29) And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. (30) Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan. (31) And he made houses on high places, and made priests from among all the people who were not of the sons of Levi. (32) And Jeroboam instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast which is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; thus he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves which he had made. And he stationed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. (33) Then he went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised in his own heart; and he instituted a feast for the sons of Israel, and went up to the altar to burn incense.'*** As we come to understand, the ten tribes collectively known as the house of Israel or Ephraim began to practice false religion designed to keep Ephraim separate from Judah and separate from the Elohim of Judah, namely YHVH. As we now know the house of Ephraim became hidden as individuals within the Christian Church through YHVH's program of re-gathering of the lost ten tribes through Yahshua the Messiah and adopted all the ungodly pagan practices of Jeroboam.

This separation into wickedness and Ephraim's departure from the commonwealth of Israel resulted in Elohim's judgment during 721 – 718 BCE, when YHVH sent the Assyrian king to capture and deport the northern ten tribes. Because Ephraim played the harlot and lifted her skirt to every foreign deity, YHVH declared that he would in like manner sift her and cause her to be naked before the Gentile nations, by bringing an end to the northern kingdom of Israel. Since Ephraim's lust and desire for paganism was so great YHVH allowed the ten tribes to have the very thing that they so desperately craved for! The prophet Hosea

sent to the northern kingdom of Israel depicted what would eventually happen to them, by living out what YHVH was about to do to them for their idolatry. In Hosea chapter one, YHVH told Hosea to marry a harlot named Gomer and to have children of harlotry; since the nation committed flagrant harlotry, forsaking YHVH. Hosea in obedience to YHVH went and took Gomer and she conceived and bore him a son. Then YHVH told Hosea to call his son *'Jezreel'* which transliterated in Hebrew means YHVH will punish the house of Israel by scattering them into the nations of the world. Hosea had relations with his harlot wife a second time and she conceived and gave birth to a daughter. YHVH told him to call the daughter's name *'Lo-ruhamah'* which transliterated in Hebrew means no mercy; with this child YHVH showed Israel through the prophet Hosea that He no longer has mercy or compassion for them. Finally Hosea had relations with Gomer his wife again and she conceived and this time another son was born. YHVH told Hosea to call this son *'Lo-ammi'* which transliterated in Hebrew means not My people, showing that YHVH did not regard the house of Israel as His people any longer. This meant good bye to the house of Israel, since YHVH was fighting against them. YHVH divorced the house of Israel and over time dispersed our forefathers from the house of Israel, so that they, including us their descendants have become lost to Him. We see from Hosea 7: 8, 8: 8, 9: 11 & 17, 10: 1 and 12: 1 how Ephraim was to become *'Lo-ammi'*, swallowed up among the Gentile nations of the world, in this way:

7: 8, ***'Ephraim mixes himself with the nations; Ephraim has become a cake not turned.'***

8: 8, ***'Israel is swallowed up; they are now among the nations like a vessel in which no one delights.'***

9: 11 & 17, ***'As for Ephraim, their glory will fly away like a bird—no birth, no pregnancy, and no conception!'*** (meaning no identity) (17) ***'My Elohim will cast them away because they have not listened to Him; and they will be wanderers among the nations.'***

10: 1, ***'Israel is a luxuriant vine; he produces fruit for himself. The more his fruit, the more altars he made; the richer his land, the better he made the sacred pillars.'***, and

12: 1, ***'Ephraim feeds on wind, and pursues the east wind continually; he multiplies lies and violence. Moreover, he makes a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried to Egypt.'***

This was almost like a death sentence for the house of Israel, but because YHVH is always true to His word and did not forget the covenant that He made with our fathers in the faith, He promised to bring us back during the latter days, as recorded in Deuteronomy 4: 25 – 31, as follows: ***"When you become the father of children and children's children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of YHVH your Elohim so as to provoke Him to anger, (26) I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you shall surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but shall be utterly destroyed. (27) And YHVH will scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where YHVH shall drive you. (28) And there you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. (29) But from there you will seek YHVH your Elohim, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. (30) When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days, you will return to YHVH your Elohim and listen to His voice. (31) For YHVH your Elohim is a compassionate Elohim; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them."*** So, despite this death sentence given in Hosea 1 for the lost ten tribes as an identifiable kingdom or nation, miraculously they reappear in the last days. We see from verse 10 & 11 of Hosea 1, YHVH saying through Hosea: ***'Yet the number of the sons of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered; and it will come about that, in the place where it is said to them, "You are not My people," it will be said to them, "You are the sons of the living Elohim" (11) And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered together, and they will appoint for themselves one leader, and they will go up from the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.'*** Here the house of Israel, who were virtually totally destroyed and swallowed up among the Gentile nations of the world, miraculously reappeared as the former children of Israel. YHVH tells us here that when these people of Ephraim will reappear they will once again become sons (or children) of the living Elohim through faith in Yahshua, as YHVH told Hosea to prophesy in Hosea 2: 21 – 23, saying: ***"And it will come about in that day that I will respond," declares YHVH. "I will respond to the***

heavens, and they will respond to the earth, (22) and the earth will respond to the grain, to the new wine, and to the oil, and they will respond to Jezreel (the house of Israel who were scattered into the world). (23) And I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, and I will say to those who were not My people, "You are My people!" And they will say, 'Thou art my Elohim!'" In verse 11 of Hosea 1 (quoted before) we see this return of the lost ten tribes back into the House of David, through Messiah whom they together with the house of Judah appoint as leader over them. One day soon when Ephraim and Judah are regenerated and re-gathered into the rebuilt Tabernacle of David, then we will recognize each other as equal partners and blood brothers, who have been redeemed by YHVH.

We need to be ever mindful of Matthew 15: 24 where we see that Yahshua only came for the lost sheep of the house of Israel the first time, and not for Judah. He also has no interest in Gentiles, as He explained to the Canaanite woman who asked Him to heal her demon-possessed daughter in verses 26 – 28 of Matthew 15, saying to her: **"It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."** (27) **But she said, 'Yes, Master; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their master's table.'** (28) **Then Yahshua answered and said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; be it done for you as you wish."** **And her daughter was healed at once.'** The point is that even though most of the Israelites who were scattered into the nations of the world might look like Gentiles, behave like Gentiles and used to eat un-kosher food like Gentiles, but they are in fact nothing more than physical sheep of the house of Israel who lost their identity and have been living like Gentiles for the past 2700 years. Those Messianic Jews who deny the two house doctrine, disbelieve all these prophecies, but also do not understand Messiah's main purpose for coming to the earth about 2,000 years ago. It is true Rav Kepha and Rav Shaul shared the gospel of the Kingdom with Gentiles, because where else could they find the seeds of Ephraim, except among the Gentiles filling the earth. Reading from Amos 9: 9 that even though Elohim shook the house of Israel among the nations as grain is shaken in a sieve, not a kernel disappeared totally. But we were mixed into the nations and literally became the peoples of the earth, only to be brought back to YHVH and the house of Judah through Yahshua the Messiah. The great commission given by Yahshua to His disciples (and by implication also us His modern day disciples) in Matthew 28: 18 – 20 is therefore nothing more than a world-wide search for the seed of Ephraim in the teeming multitudes of the earth. Rav Yaa'cov testified to this truth reminding the Jerusalem Council that YHVH was just visiting the Gentile nations through the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom of Elohim, not to live there but to rescue and draw out His people called by His name, as recorded in Acts 15: 13 – 18, in this way: **And after they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, "Brethren, listen to me. (14) Simeon has related how Elohim first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. (15) And with this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written. (16) AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT. (17) IN ORDER THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK YHVH, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME.' (18) SAYS YHVH, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM OF OLD."**

Since YHVH is Israel's Elohim, He is pulling out all stops to rescue Israelites from the 'outcast position' that have been their inheritance because of their disobedience to Torah. Yahshua the Messiah did not come to start a new religion called Christianity and the congregation that He came to reestablish was the same one started in the wilderness by Elohim as is also confirmed in Acts 7: 37 & 38, as follows: **"This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, 'ELOHIM SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN.'** (38) **This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sanai, and who was with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you."** There is only one New Covenant congregation, called the 'Israel of Elohim' by Rav Shaul in Galatians 6: 16. This is the same congregation Yahshua spoke about to the Jews in John 10: 14 - 16, saying: **"I am the good shepherd and I know My own, and My own know Me, (15) even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. (16) And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold (the Hebrew congregation or synagogue); I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice, and they shall**

become one flock with one shepherd.” This verse was never really understood, since Christianity previously blamed the Jews for killing Messiah, but here Yahshua Himself told them, that they did not kill Him, since He laid down His life to redeem us, from the lost ten tribes from the punishment due to us for breaking Elohim’s commandments, but also to buy back our portion of the Promised Land which we lost due to idolatry, as our kinsman redeemer. We also see from a prophecy by the Prophet Ezekiel that YHVH will ultimately bring us from the lost ten tribes back to the promised land to be joined together with the house of Judah as the commonwealth of Israel, or the Kingdom of Elohim over Israel, in Ezekiel 37: 21 – 24, in this way: ***“And say to them, ‘Thus says YHVH Elohim, ‘Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; (22) and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, and they will no longer be divided into two kingdoms. (23) And they will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their Elohim. (24) And My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd (the shepherd Yahshua as He also told His Jewish Brothers in John 10); and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes, and observe them.”***

The gospel that Yahshua taught us to proclaim to the Israelites from the lost ten tribes scattered into the nations of the world was not merely a proclamation of personal salvation, but it is a message of the national restoration of the commonwealth of Israel which were divided into two separate nations after King Solomon. The reason why Messianic Jews and Christianity misunderstood Messiah’s main purpose, are two fold; firstly Satan and His agents have for the past two thousand years been deceiving the whole world (as per Revelation 12: 9) to try and keep the bride, being the commonwealth of Israel consisting of both the house of Israeli and the house of Judah, from the bridegroom, who is coming to remarry the united Israel again, as witnessed in Jeremiah 31: 31 – 33, as follows: ***“Behold, days are coming,” declares YHVH, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, (32) not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares YHVH. (33) But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares YHVH, “I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.”*** Different to what many Nazarene Israelite and like-minded believers (in the Church of G-d and Assemblies of YHVH) believe, there can be no Kingdom of Elohim without both houses of Israel being present. We as Nazarene Israelites should therefore be thankful that the house of Judah preserved the Torah of Elohim for us whilst we were totally lost.

The second reason for misunderstanding Messiah’s main purpose is that this truth was only to be revealed during the time of the end as Daniel also prophesied in Daniel 12: 3 (previously quoted). In addition we know that because of the house of Israel’s proclivity to follow paganism, YHVH was not pleased with them as He indicated through the Prophet Hosea in Hosea 6: 1 – 3, saying: ***“Come, let us return to YHVH. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. (2) He will revive us after two days (remembering that a day to YHVH is 1000 years as per Psalm 90: 4 and 2 Peter 3: 8); He will raise us up on the third day that we may live (eternally) before Him. (3) So let us know, let us press on to know YHVH. His going forth is as certain as the dawn;and He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth.”*** Fact is that even before Messiah came to the earth two thousand years ago, the Prophet Isaiah already told us what His main purpose for coming to earth the first time will be in Isaiah 49: 5 - 7, saying: ***‘And now says YHVH, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, in order that Israel might be gathered to Him (for I am honored in the sight of YHVH, and My Elohim is My strength), (6) He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved (Nazarene) ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” (7) Thus says YHVH, the Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One, to the despised One, to the One abhorred by the nation, to the Servant of rulers, “Kings shall see and***

arise, princes shall also bow down; because of YHVH who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

From the prophecy about the end of this age that Yahshua prophesied about in Matthew 24, we came to understand that the only things still to occur before Messiah's return to rule the world from Jerusalem, are that the Temple has to be build – to allow it to be desecrated according to what Yahshua prophesied in Matthew 24: 15, followed by the great tribulation as well as the day of YHVH. We read from Zechariah 6: 11 – 15, that we from the lost ten tribes, whom Daniel and Rav Kepha spoke about as those who are far off will be responsible for building the Temple of YHVH under Yahshua, as follows: ***"And take silver and gold, make an ornate crown, and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. (12) Then say to him, 'Thus says YHVH of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is Branch (Nazarene), for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of YHVH. (13) Yes, it is He who will build the temple of YHVH, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices.'" (14) Now the crown will become a reminder in the temple of YHVH to Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah. (15) And those who are far off will come and build the temple of YHVH." Then you will know that YHVH of hosts has sent me to you. And it will take place, if you completely obey YHVH your Elohim."*** This tells us that we from the lost ten tribes will build the temple under guidance of Yahshua our coming King and High Priest, provided we obey YHVH fully.

Even though some of us from the lost ten tribes have been keeping the Feast Days of Elohim according to the Hebrew calendar, ate only Kosher foods, and obeyed the Torah to the best of our ability for the past forty to fifty years, we are not totally where YHVH wants us to be yet. It is for this reason that Zechariah prophesied in Zechariah 8: 7 & 8 saying: ***"Thus says YHVH of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; (8) and I will bring them back, and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, and they will be My people and I will be their Elohim in truth and righteousness."*** Continuing in Zechariah 8: 21 – 23, we read: ***"Thus says YHVH of hosts, 'It will be that people will come even the inhabitants of many cities. (21) And the inhabitants of one will go to another saying, "Let us go at once to entreat the favor of YHVH, and to seek YHVH of hosts; I will also go." (22) So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek YHVH of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of YHVH.' (23) Thus says YHVH of hosts, 'In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that Elohim is with you."'"*** For those among us who are at this stage vexing the house of Judah, because we misunderstood Messiah's main purpose, it is time that we grab a hold of the tzitzit of a Jew, if we truly want to get to know how to serve YHVH fully!

Many believing in the two house truth have for many years believed that only those from the lost ten tribes will become kings and priests in the Kingdom of Elohim, at Messiah's return. Some also believed that when Messiah comes the Levitical priesthood will come to an end all together when He will introduce a new priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek. However, we see in an end of day prophecy by Isaiah in Isaiah 66: 20 & 21, YHVH telling our Jewish Brothers that those returning from the lost house of Israel as first fruits, will also be made priest, as follows: ***"Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering (meaning first fruits) to YHVH, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says YHVH, "just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of YHVH. (21) I will also take some of them for priests and for Levites," says YHVH."*** At this time when some of the tribe of Judah arranged a special get together for members of both houses of Israel during Shavuot 2016 (or more correctly during the Hebrew year 5776) in the land of Israel, it is vitally important that we give them our full support – if it cannot be in joining them for Shavuot, or financially, then it needs to be by heartfelt prayer that they will succeed in identifying the real house of Israel to our Jewish Brothers in Israel, but also throughout the world! We could also show our support for their effort by buying some of the material that they are making available through the webpage hebrewnations.com Think carefully about it!

Chapter 3: The Scriptural approach to learning.

We commence reading from the first part of Proverbs 1: 5, ***“A wise man will hear and increase in learning.”*** Continuing in Jeremiah 10: 2 – 4, we read (YHVH)’s warning to especially the house of Israel through Jeremiah, in this way: ***‘Thus says YHVH, “Do not learn the way (derek) of the nations, and do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens although the nations (goyim) are terrified by them; (3) For the customs (like Xmas and Easter) of the people are dilution; because it is wood cut from the forest, the work of the hands of a craftsman with a cutting tool. (4) They decorate it with silver and with gold; and fasten it with nails and with hammers so that it will not totter (move or fall).”’*** Similar to the opposing views of these two Scriptural portions, it is the purpose of this teaching to show the difference between the Scriptural (or more correctly the Hebraic) method of learning and the Greek philosophical methods that the Western Civilization adopted and use as the foundation of their educational systems.

The Hebraic point of view understands that knowledge (*da’at*) and wisdom (*chockmah*) are interrelated concepts and both are emanations flowing from YHVH Elohim and are embodied in the person of Messiah. Wisdom and knowledge is the application of learning to the life experience here on earth; meaning a person cannot do until he first learns and acquires knowledge. In contrast to the Hebrew mindset, the Greek/Roman mind restricts the concepts of knowledge and wisdom to conceptual thoughts and theoretical principles in the intellect of the student. The Scriptural Hebraic mind has the understanding to ‘know’ something means to experience a teaching or principle in a relationship and individual manner within a personal intimate connection rather than to intellectualize it. The transliterated Hebrew word ‘*yada*’, to know, means to ‘have an intimate encounter, experience or sharing with another person’. To know or ‘*yada*’ means an act of concern, inner engagement, and attachment to a person. Knowledge embraces the whole person and not just the mind. It is not just the accumulation of data and information as the Western thought belief system declares. The goal of education is not to provide us with more input of data and facts. It is for this reason that Rav Shaul wrote in 2 Timothy 3: 7, saying: ***‘Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.’*** To ‘know’ means that the information you have studied is applied in your behavior, thoughts and morals.

For example we read from Jeremiah 22: 15 & 16: ***“Do you become a king because you are competing in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. (YHVH is talking to Josiah who became king of Judah after his father) (16) He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy; then it was well. Is not that what it means to know Me?” Declares YHVH.’*** We understand from this verse that social action, good works and good moral character are the end result of ‘knowing’ YHVH. YHVH is revealing Himself to us through His word. To ‘know’ YHVH (Hebraically) means to walk in faithfulness (transliterated as ‘*emunah*’ in Hebrew) according to His covenant (commandments, statutes and judgments) and to live out the terms of that covenant in this life. We have to internalize the concept of truth and walk them out in our actions on a daily basis. Hebrew is an action language, therefore to ‘know’ means to do! Yahshua explained this concept in Matthew 7: 21, saying: ***“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven (when it comes to earth²); but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.”*** Yochanan one of Messiah’s original disciples (students) repeated this teaching in 1 John 2: 3 & 4, saying: ***‘And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. (4) The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.’*** We gain a better understanding of the Hebraic view of “to know” by a study of the Hebrew verb ‘*Yada*’. The word ‘*yada*’ is mostly translated as “to know”, but it can also mean ‘to teach’ or ‘to lead’. According to the Tanach, “to know” went further than the intellect; it was deed! It was the practical application of personal knowledge to the various areas of life here on the earth. The goals of education in the Hebrew mind means:

1. To transmit knowledge and skills from one generation to another or from one person to another;
2. To broaden the range of man's knowledge and skills; and

² Matthew 6: 10, ***‘Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven.’***

3. To reinforce cultural values into the form of accepted groups and individual behavior.

Rav Shaul summarized this suitably in Colossians 1: 9 - 12, saying: ***'For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge (da'at) of His will (ratzon) in all spiritual wisdom (chockmah) and understanding (binah), (10) so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Master (Adonai), to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of Elohim; (11) strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously (12) giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.'*** Greek thought patterns and those of the Hebrew people are not the same and as a result their views are poles apart. Whereas the Greek/Roman system is *'gnothi seauton'* (know thyself), the Hebrew method starts with Elohim - they acknowledge that the only true wisdom comes from YHVH and His Torah, as Solomon also wrote in Proverbs 1: 7, saying: ***'The fear of YHVH is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.'*** Rav Yaa'cov confirmed this in James 3: 17 & 18, saying: ***'But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. (18) And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.'*** According to the Hebrew mindset a man can never know who he is, his relationship to others and the world until he first learns of YHVH and submits himself to His will and Kingship.

On the other hand, the Greek system starts with man and seeks to rise up to know the ways and Elohim's nature through a secret knowledge of "man's higher nature". In this tradition, it is the Sophists (Greek *'Sohpistes'*, expert, master of wisdom who provides instruction in higher branches of learning for a fee) who first challenged the certainty of human knowledge. Fundamental to the Sophistic way of thinking was the idea that "man is the measure of all things". They held that truth and morality were matters of opinion. This meant that human knowledge, rather than conforming to some objective reality, in fact imposed itself and its own interpretations on the outside world. The Sophists were, however, less concerned with natural sciences than they were with ethics and politics; they would argue that there was no such thing as absolute or objective morality. The best-known Sophists were Protagoras (480 – 411 BCE), Gorgias, and Hippias, who were significant original thinkers. To get a position of importance, especially in a democracy, one had to have oratorical skill, strength in debate, and a knowledge of law and politics; one would need to know how to manage property and maybe run the State, and know something of music, astronomy, mathematics, physics, and so on. The Sophist equipped one to be a leading citizen, and supplied answers to help people live in a world whose reality had been somewhat undermined by the Pre-Socratics. Philosophers of antiquity have nothing but bad things to say about the Sophists (even though it is extremely likely that Thucydides adhered to Sophistic principles).

However, despite all we say about the origins of the modern university in Plato and Aristotle, the modern university owes more to Sophistic principles than any other philosophical school. Perhaps the most important Sophistic idea is a brand of skepticism: human affairs, ethics and politics, do not admit of certain knowledge so that good arguments can be made on either side of an argument. This view will dominate later antiquity and modernity and the exercise of arguing on both sides of the question (called in Latin, *'in utrumqem partem'*) is one of the principal aspects of Western education from the Roman Republic until today. A big question that concerned the Sophists and their critics was: how is virtue acquired? Can it be taught? These aren't ivory tower questions, such as the nature of *intellect/reason*, but were vital in a society where power was shifting from the well-bred aristocrats to the less educated masses. Answers involved two different principles which are essential for understanding Greek thought: *physis*, "the unchanging," "fundamental existence," or "nature" (we get the word "physics" from this term: physics in the Greek world is primarily the study of "the unchanging" and secondarily the study of "nature") and *nomos*, "custom," "the changing," "convention," or "law," and includes morality, tradition and state laws, all of which are subject to change or revision. This (*nomos*) exact Greek word is used for the Torah in the Renewed Covenant. The

Greeks looked upon *nomos* as the ever changing morality or customs that could be revised or changed, therefore the Torah, the unchangeable instruction from YHVH, appeared as "legalism".

For the Greeks the scope of the contrast between *nomos* and *physis* applied to practically everything, and it entered into questions such as: do "gods" really exist (*physis*), or are they only a conventional human belief (*nomos*)? Are class divisions or gender divisions natural (*physis*) or artificial (*nomos*)? Is justice an inborn characteristic of humanity (*physis*), or a convention invented by the weaker as a defense against the stronger (*nomos*)? Is it natural for the stronger to rule the weaker? Is it "natural," or merely self-evident, for all men to be created equal? Both *nomos* and *physis* may be considered good or bad. *Nomos* brings progress in society; but if laws are only valid by *nomos* they may be changed with circumstances, and may conflict with *physis* rather than from Deity. They specialized in the art of rhetoric to achieve success in life by persuasion. They were the first to systematize education. Hellenistic and Roman philosophy almost overwhelmingly rejected the notion that human beings can know anything for certain; the most radical of these thinkers were called Skeptics and Cynics. Their concern was largely with the nature of probable knowledge: how do you arrive at that knowledge? How do you apply it? And most importantly, how do you convince others? The latter question dominated the science of rhetoric, which took as its starting point the idea that all ethical and political questions yielded probable and hence uncertain knowledge. Much of the history of early "Christian" philosophy is an attempt to paste Greek and Roman philosophical methods and questions onto the new world religion; the first thing that had to go was the insistence on probable knowledge to the exclusion of certain knowledge. Early "Christian" thinkers such as Augustine and Boethius took on the epistemological traditions of Greece and Rome to demonstrate that one could arrive at certain knowledge in matters of the Christian religion.

But, nowhere in the Scriptures do we find the Greek approach to knowledge. Both the Tanach and the Renewed Covenant are deeply-rooted on the foundation of Hebraic thought and attitude. The aspiration of true education and learning in the Hebrew culture was to become holy, set-apart to YHVH as a distinctive people. The goal of (religious) education was and still is to produce "a kingdom of priests, a holy people" as witnessed in both, Exodus 19: 6³ and 1 Peter 2: 9 & 10⁴. We read Elohim's instruction to the Israelites through Moses in Deuteronomy 12: 29 & 30, saying: ***"When YHVH your Elohim cuts off before you the nations which you are going in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, (30) beware that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How do these nations serve their gods, that I also may do likewise?'"*** The means of achieving this goal were twofold: Firstly, the recognition of the divine will in the laws of the Covenant; and secondly, the study of Israelite's history, which reflected (YHVH)'s concern for His chosen people. Learning (YHVH)'s law and Israel's history became the basic means of receiving a peculiarly Israelite religious education. It is like when Napoleon Bonaparte came to Palestine during his reign in Europe and saw some Jews mourning over the destruction of the Temple. When he found out that they were mourning for a Temple that was destroyed almost two thousand years ago, he exclaimed that the Jewish people will endure throughout history, because they know their history.

The Torah was regarded as the conditions of or covenant between YHVH and Israel. Since the covenant at Mount Sinai was accepted by all those present when they said "We will do and obey" (as per Exodus 24: 7), it followed that the whole nation would have to be taught the laws incumbent upon them. It is for this reason that Moses, Israel's first teacher is repeatedly commanded to "Speak unto the Children of Israel saying". How was the Torah to be taught? The text of the covenant was read at the time of the agreement and an authentic copy was kept in the holy ark guarded by the priesthood (as recorded in Deuteronomy 31: 9 & 26), The covenant was to be reread publicly once every seven years during the Feast of Sukkot (as instructed in

³ Exodus 19: 6, ***"And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel"***

⁴ 1 Peter 2: 9 & 10: ***"But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR Elohim's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."***

Deuteronomy 31: 10 – 11); this was the earliest prescription for mass education in ancient Israel, as recorded in Deuteronomy 31: 12 & 13, in this way: ***“Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and the alien who is in your town, in order that they may hear and learn and fear YHVH your Elohim, and be careful to observe all the words of this law. (13) And their children, who have not known, will hear and learn to fear YHVH your Elohim, as long as you live on the land which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess.”*** The second way of acquiring a religious education was through the study of Israelite history. The belief in Elohim acting in events, coupled with a high regard for oral tradition, made the telling of history a most effective educational method. These communal memories took the literary forms of songs, poems, and stories/parables that made up so large a part of Biblical literature. The basis of education is according to Talmudic sources, the study of the Torah, an all-embracing concept which includes means and ends alike. Two basic educational principles followed from the sages regarding Torah as the very substance of their lives:

1. Education is not to be treated as distinct from the inner content of life but as one with it;
2. Accordingly, Torah study is not to be limited to a certain age but to continue throughout one's life under the guidance of a teacher/rabbi.

The prompting of Rabban Gamaliel, "Provide yourself a teacher" (***Avot 1:16 cf. also 1:6***), was intended for everyone, without regard to age or social standing. The unique character of Jewish education finds expression in the phrase "Torah for its own sake," a concept which sets before the student of Torah two goals: the disinterested fulfillment of the commandment itself—as it is written in Joshua 1: 8, as follows: ***“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.”*** The sages, in what was apparently designed to serve as a model for educators in all generations, defined the ideal man as one who studies the Scriptures and the Mishnah, attends upon scholars, is honest in business, and speaks gently to people (***Yoma 86a***). To the end that a man support himself by his own labors and not become a burden on society, the sages declared: "All study of the Torah that is unaccompanied by work is ultimately futile". Accordingly, the permission granted parents to make arrangements on the Shabbat for the education of their children was extended to include arrangements "for teaching him a trade," both activities being regarded as "the affairs of Heaven," i.e., religious duties (***Shab. 150a***). One sage even declared that whoever fails to teach his son a trade encourages him to become a brigand (or gangster) (***Kid. 29a***). A child was also to be taught swimming, undoubtedly for the preservation of life. As for other subjects, astronomy and geometry were regarded as aids to the study of the Torah, philosophy ("the wisdom of the Greeks") was not approved, and foreign languages, though discouraged for fear of contaminating cultural influences, were apparently, in view of the number of non-Hebrew words that found their way into Talmudic literature, not entirely prohibited .

The Greek world never made the connection of education and scholarship to the goal of set-apartness of life-style. Instruction by the teacher was a simple transference of knowledge in the intellectual realm, such as music, art, reading, and sports. The teacher educated his disciple the rules which hopefully would develop any attitude the pupil might possess. To develop his reasoning powers certain intellectual exercises were given to him; if his body needed development, then sports and athletics were provided. The Greek teacher did not focus upon the development of the whole personality and character. In the Greek society, very much like America today (since our culture's foundation is built upon the Greek philosophical system), only the wealthy and elite could afford this enlightenment offered in the higher institutions of learning. The English words "scholar" and "school" come from the Greek word "*scholazo*", which means "to have leisure, to have spare time, to have nothing to do". The English word "school" means "to be employed in the leisure of learning." It must be noted that this Greek word does not have a corresponding word in the Hebrew vocabulary. The Hebrews considered this a definition of learning 'idleness'.

Plato (speaking through Socrates) divides human beings up based on their innate intelligence, strength, and courage. Those who are not overly bright, or strong, or brave, are suited to various productive professions:

farming, smithing, building, etc. Those who are somewhat bright, strong and especially courageous are suited to defensive and policing professions, whilst those who are extraordinarily intelligent, virtuous, and brave, are suited to run the state itself; that is, Plato's ideal state is an Aristocracy, a Greek word which means "rule by the best." The lower end of human society, which, as far as Plato is concerned, consists of an overwhelming majority of people in a state, he calls them "producers," since they are most suited for productive work. The middle section of society, a smaller but still large number of people, makes up the army and the police and is called "Auxiliaries." The best and the brightest, a very small and rarefied group, are those who are in complete control of the state permanently; Plato calls these people "Guardians." In the ideal state, "courage" characterizes the Auxiliaries; "wisdom" displays itself in the lives and government of the Guardians. A state may be said to have "temperance" if the Auxiliaries obey the Guardians in all things and the Producers obey the Auxiliaries and Guardians in all things. A state may be said to be intemperate if any of the lower groups do not obey one of the higher groups. A state may be said to be just if the Auxiliaries do not simply obey the Guardians, but enjoy doing so, that is, they don't grumble about the authority being exercised over them.

The Hebrews never considered manual labor menial or degrading to the individual student of the Torah. To the Greeks; however, manual labor was only for slaves and the underprivileged. Aristotle regarded manual labor as unworthy for those that were aloof, and was only for those of an inferior intellect who were incapable of being educated. The *Mishnah* states that no one should use the Torah for a spade for the digging of wealth (**Avot 4:5**). This is why various teachers are linked to various occupations or skills. Rabbi Hillel was a woodchopper, Rabbi Shammai was a surveyor, Rabbi Joshua was a blacksmith, Rabbi Ishmael was a tanner, Rabbi Huna was a water-carrier (**Avot 2:2**), Rav Shaul from Tarsus was a leather worker (as per Acts 20: 34; 2 Corinthians 11: 7 & 8; 1 Thessalonians 2: 9; 2 Thessalonians 3: 8), and even Yahshua was known to be a carpenter. The Hebraic education system was for all the people and it was concerned about the total person. Every person had the responsibility to learn the Torah, whether he was young or elderly. From the beggar on the street to the working man, all were obliged to set time aside for the study of the Torah. Teaching was communicating the Torah and its principles to the student and then having the student implement the principles into his behavior and life-style. The goal of the rabbi was to have the student submit to the authority of the Divine Will as revealed in the Torah, which the rabbi communicated orally to the student. It was a call to radical obedience to the Divine Reality outside oneself. The Greeks learned to comprehend, and the Hebrews learned in order to obey and reverence YHVH as witnessed in Deuteronomy 4: 5 & 6, as follows: ***"See I have taught you statutes and judgments just as YHVH my Elohim commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it. (6) So keep and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'"***

The role and responsibility of the teacher or rabbi in the Hebrew culture was to impart true wisdom and knowledge to the people under his charge. This same principle should hold true today, just as it did in the time of Yahshua. During the Second Temple Period Israel had many itinerant teachers and their disciples, one example being Yochanan the Immerser. Rebbe Yahshua was one of these traveling rabbis who traveled the land of Israel, as recorded in Matthew 9: 35 – 36, in this way: ***'And Yahshua was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. (36) And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.'*** The Four Gospels use the Greek word teacher 41 times and the term "rabbi" 16 times. Rebbe Yahshua sits in the synagogue on Shabbat, sits down to teach the Torah, and expounds in depth on the Hebrew Scriptures.

After the *Bar Kokhba Revolt* (132–135 C.E.), the Roman Emperor Hadrian attempted to end the spiritual authority still wielded by the Sanhedrin, which had been shorn of all government support, by forbidding the granting of permission (s'mikhah) for new scholars. It was declared that "whoever performed an ordination should be put to death, and whoever received ordination should be put to death, the city in which the

ordination took place demolished, and the boundaries wherein it had been performed uprooted" (*Sanh. 14a*). R. Judah b. Bava was executed for ordaining several of his pupils in a no-man's-land between Usha and Shefaram. It is not clear when the original authority with the powers described above was discontinued. Majority opinion favors the latter part of the Fourth Century CE during the time of Hillel II. According to Nahmanides this happened before the fixing of the permanent calendar by Hillel in 361 C.E. Some date it with the extinction of the patriarchate at the death of the last patriarch, Gamaliel VI, in 425 C.E. Others set the time as late as 1062 CE with the death of Daniel b. Azariah, the *Gaon* of Palestine. Still others cite proof that this traditional ordination continued until the time of Maimonides. The Teacher's role is to "tend the flock" or "feed the sheep". A shepherd is called a "*ro'eh*" of the people. Jeremiah used this term for the leaders of the nation of Israel who supposed to call the nation back to YHVH, as Jeremiah prophesied in Jeremiah 3: 14 & 15, saying: ***"Return, O faithless sons,' declares YHVH; 'For I am a master to you, and I will take you one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. (15) Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding."*** This term "teach" suggest to the Israelite mind the edification, protection, and personal guidance that the teacher/shepherd must have for his flock. They also must provide good food and nourishment for the sheep to grow healthy and strong. Teaching and nourishment go hand and hand. A good example of this in the Renewed Covenant is in Mark 6: 35 – 43 and again in Mark 8: 1 – 8, where Yahshua fed the multitude after teaching them with bread and fish. We read more about this in some of Messiah's teachings as follows:

- In Luke 4: 4 Yahshua quoting from Deuteronomy 8: 3, said to the devil: ***"It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, (but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of YHVH)."***
- In John 4: 34 Yahshua said to His disciples: ***"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work."***
- In John 21: 15 – 17 Yahshua spoke to Kepha, in this way: ***'So when they had finished breakfast, Yahshua said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these (meaning the other disciples)?" He said to Him, "Yes, Master; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." (16) He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Master; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep," (17) He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Master, You know all things; You know that I love You." Yahshua said to him, "Tend My sheep."***

In the Renewed Covenant a teacher was not a stand-up comedian who tickles the ears of his listeners with jokes and golf stories, as witnessed in the following two passages where Rav Shaul gives the reason why Yahshua gave the congregation teachers (Ephesians 4: 11 – 15) and also what will happen in the last days (2 Timothy 4: 3 & 4), as follows:

1. Ephesians 4: 11 – 15: ***"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, (12) for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Messiah; (13) until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Messiah. (14) As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; (15) but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Messiah."***
2. 2 Timothy 4: 3 & 4: ***"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; (4) and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths."***

We also read about the qualification of teachers given in 1 Timothy 3: 1 – 7, in this way: ***"It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desire to do. (2) An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able***

to teach, (3) not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, free from the love of money. (4) He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (5) (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the congregation of Elohim?); (6) and not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. (7) And he must have a good reputation with those outside the congregation, so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” In fact Yahshua commissioned all of us to first become disciples and then after we come to the knowledge of the truth and become ‘qualified’ to teach ourselves (as per Luke 6: 39 – 40⁵), to immerse new believers and teach them what we learnt from those who followed Messiah’s commission before us in Matthew 28: 18 – 20, as follows: **“And Yahshua came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Set-apart Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”** This commission gives each of us a responsibility and method for making other disciples of our Master Yahshua. Unfortunately, the English loses the richness of the Hebrew term *“talmid”*. The Hebrew word represents the interpersonal relationship between a rabbi and his students. The disciple gave himself totally over to his teacher (not in a mind control way as the cults but as in a student – teacher relationship). At the core of this relationship was the trust in every area of life, and the goal of the relationship was to shape the *talmid* into the image of Rebbe Yahshua in knowledge, wisdom, and moral behavior. They received their authority from Yahshua to spread his doctrines and teachings to others. That is what is meant by the “Hebraism” of “In My Name”. It is not simply a catchy little sign off in prayer, but means that what is said or done is done with all the authority of our original teacher Himself, as Yahshua taught in John 16: 24, saying: **“Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.”**

The making of taught ones should result in making other teachers, as Rav Shaul taught in 2 Timothy 2: 2, saying: **“And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”** Rav Kepha actually exhorted those who have been around the longest to teach Elohim’s people in 1 Peter 5: 1 – 3, saying: **“Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Messiah, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, (2) shepherd the flock of Elohim among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of Elohim; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; (3) nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.”** Each of us must renew our commitment by our actions not just our words to personally know YHVH, the Elohim of all Israel. It is one thing to proclaim that you are Israel; it is a completely different thing to LIVE as Israel. Until we are willing to embrace the study and practice of the Torah with all our hearts, as Israel, we will never see the learning of the Scripture as an obligation given to us from the Master Teacher. We are commanded to study the Scriptures not just read them. Reading is not studying! To this end Rav Shaul wrote in 2 Timothy 2: 15, saying: **“Be diligent to present yourself approved to Elohim as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.”** Exploring the Scriptures is to be a challenge and requires us to contemplate, meditate, and practice its truths. Each end becomes a new beginning and each answer a new question. As long as the house of Israel is satisfied with the intellectual facts of their “Hebrew Roots”, they will never begin to actually DO the Torah and guard its commands. They will continue to sit and “learn” for years but never taste of the richness of the Torah. Torah study per se is insufficient unless it is transformed into action and obedience. Study is not the goal, rather the deeds. If one’s deeds exceed his knowledge then his knowledge will endure. But if one’s knowledge exceeds his deeds, then his knowledge will not endure. Think carefully about it!

⁵ Luke 6: 39 & 40: **“And He also spoke a parable to them: ‘A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit? A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.’”**

Chapter 4: Falsehood versus Truth.

A while back a now fairly well-known proponent of the Christian faith in South Africa wrote: *'There are no Hebrew Roots in Christianity.'* He wrote this because of a new 'so-called' fad which started about 30 – 50 years ago, where some in Christianity started investigating the Hebrew roots of their faith, which over time started affecting church attendance with a commensurate drop in monthly tithes and offerings made to the church. His mission is to try and stem the effect of this new belief on church membership, and to get former members to return in order to improve the cash-flow into the church coffers. What this man wrote and said obviously upset a number of Messianic Jews and others, who were involved in the movement to get Christians to consider their Hebrew Roots. However, at that time as now, even though I do not agree with anything else this man tries to teach people who have and are leavening their churches, I agree fully with him, that there are no Hebrew Roots in Christianity.

Fact is that most people including those who try to teach especially Christianity about the Hebrew roots of their faith are totally unaware of Messiah's main purpose for coming to earth. In addition there are many Messianic Jews and like-minded believers who similarly misunderstood the writings of Rav Shaul (the one whom the Christian Bible refers to as Paul) who was personally taught by Yahshua after His resurrection and ascension to heaven for 3 years, as may be seen from Acts 22: 7 – 10⁶ and Galatians 1: 11 – 18⁷. But before I go into more details let me add; most people in the western world of which the majority are also affiliated with the Christian faith, have Israelite blood flowing in their veins. However, very few of them know that they were in their distant past related to what is now known as the lost ten tribes of Israel. These truths were not known for many years and true to a prophesy by Daniel in Daniel 12: 8 – 10, those who live during the end time are beginning to understand, as follows: ***'As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My master, what will be the outcome of these events?" (9) And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time. (10) "Many will be purged, purified and refined; but the wicked will act wickedly, and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand."*** From this it is clear that the prophecies in Daniel were closed up and sealed until the time of the end.

Since we know from the Scriptures that even the Great White Throne judgment period after Messiah's millennium rule will last for a period of one hundred years, the time of the end started almost a hundred years ago when the founder of the Church of G-d, Mr. Herbert Armstrong discovered the correct Sabbath Day, the annual Feast Days of Elohim according to Leviticus 23, and the eating of kosher food according to Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14. In addition the group started by this man began making people aware of the location of the lost ten tribes throughout the world. So even though the prophecies of Daniel were closed and sealed until our time, the wise started understanding the information given to Daniel in prophecy more than 2,500 years ago. But who are the wise according to the Scriptures? We are given the answer in Psalm 111: 10 in this way: ***'The fear of YHVH is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments.'*** In a book entitled: 'The United States and Britain in prophecy' first published in 1967, Mr. Armstrong wrote: *'And even most professing "Christians" refuse utterly to do that. No wonder they can't understand.'* This quote tells us that since Mr. Armstrong put the word 'Christians' in

⁶ Acts 22: 7 – 10: *'And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, "Shaul, Shaul, why are you persecuting Me?" And I answered, "Who art Thou, Master?" And He said to me, "I am Yahshua the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting." And those who were with me beheld the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me. And I said, "What shall I do, Master?" And the Master said to me, "Arise and go on into Damascus; and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do."*

⁷ Galatians 1: 11 – 18: *'For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Yahshua Messiah. For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the congregation of Elohim beyond measure, and tried to destroy it; and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. But when He who had set me apart, even from my mother's womb, and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus. Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days.'*

quotes, he and the group founded by him believed that there were two types of Christians, namely those who refuse to believe the commandments of Elohim, and those who obeyed Elohim's commandments. I believed that this was one of the reasons the Church of G-d were virtually 'destroyed' after Mr. Armstrong's death when his group became influenced by nominal Christianity that did not like to be singled out as law-breakers. Fact is that the Church of G-d, like most Christians had it wrong, since the original followers of Yahshua never referred to themselves as Christians, but were known as Nazarenes which was a sect of the Pharisees, as witnessed in Acts 24: 5, 14 & 15, as follows: ***"For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. (14) But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the Elohim of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law, and that is written in the Prophets; (15) having a hope in Elohim, which these man cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked."*** Despite the fact that Mr. Armstrong corrected many falsehoods of nominal Christianity, and also correctly pointed out Ezekiel's prophecy about Christianity in Ezekiel 22: 25 – 26, in this way: ***"There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have devoured lives; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in the midst of her. (26) Her priests have done violence to My law and have profaned My holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they hide their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them."*** This is the most serious but correct indictment against Christianity found in the Scriptures, but the point is that our Father does not want us to improve the Christian Church which was based on false premises from the start, but as He warned us in Revelation 18: 4, saying: ***"Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that, you may not receive of her plagues."***

When Daniel wrote the prophecies in the book of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon already invaded and took the Kingdom of Judah captive during 604 and 585 BCE. The Kingdom of Israel were taken into captivity about 130 years earlier, when they were invaded and taken into slavery in Assyria. By that time the Assyrians together with their Israelite slaves migrated from ancient Assyria northwest into Europe and the house of Israel became known as the lost ten tribes. As Daniel prophesied in Daniel 12: 4, saying: ***"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."*** Daniel's prophecy was not a message for the ancient house of Israel, or even for the house of Judah, no, his prophecies were sealed up until our time, the end of time, when people will travel back and forth from one country to another in a very short time, and knowledge about science and technology, but also about Elohim's word, is increasing at a phenomenal rate. In fact the book of Daniel is the key to the most misunderstood book of the Scriptures, namely Revelation. The book of Revelation put all the prophecies in a correct time order, even though the book of Revelation was also a closed book until our time.

The people of the house of Israel migrated with their captors northwest across Europe, until they reached what is known as Germany today. Their Assyrian captors remained in Germany and they continued into France, Belgium, Holland, Scandinavia and the British Isles. Later some went further on into the United States and as part of the British Commonwealth to Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and North and South Rhodesia. In Ezekiel 20, YHVH first speaks about ancient Israel in verses 10 – 13, saying: ***"So I took them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. (11) And I gave them My statutes and informed them of My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live (eternally). (12) And also I gave them My Sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am YHVH who sanctifies them. (13) But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness. They did not walk in My statutes, and they rejected My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live; and My Sabbaths (weekly and annual) they greatly profaned. Then I resolved to pour out My wrath on them in the wilderness to annihilate them."*** Then Elohim pleaded with their children in the wilderness verses 18 - 24, saying: ***"Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, or keep their ordinances, or defile yourselves with their idols. (19) I am YHVH your Elohim; walk in My statutes, and keep My ordinances, and observe them. (20) And sanctify My Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am***

YHVH your Elohim. (21) But the children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, nor were they careful to observe My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live; they profaned My Sabbaths. So I resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness. (22) But I withdrew My hand and acted for the sake of My name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out. (23) Also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would scatter them among the nations and disperse them among the lands, (24) because they had not observed My ordinances, but had rejected My statutes, and had profaned My Sabbaths, and their eyes were on the idols of their fathers. Notice carefully! Elohim's emphasis here on differentiating between His statutes, judgments and Sabbaths and the statutes, judgments and sabbaths of their fathers. Do you realize that ancient Israel must have already at that time observed different statutes, judgments and 'holy days' from what Elohim ordained!

When we continue with this astonishing prophecy in verses 33 – 38 of Ezekiel 20, we begin to understand that it is meant for us living at the time of the end, in this way: ***"As I live," declares YHVH Elohim, "surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm (meaning Yahshua) and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you. (34) And I shall bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out; (35) and I shall bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I shall enter into judgment with you face to face. (36) As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you," declares YHVH Elohim. (37) And I shall make you pass under the rod, and I shall bring you into the bond of the covenant; (38) and I shall purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I shall bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am YHVH.*** Now that YHVH is calling us from the lost ten tribes of Israel to return to Him through Yahshua, we need to make sure that we do not fail Him again; else we will not enter to possess the Promised Land with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as an everlasting possession. The expression 'with wrath poured out' refers to the seven last plagues immediately prior to Messiah's return to rule the world from Jerusalem. The point is that every prophecy in the Scriptures show where our people Israel will be at the second coming of Messiah and the coming second exodus back to the Promised land, picturing them in captivity and slavery once again. If you don't believe this, just consider how the Israelites in South Africa and elsewhere in the world have become slaves to systems where our children cannot get jobs for which they studied and qualified.

The above prophecy tells us Yahshua the right hand and power by which Elohim created the universe (as per Jeremiah 32: 17)⁸ is coming to bring the house of Israel and the house of Judah together into the Promised Land when He returns, at which time He will remarry His bride made up of a remnant of members of the house of Judah and the house of Israel, as Jeremiah also testified in Jeremiah 31: 31 – 33, saying: ***"Behold, days are coming," declares YHVH, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, (32) not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares YHVH. (33) But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares YHVH, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people."*** Notice, even though YHVH will have to remarry both the house of Israel (because He divorced them) and the house of Israel (because He died as Messiah for the house of Israel), He will only write His laws on the hearts of the house of Israel and become their Elohim – because He has always been the Elohim of Judah who remained faithful to Him ever since Mount Sinai.

In a similar way was Yahshua's main purpose for coming to earth the first time prophesied in Isaiah 49: 5 & 6, as follows: ***'And now says YHVH, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, in order that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of YHVH, and My***

⁸ Jeremiah 32: 17, ***'Ah Adonai Elohim! Behold, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Thee.'***

Elohim is My strength), (6) He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." When Yahshua first instructed His disciples to go out to proclaim the kingdom of Elohim into the world in Matthew 10: 5 – 8, He specifically said to them: **"Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; (6) but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (7) And as you go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." (8) Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give."** In fact Yahshua told the Jewish Pharisees in John 10: 14 – 16, that His purpose is to eventually bring the lost sheep of the house of Israel back to the congregation or fold of the Jews to make them one flock with one shepherd, saying: **'I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, (15) even as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. (16) And I have other sheep, which are not of this (Jewish) fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd.'** We also read a prophecy by Caiaphas in John 11: 49 – 52 that Yahshua's death atoned for the nation of Judah, but also for the lost sheep of the house of Israel, as follows: **'But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, (50) nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish." (51) Now this he did not say on his own initiative; but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Yahshua was going to die for the nation, (52) and not for the nation only, but that He might also gather together into one the children of Elohim who are scattered abroad.'** Yahshua later confirmed His main purpose when a Canaanite woman asked Him to heal her demon possessed daughter in Matthew 15: 24, saying to her: **"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."** Yahshua was born a Jew and came only to bring the lost ten tribes back to the covenant relationship they entered into with Elohim together with their Jewish Brothers at Mount Sinai

Yahshua's disciples all knew and eventually after He sent them out taught the same thing as we see firstly in Acts 2: 36 – 39, where Rav Kepha told the members of the house of Israel who were even at that time being called back to YHVH, saying: **"Therefore let all the house of Israel(all ten tribes) know for certain that Elohim has made Him both Master and Messiah—this Yahshua whom you crucified (because of your transgressions of Torah). (37) Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Kepha and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren! what shall we do?" (38) And Kepha said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be immersed in the name of Yahshua Messiah, for the forgiveness of your sins (Our transgression of Elohim's Torah); and you shall receive the gift of the Set-apart Spirit (which we as the house of Israel lost because of breaking Elohim's commandments to the point that we did not even remember what sin was). (39) For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off⁹, as many as YHVH our Elohim shall call to Himself." The last sentence in verse 39 was one of the most misunderstood verses, but has become clear during the past 10 – 15 years. It clearly shows that we should only immerse returning members of the house of Israel whom YHVH is calling at this time, and not Jews who remained faithful to YHVH and His Torah, but also not all those who we would like to save. It is as Yahshua clearly taught in John 6: 44, saying: **"No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day** (of this age)." The point is, if YHVH did not call a believer, such a believer cannot follow Him, as Yahshua explained to His disciples in Matthew 13: 11, 12 and the first part of verse 19, saying: **"To you** (meaning His disciples, but also us who were called by the Father to become His modern day disciples) **it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. (12) For whoever has, to him shall more be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. (19) When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.'****

⁹ The words 'Far off' used here comes from a prayer that Daniel said whilst the nation of Judah was still in captivity in Babylon as recorded in Daniel 9: 7, as follows: **"Righteousness belongs to Thee, O YHVH, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are nearby (meaning the house of Judah) and those who are far away in all the countries to which Thou hast driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against Thee (meaning the house of Israel)."**

Yahshua also warned those of us whom YHVH is calling at this time in Luke 14: 28 – 33 that when we are ready and prepared to follow Him, that we need to understand that our calling will embrace every aspect of our lives and will become very costly, saying: ***“For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? (29) Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, (30) saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ (31) Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and take counsel whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? (32) Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks terms of peace. (33) So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.”*** Yes, Yahshua warned us to count the cost before following Him, since the way we have to walk in is very narrow (meaning we have to keep Torah in detail) as He also indicated in Matthew 7: 13 – 19, saying: ***“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. (14) For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it. (15) Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. (16) You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?(17) Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. (18) A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.(19) Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’***

At this point let’s get back to those who teach against Rav Shaul, saying he teaches against Torah. In most cases those who insinuate that Rav Shaul teaches against Torah like to site part of the book of Galatians to ‘prove’ their point. So let’s turn to Galatians 3, which false teachers use to malign the teachings of Rav Shaul, and right from the start we see that they are wrong about Rav Shaul, as we read from verse 1 in the King James Version, as follows: ***“O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey truth, before whose eyes Yahshua Messiah hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?”*** Here Rav Shaul asks the Galatians, who fooled them that they no longer believe truth? But the question is what did Rav Shaul mean by truth? If we recall that he was personally trained by Yahshua, and we remember Yahshua’s words in prayer to the Father in John 17: 17, saying: ***“Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.”*** So here we have Yahshua’s answer about what truth is – namely the word of Elohim is truth. But, we who are now reading these words of Yahshua in the Renewed Covenant need to also be aware of the fact that at the time Yahshua walked the earth, there was no Renewed Covenant in any written form, and the only word of Elohim that was available at that time was the Tanach (the Torah, the Prophets and the writings). Therefore, it is clear according to Yahshua’s definition, the Tanach is truth, and Rav Shaul was asking the Galatians, who deceived them not to believe in the Tanach any longer. By now, we know who deceived these Galatians. It was none other than the Christian teachers from Rome who sold religious teaching at a price, as per the example of Simon Magus their originator (as per Acts 8: 9 – 11 and 18 -20). Rav Shaul continues saying to the Galatians 3: 10 (KJV): ***‘For as many as are (not) of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, ‘Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.’*** The word ‘not’ in brackets should be included in verse 10, as can be seen from reading the rest of the verse after the colon.

Rav Shaul also explains aptly in verses 16 – 24 of Galatians 3, the verse most in Churchianity twist to their own demise namely verse 19. As per Rav Shaul’s custom he discusses various parts of Torah in the different letters that he wrote to different churches. In verse 19 of Galatians 3, Rav Shaul is clearly discussing the Sacrificial Laws given in the first seven chapters of the book of Leviticus, saying (from verse 16): ***‘Now the promises (to dwell in the Promised Land eternally) were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He (YHVH) does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is Messiah.*** (Through Abraham’s one seed Yahshua, YHVH promised to bring the lost ten tribes who have forgotten Torah back to Him and Brother Judah, to once again form the commonwealth of Israel, as the Kingdom of Elohim, when Messiah returns to rule one day, but to also buy back their portion of the Promised Land which they lost because of idolatry.) ***(17) What I am saying is this; the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by Elohim, so as to nullify the promise. (18)***

For if the inheritance (of the Promised Land) **is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but Elohim has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.** (19) **Why the** (Sacrificial) **Law then? It was added because of transgressions** (meaning the sins of the golden calf), **having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed** (Yahshua) **should come to whom the promise had been made.** (20) **Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas Elohim is only one.** (21) **Is the** (sacrificial) **Law then contrary to the promises of Elohim? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life** (Yahshua himself said to the Jewish person who asked Him what to do to inherit eternal life, that he should keep Elohim's commandments), **then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.** (22) **But the Scripture has shut up all men under sin, that the promise** (to Abraham through his one seed) **by faith in Yahshua Messiah might be given to those who believe.** (23) **But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the** (sacrificial) **law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.** (24) **Therefore the** (sacrificial) **Law has become our tutor to lead us**(from the lost ten tribes) **to Messiah, that we may be justified by faith** (in Him).’ Yes, the sacrificial law was our tutor, until Messiah became the Sacrifice for our non-compliance to Torah

So, here we see that Rav Shaul did not ever suggest that we stop obeying Torah, as Christianity teach. We see further that Rav Shaul also agreed with what Yahshua's main purpose was in Ephesians 2: 11 – 19, saying: **“Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands—** (12) **remember that you were at that time separate from Messiah, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel** (consisting of both the house of Judah and the house of Israel), **and strangers to the covenants of promise** (made with Abraham and David), **having no hope and without Elohim in the world.** (13) **But now in Messiah Yahshua you who formerly were far off** (A! here Rav Shaul also uses the words ‘far off’ to indicate those of us from the lost ten tribes) **have been brought near by the blood of Messiah.** (14) **For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,** (15) **by abolishing in His flesh the enmity** (the punishment or judgment due to us because of our disobedience to Torah), **which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances** (yes, the ordinances is the section of Torah which specifies the punishment due to each one of us for breaking the commandments, Yahshua took upon Him by dying in our place), **that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,** (16) **and might reconcile them both in one body** (or congregation) **to Elohim through the cross, by having put to death the enmity** (our punishment).(17) **AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;** (18) **for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.** (19) **So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of Elohim's household.”** Rav Shaul taught and did what Yahshua taught him and never once abolished Torah

Rav Kepha also admonished those who teach that Rav Shaul taught against Torah in 2 Peter 3: 13 – 16, saying very clearly: **‘But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.** (14) **Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,** (15) **and regard the patience of our Master to be salvation; just as also our beloved brother Shaul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,** (16) **as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.’** Finally for those who insist that Yahshua did away with Torah we have His own words recorded in John 5: 43 – 47, in this way: **‘I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him.** (44) **How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only Elohim?** (45) **Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.** (46) **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me.** (47) **But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?’** Knowing this will allow most Nazarene Israelites to distinguish between the falsehood that Christianity and Messianic Jews teach and the truth taught us, by Yahshua and Rav Shaul. Now, we know how Satan is busy deceiving the whole world (as recorded in Revelation 12: 9). Think about it!

Chapter 5: Are you thankful for being called during this age?

It is a tremendous blessing for us from the lost ten tribes to be called to return to the covenant relationship we once had with Elohim, together with Brother Judah. Yahshua's main purpose was to reconcile us to the Father by paying the punishment due to us for our past sins, and then to bring us back to the covenant relationship we made with Elohim, together with the house of Judah at Mount Sinai. If we a remnant according to Elohim's gracious choice (as per Romans 11: 5) return to YHVH through Abraham's one seed Yahshua, we too will again be able to inherit the land of Canaan promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as an everlasting possession with our Torah observant Jewish Brothers when Messiah returns to rule the world, one day in the near future. Together we will become the first to be born again like Yahshua our perfect example was after His resurrection, as we read from Romans 8: 28 & 29, in this way: ***'And we know that Elohim causes all things to work together for good to those who love Elohim, to those who are called according to His purpose. (29) For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren.'*** We read more details about this in Colossians 1: 18, as follows: ***'He (Yahshua) is also head of the body, the congregation; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.'***

However, the fact that those of us who are called at this time as first fruits could inherit a double portion in the Kingdom of Elohim as co-rulers and priests under Yahshua our Messiah, also means that we have to overcome Satan, the world and our own human natures under much more difficult circumstances because of severe temptation by Satan, and opposition and sometimes even hostility from family, friends and others during this age. Ours is definitely not a walk in the park and by accepting Elohim's call to return to Him through Yahshua our Messiah, we need to understand that ours is a lonely, narrow road, since only a remnant are being called at this time. Furthermore, even though many are called only a few are eventually chosen to continue with this difficult way that we are pursuing, as Yahshua explained in the parable of the king who prepared a wedding feast for his son in Matthew 22. At first the king invites many to come to the wedding celebrations, but they all refuse to come. Then he sends his slaves out to again invite the same people by telling them about all the delicious food that he has prepared for them and all they have to do is to attend. But they did not pay attention to the invite and one continued on his farm and another doing his normal business and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them (this is perhaps indicative of the mistreatment we sometimes receive at the hands of family and friends when we try and tell them of our new found faith). But the king was enraged and sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and set their city on fire (this will happen during the great tribulation and the day of YHVH, when He will destroy those who mistreated His people). After this, the king said to his slaves that even though the wedding ceremony is now ready to commence, those who were invited were not worthy.

The question is; how should we live to be considered worthy of our calling? Rav Shaul gives us the answer in Ephesians 4: 1 – 4, saying: ***'I, therefore, the prisoner of the Master, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, (2) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love (3) being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (4) (Remembering that) There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling.'*** Rav Shaul explains further in first Thessalonians 2: 10 – 13, saying: ***'You are witnesses, and so is Elohim, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; (11) just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, (12) so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Elohim who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. (13) And for this reason we also constantly thank Elohim that when you received from us the word of Elohim's message, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of Elohim, which also performs its work in you who believe.'*** Continuing with the parable in Matthew 22: 9, the king next tells his slaves to start calling anybody willing to come to the wedding feast from the highways, as many as they could find. So the slaves went out and found both evil and good, until the wedding hall was filled with guests. At that point the king joined the wedding celebration and whilst looking over the feasting guests, he noticed a man not dressed in wedding clothes, and he was speechless, since

common decency should tell us how to dress when we come in the presence of a king. Then the king said to his servants in verses 13 & 14, ***'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*** (14) ***"For many are called, but few are chosen."***

We need to understand that those of us returning to YHVH are being trained or molded to become conformed to the image of Yahshua over a period of time. It does not happen all at once, since repentance is a lifelong process. In agreement with Elohim's promises to Abraham, our father in the faith, Elohim's plan of salvation for all mankind includes getting both Israel and Judah back to worshipping Him as He originally set out in His word, as Jeremiah prophesied about a century after the northern kingdom of Israel was taken into captivity by the king of Assyria, as recorded in Jeremiah 3: 1 – 18, as follows: ***'Elohim says, "If a husband divorces his wife, and she goes from him, and belongs to another man, will he still return to her? Will not that land be completely polluted? But you are a harlot with many lovers; yet you turn to Me," declares YHVH. (2) Lift up your eyes to the bare heights and see; where have you not been violated? By the roads you have sat for them like an Arab in the desert, and you have polluted a land with your harlotry and with your wickedness. (3) Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no spring rain. Yet you had a harlot's forehead; you refused to be ashamed. (4) Have you not just now called to Me, 'My Father, Thou art the friend of my youth? (5) Will He be angry forever? Will He be indignant to the end? Behold, you have spoken and have done evil things, and you have had your way.'" (6) Then YHVH said to me in the days of Josiah the king, "Have you seen what faithless Israel did? She went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and she was a harlot there. (7) And I thought, 'After she has done all these things, she will return to Me'; but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. (8) And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also. (9) And it came about because of the lightness of her harlotry, that she polluted the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. (10) And yet in spite of all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me with all her heart, but rather in deception," declares YHVH. (11) And YHVH said to me, "Faithless Israel has proved herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. (12) Go, and proclaim these words toward the north and say, 'Return, faithless Israel,' declares YHVH; I will not look upon you in anger, for I am gracious,' declares YHVH; 'I will not be angry forever. (13) Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against YHVH your Elohim and have scattered your favors to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice,' declares YHVH. (14) "Return, O faithless sons," declares YHVH; 'For I am a master to you, and I will take you one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.' (This is specifically talking about us, the remnant of the lost ten tribes.) (15) Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding. (16) And it shall be in those days when you are multiplied and increased in the land," declares YHVH, "they shall say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of YHVH.' And it shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they miss it, nor shall it be made again. (17) At that time they shall call Jerusalem 'The Throne of YHVH,' and all nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem, for the name of YHVH; nor shall they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart. (18) In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers as an inheritance."*** For the past few decades YHVH has been calling a remnant from the lost ten tribes to return to Him in obedience and as we've read from verse 18, the house of Israel will soon walk with the house of Judah once again.

YHVH divorced Israel and even though Judah followed Israel in harlotry, He did not divorce her, as is explained in Malachi 2: 11 – 17, as follows: ***"Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of YHVH which He loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. (12) As for the man who does this, may YHVH cut off from the tents of Jacob everyone who awakes and answers (meaning those of us who hear and answer Elohim's call to return to Him and His way of life at this time), or who presents an offering (first fruit offering) to YHVH of hosts. (13) And this is another thing you do: you cover the altar of YHVH with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. (14) Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because YHVH has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth,***

against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. (15) **But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then, to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth.** (Yes, those of us called now should be careful and not commit spiritual adultery with the churches of this world, but also refrain from physical adultery.) (16) **For I Hate divorce,” says YHVH, the Elohim of Israel, “and him who covers his garment with wrong,” says YHVH of hosts. ‘So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.’** (17) **You have wearied YHVH with your words. Yet you say, “How have we wearied Him?” In that you say, ‘Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of YHVH, and He delights in them,’ or, “Where is the Elohim of justice?”** Malachi 2: 17 quoted here is aimed specifically at those who question why YHVH did not divorce Judah as well or those who are more concerned about how Judah serves Elohim, than being careful how we serve Him.

When some read Matthew 23 where YHVH talks about the hypocrisy of religious people, they always think He was talking to the way the Jews serve Elohim, but do not realize that the Renewed Covenant, including Matthew 23 was only written for us, and not for the Jews. Yahshua was exhorting the pious amongst us not to become hypocrites by trying to have an outward show of our religiosity, but inward or when we are not seen by our brethren, are as bad as the worst of the world. One example that is often misunderstood is Matthew 23: 1 - 3, in this way: **‘Then Yahshua spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, (2) saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses** (who has the authority to tell us when according to the Hebrew calendar, we should keep Elohim’s Set-apart Days, provided it is within the right season as per Leviticus 23: 3 & 4.); **(3) therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things, and do not do them.’** At this point some immediately assume the worst about the Pharisees (modern day Rabbinical Jews) and believe that Yahshua was warning us against them, only. Yes, as very pious people some Pharisees are hypocrites, but so are many of those in the churches where some of us come from. Yahshua was simply saying that the scribes and the Pharisees have the authority over the oracles (words) of Elohim since they sit in Moses seat, and other than with the house of Israel they continued striving to obey Elohim for the past 2,500 years since Ezra and Nehemiah returned from Babylon, nevertheless they are only human (not Elohim) – and like all human beings, including all of us, they do not always do as they say! That is essentially what Yahshua was trying to convey here. We who are returning to YHVH should watch our own conduct and stop judging our Jewish Brothers, since YHVH is working with them in a different way than what He is doing with us from the house of Israel.

The point is, that YHVH is the potter and we are the clay—consequently we do not have the right to question His motives, as weread from Isaiah 45: 9, as follows: **“Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker—an earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you doing?’ Or the thing you are making say, ‘He has no hands?’** We read further from Jeremiah 18: 6, **“Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?” declares YHVH. “Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.”** YHVH is busy molding those of us whom He is calling back through Yahshua into what He wants us to become in a different way in which He deals with the people whom He has chosen all along. If they don’t listen, they soon are punished for their wrongdoing, as we have seen from history, and as Jeremiah wrote in Jeremiah 17: 1, saying: **‘The sin of Judah is written down with an iron stylus; with a diamond point it is engraved upon the tablet of their heart, and on the horns of their altars.’** Our Jewish Brothers were persecuted severely throughout the ages – and in that way YHVH ensured their faithfulness to Him; so much so that you and I need not be concerned about their absolute commitment to Him. This is also why YHVH will not have to write His laws on the hearts and minds of the house of Judah, when He comes to enter into a new marriage covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah as is recorded in Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34.

In fact it is as YHVH says at the beginning of Malachi in verses 1 – 4 of chapter 1, in this way: **‘The oracle of the word of YHVH to Israel through Malachi.(2) “I have loved you,” says YHVH. But you say, “How hast Thou loved us?” “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares YHVH. “Yet I have loved Jacob;(3) but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation, and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of**

*the wilderness.”(4) Though Edom says, ‘We have been beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins’; thus says YHVH of hosts, “They may build, but I will tear down; and men will call them the wicked territory, and the people toward whom YHVH is indignant forever.”YHVH chose the house of Judah as His people after the house of Israel committed spiritual adultery, as recorded in Psalm 78: 67 & 68, as follows:“He (YHVH) also rejected the tent of Joseph, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, but chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.” Yes, He is also calling and choosing some of us at this time, but we have no say in the way He deals with us as Rav Shaul also admonish us in Romans 9: 9 – 16, saying: ‘**For this is a word of promise: “AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON.”**’ (10) **And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; (11) for though the twins were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that Elohim’s purpose according to His choice might stand, not because of works, but because of Him who calls, (12) it was said to her, “THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER.”**’ (13) **Just as it is written, “JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED.”**’ (14) **What shall we say then? There is no injustice with Elohim, is there? May it never be!**’ (15) **For He says to Moses, “IWILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION.”**’ (16) **So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on Elohim who has mercy.’***

Yahshua’s main purpose was to come and save the lost sheep of the house of Israel as He also instructed His disciples in Matthew 10: 5 & 6, and to ultimately remarry His bride, as may be understood from Romans 7: 1 - 4, as follows: **‘Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law {of divorce and remarriage}), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? (2) For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning her husband. (3) So then if, while her husband is living, she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man.(4) Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Messiah**(when we are immersed into His death as may be seen from Romans 6: 1 – 7¹⁰),**that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for Elohim.**’When Yahshua died on the impalement stake, His final words as recorded in John 19: 30 were: *“It is finished”* which is transliterated in Hebrew as ‘*Kallah*’, but may also mean ‘*my bride*’. Yahshua died for us, His unfaithful bride and when He died He said ‘*Kallah*’, indicating that He was once again free to remarry His bride, who died to her sin, when she was immersed into His saving name. Yahshua is YHVH who is coming back to remarry the bride whom He married at Mount Sinai and later divorced. Even so, anti-Semitism remains a major problem throughout the world and has taken on such proportions that even the translators of modern Bibles have been influenced by it. A case in point is found in some of the modern English and other translations listed below:

1. A test verse namely Hosea 11: 12 correctly translated in the King James Version, as follows: **‘Ephraim (a name used for the 10 lost tribes of Israel in many places throughout the Scriptures) compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with G-d (Elohim) and is faithful with the saints (true believers in Elohim including the house of Judah).’**
2. However, this verse is translated incorrectly in the New American Standard Bible, as follows: **‘Ephraim surrounds Me with lies, And the house of Israel with deceit; Judah is also unruly against G-d, even against the Holy One who is faithful.’**
3. The New International Version also incorrectly translates the same verse, in this way: **‘Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, the house of Israel with deceit. And Judah is unruly against G-d, even against the faithful Holy One.’**

¹⁰ Romans 6: 1 – 7: **‘What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been immersed into Messiah Yahshua have been immersed into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through immersion into death, in order that as Messiah was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.’**

4. The Afrikaans Bible used by Afrikaans speakers in South Africa moved this verse on to chapter 12: 1 and it is similarly mistranslated by stating that Judah was always un-restrained towards the Almighty.

We read Elohim's warning to those who have deceived His people in this way from Jeremiah 8: 8 – 12, saying: ***"How can you say, 'We are wise, and the law of YHVH is with us?' But behold, the lying pen of the scribes has made it into a lie.***(9) ***The wise men are put to shame, they are dismayed and caught; behold, they have rejected the word of YHVH, and what kind of wisdom do they have?*** (10) ***Therefore I will give their wives to others, their fields to new owners; because from the least even to the greatest everyone is greedy for gain; from the prophet even to the priest everyone practices deceit.*** (11) ***And they heal the brokenness of the daughter of My people superficially, saying, "Peace, peace," but there is no peace.*** (12) ***Were they ashamed because of the abomination they had done? They certainly were not ashamed, and they did not know how to blush; therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time of their punishment they shall be brought down, declares YHVH.'*** Due to mistranslations such as these, many of the modern day descendants of the lost ten tribes of Israel have become very arrogant, believing that by rejecting Yahshua, our Jewish brothers are lost forever. However, we should not forget Yahshua's words in Matthew 15: 24, saying: ***"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*** This means that Yahshua came specifically for the lost ten tribes of Israel and not for the Jews. We, like the prodigal son have left our heavenly Father, whilst they remained loyal to Him. YHVH has blinded their minds to the identity of the true Messiah for almost 2000 years now, allowing us to return to Him, as Rav Shaul explains in Romans 11: 1 – 12, as follows: ***'I say then, Elohim has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. (2) Elohim has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with Elohim against Israel? (3) "YHVH, THEY HAVE KILLED THY PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN THINE ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE." (4) But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL." (5) In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to Elohim's gracious choice. (6) But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace. (7) What then? That which Israel is seeking for, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened; (8) just as it is written, "ELOHIM GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY." (9) And David says, "LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP, AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM. (10) LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT, AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOR-EVER." (11) I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. (12) Now if their transgression be riches for the world and their failure be riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!"***

There are some Nazarene Jewish/Israelite and like-minded believers who have somehow been persuaded that the Karaite Jews, who admit that they are the modern day Sadducees, are the authentic Jews who have been given the Oracles of Elohim. The Karaite minority in Israel are the people who insinuate that some of the customs of the Rabbinical Jews such as Tashlich (the casting of one's sin into a body of water on Yom Teruah/Rosh Hashanah) or the lighting of candles before the commencement of a Sabbath or Set-apart Day among others is adopted from pagan practices. But I can assure you that this is pure nonsense, since all these practices are Scriptural. The truth is that this is similar to the story that Christians in the middle ages used to tell about the Jews who were supposed to have killed Christian babies to drink their blood for whatever reason. Torah observant Jews will never do such things, since the drinking of any blood is specifically forbidden in Torah (see Leviticus 3: 17). In addition the adoption of pagan practices is expressly forbidden by the Torah in Leviticus 20: 23 and Deuteronomy 12: 30. The explanation in Romans 11 (above) clearly shows that our Jewish Brothers are not being obstinate for not believing in Yahshua as their Messiah, but that Elohim purposely blinded their minds to the identity of Yahshua to allow a remnant of the lost ten tribes whom He is calling from the churches of the world, to provoke them to jealousy by keeping the same Sabbath, Set-apart Days, kosher and other Torah commands that they do. Whereas keeping the same Feast

Days as our Rabbinical Jewish Brothers do, make them jealous, keeping the same calendar as the Karaite Jews do, make them feel honored, since it increases the numbers of those who follow their incorrect calendar, in place of the *'rival'* but Scripturally correct Hebrew calendar. In fact they regularly inform those assemblies who follow the Karaite calendar when the crescent moon is sighted in Israel, despite the fact that they do not believe in Yahshua. It is true, the Rabbinical Jews did and are again checking for the appearance of the crescent moon every month, but they do so simply to confirm the correctness of the calculated Hebrew calendar. Continuing on in Romans 11: 16 – 21, we read: ***'And if the first piece of dough*** (Bikkurim or First-fruit Offering) ***be Set-apart, the lump is also; and if the root be Set-apart, the branches are too.*** (17) ***But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree,*** (18) ***do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.*** (19) ***You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."*** (20) ***Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear;*** (21) ***for if Elohim did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you.'*** The last thing that we can afford to do at this time is to be conceited or arrogant.

We need to understand that everything written in the Scriptures have a dual purpose or meaning and we also have an example of how our Jewish Brothers will come to believe in Yahshua after His return, in John 20: 25 - 29, where Yahshua appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, as follows: ***'The other disciples therefore were saying to him, "We have seen the Master!" But he said to them, "Unless I shall see in His hands the imprints of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."*** (26) ***And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Yahshua came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be with you."*** (27) ***Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."*** (28) ***Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Master and my Elohim!"*** (29) ***Yahshua said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."*** It is important to realize that Yahshua did not rebuke Thomas for calling Him Elohim here, but instead said, that we who have not seen Him and believe that He is our Elohim, are indeed blessed. In exactly the same way that un-believing Thomas recognized Yahshua, so will our Jewish brothers get to know the real Messiah at His return to come and rule us from Jerusalem, as we read from Zechariah 12: 9 – 14, ***"And it will come about in that day that I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (10) And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born. (11) In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo. (12) And the land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; (13) the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; (14) all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.'*** This will happen on Yom Teruah (or Rosh Hashanah as our Jewish Brothers refer to it), when Yahshua returns, finding our Jewish brothers observing this important Feast Day in their synagogues; with the men sitting separate from their wives, as per their custom.

But more importantly, we from the lost ten tribes need to be further aware of what Rav Shaul is telling us in Romans 11: 15, saying: ***'For if their rejection be the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?'*** This is telling us, that when Yahshua returns to the Jewish synagogue on the Feast of Trumpets one day in the near future and after they see His hands and accept Him as their Messiah, the dead in Messiah will be resurrected, as is also confirmed in first Thessalonians 4: 14 – 16, as follows: ***'For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so Elohim will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Yahshua. (15) For this we say to you by the word of the Master, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Master, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. (16) For the Master***

Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of Elohim; and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.' This will also be the cut-off period, when the Father will send His Son, the Bridegroom to return to remarry His bride consisting of both houses of Israel, as we are also informed in Romans 11: 25 – 29, in this way: **'For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel** (in this case meaning Jewish Israel) **until the fullness of the Gentiles** (those from the house of Israel who started believing they are Gentiles, plus a number of real Gentiles) **have come in; (26) and thus all Israel** (including a remnant of the lost ten tribes who even though they thought they were Gentiles, had Israelite blood flowing in their veins) **will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION** (Yahshua was born a Jew - Jews are known as Zion as confirmed Psalm 78: 67 & 68 quoted earlier), **HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB. (27) AND THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."** (28) **From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake** (or benefit), **but from the standpoint of Elohim's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; (29) for the gifts and the calling of Elohim are irrevocable.'** The reason why Yahshua's identity is hidden from the Jews at this time is purely to allow us from the lost ten tribes to return to the covenant relationship we together with our Jewish Brothers made with Elohim at Mount Sinai. Once the cut-off point is reached, Messiah will return to remarry a remnant consisting of both houses once again. At that time the Jews will be introduced to their Messiah (for the first time), but also to us, their family. We from the lost ten tribes should be absolutely ecstatic that YHVH has chosen us to become part of the ruling class in the coming Kingdom of Elohim, provided we qualify!

You and I can complain as much as we like about the conduct of the Rabbinical Jews, those who remain faithful among them will be in the Kingdom of Elohim over all Israel one day. The question is; will you and I be there? And again, the answer is a resounding yes, as we are assured by Rav Shaul in Philippians 1: 6, saying: **'For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Messiah Yahshua.'** Sometimes most of us get to a point where we doubt, but this should give us confidence to make our calling and choosing sure as Rav Kepha writes in 2 Peter 1: 2 – 11, saying: **'Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of Elohim and of Yahshua our Master; (3) seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who has called us by His own glory and excellence. (4) For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. (5) Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; (6) and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; (7) and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. (8) For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Master Yahshua Messiah. (9) For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. (10) Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; (11) for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Savior Yahshua Messiah will be abundantly supplied to you.'** Baruch HaShem YHVH!

Chapter 6: From Passover to Pentecost in the heavenly zodiac.

The annual Omer-count between Passover and Pentecost stretches over three months from erev 16 Nissan to erev 6 Sivan with the month of Iyar in between. The month of Nissan corresponds more or less with the sign of Aries the Ram during March 20 to April 19 in the Gregorian calendar and moves on to Iyar which corresponds to Taurus the Bull during April 20 to May 20, then reaches to Gemini the Twins during May 21 to June 20. The gospel foretold in the constellations is in no way connected to the astrological predictions used by pagans for their personal interpretations.

Aries stretches out above the head of Cetus the sea monster. In 31 CE on the 14th of Nissan the Sun was positioned at Aries the day on which Messiah was killed as the Passover Lamb. The fact that He was sacrificed to bring the lost sheep of the house of Israel back to the covenant relationship we made with Elohim together with the house of Judah (as per Matthew 15: 24¹¹) and that His death atoned for the house of Judah, but also for the house of Israel, scattered abroad because of idolatry (as per John 11: 49 – 52¹²) is depicted in the position of the Lamb's (Messiah's) forelegs across the Ecliptic band, thus uniting the two houses of Israel. Yahshua was slain for the sins of the lost ten tribes who are in a spiritual state of an adulterous woman. YHVH scattered them into the nations of the world after He divorced them (as per Isaiah 50: 1 and Jeremiah 3: 8) and could not restore them to the fellowship of the Covenant without paying the penalty of death. Yahshua paid the punishment of death due to the house of Israel, thus reconciling us to the Father and Brother Judah, as Rav Shaul explained in Ephesians 2: 11 – 18, in this way: ***'Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles (those of the lost ten tribes who were scattered into the world and came to believe that they are Gentiles) in the flesh, who are called "Un-circumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision (meaning the Jews)," which is performed in the flesh by human hands— (12) remember that you were at that time separate from Messiah, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without Elohim in the world. (13) But now in Messiah Yahshua you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah. (14) For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, (15) by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, (16) and might reconcile them both in one body to Elohim through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. (17) AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; (18) for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.'***

There is absolutely no suggestion in this particular heavenly sign that the grace of Elohim was moved from the house of Judah to the assembly of Messiah, as Churchianity would like us to believe – this is dispensational theology and has no Scriptural basis at all! In fact it was an invention by the wicked covetous 'church fathers' to try and disinherit the house of Judah from the Abrahamic Covenant – the same wickedness committed by Esau. In fact Esau – the Roman Church has taken over control of the house of Israel, since it was started by Simon Magus a number of years after Messiah ascended to heaven. It is clear from the sign of Aries that Yahshua the Lamb is supporting both houses by the position of its two front legs. In fact the sign of Aries is chock-full with hope and strength for us from the lost ten tribes, together with the house of Judah – the people to which the Abrahamic Covenant applies. Whereas the first Passover secured the redemption of the firstborn of Israel from slavery in Egypt, Messiah's Passover as the sinless Lamb of Elohim, secured the redemption of the lost sheep of the house of Israel. It opened the way for the restoration of the house of Israel to become Zion with the house of Judah as the future bride of Messiah once again.

¹¹ Matthew 15: 24, ***'But He (Yahshua) answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."***

¹² John 11: 49 – 52: ***'But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation (Judah) should not perish." Now this he did not say on his own initiative; but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Yahshua was going to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but that He might also gather together into one the children of Elohim who are scattered abroad.'***

The heavenly sign of Aries also points towards the complete defeat of Esau through his final manifestation as Babylon the mother of harlots. The redemption of the whole house of Jacob from the grasp of the anti-Messiah to come would also occur at the time of the annual Passover as confirmed in Jeremiah 23: 7 & 8, in this way: ***“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” declares YHVH, “when they will no longer say, ‘As YHVH lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ (8) but, ‘As YHVH lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel from the north land and from all the counties where I had driven them.” Then they will live on their own soil.”*** A second more detailed description comes from Isaiah 11: 10 – 11, as follows: ***‘Then it will come about in that day that the nations will resort to the root of Jesse (meaning the greater David, Yahshua), who will stand as a signal for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious. (11) Then it will happen on that day that YHVH will again recover the second time with His hand the remnant of His people, who will remain (alive), from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands (coastlands) of the sea.’*** The Passover related to the second exodus of all Israel out of the false churches of the world will occur after the destruction of Babylon.

The heavenly sign that follows Aries the Ram is Taurus the Bull. Taurus charges forth with much energy and wrath. Taurus the bull is the risen Messiah, rushing with full authority (or power) to judge, shepherd and govern the restored commonwealth of Israel at His return. Rav Shaul made it clear in Ephesians 2 (quoted earlier) that the two separate houses of Israel were spiritually reconciled through Messiah as one in the commonwealth of Israel, and will be joined together when He returns to rule them from Jerusalem. Those Assemblies of YHVH and Churches of G-d who believe that they and their little group will be the bride of Messiah, without the house of Judah, should start reading the Scriptures with understanding. Yahshua as the foundation stone is coming to judge and govern the earth and He will bring His congregation with Him as we read from Zechariah 9: 10 – 16, in this way: ***‘And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; and the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; and His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River (Euphrates) to the ends of the earth. (11) As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit (water is indicative of the Set-apart Spirit, and here YHVH is saying to those who follow Him, that he will set us free from false religions that do not have the Set-apart Spirit). (12) Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; this very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you. (13) For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece (Roman Catholics); and I will make you like a warrior’s sword. (14) Then YHVH will appear over them, and His arrow will go forth like lightning; and YHVH Elohim will blow the trumpet, and will march in the storm winds of the south. (15) YHVH of hosts will defend them. And they will devour, and trample on the sling stones; and they will drink, and be boisterous as with wine; and they will be filled like a sacrificial basin, drenched like the corners of the altar. (16) And YHVH their Elohim will save them in that day as the flock of His people; for they are as the stones of a crown, sparkling in His hand.’*** Pleiades, the cluster of stars in the neck of Taurus stand for Messiah’s congregations which Isaiah prophesied about in Isaiah 4: 1 & 2, saying: ***‘For seven women will take hold of one man in that day, saying, “We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; take away our reproach!” (2) In that day the Branch (Yahshua the Nazarene) of YHVH will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel.’*** Yahshua confirmed this to Yochanan in Revelation 1: 20, saying: ***“As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands; the seven stars are the angels of the seven congregations, and the seven lampstands are the seven (Israelite) congregations.”***

The sign of Taurus spans the largest period during the counting of the Omer, the fifty days between the Second Day of Unleavened Bread and Shavuot (Pentecost). During this very time in the 15th century BCE, Israel escaped the grasp of Pharaoh into the wilderness on their way to Mount Sinai to receive their constitution as Elohim’s people. But it is also during this time of the year in the future, during the months of April and May that the people chosen by Elohim will enter the wilderness to be tested and purged of any

rebels, as witnessed in Ezekiel 20: 33 – 38, in this way: ***“As I live,” declares YHVH Elohim, “surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you. (34) And I shall bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out; (35) and I shall bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I shall enter into judgment with you face to face. (36) As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you,” declares YHVH Elohim. (37) And I shall make you pass under the rod, and I shall bring you into the bond of the covenant; (38) and I shall purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I shall bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am YHVH.”*** Taurus provides evidence of Messiah’s functions after His resurrection. He emerges from the grave triumphantly; He has qualified to rescue Judah and protect His two flocks from harm and has the power to imprison His enemies in the Abyss, as He told Yochanan in the last part of Revelation 1: 17 and 18, saying: ***“Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, (18) and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades (the grave).”***

Finally during the Omer count, we get to Gemini or the Twins between May 20 and June 20. This constellation sits on the ecliptic band. One of the twin’s carries a bow and arrow in his left hand and a lyre in his right hand, and the other twin holds a palm branch in his hand. The twin with the bow and arrow and lyre in his hands represents Judah, who carries the lyre and bow and arrow as insignias of the house of David. The other twin with the palm branch in his hand is Ephraim bearing a palm branch of praise for Messiah Yahshua, indicative of His welcome into Jerusalem for the Passover when He died as the Lamb of Elohim, as witnessed in John 12: 12 & 13, as follows: ***‘On the next day the great multitude who had come to the feast, when they heard that Yahshua was coming to Jerusalem, (13) took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and began to cry out, “Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF YHVH, even the King of Israel.”’*** Even though the twins are still separate and distinctive, they are physically united and close. They have been reconciled with each other but are not yet one nation. They are still under the reign of the ruler of the earth and are awaiting their Messiah, who dwells within them in spirit. This sign reflects the status of Jacob’s household in 2011 CE, but also tells us that the two houses of Israel will definitely be united as one by the time Messiah returns to rule them from Jerusalem. The conditions that kept Ephraim and Judah separate for almost three millennia are busy dissolving. Ephraim is slowly but surely waking up from his time of living like a Gentile and is returning to the Father and His Torah, similar to what the prodigal son did, when he came to himself.

Fact is Judah and the state of Israel in the Middle East can no longer rely on military strength for their safety, but will have to learn to trust in Elohim for their protection, as King David wrote in Psalm 44: 6 & 7, saying: ***‘For I will not trust in my bow, nor will my sword save me. (7) But Thou hast saved us from our adversaries, and Thou hast put to shame those who hate us.’*** Continuing in Isaiah 11: 13 – 16 we read Isaiah’s prophesy how YHVH will accomplish this after Messiah started to rule the commonwealth of Israel from Jerusalem, in this way: ***‘Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart, and those who harass Judah will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, and Judah will not harass Ephraim. (14) And they will swoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the west; together they will plunder the sons of the east; they will possess Edom and Moab; and the sons of Ammon will be subject to them. (15) And YHVH will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt; and He will wave His hand over the River with His scorching wind; and He will strike in into seven streams, and make men walk over dry-shod. (16) And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant of His people who will be left, just as there was for Israel in the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.’*** There is Scriptural evidence that the days of exile of Judah and Ephraim are over. Ezekiel was given the duration of punishment for each house – failure to repent brought about a seven-fold increase in their punishment, as may be deduced by reading Ezekiel 4: 5 - 9 together with Leviticus 26: 24 - 28. Judah was sentenced to 360 ‘days’ or years times 7 amounts to 2520 years. Their sentence started in 572 BCE and ended 2520 years later in 1948 CE, when the Nation of Israel was born in a

day. Ephraim was sentenced to 390 'days' times 7 amounts to 2730 years. Their sentence started in 718 BCE and ended at the end of 2012 CE.

It is very soon now when Ephraim and Judah will no longer be two separate households. When that day comes they will be united as the redeemed nation of Zion. It is time for Judah and Ephraim to recognize each other as brothers who share a common inheritance through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The house of Israel is at this stage at the place where Ezekiel prophesied we will be at in Ezekiel 36, immediately before Messiah comes to rule us in Ezekiel 37. We read accordingly from Ezekiel 36: 17 – 28, where YHVH tells Ezekiel: ***“Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. (18) Therefore, I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols. (19) Also I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the lands. According to their ways and their deeds I judged them. (20) When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, ‘These are the people of YHVH; yet they have come out of His land.’ (21) But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went. (22) Therefore, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says YHVH Elohim, ‘It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. (23) And I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am YHVH, declares YHVH Elohim, “when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight. (24) For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land. (25) Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. (26) Moreover, I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (27) And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. (28) And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your Elohim.”*** The gathering of the redeemed will occur during the 50 days of counting the Omer, totally out of sight of the nations.

Without ever setting exact dates, and if Ephraim's exile truly came to an end in September/October of 2012, the sealing of Jacob could occur 3½ years later, i.e. any time from Shavuot in June 2016, when Elohim instructs the four angels to seal the bond-servants of Elohim on their foreheads, as witnessed in Revelation 7: 3. These bond-servants of Elohim will be protected during the coming great tribulation, whilst some of the great multitude spoken about in Revelation 7: 9 - 14 that comes in because of their proclaiming of the gospel into the world, might have to go through and even be killed during the great tribulation Think carefully about it!

Chapter 7: Love your neighbor.

Have you ever wondered why Yahshua Messiah came to earth in the form of a Jewish man – Jews being the most hated nation in the world? This in itself caused many to fall away from the true faith in Messiah. By now most Nazarene Israelites know that Yahshua came specifically to bring the lost sheep of the house of Israel back to the covenant we entered into with Elohim at Mount Sinai, together with the house of Judah, as prophesied by Isaiah and quoted by Rav Shaul in Romans 11: 26 & 27, saying: ***‘And thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “THE DELIVERER (Yahshua the salvation of YHVH¹³) WILL COME FROM ZION (He was born a Jew – the tribe of Judah being Mount Zion¹⁴), HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB (all twelve tribes). (27) AND THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”’***

Satan deceived the whole world to conceal this important knowledge from the majority of mankind, by introducing a counterfeit religion close to the Nazarene Jewish faith, followed by Messiah’s disciples including us His modern day disciples, as Rav Shaul explained in 2 Corinthians 4: 1 – 4, saying: ***‘Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, (2) but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of Elohim, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of Elohim. (3) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, (4) in whose case the god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of Elohim.’*** As a result of this new believe system many turned from the faith of our fathers in the faith to worship demons who were not Elohim, as YHVH prophesied through Moses in Deuteronomy 32: 15 – 17, saying: ***“But Jeshurun (or Israel) grew fat and kicked— you are grown fat, thick, and sleek-- then he forsook Elohim who made him, and scorned the Rock of his salvation. (16) They made Him jealous with strange gods; with abominations they provoked Him to anger. (17) They sacrificed to demons who were not Elohim, to gods whom they have not known, new gods who came lately, whom your fathers did not dread.”*** Nevertheless, we should continue to proclaim the good news of the coming kingdom of Elohim into the entire world, as Rav Shaul continues his discussion in 2 Corinthians 4: 5, 13 – 15, saying: ***‘For we do not preach ourselves but Messiah Yahshua as Master, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Yahshua’s sake. (13) But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE,” we also believe, therefore also we speak; (14) knowing that He who raised the Master Yahshua will raise us also with Yahshua and will present us with you. (15) For all things are for your sakes, that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of Elohim.’***

We need to be ever mindful of Messiah’s answer to one of the Scribes when he asked Him in Mark 12: 28, saying: ***“What commandment is the foremost of all?” (29) Yahshua answered, “The foremost is, ‘HEAR, O ISRAEL! YHVH OUR ELOHIM IS ONE YHVH; (30) AND YOU SHALL LOVE YHVH YOUR ELOHIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’ (31) The second is this, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”*** Yahshua also said to the Samaritan woman in John 4: 22, ***“You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews.”*** After reading Messiah’s words, ask yourself as a member of the house of Israel: Do you still believe in two (YHVH)’s; and who is your neighbor? As members of the remnant of the house of Israel who have returned to the covenant we made with Elohim, together with Brother Judah at Mount Sinai, our neighbor consists of all those from the house of Judah, as well as returnees from the lost tribes of Israel, including those who remain lost at present. We should keep the same Sabbaths (weekly and annual) and observe all the other commandments with our Jewish Brothers, so as to make them jealous, but we should also proclaim the gospel of the coming kingdom

¹³ Isaiah 59: 15 & 16; ***‘Yes, truth is lacking; and he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey. Now YHVH saw and it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice. And He saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no one to intercede; then His own arm brought salvation to Him; and His righteousness upheld Him.’***

¹⁴ Psalm 78: 67 & 68: ***‘He also rejected the tent of Joseph, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, but chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.’***

of Elohim to those in the House of Israel who remain lost at this time, giving them hope of a better world to come.

We need to understand that without us even being aware of it, Satan is busy stirring up nation against nation and kingdom against kingdom which will ultimately lead to World War III. Here in South Africa he is stirring up people to protest against everything, whether good or bad, and in the process he is getting them to destroy public properties which are costing billions of Dollars to rebuild. The government and the citizens are all involved in slowly but surely destroying the country's economy which used to be thriving, and has since May 27, 2016 put a ban on the publication of any news showing people destroying public property. Our Jewish Brothers in Israel have been continuously targeted with missiles by the Palestinians who claimed to have possessed the Promised Land for centuries, before the Jews returned from 1917 on until today. However when Mark Twain visited Muslim-occupied Israel 150 years ago, he wrote about 'unpeopled deserts' and 'mounts of barrenness' and 'untenanted cities'. He concluded 'one may ride ten miles hereabouts and not see ten human beings'. The President of the USA have similarly deceived the American (Israelite) nation by entering into a \$150 billion nuclear deal with Iran, a nation hell-bent to destroy the tiny nation of Israel in the Middle east. However the Iranian nuclear deal will not only affect the nation of Israel, but when this amount of money is released to the world's foremost state sponsor of Islamic terrorism, a great deal of trouble will be unleashed on the rest of the world, including the USA. Apparently Iran is also presently involved in a space program which will allow them to develop intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of reaching the United States. The Iranians have been cooperating with North Korea, and with the \$150 billion they will be able to buy a great deal of nuclear technology. In addition we heard that the city of London has recently appointed its first Muslim Mayor and in Brooklyn New York in the USA, the first Muslim woman judge has been sworn in holding the 'Holy' Quran at the Brooklyn town hall on December 10, 2015.

It seems that the nations into which the lost ten tribes have been scattered and where these Israelites used to be a major force, are now all working to self-destruct, as prophesied by the prophets Daniel and Malachi. We read Daniel's prophecy how YHVH will eventually pour out the curse (Ha Allah) on us in Daniel 9: 11, as follows: ***"Indeed all Israel has transgressed Thy law and turned aside, not obeying Thy voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of Elohim, for we have sinned against Him."*** The prophet Malachi similarly warned that during the time immediately before Messiah's return, if we do not heed his warning given in Malachi 4: 4 – 6, Elohim will smite us with a curse (utter destruction), as follows: ***"Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him at Horeb (when YHVH gave Moses the Renewed Covenant set-out in Deuteronomy) for all Israel. (5) Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of YHVH. (6) And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse."*** This is obviously talking about ministries such as ours, who have been teaching fellow Israelites to return to Elohim in repentance and start obeying Torah. It also tells us to teach our children about the faith of our fathers in the faith (transliterated in Hebrew as 'lev avot' – heart or the seat of emotion of our fathers), or Elohim will deal with us according to His warnings in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. Fact is most of us do not even talk to our children, let alone try and teach them about the faith of our fathers in the faith. If only we have eyes to see we will realize that some of the curses mentioned in Leviticus 26: 19 & 20 have already happened to us, as follows: ***'And I will also break down the pride of your power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze. (20) And your strength shall be spent uselessly, for your land shall not yield its produce and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.'*** It is almost too late for us to wake up and realize that we as the lost ten tribes of Israel have not only been deceived about whom we are, but everything we used to believe was totally false.

Furthermore, it seems that the wars in Syria and Iraq are never ending with even the super powers interfering every so often. The super powers involve themselves in these skirmishes because of their concern about biological and chemical-weapon production in both these areas, and because of the threats aimed at the small nation of Israel by Iran who is known to be in possession of nuclear technology. Fact is that these

outrageous weaponries are not new to the 21st century military engagements. The first time wide-spread use of chemical warfare dates back to World War I; a war which was considered so destructive as to purge the world of any future war. The first time chemical warfare was introduced in World War I was on April 22, 1915, when the German army opened the valves of 6,000 cylinders containing liquid chlorine into the air over the French reservists and Algerians, leaving them gasping for air. This was the first ever encounter that an army had with an invisible and seemingly harmless enemy. However, because chlorine does not suffocate its victims, it poisons them by stripping the linings of their bronchial tubes and lungs. The inflammation that follows produces an unbelievable volume of fluid that fills and blocks the airways and lungs. In an effort to escape the effects of the gas, some of the soldiers tried to cover their mouths and nostrils in the earth, and other started running in panic. However, any exertion to outrun the cloud of gas only resulted in them breathing deeper taking in more poisonous gas. Eventually each of the soldiers was later found to have drowned in their own phlegm. By the end of World War I, 25 varieties of poison gasses killed about 92,000 soldiers and civilians and left another 1,300,000 casualties.

The horrific sight of recovering gassed soldiers after World War I led many nations to sign the Geneva Protocol outlawing the use of poison gas and biological weapons in 1925, but research and development of these weapons continued unabated. In fact a number of nations experimented with such weapons during World War II, although it was not used on a similar scale to World War I. Nonetheless, modern scientist researching chemical warfare stumbled upon a new class of weapon, namely nerve gas. These biological weapons are copied from disease causing bacteria and viruses or their derivatives and are designed to create immediate and extremely deadly epidemics, disabling and killing armies or entire populations on a massive scale. One such biological weapon, which is extremely easy to manufacture and capable of killing those infected within days, is anthrax. When inhaled anthrax spores kill about 90% of those infected, and leaving the rest maimed for life. Pound for pound biological weapons are the most lethal weaponries mankind has ever concocted. It is also a great deal cheaper than spending millions on bullets and bombs which also destroy the surrounding infrastructure. Under perfect conditions a small amount of anthrax or botulinum toxin launched against a city could kill millions of people, leaving the infrastructure intact. These weapons are made from natural or artificial chemicals and many such chemicals can and are being used as weapons. Chemical weapons like insecticides attack the nose, throat, eyes, skin, lungs and other parts of the body. They are designed to incapacitate the enemy within minutes, similar to the way we kill flies and other pests.

For those who are naïve enough to believe that such weaponry will not be used in the near future, we read the prophecy given Yochanan by Yahshua in Revelation 9: 1 – 6, as follows: ***'And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star (angel) from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. (2) And he opened the bottomless pit; and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. (3) And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. (4) And they were told that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of Elohim on their foreheads. (5) And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. (6) And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; and they will long to die and death flees from them.'*** When it comes to modern day weaponry, including chemical and biological warfare, it seems that the Scriptures are closer to the truth than what people have thought. According to Elohim's warnings through His prophets, the threat of weapons unlike anything we have ever imagined will soon be a reality. Nerve gas is an especially sinister chemical weapon which can disable and kill within a few minutes. Some are so deadly, disrupting the nervous system, causing convulsions, paralysis and death within seconds of being absorbed through any unprotected parts of skin. These gasses can be spread by means of missiles, bombs, artillery shells, or can be sprayed from aircraft, ships, artillery vehicles or hand carried canisters. Terrorist and undercover agents are able to spread these dangerous gasses through food and water supplies and by means of simply puncturing a plastic bag or other container on a train, as has occurred on a train in Tokyo in 1995. A major problem in controlling the spread of these weapons is the relative ease with which they can be manufactured. It is almost like the spread of the dangerous drugs that are readily available to

whoever wants to get hold of it, since they can be manufactured in a small household kitchen. For example, an ounce of biological agent in a container of growth medium could produce enough gas to kill up to 95% of a large city. Chemical and biological weapons are attractive to even the poorest of nations, since they are relatively cheap to manufacture. Whereas the design and development of a Nuclear weapon would cost millions of Dollars, deadly toxins, more deadly than nerve gas, could be produced for a few thousand Dollars per kilogram. It has been estimated by a group of chemical and biological weapons experts that casualties per square kilometer with nuclear weapons will cost at least 800 times more than with biological/chemical weapons. U.S. intelligence sources believe that chemical and biological weapons are possessed and manufactured by Iraq, Iran, Egypt, India, Ethiopia, Libya, North and South Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam. Fact is that mankind's history shows that no matter how destructive and deadly these weapons are, it is only a matter of time before they will be used against fellow human beings and our neighbors. Before World War 1, chemical weapons were considered to be too horrible to be used, but they were! Again, before World War II such weapons were banned, but as the war progressed, armies started using these weapons once again. We also know that by the end of World War II even nuclear weapons were used to put an end to hostilities. The question is; why do we think the future will be different?

Yahshua the prophet whom YHVH promised Moses to raise up among his brethren, prophesied to Yochanan the disciple whom He loved, a series of earth-shattering incidents to occur before His return to earth comparable to nightmares. In Revelation 9: 16 we are told of an enormous army 200 million strong. We are also told in verse 18 that during this unprecedented time of turmoil and upheaval a third of mankind will be killed. But, despite these catastrophes, we are told in verses 20 & 21 that ***'And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and silver and of brass and stone and of wood (a wooden or stone image of a man on a cross), which can neither see nor hear nor walk; (21) and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.'*** In this turmoil of destruction, it seems that man will do anything except that which would deliver him from these problems, namely to turn to Elohim and His teachings. Continuing therefore in Revelation 16: 1 - 11 we read about further plagues to be unleashed upon mankind in the near future, in this way: ***'And I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of Elohim into the earth." (2) And the first angel went and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image. (This is clearly about those who did not come out of the false churches of the world, despite being warned about it by servants of Elohim.) (3) And the second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died. (4) And the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. (5) And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous art Thou, who art and who wast, O Holy One, because Thou didst judge these things; (6) for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink. They deserve it." (7) And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Master Elohim, the Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments." (8) And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. (9) And men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of Elohim who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent, so as to give Him glory. (10) And the fifth angel poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, (11) and they blasphemed the Elohim of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.'***

When Rav Yochanan recorded the visions that he saw in the book of Revelation during the first century, he wrote what he saw in the terms he understood at that time. At the time he recorded it, he knew nothing about tanks, jet aircraft, rockets, machine guns, much less about nuclear, chemical and biological warfare. He therefore described a terrifying world in which literally billions of human beings will be killed because they absolutely refuse to acknowledge and obey the one true Elohim and turn from their destructive ways because of hatred of Elohim and their fellow human beings. Yahshua warned about this same time in Matthew 24: 21 & 22, saying: ***"For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the***

beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. (22) And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short.” Messiah will return when all of humanity will be at the brink of self-annihilation. He will intervene to save us from ourselves, for the sake of the elect. Continuing in Isaiah 59: 18 – 21, we see how Elohim is preparing to bring His plan to conclusion, in this way: ***‘According to their deeds, so He will repay, wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; to the coastlands He will make recompense. (19) So they will fear the name of YHVH from the west and His glory from the rising of the sun, for He will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of YHVH drives. (20) And a Redeemer will come to Zion, and those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” declares YHVH. (21) “And as for Me, this is My covenant with them,” says YHVH: “My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring’s offspring,” says YHVH, “from now and forever.”***

In the book of Revelation Yahshua did not only warn us about modern warfare, but also warned about disease epidemics soon to be unleashed upon humanity, all because we do not show love toward Him our Creator and sustainer, but also to our neighbor as He has commanded us in His Torah teachings. Man’s history reveals a chronicle of wars. From after the fall of Adam and Eve, man wanted to control others by force. What usually follows immediately after war? The disruption and destruction created by war leads to famines, followed by disease epidemics, and as revealed in Messiah’s prophecy in Revelation 6, Yochanan was shown four horses and their riders representing events to occur during our time, known as the last days. The rider described in Revelation 6: 4 was riding a red horse which represents war, as follows: ***‘And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men should slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.’*** This horseman is followed by a black horse and rider, carrying scales depicting famine, as witnessed in Revelation 6: 5 & 6, in this way: ***‘And when He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” And I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. (6) And I heard as it were a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.”*** These are followed by an ashen or pale horse as described in verse 8, as follows: ***‘And I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.’*** From this prophecy we learn that a fourth of mankind – almost 2 billion people based on the current world population of almost 7½ billion people will die as a result of warfare, starvation and disease. Other prophecies in the book of Revelation indicate a much higher toll.

But why will all these things happen? Are we not suffering enough at this time? It is all as a result of the predictable results of man defying his Creator. Elohim warned His people Israel in Leviticus 26: 14 – 16 and 25, saying: ***‘But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments, (15) if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances (you and I might think this sounds awful – but there are some people who have actually come to hate Elohim’s Torah) so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant, (16) I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that shall waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you shall sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies shall eat it up. (25) I will also bring upon you a sword which will execute vengeance for the covenant; and when you gather together into your cities, I will send pestilence among you, so that you shall be delivered into enemy hands.’*** This same warning is repeated by Elohim in Deuteronomy 28: 22 - 29, saying: ***“YHVH will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with the sword and with blight and with mildew, and they shall pursue you until you perish. (23) And the heaven which is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you, iron. (24) YHVH will make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed. (25) YHVH will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them, but you shall flee seven ways before them, and you shall be an example of terror to all the kingdoms of the earth. (26) And your carcasses shall be food to all birds of the sky and to the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away. (27) YHVH***

will smite you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors and with the scab and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed. (28) YHVH will smite you with madness and with blindness and with bewilderment of heart; (29) and you shall grope at noon, as the blind man gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways; but you shall only be oppressed and robbed continually, with none to save you."

Our problem is that we do not seem to understand that Elohim made man for a great purpose. Mankind is His greatest creation, and as such Elohim has the sole right to tell us how to live. He gave us His Word as a blueprint how to live on the earth, if we want eternal life. But, sadly few of us ever listened to YHVH our Elohim and Creator. In fact mankind has proven to be his own worst enemy, ever since Adam and Eve partook of the tree of good and evil. Elohim clearly warned us about that in Proverbs 14: 12, saying: ***'There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.'*** In fact Rav Shaul also explained that in Romans 8: 6 & 7, saying: ***'For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, (7) because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward Elohim; for it does not subject itself to the law of Elohim, for it is not even able to do so.'*** But, Rav Shaul gives us, the returnees from the lost ten tribes who have been immersed into Yahshua's saving name, hope in verses 9 - 11, saying: ***'However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Messiah, he does not belong to Him. (10) And if Messiah is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. (11) But if the Spirit of Him who raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Messiah Yahshua from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.'***

So as can be seen, it is possible to avoid these tragedies, but that means that we will have to humble ourselves before YHVH our Elohim by starting to follow the teachings He gave us through His word. To the Jew, who knows that sin is the transgression of Torah, all that is required is to return to YHVH in real repentance and start obeying the Torah commands transgressed in the past. Since Yahshua our Messiah came specifically to reconcile returning Israelites to the Father and Brother Judah all that is required of us is to repent of disobedience of Torah in the past and be immersed in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the forgiveness of our sins. Then start learning Torah through ministries such as ours until we have learnt to obey Elohim's teachings fully. Yahshua never abolished Torah for anyone as He confirmed in Matthew 5: 17 – 20, saying: ***"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill (meaning to keep it fully). (18) For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished. (19) Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (20) For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees¹⁵, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."*** A second witness comes from John 5: 43 – 47, as follows: ***"I (Yahshua) have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive (or believe) Me; if another shall come in his own name (such as a minister of religion), you will receive him. (44) How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only Elohim? (45) Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. (46) For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. (47) But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"*** Even though Yahshua spoke to some Jews here, we need to be aware that YHVH blinded their minds to His identity, to allow us to return to Him. Once the predetermined number of Israelites have returned, all Israel will be saved (as per Roman 11: 25 – 29), but the point is, unless we believe in Torah, we cannot confess faith in Yahshua. You and I do not have to go through the coming great tribulation, if only we follow the way Yahshua the Messiah showed us, as He confirmed in Revelation 3: 10, saying: ***'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth.'*** Think carefully about it!

¹⁵Yahshua did not say that the scribes and the Pharisees will not be in the kingdom of Elohim, but meant that because we from the lost ten tribes have a proclivity to being lawless, we have to put in a lot more effort to remain Torah observant than they have to.

Chapter 8: Our Heavenly Father is an Elohim interested in detail.

Have you noticed the great deal of detail in which YHVH instructed Moses concerning the construction of the Tabernacle in the wilderness? Whereas it took a little more than a single chapter to describe the structure of the world, it took six chapters of detailed instructions for Moses to build the Tabernacle. Many of us called especially from Christianity came to believe that our Father does not care, as long as we do things to His glory, as long as it comes from your heart. Because we have been deceived by Satan and his many agents in the past, we came to this major misunderstanding of what is required of us.

As soon as you and I start thinking that we are correct because we feel in our hearts that it is so; we should immediately recall Jeremiah's words in Jeremiah 17: 9, saying: ***"The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick (the KJV reads wicked); who can understand it?"*** Our Father judges us by His word and not by what is in our hearts. YHVH told Moses to build the Tabernacle in Exodus 25: 40, saying: ***"And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain."*** We see a similar explanation given to Ezekiel in Ezekiel 43: 7 – 12, in this way: ***'And He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever. And the house of Israel will not again defile My holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their harlotry and by the corpses of their kings when they die (Notice this is only talking about the house of Israel as those who used to defile Elohim's Temple, not the house of Judah who remained loyal to YHVH ever since a remnant of them returned from Babylon to rebuild the Temple and the walls of Jerusalem 2,500 years ago. This for one is proof that groups like the Churches of G-d and the Assemblies of YHVH, who believe that they have replaced the house of Judah as Zion¹⁶, are mistaken. Yes, they like us could become part of Zion once again, if we all truly return to YHVH and the covenant relationship we as the house of Israel made with Him, together with the house of Judah whom He chose, whilst rejecting us because of idolatry), (8) by setting their threshold by My threshold, and their door post beside My door post, with only the wall between Me and them. And they have defiled My holy name by their abominations which they have committed. So I have consumed them in My anger. (9) Now let them put away their harlotry and their corpses of their kings far from Me; and I will dwell among them forever. (10) As for you, son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the plan. (11) And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the house, its structure, its exits, its entrances, all its designs, all its statutes, and all its laws. And write it in their sight, so that they may observe its whole design and all its statutes, and do them. (12) This is the law of the house: its entire area on the top of the mountain all around shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house."*** Elohim places great importance on observing details. When we consider the exact dimensions and pattern of the Tabernacle, we understand how severely we as the house of Israel have corrupted the concept of the House of worship and strayed from the true faith of Elohim.

However, whenever one mentions the detail in which Elohim wants us to serve and obey Him, some immediately say or think you are being overly legalistic. But if we consider what YHVH told us in Deuteronomy 10: 12 saying: ***"And now, Israel, what does YHVH your Elohim require from you, but to fear YHVH your Elohim, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve YHVH your Elohim with all your heart (what you believe) and with all your soul (the way you live)." Does that sound like Elohim could not care what we do, as long as our hearts are right? No, our hearts and the way we live our lives and the specifics of how we serve and obey Elohim, have to align. But, then I hear some saying: 'Love covers a multitude of sins.'*** But, I am afraid this type of thinking has led many true believers to forget and cover up their past sins and have been deceived into false salvation. We need to remember, even if we have been immersed in the

¹⁶Christianity including the Churches of G-d and the Assemblies/Congregation of YHVH, like the Messianic Jews believe they have replaced the house of Judah as Elohim's chosen people and that they should 'Christianize' the world and convert people to their way of interpreting the Scriptures, without realizing that Yahshua came specifically to bring the lost ten tribes back to the faith into which He was born – which is the covenant relationship the house of Israel made with Elohim, together with the house of Judah at Mount Sinai. The Jews remained close to Elohim and those of us whom Elohim is busy calling out of the churches of the world at this time, are like the prodigal son the ones who left the Father, not the house of Judah as these groups unceasingly insinuate.

saving name of Yahshua and had the hands of a teaching elder of Elohim's congregation lain upon us, we might have had the Set-apart Spirit indwelling us once, since Elohim gives His Set-apart Spirit to those who obey Him (as per Acts 5: 32). We need to be ever mindful of what Yochanan wrote in 1 John 5: 2 & 3, saying: ***"By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Elohim and observe His commandments. (3) For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome."*** Yahshua also confirmed this in John 14: 15, saying: ***"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."*** Rav Shaul went further in 1 Corinthians 3: 16 & 17, saying: ***"Do you not know that you are a temple of Elohim, and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you? (17) If any man destroys the temple of Elohim, Elohim will destroy him, for the temple of Elohim is holy, and that is what you are."***

In Deuteronomy 4: 1 & 2 YHVH instructed us not to digress from the pattern that He gave us in His word, saying: ***"And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the Judgments which I am teaching you to perform, in order that you may live and go in and take possession of the land which YHVH, the Elohim of your fathers, is giving you. (2) You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, not take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHVH your Elohim which I command you."*** If we recall Yahshua's words to the Jews in John 10: 14 - 16, where He authenticated their synagogue as being His sheepfold, saying: ***"I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, (15) even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. (16) And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd."*** We will understand that He was referring to a time yet in the future when He would join the two houses into the commonwealth of Israel once again, (as Rav Shaul explains in Ephesian 2: 1 – 19), and YHVH showed Ezekiel in a prophecy in Ezekiel 37: 20 – 24, saying: ***"And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes. (21) And say to them, 'Thus says YHVH Elohim, "Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; (22) and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, and they will no longer be divided into two kingdoms. (23) And they will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people and I will be their Elohim. (24) And My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes, and observe them."*** If we truly understand that He did not come to save the Jews, whom He said does not need a physician and that the Renewed Covenant was written primarily for us from the lost ten tribes, we will understand that when He pointed out some of their shortcomings in Matthew 15: 8 & 9, saying: ***'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. (9) BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'*** It was to serve as an example so that we correct the things we learned from the churches of the world, where we observed traditions of men like Xmas, Easter etc.

YHVH expects us to follow His word in detail and that it is a sin for us to give permission for practices that are forbidden by Elohim, or to forbid the practices that are commanded by Him. We have a number of examples in the Scriptures showing how absolutely careful we should be when it comes to serving YHVH our Elohim. Nadab and Abihu the two sons of Aaron knew that only their father Aaron the High Priest in Israel could offer incense on a fire pan to YHVH, and that he should only do so once a year on the Day of Atonement. But we read from Leviticus 10: 1 & 2: ***'Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before YHVH, which He had not commanded them. (2) And fire came out from the presence of YHVH and consumed them, and they died before YHVH.'*** This shows that we need to be very careful how we serve YHVH. But we see later in verse 9 why these two sons of Aaron became so arrogant to do what they did when YHVH spoke to Aaron, saying: ***"Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you may not die— it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations."*** Aaron's sons did what they were commanded not to do, but they did so because they were under the influence of alcohol. We have a second witness about the severity of Elohim, if we do not obey Him in the exact detail

that He prescribes. To be able to understand what went wrong in this case, we need to consider the commandments in this regards by reading from Numbers 4: 15, as follows: ***“And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy objects and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is to set out, after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them, so that they may not touch the holy objects and die. These are the things in the tent of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.”*** Later when King David was escorting the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem, he did not do it as YHVH commanded, as witnessed in 2 Samuel 6: 2 – 10, in this way: ***‘And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of Elohim which is called by the Name, the very name of YHVH of hosts who is enthroned above the cherubim. (3) And they placed the ark of Elohim on a new cart that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart. (4) So they brought it with the ark of Elohim from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Ahio was walking ahead of the ark. (5) Meanwhile, David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before YHVH with all kinds of instruments made of fir wood, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals. (6) But when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of Elohim and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset it. (7) And the anger of YHVH burned against Uzzah, and Elohim struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of Elohim.’***(8) ***And David became angry because of (YHVH)’s outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. (9) So David was afraid of YHVH that day; and he said, “How can the ark of YHVH come to me?” (10) And David was unwilling to move the ark of YHVH into the city of David with him; but David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.’***

King David was actually angry with himself, because he as the King of the nation should have known Elohim’s specific instructions regarding the transport of the ark of the covenant. King David later realized why YHVH acted as He did, as we read from 1 Chronicles 15: 2, 13 - 15, as follows: ***‘Then David said, “No one is to carry the ark of Elohim but the Levites; for YHVH chose them to carry the ark of Elohim, and to minister to Him forever. (13) Because you did not carry it at the first, YHVH our Elohim made an outburst on us, for we did not seek Him according to the ordinance.” (14) So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of YHVH Elohim of Israel. (15) And the sons of the Levites carried the ark of Elohim on their shoulders, with the poles thereon as Moses had commanded according to the word of YHVH.’*** This does not mean that Uzzah will not be in the Kingdom of Elohim one day, but it means that YHVH is extremely serious about His word. Rav Kepha warns us about this in 2 Peter 3: 9, saying: ***“Adonai is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”*** Rav Shaul writes in this regard in Romans 2: 4, saying: ***‘Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, nor knowing that the kindness of Elohim leads you to repentance?’*** Rav Shaul also tells us that YHVH has promised to reveal our sins of ignorance to us in Philippians 3: 15 - 17, saying: ***‘Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, Elohim will reveal that also to you; (16) however, let us keep living by the same standard to which we have attained. (17) Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.’*** But we should remember that once we have been shown the correct way, we should not divert in any way from it, as Yahshua warned in Luke 12: 47 & 48, saying: ***“And that slave who knew his master’s will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, shall receive many lashes, (48) but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.”*** However, there are those who assume YHVH has changed over the years, once He got to know us. Purely because we do ‘good’ deeds, does not make us righteous, as Yahshua explained in Matthew 7: 21 – 23, saying: ***“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. (22) Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Master, Master, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ (23) And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’*** YHVH never changes as we read from Malachi 3: 6, saying: ***“For I, YHVH, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”*** YHVH has given us a pattern according to which He wants us to worship Him and it has not changed!

When Christianity was started in opposition to the sect of the Nazarenes, which was essentially a sect of the Pharisees, they did what was convenient for them, as can be seen from the Sabbaths that they establish for themselves to worship on. We learn this from Socrates: *"(H.E., vi.c8) that in his time public worship was held in the churches of Constantinople on both days.... The view that the Christian's Lord's day on Sunday is but the Christian Sabbath deliberately transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week does not indeed find categorical expression till a much later period..... The earliest recognition of the observance of Sunday as a legal duty is a constitution of Constantine AD 321, enacting that all courts of justice, inhabitants of towns and workshops were to be at rest on Sunday (Venerabili die Solace) with an exception in favor of those engaged in agricultural labor.... The Council of Laodicea (363)... forbids Christians from Judaizing and resting on a Sabbath Day, preferring the Lords Day and as far as possible resting as Christians."* - Encyclopedia Britannica, 1899 addition volume XX111 page 654. So even though YHVH gave a pattern we cannot change, the Gentile Christian churches left the faith of Elohim for a more convenient course.

YHVH instructed Moses in Exodus 25: 8, saying: ***"And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them."*** We see from Exodus 40: 34 – 38 what happened once the children of Israel completed the Tabernacle in the wilderness, in this way: ***'Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of YHVH filled the tabernacle. (35) And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of YHVH filled the tabernacle. (36) And throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out; (37) but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up. (38) For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of YHVH was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.'*** The Tabernacle in the wilderness was a type of Messiah, since Messiah was called Immanuel, Elohim with us (as recorded in Matthew 1: 23). There are people in the world that actually came to despise Torah and believe that our Father YHVH is out to get them. However, if you consider the truth that YHVH sent His visible image to reconcile the lost sheep of the house of Israel back to Him and the house of Judah; in order to establish the commonwealth of Israel, or Kingdom of Elohim on earth as it is now in heaven, but also to provide a Savior for the rest of mankind, then it is plain to see YHVH is 100% for us. The truth is if YHVH was out to get us, there is no power on earth that could save us from His hand, as He is more powerful than anything else. We read accordingly from John 3: 16 & 17, as follows: ***"For Elohim so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. (17) For Elohim did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him."*** However, many in Christianity who confess faith in Yahshua does not believe in Him, since they teach that He abolished or kept Torah for them. But, how can I make such a statement? Yahshua Himself gave us the answer in John 5: 43 – 47, saying: ***"I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive (or believe) Me; if another shall come in His own name, you will receive him. (44) How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only Elohim? (45) Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. (46) For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. (47) But if you do not believe his writings (Torah), how will you believe My words?"***

We read further about Elohim's love for us from 1 John 3: 1 – 3, in this way: ***'See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of Elohim, and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. (2) Beloved, now we are children of Elohim, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. (3) And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.'*** If we want a fulfilled life on earth, and eternal life when Messiah returns, we need to make sure that we have YHVH our Elohim on our side. We want Him to be for us and not against us, and He made that possible through Yahshua our Messiah. Rav Shaul confirms this in Romans 8: 31 & 32, saying: ***'What then shall we say to these things? If Elohim is for us, who is against us? (31) He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?'*** It was only once Messiah was resurrected from the dead, that we knew He was Elohim with us, as Thomas discovered and said in John 20: 25 – 29, as follows: ***'The other disciples therefore were saying to him***

(Thomas), ***"We have seen the Master!" But he said to them, "Unless I shall see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."*** (26) ***And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Yahshua came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be with you."*** (27) ***Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."*** (28) ***Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Master (Adonai) and my Elohim!"*** (29) ***Yahshua said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."*** Yahshua was telling Thomas here that we, who believe that He is Elohim in the flesh, without seeing that it was Him who died and was resurrected, are indeed blessed.

Messiah's resurrection opens the door to eternal life for us, since we were totally lost before He called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. The moment we are immersed and confess with our mouths that Yahshua is our Messiah and Passover, we become part of His family. Once we receive the gift of the Set-apart Spirit, we are moved from being an enemy of YHVH to His child. YHVH promised to bring us from the house of Israel back to Him in Hosea 3: 4 & 5, saying: ***"For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, and without ephod or household idols. (5) Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek YHVH their Elohim and David their king; and they will come trembling to YHVH and His goodness in the last days."*** We will be fleeing into the wilderness, just like our ancient forebears did and will need protection and provision during the great tribulation and Day of YHVH, as the prophet Joel prophesied in Joel 2: 1 – 4, saying: ***"Blow a trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of YHVH is coming; surely it is near, (2) a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, so there is a great and mighty people; there has never been anything like it, nor will there be again after it to the years of many generations. (3) A fire consumes before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land is like a garden of Eden before them, but a desolate wilderness behind them, and nothing at all escapes them. (4) Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like war horses, so they run."*** The great tribulation and Day of YHVH is said to be seven years and will begin when the "abomination of Desolation" is set up in the Temple of Elohim. But because of the fierceness of the tribulation YHVH will cut it short for the sake of the elect, else all life on earth would be destroyed (as confirmed by Yahshua in Matthew 24: 22). In addition we see that YHVH will protect His people in the wilderness, as witnessed in Revelation 12: 6, as follows: ***'And the woman* (Messiah's bride consisting of a remnant of the house of Judah and the house of Israel as shown in Jeremiah 31: 31 – 33) ***fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by Elohim, so that there she might be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty day* (or 3½ years).'****

Then, at the end of the 3½ years an amazing thing will occur, as Yahshua showed Yochanan His disciple in Revelation 19: 11 – 16, as follows: ***'And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. (12) And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. (13) And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of Elohim. (14) And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. (15) And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of Elohim, the Almighty. (16) And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND MASTER OF MASTERS.'*** Jeremiah confirmed this in Jeremiah 23 3 – 6, saying: ***"Then I Myself shall gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and shall bring them back to their pasture; and they will be fruitful and multiply. (4) I shall also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing, " declares YHVH. (5) Behold, the days are coming," declares YHVH, "when I shall raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. (6) In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, YHVH our righteousness.'*** Yahshua's did not come the first time to save Jews, but to start the process of

bringing the lost ten tribes back to the marriage covenant we made with Elohim, together with Judah at Mount Sinai.

When Messiah returns one day, His very first task will be to save the tents of Judah first, as recorded in Zechariah 12: 7 – 10, in this way: ***“YHVH also will save the tents of Judah first in order that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah. (8) In that day YHVH will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like Elohim, like the angel of YHVH before them. (9) And it will come about in that day that I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (10) And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born.”*** The house of David is the house of Judah ruled over by King David’s son Rehoboam when the house of Israel left the commonwealth saying in 1 Kings 12: 16, ***“What portion do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; to your tents, O Israel! Now look after your own house, David! So Israel departed to their tents.”*** But, as Rav Shaul wrote about the house in Judah in Romans 11: 15, saying: ***‘For if their rejection be the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance (of Messiah) be but life from the dead?’*** This is confirmed in 1 Thessalonians 4: 14 – 17, as follows: ***‘For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so Elohim will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Yahshua. (15) For this we say to you by the word of the Master, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Master, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. (16) For the Master Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of Elohim; and the dead in Messiah shall rise first. (17) Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Master.’*** Where will those who are resurrected and those still alive meet the Master in the air?

If you recall when Yahshua ascended to heaven 40 days after His resurrection, His disciples walked with Him to the top of Mount Sinai and He ascended to heaven as recorded in Acts 1: 9 – 11, in this way: ***‘And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. (10) And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold two men in white clothing stood beside them; (11) and they also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Yahshua, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”*** When Messiah return one day those of us who qualify will be resurrected as Spiritual sons of Elohim, as Rav Shaul described in 1 Corinthians 15: 50 – 52, saying: ***‘Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (51) Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.’*** We read Yahshua’s explanation about His return in Matthew 24: 29 – 31, saying: ***“But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, (30) and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. (31) And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”*** As spirit beings the elect (including His original eleven faithful disciples) will meet Messiah in the air on top of the Mount of Olives, just as the two angels told His disciples, when He ascended to heaven 2,000 years ago. This will be when Messiah’s reign will start upon the earth, as He has shown Yochanan in Revelation 20: 6, saying: ***‘Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of Elohim and of Messiah and will reign with Him for a thousand years.’*** YHVH has a plan and if we do exactly as He tells us in His Word, we can be part of those who inherit eternal life. The alternative is to be completely destroyed, when Elohim wipes out all remembrance of sinners (as per Isaiah 26: 14). Think about it!

Chapter 9: The House of Elohim.

Many in the Christian faith have come to believe that Yahshua started the Christian Church and came to Christianize the whole world including Jews who remained Torah observant ever since Israel received the commandments from Elohim at Mount Sinai. However, there is not a single witness in the entire Renewed Covenant to even suggest that Yahshua ever left the faith into which He was born, namely Judaism to become a Christian or a Messianic.

It is also because people believe that Yahshua started a church and initially its members were meeting in the homes of His original disciples, they assume that where the Scriptures refer to the place where everyone got together on the first Pentecost (Shavuot) after Messiah's ascension to heaven was someone's house. But the house we read about in Acts 2: 1 & 2 was in fact the Temple where the Jews met every Sabbath and on annual Set-apart Days such as Shavuot, as follows: ***'And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. (2) And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.'*** Very few people who confess faith in Yahshua, the one most refer to as J*e*s*u*s* the C*h*r*i*s*t*, realize that He actually attended synagogue services, as a custom, as witnessed in Luke 4: 14 - 16, as follows: ***'And Yahshua returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit; and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. (15) And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. (16) And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.'*** Messiah came specifically to bring the lost sheep of the house of Israel back to the faith into which He was born, as He also told the Canaanite woman who asked Him to heal her demon possessed daughter in Matthew 24: 15, saying: ***"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*** Now, some might at this point think or even say that we continue to harp on one single verse in the Scriptures to prove a point; and they might be correct. Yes, we are doing exactly what they do in the churches of the world to make their congregants have a complete false idea of the salvation of YHVH, but we do so to get believers to start believing in the testimony of the real Messiah¹⁷.

However, few believe that Yahshua was actually authenticating the Jewish synagogue or congregation as His sheepfold to which He will eventually bring the lost sheep of the house of Israel back into, as he confirmed in John 10: 14 – 16, saying: ***"I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, (15) even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. (16) And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold (the Jewish synagogue); I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd."*** We see that Yaa'cov, Yahshua's half-brother did exactly the same after Messiah's resurrection and ascension to heaven in Acts 15: 19 – 21, saying: ***"Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to Elohim from among the Gentiles, (20) but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood. (21) For Moses from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath."*** This is also where King David told the tribes of Israel that they should go up to give thanks to Elohim in Psalm 122: 1- 4, saying: ***'I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of YHVH." (2) Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem, (3) Jerusalem, that is built as a city that is compact together; (4) to which the tribes go up, even the tribes of YHVH – an ordinance for Israel— to give thanks to the name of YHVH.'*** But to what commandment did the author of Hebrews, who is believed to be Rav Shaul, refer to when he admonished believers in Hebrews 10: 23 - 25, saying: ***'Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; (24) and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,***

¹⁷ The testimony of Yahshua is what He taught and the way he lived whilst He was on earth, and the bride of Messiah spoken about as a woman in Revelation 12: 17, are the ones whom the devil will go after during the great tribulation, as follows: ***'And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring (those belonging to the congregation of Elohim who will not be protected during the great tribulation because they did not always serve Him to the best of their ability), who keep the commandments of Elohim and hold the testimony of Yahshua.'***

(25) *not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.*

To find the specific commandment Rav Shaul was talking about in Hebrews 10: 25, we need to go back to where YHVH our Elohim gave our forefathers His commandments, setting out the times during which He wants us to assemble together for worship services in Exodus 20 – 23, but in more detail in Leviticus 23. In Leviticus 23 YHVH gave Moses His appointed times, providing details of the timing of the weekly Sabbath, as well as the annual Set-apart days which Moses or those who are seated in his chair (or authority) are to proclaim in their seasons. YHVH commanded the sons of Israel to have holy convocations (or assemblies) on these weekly and annual Sabbaths; they are not suggestions only. Rav Shaul, who was personally taught by Yahshua after His ascension to heaven, was actually talking about Elohim's weekly and annual Sabbaths in Hebrews 10: 25. The reason for saying what he did, Rav Shaul was referring to those who were weak and separated themselves from Elohim's people instead of meeting together for worship services on His Set-apart Days, during his age. But, he was also warning those of us who are living during the end of the age, to attend services regularly, as the coming of Messiah draws near! Rav Shaul was definitely not reminding Christians to attend Sunday services, as he like Yahshua regularly attended services in the Jewish synagogues as witnessed in:

1. Acts 13: 13 – 15: ***'Now Saul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; and Yochanan left them and returned to Jerusalem. (14) But going on from Perga, they arrived at Pisidian Antioch, and on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. (15) And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it."***
2. Acts 17: 1 – 3: ***'Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. (2) And according to Shaul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, (3) explaining and giving evidence that the Messiah had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, 'This Yahshua whom I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah.'***
3. Acts 19: 8, ***'And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of Elohim.'***

The reason for Rav Shaul never attending worship services in church on Sundays was that Sunday was never declared Set-apart by Elohim, who is the only One who has the right to do so anyway. As a born Jew Rav Shaul was used to attending Sabbath services, but he was also following the example of the one who came to show us the way, namely Yahshua. Furthermore, we know the word 'church' is derived from the word Kirk named after the Greco-Roman goddess Circe. Her form of worship was called '*threskia*' in Greek and is spoken about in Colossians 2: 18, as follows: ***'Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind.'*** By Messiah's day the synagogue was already an established place of worship for Jews in the Promised Land and in the diaspora. It was established by Ezra the Scribe who returned to the Promised Land with Zerubbabel and Nehemiah about 500 BCE to inoculate the Jewish people with the Word of Elohim that they might never again receive Elohim's judgment. Synagogues were supplements to worship in the Temple, in cities and the diaspora and became a must for spiritual growth. Originally the Jews called these places of worship '*Beit Ha Knesset*', the house of assembly, but it later became known as synagogues meaning '*to come together*'. The ministry consisting of priests was organized into 24 divisions, according to the families of priests listed in 1 Chronicles 24: 1 – 19 and Nehemiah 12: 1 – 4. Each division came to the Temple in Jerusalem and serve for two weeks twice a year. During the rest of the year they were dispersed into the synagogues of the communities of the Land of Israel. When it was time for them to serve in the Temple they brought with them the Temple offerings from their communities, accompanied by the Levites and a representative Rabbi from the community who acted on behalf of the community. When the priests, Levites and Rabbis returned to their home synagogues, they brought with them new or updated prayers, religious ceremonies and songs from the Temple to teach their regular congregants and in this way the synagogue services developed parallel to the Temple service, without becoming a rival to it.

YHVH our Elohim is busy calling His congregation from the lost ten tribes together through the discipleship program that Yahshua our Messiah started. They are the ones that Yahshua will one day in the near future at His return bring back to His sheepfold, consisting of the Jews who remained Torah observant until that time. YHVH is presently calling a remnant of members of the lost ten tribes, who used to believe that they are Gentiles (plus a number of real Gentiles) and once the number that He is busy calling is complete, He will save a remnant from all Israel (as per Romans 11: 25 -27), to remarry Him as His bride as witnessed in Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34, in this way: ***“Behold, days are coming,” declares YHVH, “when I will make a new (marriage) covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, (32) not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares YHVH. (33) But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares YHVH, “I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.”*** YHVH is busy adding to His congregation whom Yahshua will marry at His return. We read fittingly from Acts 2: 39 – 41, in this way: ***‘For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off (meaning the house of Israel scattered abroad by Elohim because of idolatry, not Jews who are spoken about as the ones who are near in Ephesians 2: 13 and Daniel 9: 7), as many as YHVH our Elohim shall call to Himself (meaning only the ones whom YHVH calls and who wants to be immersed, not the ones we would like to convert from our own friends and family). (40) And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!” (41) So then, those who had received his word were immersed; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.’*** They together with their Torah observant Jewish Brothers will rule as kings and priests as the body/bride of Messiah at His return.

It is disconcerting to see how many new people join and soon afterwards, stay away and in that way dismembering themselves from the body of Messiah. They should remember that it was Elohim who called them to become part of the body of Messiah and that they need to remain in the discipleship program started by Messiah Himself, until they become totally familiar with the word of Elohim so as to teach disciples of their own, remembering that they should only teach truth, letting the Scriptures interpreting the Scriptures, since teachers shall incur a stricter judgment. They should therefore teach truth from the word of Elohim only and should know and believe fully what they teach and not be tossed here and there by waves, carried about by every wind of doctrine and by the trickery of deceitful men. It is for this very reason that the prophet Ezekiel warned especially those from the house of Israel in Ezekiel 13: 1 – 9, saying: ***‘Then the word of YHVH came to me saying, (2) “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy from their own inspiration, ‘Listen to the word of YHVH!’ (3) Thus says YHVH Elohim, “Woe to the foolish prophets who are following their own spirit and have seen nothing. (4) O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins. (5) You have not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of YHVH. (6) They see falsehood and lying divination who are saying, ‘YHVH declares,’ when YHVH has not sent them; yet they hope for the fulfillment of their word. (7) Did you not see a false vision and speak a lying divination when you said, ‘YHVH declares,’ but it is not I who have spoken?’” (8) Therefore, thus says YHVH Elohim, “Because you have spoken falsehood and seen a lie, therefore behold, I am against you,” declares YHVH Elohim. (9) So My Hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will have no place in the council of My people (meaning of the priests and Levites who forms the Sanhedrin), nor will they be written down in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel, that you may know that I am YHVH Elohim.”*** But this is also why Rav Shaul wrote in Romans 10: 13 - 15, saying: ***‘For “WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF YHVH WILL BE SAVED.” (14) How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach unless they are sent? (Remember that Yahshua only sent out His disciples as His apostles after they have been taught.) Just as it is written, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!”*** The gospel about the kingdom of Elohim is truly about a better world to come, during which there will be no elections to vote in the most popular and charismatic leaders, but leaders are now being called and trained

to serve under Yahshua our Messiah as King of kings and Master of masters during His millennial rule. So we see that trained teachers or preachers are the primary dispatchers of truth, and very little would be heard and understood without their guidance.

Some of the returning Israelites will often claim that they do not need to be taught by human teachers, since Yahshua promised that the Set-apart Spirit will guide us into all truth. The question they should answer is; Why did Yahshua commission His disciples in Matthew 28: 18 – 20 saying: ***“All authority (or as the KJV puts it: All power) has been given to me in heaven and on earth (Yahshua is the power of Elohim as per 1 Corinthians 1: 24.) (19) Go therefore and make disciples of (the Israelites scattered into¹⁸) all nations, immersing them in the (one) name of the Father and the son and the Set-apart Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*** This is telling me that the teacher who immersed you is also responsible to teach you everything that he/she learnt from the teacher who went through the same discipleship program as Messiah introduced through His original 12 disciples before, until they become fully trained ready to perpetuate the congregation of Elohim, by starting to train their own disciples. Without teachers you can read the bible through many times without coming to understand what is being said. It is also for this reason that false preachers are able to mislead many, since they do not ever complete the discipleship program started by Messiah. We read for this reason from Isaiah 28: 9 – 13, as follows: ***“To whom would He teach knowledge? And to whom would He interpret the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just taken from the breast? (10) For He says, ‘Order on order, order on order, line on line, line on line, a little here, a little there.’” (11) Indeed, He will speak to this people through stammering lips and a foreign tongue. (12) He who said to them, “Here is rest, give rest to the weary (he will teach those who are tired of incompetent human rulers who fouled up everything they touched during the past six thousand years, about the coming kingdom of Elohim during which only converted Spirit Beings will rule, who cannot be bribed),” and, “here is repose,” but they would not listen. (13) So the word of YHVH to them will be, “order on order, order on order, line on line, line on line, a little here, a little there,” that they may go and stumble backward, be broken, snared, and taken captive.’*** YHVH specially provides people to teach the lost ten tribes to return to the covenant relationship they made with Him at Mount Sinai, together with the house of Judah. Because people are not prepared to be taught by anybody, they come up with all sorts of false ideas that they learn from self-appointed teachers, who have not gone through Messiah’s discipleship program. It is for this reason that some has been deceived to believe in a different gospel and try to convert everybody they meet. We need to be mindful that YHVH does the calling¹⁹, all that is required of us, is to proclaim the good news of the coming kingdom of Elohim into the entire world, then the end of this age will come (as per Matthew 24: 14).

Rav Shaul confirms the fact that YHVH provides us with teachers in Ephesians 4: 10 – 13, saying: ***‘He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. (11) And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, (12) for the equipping of the saints (true believers) for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Messiah; (13) until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Messiah.’*** Faith as some of you will recall is based on the knowledge of truth as the foundation to the triangle with the two sides being faithful obedience and trust that YHVH will deliver what He promised. So to be able to have faith, we need to first acquire knowledge of truth, meaning an in depth knowledge of the promises that YHVH made to our fathers in the faith, namely that Abraham’s offspring through Isaac and Jacob, would be given eternal life to dwell in the Promised Land for ever, provided that they remain loyal to YHVH and His Torah teachings, including to circumcise their sons at age eight days old. But also that He will bring those children

¹⁸ We are to go into all the nations where the lost ten tribes of Israel have been scattered and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom of Elohim to them, as Yahshua instructed His disciples when He first sent them out in Matthew 10: 5 – 7, saying: ***“Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”***

¹⁹ Yahshua clearly said in John 6: 44, ***“No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws Him; and I will raise him up on the last day.”***

of Jacob who were scattered into the world because of idolatry back to the covenant relationship they made with Elohim, together with their Jewish Brothers at Mount Sinai. The image of Elohim also known as the word of Elohim became the Son of Man to provide the lost ten tribes with a kinsman redeemer to buy back their portion of the Promised Land, when YHVH divorced them because of Idolatry. Yahshua died in place of His adulterous bride, the house of Israel; so that YHVH may pass over the sins they previously committed which were punishable by death. He died in place of His people to be resurrected as the Son of Elohim by His resurrection to show His people how they will one day be born-again as spiritual children of Elohim, as witnessed in Romans 1: 1 – 4, in this way: ***‘Shaul, a bond-servant of Messiah Yahshua, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of Elohim, (2) which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,(3) concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, (4) who was declared the Son of Elohim with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the spirit of holiness, Yahshua Messiah our Master.’*** Armed with this knowledge and with the testimony of Yahshua, if we trust Elohim enough to provide us with what He promised our fathers in the faith to obey Him fully, we will inherit what He gave Yahshua as is confirmed by Rav Shaul in Romans 8: 16 & 17, as follows: ***‘The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of Elohim, (17) and if children, heirs also, heirs of Elohim and fellow heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.’***

The problem with some is not that they don’t listen, the problem is not ‘hearing’ or understanding properly, as Yahshua warned in Luke 8: 18, saying: ***“Therefore take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him shall more be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him.”*** The most dangerous thing in the world is the Scriptures in the wrong hands. Satan and His agents actually used the Scriptures to get people to believe the many false doctrines taught in the churches of the world. For the sake of clarity let’s again read Rav Shaul’s teaching in Romans 10: 14 but let’s continue until verse 18, in this way: ***‘How the shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!” (16) However, they did not all heed the glad tidings; for Isaiah says, “YHVH, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?” (17) So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Messiah. (18) But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed that have; “THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD.”*** But why are we concerned about those who do not attend Sabbath services or study the teachings they receive from the teacher who immersed them? Those who miss services, whether it is attending with us or using our material in services that they conduct in their own homes, are likely to be misled by every wind of doctrine, and will not conform to the image of Messiah, who was the first born again from the dead of many brethren.

We read Rav Shaul’s admonition in this regard from Hebrews 10: 23 – 27, as follows: ***‘Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; (24) and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, (25) not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near. (26) For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, (27) but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.’*** Typically the first warning sign of weakness or hurt of a member in our community is withdrawal, and lack of interest. When members fall away from the body of Messiah, it is not a sudden thing, instead they stop attending or for those who live far away stop studying the material we send out. This is also why Rav Shaul warns in Galatians 6: 9, saying: ***‘And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.’*** The phrase ‘let us hold fast the confession of our hope’ means that we hold in a firm grip, or to be in a full and secure possession of our faith, similar to what Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 56: 6 & 7, saying: ***“Also the foreigners who join themselves to YHVH, to minister to Him, and to love the name of YHVH, to be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant; (7) Even those I will bring to My holy mountain (government), and make them joyful in***

My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; for My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

We need to be mindful of Messiah's answer to His disciples, when they asked Him why He speaks to people in parables after relating to them the parable of the seeds in Matthew 13: 11, 12 & 19, saying: ***"To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. (12) For whoever has, to him shall more be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. (19) When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road."*** There are people who spasmodically attend or conduct services using their teacher's lessons and never truly understand what they are taught. If they are not very careful they could fall away from the faith, or even if they remain part of the congregation, might only have partial protection, when the looming great tribulation arrives in full force. It is very dangerous to only have a partial covering, as Yahshua continued to explain in Matthew 13: 20 & 21, saying: ***"And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; (21) yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away."*** These are high maintenance believers, who consume a lot of time, but do not have endurance to stay the course. They are led by feelings because they do not have enough grounding in the Word (Torah) to anchor their faith, and they become easily discouraged at the slightest difficulty. Next, Yahshua spoke about selfish believers in Matthew 13: 22 whose main priority in life is to become upwardly mobile, saying: ***"And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."*** These believers only attend/have services when it is convenient, because they let the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches comes before serving Elohim. Because there are always so many other things that need their attention, they wither away with little notice because they are never really with their brethren. Finally, we get to the believer who discovered the pearl of great price in Matthew 13: 23, as follows: ***"And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."*** The seed spoken about in this text is faith in the coming Kingdom of Elohim, in which He will give those who remain faithful to the end, the promises that He made through our fathers in the faith Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; to live eternally in the Promised land as kings and Priests under Messiah.

But why are we so concerned with those half-hearted brethren who do not attend or keep formal Sabbath services during which they read/study/listen to the weekly Torah; Haftarah, Renewed Covenant portions as well as the sermon sent out on a regular basis. It is because YHVH especially warns returnees from the lost ten tribes to His everlasting covenant in Hosea 4: 6, saying: ***'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your Elohim, I also will forget your children.'*** Notice that these people are not destroyed because the knowledge was not available, but because they rejected the knowledge that Elohim made available through their teachers. Walking alone causes stagnation and eventually backsliding. A lack of knowledge will eventually lead to Spiritual apathy and weakness, opening ourselves to attack from dark forces and evil cravings, which could eventually lead to us losing our salvation. Unfortunately there is an attitude prevalent in some Nazarene Israelites who had bad experiences in the churches where they came from, and as a result they do not want to be part of an organized group. They claim Yahshua Messiah as their teacher and reject any pastoral authority. These loners should remember that they are part of the body of Messiah – the commonwealth of Israel. They need to understand that there will be no such thing as a loner in the Kingdom of Elohim; the kingdom of Elohim will include a remnant of both the house of Israel and the house of Judah. As much as each tribe will have a specific function, so will each congregation have a purpose within their identifiable tribal group. Let's therefore not neglect assembling together on Elohim's ordained weekly and annual Sabbaths. Think about it!

Chapter 10: Jacob and Esau.

What we see playing out in the world today, has been prophesied to happen by YHVH Himself many years ago. When Moses spoke to Elohim in Exodus 3: 13, he said: ***“Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, ‘The Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”*** Elohim identified Himself to Moses saying in verse 14, ***“I AM²⁰ WHO I AM”, and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.”*** The words ‘I AM’ means that Elohim is, was and will be forever (eternally), as may be understood from verse 15, as follows: ***‘And Elohim, furthermore, said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, YHVH, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me to you. ‘This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.’”*** Elohim reveals Himself as the creator of everything that exists. If He created all there is, then He must have existed before they did.

Since everything in existence except the Creator is temporal, it is logical to conclude that YHVH our Elohim is the only One who is Eternal, as is also confirmed in Psalm 90: 2, as follows: ***‘Before the mountains were born, or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art Elohim.’*** One of His promises is to give us eternal life in His coming Kingdom. Could He give us something that He does not have? Obviously not! Our Father in heaven is called the ‘I AM’, meaning YHVH or the Eternal, the only one who always existed and because He is in control of what happens to His creation, He knows the end from the beginning. As mentioned in a previous sermon, YHVH made a two-fold promise to Abraham; firstly, that his descendants through Isaac and Jacob would inherit the Promised Land for ever, provided they like Abraham prove their faith in YHVH by obedience to Him, including to circumcise their male children at the age of 8-days old, as a sign to this eternal covenant. Secondly, that He will bring the people who will eventually become known as the lost ten tribes of the house of Israel because of idolatry and disobedience to Him, back to the covenant relationship they made with Him together with the house of Judah, to again have an opportunity to become first born heirs of Abraham to inherit their part of the Promised land which they lost, through Abraham’s one Seed, namely Yahshua, who will also eventually save the rest of mankind who after learning Elohim’s true way after the 2nd resurrection, and decide to follow it, as second born children into Elohim’s eternal family.

Talking specifically to those of us from the lost ten tribes who were scattered abroad because of idolatry, YHVH said through Moses in Deuteronomy 4: 24 – 31: ***“For YHVH your Elohim is a consuming fire, a jealous Elohim. (25) When you become the father of children and children’s children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of YHVH your Elohim so as to provoke Him to anger, (26) I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you shall surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but shall be utterly destroyed. (27) And YHVH will scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where YHVH shall drive you. (28) And there you will serve gods, the work of man’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. (29) But from there you will seek YHVH your Elohim, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. (30) When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days, you will return to YHVH your Elohim and listen to His voice. (31) For YHVH your Elohim is a compassionate Elohim; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.”*** YHVH tells us through Isaiah how He will bring the house of Israel back into a covenant relationship with Him in Isaiah 49: 1 – 8, saying: ***‘Listen to Me, O islands (or coastlands), and pay attention, you peoples from afar (meaning the house of Israel). YHVH called Me from the womb; from the body of My mother He named Me. (2) And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me, and He has also made Me a select arrow; He has hidden Me in His quiver. (3) And He said to Me, “You are My servant, Israel, in Whom I will show My glory.” (4) But I said, “I***

²⁰ The footnote against ‘I AM’ in the New American Standard Version reads: ‘Related to the name of G-d, YHWH rendered LORD, which is derived from the verb HAYAH, to be’.

have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely the justice due to Me is with YHVH, and My reward with My Elohim.” (5) And now says YHVH, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, in order that Israel might be gathered to Him (for I am honored in the sight of YHVH, and My Elohim is My strength), (6) He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel (Nostrum – Nazarenes or watchmen); I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth. (7) Thus says YHVH, the Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One, to the despised One, to the One abhorred by the nation, to the Servant of rulers, “Kings shall see and arise, Princes shall also bow down; because of YHVH who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You.” (8) Thus says YHVH, “In a favorable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You; and I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, to restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages.” Yahshua came to restore the Nazarene believers in Him from the lost ten tribes and will ultimately, when He returns, bring us back to the Promised Land.

The prophecy continues in verses 12 – 18 of Isaiah 49, as follows: *“Behold, these shall come from afar; and lo, these will come from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim.” (13) Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For YHVH has comforted His people, and will have compassion on His afflicted. (14) But Zion said, “YHVH has forsaken me, and YHVH has forgotten me.” (15) “Can a woman forget her nursing child, and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. (16) “Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me. (17) Your builders hurry; your destroyers and devastators will depart from you. (18) Lift up your eyes and look around; all of them gather together, they come to you. As I live,” declares YHVH, “You shall surely put on all of them as jewels, and bind them on as a bride.”* Moving forward to verses 22 – 26, we are told that YHVH will also save our children and end by telling why He will do this for us, in this way: *‘Thus says YHVH Elohim, “Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations, and set up My standard to the peoples; and they will bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters will be carried on their shoulders. (23) And kings will be your guardians, and their princesses your nurses. They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of your feet; and you will know that I am YHVH; those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame. (24) Can the prey be taken from the mighty man, or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?” (25) Surely, thus says YHVH, “Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away, and the prey of the tyrant will be rescued; for I will contend with the one who contends with you, and I will save your sons. (26) And I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh, and they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine; and all flesh will know that I, YHVH, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”* Without even considering what we are told about Yahshua in the Renewed Covenant, YHVH shows us in Isaiah 49 how His word became the Son of Man to buy back the portion of the Promised Land that we from the lost ten tribes lost through idolatry, and how He came to restore the Nazarenes of Israel, before His return to earth in the near future. He tells us that we need not fear, since He has not forgotten us, and that we are inscribed in the palms of His hands (referring to Messiah’s nail scarred hands); so that the rest of mankind will know that He is our Savior and the Redeemer of Israel. For those who continue teaching people that YHVH is a trinity or that there are two (YHVH)’s, Yahshua being the lesser YHVH and the Set-apart Spirit simply being the power of Elohim, this should be one reason to out rightly reject their false doctrines.

It is because so-called ‘believers’ speculate about the Oneness of Elohim, that they eventually become more evil, as Rav Shaul explains in Romans 1: 16 - 32, saying: *‘For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of Elohim for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (17) For in it the righteousness of Elohim is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.” (18) For the wrath of Elohim is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, (19) because that which is known*

about Elohim is evident within them (human beings)²¹; **for Elohim made it evident to them.** (20) **For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes²², His eternal power²³ and divine nature²⁴, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.** (21) **For even though they knew Elohim, they did not honor Him as Elohim, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.** (22) **Professing to be wise, they became fools** (trying to speculate whether Elohim is three G-ds in one, or that He consist of two (YHVVH)'s, or even that Messiah was an angel before His 'human' birth), (23) **and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible Elohim for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures** (meaning created beings). (24) **Therefore Elohim gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them.** (25) **For they exchanged the truth of Elohim for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.** (26) **For this reason Elohim gave them over to degrading passions; for their woman exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,** (27) **and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.** (Here we are given the reason for the ever increasing incidents of homosexuality.) (28) **And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge Elohim any longer, Elohim gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,** (29) **being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,** (30) **slanderers, haters of Elohim, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient, to parents,** (31) **without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;** (32) **and, although they know the ordinance of Elohim, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.'** If you ever wondered why mankind is waxing worse? Here we are given the reason! Wow, what a serious indictment against most of the churches of the world? But, considering recently published statistics by an Italian magazine which claims that 98% of Catholic priests are gay, it is not far off the mark.

Judaism identifies Rome as modern day Esau. They hold that Esau has been holding the house of Israel (some of the children of Jacob) captive since they were scattered into the nations of the world. The age old feud between Esau and Jacob has been perpetuated through Religious Babylon, the harlot who sits on seven heads/mountains, namely the Roman Catholic Church and her Protestant daughters, but also Islam which was started by the Roman Catholics to assist them in opposing Judaism. The Church ruled western society for about 1800 years whilst Islam ruled the eastern half of the Roman Empire. Commercial Babylon also dominates the economies of the west and is based on the ethics and customs of Rome, which is derived directly from Babylon started by Nimrod. Islam has up to recently been empowering the economies of the west through their control of its oil. The Church in all its forms, including the Churches of G-d and Assemblies of YHVVH all believe in pure replacement theology, since they all believe they have replaced the house of Judah as Elohim's chosen people. Christianity and those Assemblies who usurp the authority of the Jews in declaring annual Feast Days according to their own design are in fact the synagogue of Satan mentioned in Revelation 2: 9 and 3: 9. The main reason why replacement theology has become established

²¹ A (single) human being is composed of a body, a soul and the spirit in man, as witnessed in 1 Thessalonians 5: 23, in this way: **'Now may the Elohim of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Master Yahshua Messiah.'** This is talking about those from the house of Israel who died in Messiah who have been immersed in Messiah's saving name and been given a portion of Elohim's Set-apart Spirit, or those from the house of Judah who remain Torah observant until death or when Messiah returns.

²² Elohim is invisible as witnessed in first Timothy 1: 17, as follows: **'Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only Elohim, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.'**

²³ Yahshua is the power of Elohim as witnessed in the Tanach and the Renewed Covenant in this way: (Jeremiah 32: 17): **'Ah YHVVH Elohim! Behold, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Thee.'** And first Corinthians 1: 24: **'But to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Messiah the power of Elohim and the wisdom of Elohim.'**

²⁴ The Set-apart Spirit is the divine nature of Elohim, as may be seen from 2 Peter 1: 4, as follows: **'For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.'**

in modern society is because Messiah's main purpose was hidden for almost two thousand years. It was only about 15 years ago that Nazarene Judaism discovered Messiah's main purpose to bring the lost sheep of the house of Israel back to the covenant they made with Elohim at Mount Sinai, together with the house of Judah. From the start of Nazarene Judaism, evil forces aimed to destroy it and because of sustained attacks, the movement almost vanished by the fourth century. But, it never disappeared totally, as there have always been Torah observant individuals who believed in Yahshua the Messiah. The forces against us are the same forces that are against our Jewish brothers, namely anti-Semitism, which is in actual fact lawlessness. Rav Shaul told the Ephesian elders in Acts 20: 29 & 30, saying: ***"I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; (30) and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them."*** In fact the great falling away is an essential part of the end time events that will precede the return of Yahshua our Messiah, as we read from 2 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 3: ***'Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Master Yahshua Messiah, and our gathering together to Him, (2) that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of YHVH has come. (3) Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy (falling away) comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.'***

The message that was concealed by the prophet Daniel until the end of time in Daniel 12: 4 was directly related to Messiah's purpose for coming to earth the first time, as Yahshua confirmed in the parable of the prodigal son but also when He authenticated the Jewish synagogue in John 10: 14 – 17, saying: ***"I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, (15) even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. (16) And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold (or synagogue); I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice and they shall become one flock with one shepherd. (17) For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again."*** Elohim used groups like the Churches of G-d and others to discover the identity of the lost ten tribes of Israel; truth which has over the past 20 years or so been confirmed by Jewish groups like Brit-Am and Kolhator in Israel. These truths so vitally important to understand that about 90 percent of the prophecies in the Scriptures are aimed at those of us who are still alive before the end of this age. The truth about Messiah's main purpose pours cold water on the doctrines of all the churches of the world, including the Messianic Jews, since Messiah came specifically to bring the lost sheep of the house of Israel back to the faith into which He was born, namely Judaism, and not to Christianize the world, as he confirmed when he answered the Canaanite woman who asked Him to heal her demon-possessed daughter in Matthew 15: 24, saying: ***"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*** What very few people today realize, is that the commonwealth of Israel consisting of both the house of Israel and the house of Judah ruled over by King David's son was and will again be known as the Kingdom of Elohim on earth, as is confirmed in 1 Chronicles 28: 4 & 5, as follows: ***"Yet, YHVH, the Elohim of Israel, chose me from all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For He has chosen Judah to be a leader; and in the house of Judah, my father's house, and among the sons of my father He took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel. (5) And of all my sons (for YHVH has given me many sons), He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the Kingdom of YHVH over Israel."***

Rav Shaul confirmed Messiah's main purpose in Ephesians 2: 11 – 16, saying: ***'Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Un-circumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands— (12) remember that you were at that time separate from Messiah, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise²⁵,***

²⁵ The covenant of promise given to Abraham that he and his descendants will live eternally in the Promised Land (meaning the Kingdom of Elohim) with Messiah being their Shepherd and King David being their King as promised to David, that he will rule eternally over Israel, but also as confirmed in Acts 15: 15 – 18, as follows: ***"And with this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written, AFTER THESE THINGS I WILL RETURN, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT, IN ORDER THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK YHVH, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME (meaning the lost tribes of Israel), SAYS YHVH, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM OF OLD."***

having no hope and without Elohim in the world. (13) But now in Messiah Yahshua you who formerly were far off²⁶ have been brought near by the blood of Messiah. (14) For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, (15) by abolishing in His flesh the enmity (or punishment of the law due to our disobedience to Torah), which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances (meaning specifically the judgments against us for breaking the commandments), that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, (16) and might reconcile them both in one body (the body of Messiah or His bride) to Elohim through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity."

Most people will read over this section without ever understanding the same, because they are not meant to understand it at this time, as Yahshua explained to His disciples when they asked Him why He spoke to people in parables in Matthew 13: 10. We read His answer to them in verses 11, 12 and the first part of verse 19, saying: ***"To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. (12) For whoever has, to him shall more be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. (19) "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away that has been sown in his heart."*** The fact that Yahshua atoned for the house of Judah as well as for the lost sheep of the house of Israel, will be denied by most, but is recorded in John 11: 49 – 52, as follows: ***'But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, (50) nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish." (51) Now this he did not say on his own initiative; but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Yahshua was going to die for the nation, (52) and not for the nation only, but that He might also gather together into one the children of Elohim who are scattered abroad.'***

Rav Shaul has been trying to inform believers about these truths ever since Messiah instructed him personally for about three years after His ascension to heaven, as we read from Hebrews 8: 6 – 12, saying: ***'But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. (7) For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. (8) For finding fault with them, He says, "BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS YHVH, WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH; (9) NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS YHVH. (10) FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS YHVH: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM UPON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR ELOHIM, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. (11) AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW YHVH,' FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM. (12) FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.'*** As I taught before, YHVH will only write the laws on the hearts of Israel since the house of Judah has been Torah observant all along. It is clear there can be no kingdom of Israel without both the house of Israel and the house of Judah. The Scriptures has been misinterpreted for years and was only recently opened to the minds of some of those whom YHVH is calling. The time has come for these truths to be revealed to both houses of Israel at this time.

We have but a short time to ready ourselves, if we want to be part of the 5 virgins who will be ready for our bridegroom Yahshua the Messiah at His return on Yom Teruah in the near future. But as prophesied in

²⁶ The words 'far off' refers to the house of Israel who were scattered throughout the nations in the world because of Idolatry, and was first used in this way by Daniel in a prayer for all Israel in Daniel 9: 7, as follows: ***"Righteousness belongs to Thee, O Master, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the counties to which Thou hast driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against Thee."***

Zechariah 14, His return will usher in the kingdom of Elohim, and will only come about after He has put down all opposition to His world-wide rulership as we read from verses 1 – 11, in this way: ***‘Behold, a day is coming for YHVH when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. (2) For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. (3) Then YHVH will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. (4) And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. (5) And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then YHVH, my Elohim, will come, and all the holy ones with Him! (6) And it will come about in that day that there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. (7) For it will be a unique day which is known to YHVH, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light. (8) And it will come about in that day that living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter. (9) And YHVH will be king over all the earth; in that day YHVH will be the only one, and His name the only one. (10) All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin’s Gate as far as the place of the First gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king’s wine presses. (11) And people will live in it, and there will be no more curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.***

The single most important reason that kept the two houses of Israel separate up to now, was the fact that instead of taking YHVH our Elohim at His word and believe that He is only ONE, and not a trinity as the house of Israel were taught by Churchianity (controlled by Esau) since its inception, will be a major factor in uniting both houses into the commonwealth of Israel before Messiah’s return to rule the world from Jerusalem. A second uniting factor will be for the house of Israel to accept the house of Judah as Elohim’s lawgiver, as is witnessed numerous times in the Scriptures, but especially in Psalm 60: 7(KJV), as follows: ***‘Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver.’*** Whether we like it or not, we from the lost ten tribes of Israel will have to in the Spirit of Elijah, start teaching our children about the faith of our fathers in the faith including Torah, as we are told by Malachi in the end time prophecy in Malachi 4: 4 - 6, in this way: ***“Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel. (5) Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of YHVH. (6) And he will restore the hearts (meaning the faith) of the fathers (in the faith, namely Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse.”*** In addition we will also have to start cooperating with our Jewish Brothers in Israel and the countries where we reside, to prepare the way for Messiah’s imminent return. Think about it!

Chapter 11: The Kingdom of Elohim.

Those of us called out of the churches of the world, often wonder why everyone alive could not understand the Scriptural truths that we came to believe, since our Father called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. The fact of the matter is that not everyone who hears the good news about the coming Kingdom of Elohim understands and believes it, because Satan and his agents have deceived most of humanity to believe that they are immortal and will exist eternally after death.

Satan and his many agents as teachers in the different religions of the world have succeeded in selling his own aspirations as well as his final destination to his deceived audience, as their most important teaching. Satan wanted to go to heaven to take over Elohim's throne in rebellion, as we read from Isaiah 14: 13 – 15 as follows: ***"But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of Elohim, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' (15) Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit."*** Jude a bond-servant of Yahshua wrote about the final destination of Satan and his demons in Jude 13 saying: ***'Wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering (fallen) stars (stars being angels as per Revelation 1: 20), for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.'*** Is it not odd that Christianity, Moslems, Hindus and other religions believe that 'good' people go to heaven, beholding the face of Elohim for all eternity, and that the wicked will be doomed to live eternally in a non-consuming fire, when they die one day. Most believers have been deceived by their ministers, teachers, and Pastors to believe this false doctrine. But this foremost false doctrine is nowhere to be found in the Scriptures. For those who think this to be a figment of our imagination, as it is not possible for their Pastors and teachers, who have studied up to seven years to qualify to guide their congregants in the way of G-d, to be deceived. However, we read from Revelation 12: 9, ***'And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.'*** Is it possible that Satan has deceived all the inhabitants of the earth including their learned teachers? Do you realize that most of the doctrines taught by most religions of the world, including Christianity are the exact opposite of what the word of Elohim teaches?

The truth is that the gospel of the coming Kingdom of Elohim is directly related to the resurrection of the dead and eternal life. Yahshua Himself explained this to Nicodemus in John 3: 3 – 13, in this way: ***'Yahshua answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of Elohim." (4) Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" (5) Yahshua answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water (immersed) and (received) the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Elohim. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' (8) The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit. (A spirit being is able to move around like the wind, from one place to another by simply desiring to be there.) (9) Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" (10) Yahshua answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things? (11) Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen; and you do not receive our witness. (12) If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things? (13) And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man."*** Do you believe Yahshua the Word of Elohim, who became flesh? Yahshua came as the Son of Man to become the kinsman redeemer of the house of Israel, who were scattered into the world because of idolatry to show us how we could be born again as children of Elohim, after having been immersed into His saving name (as per Acts 2: 36 - 38²⁷) and received a portion of the Set-apart Spirit when

²⁷ Acts 2: 36 – 38: ***"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that Elohim has made Him both Master and Messiah—this Yahshua whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Kepha and the rest of the***

the preaching elder who immersed us laid his hands upon us (as per Acts 8: 12 – 17²⁸), and like He was the first born again from the dead (as per Colossians 1: 18²⁹) to be resurrected as the Son of Elohim (as per Romans 1: 1 – 4³⁰). Do you believe in the resurrection of the dead? If you do then why do you want to go to heaven - if Yahshua is coming back to resurrect the dead?

Churchianity has since its inception taught John 3: 16 to be the true Gospel, as follows: ***“For Elohim so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”*** Even though this is indeed good news, the true gospel entails much more than this. The problem with Churchianity is, despite confessing faith in Messiah, they do not actually believe in what He taught whilst He was on earth. The crux of this verse is that whoever believes in Him should not perish. But what does it mean to believe in Him? Firstly it means that:

1. We should believe in what Yahshua taught and did whilst He was on earth, and
2. That we should believe in His name Yahshua – which essentially means that He is the Salvation of YHVH. Whereas the name Jesus does not mean that at all.

But what did Yahshua teach whilst He was here on earth? To commence with, He taught the true gospel as recorded in Mark 1: 14 – 15 in this way: ***“And after John had been taken into custody, Yahshua came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of Elohim,”*** (15) ***and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of Elohim is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel.”*** Despite the fact that Christianity is still the biggest religion in the world with well over a million professed members, yet it is absolutely absurd that not many of the adherents of the Christian faith are aware of Messiah’s central teaching and main purpose for coming to the earth the first time, about 2,000 years ago. The heart and core of Messiah’s message, as the prophet YHVH promised Moses to come in His name, was that the Kingdom of Elohim would be established upon the earth as it is presently in heaven; and secondly that at His return Messiah will bring the remnant of the lost sheep of the house of Israel whom YHVH has been calling since Messiah’s first coming to return to the covenant relationship they made with Him, together with their remaining Torah observant brothers from the house of Judah, to rebuild the Tabernacle of David which has fallen and to re-establish the commonwealth of Israel as the kingdom of YHVH over Israel and a model nation so that the rest of mankind will learn to seek Elohim.

The reason for most who profess faith in Messiah not to understand Messiah’s main message is as He explained to His disciples when they asked Him, why He spoke to people in parables in Matthew 13: 10. Yahshua answered them in verses 11 & 12, saying: ***“To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. (12) For whoever has, to him shall more be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.”*** The parable under discussion here is the ‘Parable of the Sower’ recorded in verses 3 – 9 of Matthew 13. Paraphrased this parable is as follows: *‘A sower went out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell among the path and the birds came and ate it. Other seeds fell on rocky ground with not much soil; they sprang up*

apostles, “Brethren what shall we do?” ‘And Kepha said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be immersed in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Set-apart Spirit.”

²⁸ Acts 8: 12 – 17: *‘But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of Elohim and the name of Yahshua Messiah they were being immersed, men and woman alike. And even Simon (Magus) himself believed; and after being immersed, he continued on with Philip; and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of Elohim, they sent them Kepha and Yochanan, who came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the set-apart Spirit. For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been immersed in the name of the Master Yahshua. Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Set-apart Spirit.’*

²⁹ Colossians 1: 18, *‘He is also head of the body, the congregation; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.’*

³⁰ Romans 1: 1 – 4: *‘Shaul, a bond-servant of Messiah Yahshua, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of Elohim. Which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of Elohim with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the spirit of holiness, Yahshua Messiah our Master.’*

immediately but withered in the sun. Others fell upon thorns and were choked when they grew up. Some however, fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.'

It is important for those who teach to understand the meaning of this parable, so that they do not become despondent. This parable is explained as follows:

- *The people in the world hear and see but they do not understand, because their eyes are closed to the truth and they cannot see or hear. YHVH allows Satan to blind the minds of unbelievers, so that they do not understand the good news of Messiah. We read this in 2 Corinthians 4: 3 & 4, as follows: **'And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, (4) in whose case the god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the esteem of Messiah, who is the image of Elohim.'** Yes, when someone hears the truth and does not believe it, Satan removes it from his heart – this is essentially the seed which was sown along the path. This is also in agreement with Yahshua's explanation of the first part of the parable in Matthew 13: 18 & 19, where He said: **"Hear then the parable of the sower, (19) When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road."***
- The seed that was sown on rocky ground is about the individual who hears the truth and immediately receives it with joy. However, he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the world, immediately he falls away. When this person's family and friends reject him for his beliefs, or when keeping the Sabbath and Set-apart days, bring harassment, he shuts his heart to the truth.
- The seed that was sown among thorns, tells us about the individual who hears the truth and responds for a while. But the worries of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. This individual's life is very complicated. He belongs to all sorts of clubs and societies and is living the high life. He is physically stretched to the limit and because he is concerned about his investments and the irons that he has in many fires, he soon forgets his newly found faith.
- The seed that was sown in good soil are those who hear and understand the truth. They bear fruit and in one case bear a hundred fold, in another, sixty fold and in another, thirty fold. We are blessed because we hear and see the truth, because YHVH has opened our minds to it, through His Set-apart Spirit, which indwells us.

The message that Yahshua taught was the Good News of the coming Kingdom of Elohim. This world is dying due to global warming, oil depletion, natural disasters, manmade disasters, etc. and Yahshua brought a message of a New World with a better future for all. Our world today can be compared to the time of Noah. In Noah's day Elohim saw that the wickedness of man was very great and that every intent in his heart was only evil continually – this is quoted from Genesis 6: 15. Like at that time, our newspapers are full of stories of murder, rape, child abuse and stories about world leaders stealing and committing adultery. Only the very naïve do not recognize the signs of a dying world. The ongoing crime and violence leaves the world with very little hope!

Yahshua was very serious regarding preaching about the coming Kingdom of Elohim, as also recorded in Luke 4: 43, in this way: **'But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of Elohim to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."** To understand the importance of the Message Messiah proclaimed, we also read about it in the following Scriptural witnesses:

- Matthew 4: 17, 23: **'From that time Yahshua began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (23) 'And Yahshua was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.'**
- Matthew 5: 3, 10: **"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (10) "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

- Matthew 5: 19, 20: ***“Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (20) For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.”***
- Matthew 6: 10, ***“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”***
- Matthew 6: 33, ***“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.”***
- Matthew 7: 21, ***“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.”***
- Matthew 26: 29, ***“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”***
- Luke 9: 1 – 2: ***‘And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases. (2) And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of Elohim, and to perform healing.’*** And
- Acts 1: 3, ***‘To these He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of Elohim.’***

Messiah also taught His disciples after they asked Him to tell them about His return and the end of the age in Matthew 24. The same message is also recorded in Mark 13 and Luke 21. In this teaching He again stressed that this Gospel of the Kingdom of Elohim has to be preached as a witness to the whole world, before the end shall come (verse 14). Over the past number of years we have seen how the people whom YHVH our Elohim has called to be watchmen have gone back to the world and the churches of this world. The people who were supposed to blow the Trumpet – to warn the world of its impending demise and the hope of the coming Kingdom of Elohim, were too busy abolishing the ways of Elohim and getting back into the world and its pagan traditions. In addition, we are so caught up in the worries of this world, we became in-ward turned – worried about everything else, but the kingdom of Elohim.

Yahshua’s followers preached about the coming Kingdom of Elohim, as recorded in the following Scriptures: In Matthew 3: 2 John the Immerser announced that ***“the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”*** Rav Kepha (Peter) also spoke about the Kingdom of Elohim in 2 Peter 1: 10 & 11, saying: ***‘Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; (11) for this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Savior Yahshua Messiah will be abundantly supplied to you.’*** We also read about Phillip’s message in Acts 8: 12 as follows: ***“But when they believed Phillip preaching the good news about the kingdom of Elohim and the name of Yahshua Messiah, they were being immersed men and women alike.”*** But, the Good News or Gospel was actually introduced before Messiah’s earthly life. It is called an everlasting Gospel in Revelation 14: 6, as follows: ***“And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people.”*** In Hebrews 4: 2 we see that the Gospel was preached to ancient Israel, as follows: ***“For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.”*** The gospel was preached to Abraham as we read in Galatians 3: 8 ***“And the Scriptures, foreseeing that Elohim would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘ALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU.’”*** The Good News about the glorious future of mankind has been the plan of YHVH from the beginning. It was proclaimed to King David – he wrote about that kingdom of Elohim in Psalm 145: 10 – 13 as follows: ***“All Thy works shall give thanks to Thee, O YHVH, and Thy faithful (godly) ones shall bless Thee. (11) They shall speak of the esteem (glory) of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power; (12) to make known to the sons of men Thy mighty acts, and the glory of the majesty of Thy kingdom. (13) Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endures throughout all generations.”*** Daniel knew about the coming kingdom of Elohim as recorded for us in Daniel 7: 27 ***“Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole earth***

will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him."

One of the misunderstandings about the Kingdom was that two thousand years would separate Yahshua's first coming as the sacrificial Lamb in John 1: 29³¹ from His return as conquering King of the Kingdom as per Revelation 19: 11 – 16, as follows: ***'And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. (12) And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. (13) And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of Elohim. (14) And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. (15) And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron and He treads the winepress of the fierce wrath of Elohim, the Almighty. (16) And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND MASTER OF MASTERS."*** His first coming fulfilled a vital role of the Gospel - His sacrifice to make possible the forgiveness and justification of the lost sheep of the house of Israel, to return to the commonwealth of Israel by the time He is ready to return and marry His bride comprising both the house of Israel and the house of Judah as described in Jeremiah 31: 31 - 33³². His second coming will be to finally usher in the Kingdom of Elohim on earth, as it is now in heaven. Like with any other kingdom, the Kingdom of Elohim will comprise the following basic fundamentals:

- It will have a Ruler or King – namely Messiah
- It will have subjects over which the King rules; and
- The King will rule according to Laws given in the Torah Moses gave the children of Israel at Horeb.

In the coming Kingdom of Elohim – Yahshua will rule as King of Kings and Master of Masters from Jerusalem. He will rule the reestablished commonwealth of Israel, comprising those of us called from the house of Israel who qualifies and those who remain Torah observant from the house of Judah as His bride and rulers under Him, plus their children and the people who survive the Great Tribulation during the Millennium. Those who qualify to be in the first resurrection at Messiah's return, will rule under Messiah as Kings and Priests for a thousand years, as witnessed in Revelation 20: 6, as follows: ***"Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of Elohim and of Messiah and will reign with Him for a thousand years."*** We see further that since Messiah will return to establish Elohim's kingdom on earth, Elohim's chosen and Messiah's elect will rule on earth, as recorded in Revelation 5: 10, in this way: ***"And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our Elohim; and they will reign upon the earth."*** The kingdom of Elohim will be governed according to Torah and Yahshua the Messiah will slowly but surely change all people's hearts and minds to want to obey Elohim's way. All the evil that Satan caused will be stopped. Crime will be eradicated by divine force and people will be re-educated to know and keep the Laws of YHVH. We see from Isaiah 11: 6 – 9 that even the nature of animals will be changed during Messiah's rule, as follows: ***'And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. (7) Also the cow and the bear will graze; their young will lie down together; and the lion will eat straw like the ox. (8) And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. (9) They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of YHVH as the waters cover the sea."*** We see further from Micah 4: 1 – 4 that eventually all the people of the world will start following the example of the reestablished commonwealth of Israel, in this way: ***'And it will come about in the last days that the mountain (Government) of the house of***

³¹ John 1: 29, *'The next day he saw Yahshua coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world!'*

³² Jeremiah 31: 31 – 33: *"Behold, days are coming," declares YHVH, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares YHVH. "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares YHVH, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people."*

YHVH will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and the peoples will stream to it. (2) And many nations will come and say, come and let us go up to the mountain of YHVH and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob, that He may teach us about His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” For from Zion will go forth the law, even the word of YHVH from Jerusalem. (3) And He will judge between many peoples and render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they train for war. (4) And each of them will sit under his vine and under his fig tree, with no one to make them afraid, for the mouth of YHVH of hosts has spoken.’

The prophets in the Tanach under Elohim’s inspiration envisioned His everlasting Kingdom as recorded in:

- Isaiah 9: 7: ***‘There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of YHVH will accomplish this.’***
- Psalm 145: 13: ***‘Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endures throughout all generations.’*** and
- Daniel 7: 27: ***‘Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.’***

Rav Kepha, who had expected to see Elohim’s Kingdom while he lived, wrote in 2 Peter 1: 10 & 11, saying: ***‘Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; (11) for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Savior Yahshua Messiah will be abundantly supplied to you.’*** Though Rav Kepha did not live to see Elohim’s Kingdom, he did not lose heart. Believers must continue to believe in the sure promise of the Kingdom. We must faithfully serve Elohim while we wait for it. Life may bring many disappointments and trials, testing our faith in Elohim’s promises, and Messiah identified three areas of temptation His people would encounter in Matthew 13, discussed earlier, namely; the work of Satan, the temptation to covet material possessions, and personal trials. But, a believer needs to confront all of these at times. All tempt us and distract us from what should be our primary focus in life as Messiah confirmed in Matthew 6: 33, saying: ***“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.”*** Rav Shaul exhorted believers of his day, in Acts 14: 21 & 22, saying: ***‘And after they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, (22) strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, “Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of Elohim.”*** Those who remain faithful will look beyond their distress and put their confidence in Elohim. These are the ones who will inherit the Kingdom of Elohim.

Even so it is very important for each one of us to tell the world about the Wonderful World Tomorrow. We need to start proclaiming the True Gospel – giving the people in this world HOPE for the future. Our reward will be eternal life in the land under YHVH/Yahshua.

Chapter 12: Does Romans 7: 1 – 6 set us free from Torah?

Because Romans 7: 1 – 6 has been misinterpreted by the religious teachers in the nations of Israel scattered throughout the world, because of idolatry, most of Churchianity came to believe that they have been released from obeying Torah and if we read these verses without understanding, that might also be the conclusion we will come to. It is for that, that Ezekiel wrote about the religious leaders in Israel in Ezekiel 22: 26, saying: ***“Her priests have done violence to My law and have profaned My holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they hide their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.”***

But, Rav Shaul who wrote the book of Romans to returning Israelites from the lost ten tribes, through Abraham’s one seed, namely Yahshua, was actually addressing the judgments of a specific subject here; namely the Law of divorce and remarriage (discussed in Deuteronomy 24: 1 - 4³³), in this section saying clearly in verses 1 – 4 of Romans 7: ***‘Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law (concerning marriage and divorce) has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? (2) For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. (3) So then if, while her husband is living, she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man. (4) Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Messiah, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for Elohim.’*** Yahshua our Messiah died as the Lamb of Elohim to reconcile those of us from the lost sheep of the house of Israel, who are now coming back to the covenant relationship our forefathers made with Elohim at Mount Sinai, together with those of the house of Judah who remained Torah observant since their return to the promised land, when Ezra and Nehemiah went there with Zerubbabel to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, as well as the Temple of Elohim.

When we are immersed in Messiah’s name, we have been immersed into His death, as Rav Shaul explains in Romans 6: 4 - 7, saying: ***‘Therefore we have been buried with Him through immersion into death, in order that as Messiah was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection, (6) knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin; (7) for he who has died is freed from sin.’*** And now that Messiah died and was raised from the dead, and we died with Him in immersion, He is now free to remarry us, His bride whom He divorced because of Idolatry, again. Continuing in verses 5 & 6 of Romans 7, we now understand that Rav Shaul was not discussing the entire Torah in this section, but purely the Law concerning marriage and divorce, in order to explain how we together with Brother Judah will now remarry Messiah at His return, (as the Prophet Jeremiah prophesied in Jeremiah 31: 31 – 33³⁴), saying: ***‘For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law (of divorce and remarriage), were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. (6) But now we have been released from the Law (of marriage and divorce), having died to that by which we were bound,***

³³ Deuteronomy 24: 1- 4: ***‘When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house, and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man’s wife, and if the latter husband turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife, then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before YHVH, and you shall not bring sin on the land which YHVH your Elohim gives you as an inheritance.’***

³⁴ Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34: ***“Behold, days are coming,” declares YHVH, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares YHVH. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares YHVH, “I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. “And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know YHVH,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares YHVH, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”***

so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter. We conclude this section in Romans 7: 7, in this way: ***‘What shall we say then? Is the Law (of divorce and remarriage) sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “YOU SHALL NOT COVET (your neighbor’s wife.)”***

By reading the Scripture under discussion with understanding, we can clearly see how Churchianity came to twist or misinterpret what Rav Shaul wrote to their own destruction. YHVH clearly told us in Deuteronomy 28 that we will be blessed by obeying Torah, but will be severely cursed for not obeying it. The point is that only a few Christians today will disagree with the death penalty, and most hold to the extremely liberal theology what ‘sin’ is. Those of us, who are more traditional with what we believe the Scriptures tell us, are of the belief that the basic premise of the ‘death penalty’ has been instilled forever; and accordingly murderers and terrorist in society should be brought to justice and rooted out by execution. But what about other Scriptural matters that have been instilled for eternity, such as the seventh-day Sabbath, the appointed times in Leviticus 23, the dietary laws, and in fact, even the entire Torah? It was for this reason that King David wrote in Psalm 119: 142, saying: ***‘Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is truth.’*** If Elohim’s law or Torah is truth, then logically those who teach against Torah are liars. The point is; as many ‘believers’ in Messiah are rightfully seeking to enforce the death penalty on terrorists and murderers, who kill other human beings in cold blood; why then are these same people unwilling to accept the other Scriptural principles obligatory for themselves? Does Churchianity understand that the Torah written by the hand of Moses is for the good of all those who apply it in their lives? Can Churchianity who claims to apply the writings of Paul (Rav Shaul) in their daily living, understand that he upheld the Torah, and never abolished it as they believe and as He also testifies in Romans 7: 8 – 14, saying: ***‘But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead. (9) And I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came; sin became alive, and I died; (10) and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; (11) for sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it killed me. (12) So then, the Law (the entire Torah) is holy, and the commandment (not to covet your neighbor’s wife) is holy and righteous and good. (13) Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful. (14) For we know that the Law is spiritual; but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.’*** As much as the single command is spiritual or eternal, so is the entire Torah spiritual and therefore eternal, meaning it cannot ever be abolished.

It is unfortunate that many who claim to have faith in Messiah (or C*h*r*i*s*t* as they refer to Him) do not even know that without an in-depth knowledge of Torah which includes the promises made to our fathers in the faith, namely Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but also to King David; and trusting so much that Elohim will give us what was promised, that we obey Him with all our heart (belief system) and all our soul (the way we live our lives), they do not have an inkling what faith is. In this category, I do not include knowing about Biblical accounts which any believer should be familiar with, such as Noah and the Flood, Joseph’s coat of many colors, and the ancient Israelite’s exodus from Egypt – accounts that are usually taught at Sunday school. I am talking about the specifics of the 613 commandments contained in Torah. This is the knowledge which Elohim decreed for His people to keep holy unto Him and be Set-apart from the world and its ways. It was for this reason that Elohim told us in Deuteronomy 7: 6, saying: ***“For you are a holy people to YHVH your Elohim; YHVH your Elohim has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”*** This is also what Rav Kepha testified about when he spoke about Elohim’s grace in first Peter 1: 10 – 16, saying: ***‘As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful search and inquiry, (11) seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Messiah within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Messiah and the glories to follow. (12) It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Set-apart Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look. (13) Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Yahshua Messiah.***

(14) ***As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,***
(15) ***but like the Set-apart One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;*** (16) ***because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."***

Ignorance of Torah commandments is quite commonplace in today's Churchianity. A forceful example of this occurs when a Nazarene Israelite or like-minded believer tells people that he/she eats a Scripturally kosher diet. Very few Christians have read enough of the Torah to even know what it means. Some might know that it means a believer should abstain from eating pork (Leviticus 11: 7 & Deuteronomy 14: 8), but they do not know that it also means that he does not eat shellfish, such as crab, lobsters, clams, and oysters (Leviticus 11: 9 – 12 & Deuteronomy 14: 9 - 10). Furthermore they do not know that Scripturally Kosher means that you do not eat any fat or blood (Leviticus 3: 17) and that you do not mix meat and milk products together (Exodus 23: 19; 34: 26 & Deuteronomy 14: 21). There is an old saying that tells us to '*know your enemy*', meaning before you confront someone or something, know what you are coming up against. Put differently do not attack something which you know very little about. Unfortunately, this is the case with many in Churchianity who attack the correctness of Elohim's Torah, since they have no idea what they are attacking and that they should be both afraid and ashamed for what they are doing. But, if they truly realize it, those in Churchianity who are coming against what we Nazarene Jews and all Jews stand for, are coming against the very heart and soul of the faith of Messiah, namely Judaism! What most people who confess faith in Messiah do not understand is that His overriding purpose for coming to earth was to bring the lost sheep of the house of Israel back to the commonwealth of Israel consisting of the house of Israel and the house of Judah in order to re-establish the Kingdom of Elohim over Israel at His return to earth in the near future (Matthew 10: 5 – 8; Matthew 15: 24; John 10: 14 – 16; Acts 15: 15 – 18 & Ezekiel 37: 15 - 25). Many in Churchianity will not come out and say: '*I do not believe that Torah does not serve a purpose*', but rather in their walk with '*the Lord*' it is clear that they want to do as little as possible in regard to obedience. This despite the fact that the '*so-called Christian Bible*' informs us in James 2: 22 - 24, saying: ***'You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; (23) and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED ELOHIM, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of Elohim. (24) You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone'***

In order for us to have a proper understanding of Torah, we must first realize that love and grace, concepts which many in Churchianity take for granted, have always been character traits of YHVH our Elohim. Love and grace existed in the wilderness when YHVH gave the united nation of Israel His Torah, as their loving husband, and it did not only start at the 'cross' as they believe. We read accordingly from Revelation 13: 8 (KJV): ***'the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.'*** Yes, Elohim planned to bring salvation to His creation from the foundation of the world. Many in Churchianity readily quote Matthew 22: 36 – 40 as 'proof' that they 'obey the Law', as follows: ***"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law? (37) 'And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE YHVH YOUR ELOHIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." (38) This is the great and foremost commandment. (39) The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' (40) On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."*** The problem with viewing these two commandments in the strict '*New Testament*' context is that these principles are resonated throughout Torah, as may be seen from Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 9 and Leviticus 19: 18, in this way: ***"Hear, O Israel! YHVH is our Elohim, YHVH is one! (5) And you shall love YHVH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (6) And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; (7) and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. (8) And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. (9) And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."*** Leviticus 19: 18, ***"You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am YHVH."***

What Churchianity don't seem to understand, is what they often expect their children to do - yes, most want their children to obey what they teach them, as a sign of their love and respect to them, without realizing that this is exactly what YHVH expects of us as witnessed in firstly the 'New Testament' in first John 5: 2 & 3, as follows: ***'By this we know that we love the children of Elohim*** (meaning the Jews as well as those from the house of Israel, including some Gentiles who have returned to the covenant relationship they made with Elohim at Mount Sinai, through Abraham's one seed, namely Yahshua), ***when we love Elohim and observe His commandments.*** (3) ***For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.'*** But, secondly in the Tanach (meaning the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings) in Deuteronomy 10: 12 & 13, in this way: ***"And now, Israel, what does YHVH your Elohim require from you, but to fear YHVH your Elohim, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve YHVH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, (13) and to keep (YHVH)'s commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?"*** This is virtually repeated by Micah in Micah 6: 8, saying: ***'He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does YHVH require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your Elohim?'*** What most in Churchianity do not understand is that Elohim's commandments are for our benefit as safeguards!

Churchianity also like to quote John 13: 34 to make as if Yahshua gave us a 'new set of commandments' different to the commandments given all Israel at Mount Sinai, as follows: ***"A New commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."*** However, Rav Yochanan the author of the gospel of John, in writing to the congregation in 2 John 1: 1 – 6, clears up the confusion saying: ***'The elder to the chosen lady*** (the congregation) ***and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth, (2) for the sake of then truth which abides in us and will be with us forever: (3) Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from Elohim the Father and from Yahshua Messiah, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. (4) I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment to do from the Father. (5) And now I ask you, lady, not as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another.(6) And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.'*** The most common refutation directed at us as Nazarene Jews/Israelites concerning the honoring of Torah is simply, *'We are not Jewish and we do not feel that those laws apply to us.'* This is essentially the argument many Christians use saying: *"J*e*s*u*s was speaking to Jews in this passage, so it does not apply to believers in Him."* If that is our logic when following Messiah's words, before long we will not have very much that applies to us. As mentioned before Yahshua came mainly for the lost sheep of the house of Israel and not for the Jews, as He showed in the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15: 11 – 32 and as He said to the Canaanite woman who asked Him to heal her demon-possessed daughter in Matthew 15: 24, saying: ***"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."***

The problem is that not many who profess to be Christians understand that the house of Israel and the house of Judah are at present two separate entities, and that the Renewed Covenant was never aimed at Jews, but to teach us from the lost ten tribes of Israel, which Yahshua came specifically to reconcile to the Father as Rav Shaul explained in Ephesians 2: 11 – 16, saying: ***'Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Un-circumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands— (12) remember that you were at that time separate from Messiah, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel*** (consisting of both the house of Israel and the house of Judah), ***and strangers to the covenants of promise*** (made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they and their offspring will eventually dwell in the promised land eternally – meaning as resurrected spiritual children of Elohim, but also to David that He will rule eternally on his throne over the commonwealth of Israel, as confirmed in Ezekiel 37: 25), ***having no hope and without Elohim in the world. (13) But now in Messiah Yahshua you who were formerly far off*** (the prodigal son or the house of Israel whom YHVH divorced because of Idolatry) ***have been brought near by the blood of Messiah. (14) For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, (15) by abolishing in His flesh the enmity*** (the punishment due to us for disobeying Elohim's commandments), ***which is the Law of commandments***

contained in ordinances³⁵, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, (16) and might reconcile them both in one body (meaning the body of Messiah – His congregation into which He will eventually bring a remnant of the lost sheep of the house of Israel as He explained in John 10: 16³⁶) ***to Elohim through*** (dying on our behalf on) ***the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.***

It should be emphasized that most Christian doctrines is contingent on the false premise that Elohim has two groups of elect or chosen ones, namely Israel and the 'church'. The so-called church is considered to comprise all those who have put their faith in Messiah from the Pentecost after Messiah's resurrection and ascension to heaven until the present, and likewise Israel is considered to be the Jewish people. But let's make one thing clear – Israel was subdivided into Two Houses, namely Judah and Israel or Ephraim, two kingdoms which split after the reign of King Solomon and two groups of people whom the Father has planned to re-unite when Yahshua our Messiah returns. Israel is not only composed of those of the house of Judah or the Jewish people, so it is incorrect to say that Israel is all Jews and those of us who are not Jewish at present, should not obey the 'so-called Jewish Laws', as they are commonly referred to. It is totally correct to say that there are Israelite commandments in the Scriptures that apply to the children of Elohim; for as Torah says in Leviticus 27: 34, ***'These are the commandments, which YHVH commanded Moses for the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai.'*** But what about the entity commonly referred to as 'the Church' in numerous references in the Scriptures. There is no reference in the Scriptures whatsoever to our heavenly Father ever making a covenant with an entity known as 'the church', but there are numerous references to Him making a covenant with the people of Israel. The concept of 'the church' as a second group of elect is un-Scriptural and is contrived only in a few passages such as Matthew 16: 18, where Yahshua tells Peter that He will build his congregation of believers from the lost sheep of the house of Israel, called out of the churches of the world, on Himself, saying: ***'I will build My church.'*** Nevertheless the Greek verb *'oikodomeo'* could just as well be translated *'rebuilt or restore'* a direct reference to Messiah's re-establishing the divided Kingdom of Israel as per Jeremiah 33: 7, translated from the Septuagint, and ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, that reads: ***"And I will turn the captivity of Judah, and the captivity of Israel, and will build (oikodomeo) them as before."*** The Hebrew verb *'banah'* meaning build in Jeremiah 33: 7 reads: ***"And I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and I will rebuild (banah) them as they were at first."***

The understanding of 'Church' as it is understood among many Christians today is based on an inaccurate translation of the Greek term *'ekklesia'* which literally means an assembly of called out believers. But our understanding of the word *'ekklesia'* is that it is composed of all the Israelite believers who were dispersed into the world because of idolatry, and are now called out of the churches or religions of the world to join up with their Jewish Brothers to marry Messiah as His bride, when He returns to earth in the near future, as per Jeremiah 31: 31 – 33. This usage of *'ekklesia'* was known to the apostolic writers when they wrote under inspiration of the Set-apart Spirit in reference to the people of Israel, not the 'Church.' This should end all confusion of 'the church' being a viable entity of elect outside those who are called and immersed into Yahshua's name and become part of the *'ekklesia'* or congregation of Israel once again. But what about the principles that govern Israel? Have they been dispensed with? If as believers we are part of Israel as opposed to the 'church', are we not then obliged to obey Torah? The answer is a resounding, Yes! In these last days Yahshua is reuniting the people of Judah with the people of Israel (or Ephraim) as is prophesied in Ezekiel 37: 24, as follows: ***"And My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one***

³⁵ Elohim's commandments consist of three basic elements, namely commandments, statutes and judgments. The commandments usually give an overview, i.e. the commandment against adultery. The statutes give more details about specific commandments by telling us not to sleep with a neighbor's wife, nor with your sister, your mother, your daughter, but also not to lie with another man as with a woman and not to have sexual relations with animals. The judgment part of the Law or ordinances, specify the punishment due to us for breaking any of the specified statutes, i.e. that a man who sleeps with his neighbor's wife should be stoned to death, and so should the sinning wife be stoned to death.

³⁶ In John 10: 16 Yahshua is telling His Jewish audience, saying: ***"And I have other sheep which are not of this fold (or synagogue); I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd."*** Yes, in the end we will have returned to the Jewish synagogue through Yahshua and will become one in Elohim's hand as mentioned in Ezekiel 37: 15 – 25.

shepherd (Yahshua the good shepherd); **and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes, and observe them.**" Here we are told when the two houses are re-united once again, they will be honoring Torah. We as returning Israelites from the lost ten tribes need to understand that Yahshua did not come for the Jews the first time, and consequently that the Renewed Covenant was never supposed to be for their understanding, as Rav Shaul also explains in Romans 11: 5 – 11, saying: **'In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to Elohim's gracious choice. (6) But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace. (7) What then? That which Israel** (meaning Jewish Israel) **is seeking for, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest** (of non-Jewish Israel) **were hardened; (8) just as it is written, "ELOHIM GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY."** (9) **And David says, "LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP, AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM.(10) 'LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT, AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."** (11) **I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles** (or those who came to believe that they are Gentiles), **to make them jealous.'** Here we are given one of the reasons for our calling; being to make Jewish Israel jealous by keeping the same Feast Days and Kosher rules that they keep, so that they may become jealous when we do it as well and sometimes even better than they.

However Rav Shaul goes on to warn us whom YHVH is now busy calling from the lost sheep of the house of Israel, not to become arrogant towards our Jewish Brothers in Romans 11: 25 – 29, saying: **'For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to (Jewish) Israel until the fullness** (or total number of Israelites who believed that they were Gentiles, plus a few real Gentiles) **of the Gentiles has come in; (26) and thus all Israel** (from the house of Israel and from the house of Judah – clearly showing that we are definitely not Gentiles) **will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION** (meaning Yahshua the Messiah was Jewish), **HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB. (27) AND THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."** (28) **From the standpoint of the gospel they** (Jewish Israel) **are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of Elohim's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; (29) for the gifts and the calling of Elohim are irrevocable."** Isaiah 8: 14 & 15 tells us concerning Yahshua: **"Then He shall become a sanctuary; but to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, and a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (15) And many will stumble over them, then they will fall and become broken; they will even be snared and caught."** Yes, even though the house of Judah have been blinded to the identity of Yahshua to allow those of us from the lost ten tribes whom YHVH is busy calling back to the covenant relationship we made with Him, together with the house of Judah, most in the house of Israel is also blinded, because Elohim has appointed it so, as Rav Kepha explains in 1 Peter 2: 6 – 10, saying: **'For this is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE CORNER STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER stone, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."** (7) **This precious value, then, is for you who believe. But for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone," (8) and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed. (9) But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR ELOHIM's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (10) for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF ELOHIM; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.'**

YHVH told ancient Israel in Deuteronomy 25: 13 - 15, saying: **"You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a large and a small. (14) You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small. (15) You shall have a full and just weight; you shall have a full and just measure, that your days may be prolonged in the land which YHVH your Elohim gives you."** Has this basic premise changed? Man might see it necessary to sift through what he likes and does not like in Torah, or what is applicable to the 'church', but Scripturally, we do not have that luxury. We must take the entire Scriptures including the Torah as being a believer in YHVH, and this includes honoring the seventh day Sabbath, the appointed times, dietary and all

the other Laws applicable to the house of Judah. If Judah and Ephraim are to be reunited In Messiah and us from the lost ten tribes are supposed to make the house of Judah jealous by keeping the same Torah commands that they do, we better do so with all our might. It is as YHVH said through Moses in Deuteronomy 7: 9 & 10: ***“Know therefore that YHVH your Elohim, He is Elohim, the faithful Elohim, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments; (10) but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him face to face.*** Think very carefully about it!

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