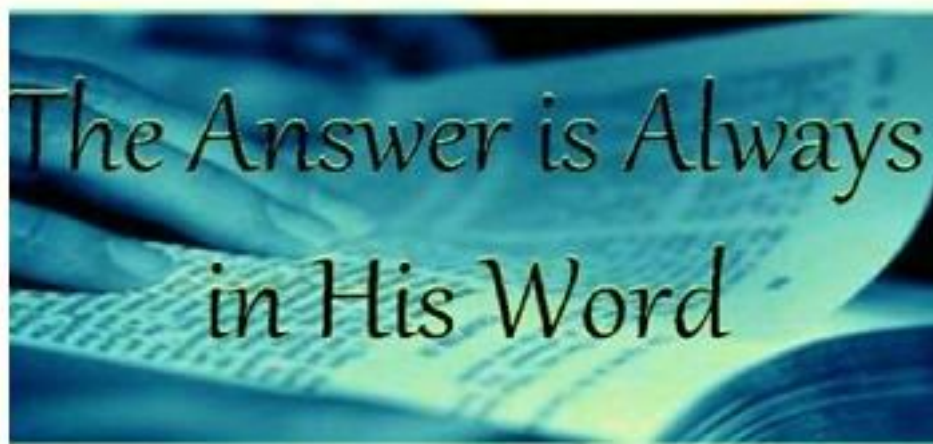


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This book is not to be sold. We are told in the second part of Matthew 10: 8 “*freely you received, freely give.*” The book contains a number of sermons that I gave over the past few months and is intended as a reference manual for like-minded Nazarene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

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Chapter 1: Will there be a rapture before Messiah comes to Rule?

Many Messianic/Nazarene Jews/Israelites believe in a so-called rapture into heaven, to occur before Messiah returns to rule one day. But, is there any indication of a future rapture in the Torah? Even though there is no direct indication about a rapture in Torah, it does refer to the subject as a prophetic document in a certain way. Fact is that the lives of our ancient forebears in the faith were according to Rav Shaul, shadows of events to occur in the lives of us in the latter days as witnessed in first Corinthians 10: 11, in this way: ***'Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.'***

But, which events in the Torah was Rav Shaul speaking about in verse 11? Starting in verses 1 & 2 of first Corinthians 10, we see that Rav Shaul mentioned the cloud that followed the Israelites by day, as well as the splitting of the Red Sea. In verses 3 & 4 he mentioned the bread (or manna) and water Elohim provided for them in the wilderness. From verse 5 to 10 Rav Shaul covered the events that befell the nation of Israel during their forty year journey in the wilderness. So here in first Corinthians 10, Rav Shaul informs us that the account of Israel's exodus from Egypt and their journey to the Promised Land, were in a way prophetic shadows of a greater exodus and journey yet to occur in the latter days. The Pharaoh of Egypt in the days when Elohim instructed Moses to bring the ancient nation of Israel out of Egypt, is a first shadow of the anti-Messiah mentioned in Daniel 11: 36, but also in Revelation 13: 5 & 6 and 17: 3. Elohim used two witnesses, namely Moses and Aaron in the first 15 chapters of the book of Exodus to convince Pharaoh and the nation of Egypt to let His people go. Similarly as witnessed in the book of Revelation, He will use two witnesses who like Moses and Aaron will perform supernatural miracles to encourage people to repent from their sin or personal Egypt. By comparing the plagues in Exodus with those in Revelation, we see that there are many similarities between the two events, where YHVH saves His people from enslavement to wicked customs.

We see that there are plagues of hail in both the books of Exodus and Revelation. In Exodus 9: 25 YHVH used hail, as follows: ***'The hail struck all that was in the field through all the land of Egypt, both man and beast; the hail also struck every plant of the field and shattered every tree of the field.'*** In Revelation 8: 6 & 7 YHVH will use hail in this way: ***'And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them. (7) The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth, and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.'*** The destructive effects of both hailstorms described in the books of Exodus and Revelation are also connected. Furthermore we see that according to Exodus 9: 22 and Revelation 16: 21 the hail also fell on people. We read about the plague of boils in Exodus 9: 10 and about loathsome and malignant sores on the people in Revelation 16: 2. Moses and his brother Aaron turned the water into blood in Exodus 7: 20 and in Revelation 16: 3 – 6 the waters of the sea and rivers will be turned into blood. We read about the account of darkness in Exodus 10: 21 – 23, and Revelation 16: 10 & 11 describes a darkness that belongs to the kingdom of the beast. In addition the smoke in the bottomless pit described in Revelation 9: 1 & 2 cause the sun to be darkened to the inhabitants of the earth. We read the account of the plague of locusts which destroyed the Egyptian crops in Exodus 10: 12 - 15, and in Revelation 9: 1 – 6 we read the account of the locusts which will have power to inflict pain on those who do not have the Master's seal on their foreheads. We read about the plague of frogs in Exodus 8: 2 – 4, and in Revelation 16: 13 & 14, about an end time account of frogs; the spirits of demons, performing signs to gather the kings of the earth together for the war of the great day of Elohim the Almighty.

The forty year journey of the Israelites through the wilderness was a period of testing for the nation of Israel. But, similarly will the two and a half years end time great tribulation and the year making-up the Day of YHVH be a time of testing for all the inhabitants of the world. Pharaoh tried to destroy the then yet future deliverer of Israel, namely Moses, by having all baby boys cast into the Nile River, in Exodus 1 & 2. In Revelation 12, Satan the devil tries to kill the male child at birth. In both cases Elohim supernaturally saved both male children from Pharaoh and Satan respectively. In Exodus there was an extraordinary display of

power and Pharaoh's magicians tried to copy the wonders that the Elohim of Israel did to save His people. In the book of Revelation wonders will also be performed by two witnesses, but also by the false prophet and the beast. Elohim made a distinction between the children of Israel and Egypt in Exodus, and He will again make a distinction between those who will make it into His kingdom and those under Satan's control. In Exodus the children of Israel marked the doorposts and lintels of their homes with the blood of their Passover lambs to protect the first-born children of Israel from death, and in the book of Revelation He will have His angels seal the hundred and forty four thousand first-fruits from every tribe of the children of Israel, against the second death. We read further from Torah that the children of Israel made 42 stops during their journey in the wilderness before arriving in the Promised Land. The period of time during the great tribulation and the day of YHVH given in the book of Revelation, will last 42 months. With these numerous comparable incidents in the books of Exodus and Revelation, we should be able to understand the account of the exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt, ending in their arrival and settlement of the Promised Land, to be a foreshadow of Elohim's chosen people from our exile in a pagan world into His glorious Kingdom one day soon. In reality the exodus of the people of Israel is a Torah foundation for understanding the book of Revelation. The book of Exodus will provide the who, what, where, when, why and how the information of the book of Revelation should be interpreted. The Torah is a prophetic document with a prophetic message for the last generation, who will experience the great tribulation and witness the return of Messiah one day in the near future. The abundant undeniable correlations between the books of Exodus and Revelation and Rav Shaul's connection between the events of the exodus to the last generation serve to demonstrate and strengthen that point. The account where Joshua led the children of Israel into the Promised Land is also a shadow of how Yahshua will take those called out of the world into His coming kingdom at His return.

Equipped with these facts, let's consider the pre-tribulation rapture doctrine. People who believe in the pre-tribulation rapture doctrine believe that they will be translated from this earth to heaven without experiencing the tribulation. This belief of going to heaven is based on the assumption that good people will go to heaven when they die, and the wicked will go to an ever-burning hellfire to be tormented eternally when they die. The problem with this doctrine or assumption is that Satan has succeeded in selling his own desires as well as his final destination to his deceived audience (Christianity), as their most important teaching. Most of us are aware that Satan wanted to go to the third heaven to take over Elohim's throne in rebellion. We read about this in Isaiah 14: 13 - 14 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.'"*** In fact most of the known religions of the world, including, Christianity, Moslems, Hindus and other religions believe that 'good' people go to heaven, beholding the face of their G-d for all eternity, at the time of their death. However, this doctrine inspired by Satan, is nowhere to be found in The Scriptures. As mentioned before, Satan as a spiritual being is immortal and has deceived mankind to believe that man has an immortal soul. Most astute students of the Scriptures know that ultimately, before the great white throne judgment, Satan the devil will be thrown into the lake of fire as witnessed in Revelation 20: 10 as follows: ***"And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."*** Many in Christianity and a few other religions likewise believe that the wicked will be tormented in an everlasting fire.

However, since human beings are made from physical matter and without having received the Set-apart Spirit of YHVH at repentance and immersion, we do not have eternal life in us and are not immortal. When physical matter is thrown into a fire, it burns until it becomes ashes. This is exactly what will happen to the wicked, who will not accept Yahshua as their Savior, according to Malachi 4: 1 - 3 ***"For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze."*** says YHVH of hosts, ***"so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."*** (2) ***But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings: and you will go***

forth and skip about like calves from the stall. (3) And you will tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on that day which I am preparing,” says YHVH of hosts.” A second witness to this can be found in Isaiah 26: 14 as follows: **“The dead will not live, the departed spirits (the spirit in man – without the Spirit of YHVH given at immersion into Yahshua’s saving Name) will not rise; Therefore Thou hast punished and destroyed them, And thou hast wiped out all remembrance of them.”** This tells us that when the wicked are thrown into the fire, after the second resurrection, they will not burn forever, but will be wiped out from remembrance, as also confirmed in Ecclesiastes 9: 5, in this way: **‘For the living know they will die; but the dead do not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their memory is forgotten.’**

Many of these false religious doctrines are as a result of the fact that people including Christianity do not believe in the one they say they believe, namely Yahshua the Messiah, who told Nicodemus unambiguously in John 3: 13, saying: **“No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.”** The undeniable fact is that YHVH destined mankind to dwell on earth, as much as the heavens are His abode, as testified in Psalm 115: 16, in this way: **‘The heavens are the heavens of YHVH, but the earth He has given to the sons of men.’** This is also why Yahshua told the Jews of His day in John 8: 21 – 24, saying: **“I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sins; where I am going, you cannot come.” (22) So the Jews were saying, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, “Where I am going, you cannot come’?” (23) And He was saying to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. (24) Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”** Putting this all together, we should understand that only YHVH can go to heaven, and as YHVH in the flesh, only Yahshua could come to earth to redeem us, as YHVH tells us in the first part of Isaiah 41: 14, saying: **“Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you,” declares YHVH, “and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.”** Unless YHVH personally opens our eyes and minds, we will not understand Scriptural truths. Yahshua explained clearly to Nicodemus in John 3, that in order to inherit the Kingdom of Elohim (which even though it is now in heaven, will come to earth one day soon, where He will ultimately establish the headquarters for His everlasting Kingdom), we have to be born-again as Spiritual children of Elohim.

That requires that YHVH begets us anew at immersion into Yahshua’s saving name (Acts 2: 38) and the laying on of hands by a teaching elder (as per acts 8: 12 – 17 and first Timothy 4: 14). As a result Rav Shaul confirmed in first Thessalonians 4: 13 – 15, saying: **‘But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope** (yes, most in the religions of the world have no hope – since they are not absolutely certain what will happen when they die). **(14) For if you 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, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.’** Since it is still a little unclear, as to what will happen exactly at Messiah’s return, we turn to first Corinthians 15: 21 – 24 and 50 – 52 where Rav Shaul wrote: **‘For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all will be made alive. (23) But each in his own order; Messiah the first fruits, after that those who are Messiah’s at His coming¹, (24) then comes the end (ones)², when He hands over the kingdom to the Elohim and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. (50) 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 will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last**

¹ Those at Messiah’s return will be part of the first resurrection, as described in Revelation 20: 6, in this way: **‘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.’**

² Those in the second resurrection after Messiah’s millennial rule are the ones spoken about in the first part of Revelation 20: 5, as follows: **‘The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.’**

trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (53) For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.'

The hope of going to heaven is based on the false doctrine that heaven is our possession in the after-life. In reality, our immediate possession will be the millennial Kingdom on the earth, as sang by the twenty-four elders in Revelation 5: 10, as follows: ***"You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our Elohim; and they will reign upon the earth."*** Even though many believers in Churchianity have been incorrectly taught to hope for a home in heaven, the destination of those who actually qualify will finally be on earth. It is also for this reason that Messiah Himself said in Matthew 5: 5 ***"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth."*** A second witness comes from Proverbs 2: 21 & 22, in this way: ***'For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; (22) but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous will be uprooted from it.'*** When the Children of Israel left Egypt they expected to go and worship Elohim in the wilderness and then travel further on to the Promised Land. The same promise originally made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, our fathers in the faith. YHVH made a covenant with Abraham promising him the Promised Land (Canaan) for an everlasting possession, provided that he and his descendants after him circumcise every male child when he is 8 days old, as witnessed in Genesis 17: 7 – 11, in this way: ***"I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be Elohim to you and your descendants after you. (8) I will give to you and your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their Elohim. (9) Elohim said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. (10) This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. (11) And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you."***

Similarly, the Israelites did not go directly to the Promised Land after receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai. It took another forty years to get to the Promised Land, during which time YHVH tested the endurance of those who finally crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land. In a similar way was Abraham tested for an extended period as we read from Hebrews 11: 8 – 10, as follows: ***'By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. (9) By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents (temporary dwellings) with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; (10) for he was looking for a city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is Elohim. '*** We read further from verses 39 & 40 of Hebrews 11, ***'And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (40) because Elohim had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect³.'*** But, what similarity can we make between those who live during the end time and the last generation who made it into the Promised Land? Similar to the way that the children of Israel were promised a kingdom in the Promised Land, all true believers have been promised a kingdom during Messiah's millennial rule. The Children of Israel made an exodus from Egypt, and the final generation of Elohim's people will make an exodus from this society (spiritual Egypt). The children of Israel wanted to go directly to the Promised Land after receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai, but had to wander in the wilderness for forty years, after which they had to fight for the land. Believers at this end time all want to go directly into Elohim's eternal Kingdom which is coming to earth, but we too have to experience the wilderness and will have to fight to enter the Kingdom of Elohim. Nothing has changed, between us and our ancestors. When it is time for the first-fruit believers in Messiah to make its exodus from this society into the millennial Kingdom of Elohim, most expect to go there without a period of (wilderness) testing. Most believers want to inherit the Kingdom of Elohim, without any struggle. Most do not want to fight the battles that Joshua

³ The land of Canaan is on earth and Abraham was promised this piece of land as an everlasting possession; if we are heirs of Abraham through our faith in Messiah, we too will inherit the Promised Land, from where the Kingdom of Elohim will be administered by Yahshua and His saints.

fought in Jericho and elsewhere. However, without going through the wilderness of testing and serious warfare, we cannot make it into Elohim's eternal Kingdom.

If the children of Israel obeyed YHVH our Elohim, they would certainly have gone to the Promised Land immediately after receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai. But, they tempted YHVH many times and abandoned the covenant they made with YHVH soon afterwards, when they worshipped the golden calf. Rav Shaul warned accordingly in Hebrews 3: 12 – 4: 1, saying: ***'Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living Elohim. (13) But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by deceitfulness of sin. (14) For we have become partakers of Messiah, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, (15) while it is said, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME." (16) For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? (17) And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? (18) And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? (19) So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief. (4: 1) Therefore, Let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.'*** The wilderness consumed all the rebels and eventually only their children were allowed to enter. We read similarly Elohim's warning through Ezekiel in Ezekiel 20: 34 – 38, as follows: ***"And I will 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 will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will 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 will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; (YHVH is telling us that He will make sure that we adhere fully to the covenant that He made with our fathers at mount Sinai) (38) and I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I will 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."*** YHVH is very serious about who will enter His eternal Kingdom - so let's stop playing church and start following Him fully!

It is most unfortunate that believers think that they will inherit the Kingdom of Elohim without a fight or any physical effort on their part. Similar to the way the children of Israel inherited the Promised Land, we will inherit Elohim's eternal Kingdom when Yahshua returns to earth – in the near future! But also similar to the way the children of Israel had to fight numerous enemies to inherit the Promised Land, there are numerous battles and enemies ahead for all of us, the congregation of believers called out of the religions of the world, before we will inherit Elohim's Kingdom. Most Messianic/Nazarene believers in Messiah know that in Genesis 3: 15 YHVH is talking about Messiah's struggle with Satan, saying: ***'And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.'*** Even though most will say that this is talking only about Messiah and His battle with Satan during His life on earth. However, because the principle duality runs throughout the Scriptures, there is also a second interpretation to this verse. Now let's see how this verse also refers to the warfare to be waged by believers against Satan and his many agents at the end of this age. We read from Romans 16: 20, ***'The Elohim of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Master Yahshua be with you.'*** What did Rav Shaul think about when he used the phrase *'under your feet'*? Obviously he was thinking about Elohim's statement in Genesis 3: 15. In this case he interpreted Genesis 3: 15, as the believers in Messiah's battle against Satan instead of that of Yahshua's with Satan. The reason being that we as believers in Messiah are also referred to as the body of Messiah, and since we are all part of Messiah's body, we will all be persecuted individually and collectively, prior to Messiah's return one day. We read accordingly from Revelation 12: 17, in this way: ***'So the dragon was enraged with the woman (a symbol of a congregation – in this case the congregation of Elohim), and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of Elohim and hold to the testimony of Yahshua.'***

So here we see the rest of the seed of the woman – those who were immersed into the saving name of the one seed of the woman, namely Yahshua will be persecuted. We read further from Ephesians 1: 22 & 23, as follows: ***‘And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the congregation, (23) which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.’*** The question is how can we be triumphant if we are whisked away from earth before the final battle? The point is that we as Messiah’s body will crush Satan’s head, and in turn he will bruise Messiah’s heel, meaning Jacob during the soon coming great tribulation. But, we see from Ephesians 1, that we will ultimately be victorious through Messiah, the head of us His body. Those who believe that we will walk into the Promised Land without lifting a finger are missing the point. How will we defeat Satan and his agents, if we are simply raptured away into heaven? The battles for the Promised Land were prophetic shadows of our final battle between the body of Messiah and Satan over the earth. It was because of fear that our forebears who made the covenant with YHVH at Mount Sinai were not allowed to enter the Promised Land. If we truly understand the prophetic nature of the Tanach, we will also understand that the events of the past is a detailed plan for us in the future. If we truly walk in the way in which Messiah interpreted Torah, we need to forget the rapture theory that came from Churchianity. Because most of us do not understand the prophetic nature of the Tanach, we do not fully understand Elohim’s plan for us. Many true believers will be martyred during the soon coming great tribulation, but we will also see numerous supernatural deliveries for many others, similar to during the original exodus. Messiah foretold that as He was persecuted, we as believers in Him will also be persecuted. We read finally from Revelation 12: 11, ***‘And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.’*** In spite of the martyrdom of many believers, the tribulation battle will be the greatest deliverance of the body of Messiah. The fear of warfare against the inhabitants of the Land of Israel caused the Israelites to wander in the wilderness for forty years. The Rapture option that many look for is much like the way the children of Israel longed to return to Egypt. They did not get to the Promised Land because of disobedience of Elohim’s detailed instructions.

If we consider what happened to faithful believers like Noah in the Tanach, we will see that those who remained faithful remained alive, even though they were saved miraculously from death, the rest being sinners were taken away (or raptured), as also witnessed in Matthew 24: 37 – 39, in this way: ***‘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, (39) and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.’*** A second witness to sinners being taken away comes from Ezekiel 33: 1 - 4, as follows: ***‘And the word of YHVH came to me saying, (2) “Son of man, speak to the sons of your people, and say to them, ‘If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman; (3) and he sees the sword coming upon the land, and he blows on the trumpet and warns the people, (4) then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head.’”*** Finally we read from Isaiah 64: 6, ***‘For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.’*** But, I still hear some doubters asking: *‘How then will the elect of Elohim be gathered when Messiah returns, as recorded in Matthew 24: 31?’*, in this way: ***“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.”***

The answer is simply that the elect will in the wink of an eye, disappear from the place where they will reside at Messiah’s return and be delivered at the Mount of Olives to meet Messiah in a cloud covering the mountain, in a similar way to which Philip disappeared after immersing the eunuch in Acts 8: 38 – 40, as follows: ***‘And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he immersed him. (39) And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of YHVH snatched Philip away; and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing. (40) But Philip found himself at Azotus; and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities, until he came to***

Caesarea.' In addition, those in the first resurrection who have been changed from flesh and blood human beings to spirit beings, will be able to move from place to place at will, without having to physically travel there. Even so, we see from Revelation 12: 6 that the woman (meaning Elohim's true congregation) will be nourished (or fed spiritual food) in a place in the wilderness (on earth), specially prepared for her for the duration of the tribulation and the Day of YHVH, for a period of 1260 days. Yes, Elohim's true congregation will still receive teachings during the tribulation and day of YHVH, but will remain in the wilderness during that time. Considering these facts, ask yourself: Do you still want to be raptured away, or do you want to inherit the Kingdom of Elohim on earth for all eternally. Think about it!

Chapter 2: Let's get a better understanding of some of Messiah's teachings.

Since Yahshua our Messiah was born a Jew and spoke mainly Hebrew and it is important for us to understand what He taught in the light of the Hebrew words as well as the Semitic poetic forms, that He used, but also in terms of the Tanach, Rabbinic literature and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Commencing with the so-called Beatitudes or beautiful attitudes that we should adopt as He discussed in Matthew 5: 2 – 12; the beatitudes are written in a type of Hebrew poetry known as Synonymous Parallelism. In this type of poetry the same basic announcement or in this case blessing is made in parallel lines, using the same sentence, with different blessings. In the case of this teaching Yahshua started every announcement with the words ***"Blessed are the...."*** The word normally used for 'blessed' in Hebrew is (ברוך) transliterated as 'baruch', as in 'Baruch Shem K'vod Malchuto L'OLAM VA ED.' - The second line of the Sh'ma namely: 'Blessed is the name of His glorified Kingdom Forever.' However, here in Matthew 5, the Hebrew word for blessed is (אַשְׁרִי) transliterated as 'Asheri' also used in Deuteronomy 33: 29 and Psalm 65: 4. 'Asheri' is an exclamatory term meaning both blessed and happy. The word Baruch will always be used to bless YHVH, and a Hebrew speaking person will never say that YHVH is Asheri. We need to understand the word Baruch is always a blessing initiated by YHVH; one person cannot Baruch another person, nor can he receive a blessing from another person. Therefore Baruch is given to man by the grace of YHVH (undeserved), but Asheri is happiness and a blessing that result from a positive action. Examples are in Psalm 1: 1 and 144: 1, in this way:

- Psalm 1: 1 (English Tanach or KJV): ***'Blessed ('Asheri') is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.'*** And
- Psalm 144: 1(English Tanach or KJV): ***'Blessed ('Baruch') be YHVH, my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.'***

The 'Asheri' blessing is not the undeserved blessing that comes from the grace of YHVH, but is as a result of observing (YHVH)'s Torah.

If we therefore consider the Beatitudes from a Hebraic point of view, we see that the blessings or happiness we receive as a reward is as a result of our good deeds and Torah observance. If therefore we incorporate the beatitudes in our lives we will receive blessings both in this life and the world to come. With this in mind, how could Churchianity arrive at the conclusion that Messiah abolished the Torah for them?

Let's therefore consider the Beatitudes in more detail: starting in verse 3 of Matthew 5, in this way: ***"Blessed are the poor in spirit (הָרוּחַ עֲנִי transliterated as 'awni haruach'), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*** Who are 'the poor in spirit'? Are they people who do not have a lot of Elohim's Set-apart Spirit? Or put differently; are they spiritually poor? The transliterated Hebrew 'awni haruach' is clearly a contraction of the transliterated 'awni un'veh ruach' as used in Isaiah 66: 2 meaning poor and contrite in spirit. 'Awni' can mean 'poor' as in the sense of a pauper, but can also mean 'humble'. In this case the meaning is clearly 'humble'. The word 'ruach' as used here is used idiomatically to refer to 'pride', as also used in Job 15: 2 (English Tanach), in this way: ***'Should a wise man utter vain (or pride – both translated from the Hebrew ruach) knowledge....'*** A second witness comes from Job 16: 3 (English Tanach) ***'Shall vain (or pride translated from Hebrew ruach) words have an end?'*** Therefore, the 'poor in spirit' should read 'the humble of pride' meaning they are humble in regard to pride. Need I remind you that the word 'pride' has a negative connotation every time it is used in the Scriptures.

Let's therefore reconsider Isaiah 66: 2 (English Tanach): ***'For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith YHVH: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.'*** Therefore the 'poor of spirit' or more correctly the 'humble of spirit' are those who 'tremble at (YHVH)'s word.' But what is (YHVH)'s word? We find the answer by turning to the last part of Isaiah 2: 3, in this way: ***'For the Law (Torah) will go forth from Zion and the word of YHVH from Jerusalem.'*** Why do the humble of spirit tremble at (YHVH)'s word or Torah? According to the Tanach the

fear of YHVH includes Torah observance, as recorded in Deuteronomy 17: 19 as follows: ***'It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear YHVH his Elohim, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes.'*** A second witness comes from Deuteronomy 31: 12, in this way: ***'Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and the alien who is in your town, so that they may hear and learn and fear YHVH your Elohim, and be careful to observe all the words of this law.'***

We read further from Psalm 25: 9, ***'He leads the humble in justice, and He teaches the humble His way.'*** And what is His (Elohim's) way? The answer comes from Deuteronomy 30 : 15 & 16, as follows: ***"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversary; (16) in that I command you today to love YHVH your Elohim, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that YHVH your Elohim may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it."*** There are many witnesses to the way of Elohim being His Torah, but for the sake of our study we will only consider the additional witness coming from Psalm 119: 1, 14 and 32, in this way: ***'How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of YHVH. (14) I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. (32) I shall run the way of Your commandments, for You will enlarge my heart*** (the heart meaning our believe system or faith).'

At this point we can conclude that the 'poor of spirit' humble their pride and submit in humility to Torah. A major obstacle to Torah observance is pride or our human nature which is often verbalized as: ***"No one is going to tell me what to do with my life!"*** This issue of pride has been a stumbling block to Christianity since its inception a few years after Messiah's ascension to heaven. They believe that because of grace and the love of Elohim, they are above Torah, and need not be concerned by such detail. However, similar to the law of cause and effect, the Law of gravity has been in place from the beginning of creation, and breaking the spiritual laws of Elohim, will result in unnecessary curses on us and our children, because Elohim intended His Torah always to be for our good. Even so, the prideful person cannot be taught, because he will not listen, but the humble man, ***'the poor in spirit'*** is prepared to listen, as he knows (YHVH)'s Torah is for the benefit of all His creation.

Now let's continue with the second part of Matthew 5: 3, i.e. ***'for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'*** To fully understand what is meant by the 'Kingdom' we need to understand the terms ***'the kingdom of heaven'*** and ***'the kingdom of Elohim'***. These terms are used interchangeably in the first four books of the Renewed Covenant known as the 'gospels', in amongst other Matthew 4: 12 – 19 and Mark 1: 14 & 17; Matthew 5: 3 and Luke 6: 20; Matthew 10: 7 and Luke 9: 2; Matthew 13: 31 and Mark 4: 30; Matthew 13: 11 and Mark 4: 11; Matthew 19: 14 and Mark 10: 14 & 15; Matthew 19: 21 – 24 and Luke 18: 22 – 25.) As can be seen from these verses both terms refer to ***'the Kingdom of Elohim'*** This is because in Hebrew it is normal to substitute the word 'Heaven' for 'Elohim', so as to avoid or not to make too common the use of the word Elohim. Whereas the words ***'Kingdom of Elohim'*** does not appear in the Tanach, the words ***'Kingdom of YHVH'*** appears in both first Chronicles 28: 5 and 2 Chronicles 13: 8, and there is no difference between these two kingdoms. It is important to note that both these uses of the term ***'Kingdom of YHVH'*** referred to the literal ***'Kingdom of Israel'***.

Now with in mind that the Kingdom of YHVH is in fact the kingdom of Israel consisting of both the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ruled over by Kings Saul, David and Solomon, let's determine if the claim by replacement theologians (Churchianity) is correct – has the church replaced the Kingdom of Israel? One of the clearest passages in the Scriptures spoken about in the Renewed Covenant refuting this claim, comes from first Corinthians 15: 50 – 55, which states clearly and unambiguously that ***'flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim*** (verse 50) and that it will be only once Messiah returns one day (first Corinthians 15: 52, first Thessalonians 4: 16 & 17 and Matthew 24: 30 - 31) when mortals will be made immortal. If this is talking about Churchianity consisting of flesh and blood human beings, then no mortal man can be part of the church. A second passage which confirms that the Kingdom cannot be the church, comes from Acts 1, immediately after Yahshua's resurrection from death (three days and three nights after

His burial in the middle of the week on Wednesday afternoon just before sunset), on the seventh day of the week or late on Saturday afternoon. In this passage of the Scriptures we read that His disciples spent forty additional days with Him, studying ***‘the things concerning the kingdom of Elohim’*** (as per Acts 1: 3). After what must have been an extraordinary period of forty days, the disciples asked Yahshua in verse 6, saying: ***“Master, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”*** Even after opening the disciple’s minds to the Scriptures in Luke 24: 44 & 45 and their forty days intense study with their Master, the main topic on their minds were that the Kingdom would be restored to Israel. Think for a moment, If Yahshua taught them for forty days that the kingdom of Elohim is the Christian Church; then they would not have posed this final important question to Him. In addition Yahshua would not have given the answer recorded for all to read in Acts 1: 7 & 8, as follows: ***‘He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; (8) but you will receive power when the Set-apart Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”’***

Getting to verse 4 of Matthew 5, we read: ***‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.’*** Who are these mourners, and why are they mourning? Again this statement in poetic parallelism is parallel or equivalent to the *‘poor in spirit’*. The *‘poor in spirit’* are also the *‘mourners’* but this time being described in a different way. Matthew 5: 3 was a reference to Isaiah 66: 2, and the mourners in verse 4 who shall be comforted is a reference to Isaiah 61: 2; 66: 10 & 13. In fact as we continue further with the *‘beatitudes’* in Matthew 5, we will see that they are largely a commentary on Isaiah 66. We read therefore from Isaiah 66: 10 & 13, ***‘Be joyful with Jerusalem and rejoice for her, all you who love her; be exceedingly glad with her, all you who mourn over her. (13) As one who his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you will be comforted in Jerusalem.’*** We read further from Isaiah 61: 2 & 3, ***‘To proclaim the favorable year of YHVH, the day of vengeance of our Elohim; to comfort all who mourn, (3) to grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland (a peer shaped head covering worn by priests) instead of ashes, the oil of gladness (anointing as kings) instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of the spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of YHVH, that He may be glorified.’***

The Hebrew for mourn is (אֲבֵלִים) transliterated as *‘Avelim’*, which the Aramaic translator of Matthew 5: 4 translated as *‘Awelah’*. *‘Avelim’* appears in Ezekiel 9: 4 where we read: ***‘YHVH said to him (the cherub), “Go through the midst of the city, even through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are committed in their midst.”’*** These abominations are pagan customs mentioned throughout Ezekiel 8. These men receive a mark (Tav) upon their foreheads. In fact these people are mentioned again in Revelation 7 & 14 as the 144 000 with the seal of Elohim (Revelation 7: 2 & 3). This seal or mark parallels another passage in Exodus 13: 9 & 16 and informs us that the Torah in general and the Passover in specific is ***“a sign on your hand and as phylacteries on your forehead.”*** That is to say that the Torah should serve as the guiding principle of what we do and should be ever present on our minds. These *‘Avelim’* (mourners) sigh and cry because of the abominations against YHVH and His people. They are the same as the *‘humble of pride’* in the previous verse.

But, how will these mourners be comforted? We return to Isaiah 66: 10 & 13 and also to Isaiah 61: 2 quoted in the previous paragraph. First let’s consider who the comforter is, then we will also see how these mourners are comforted. The Hebrew for *‘they shall be comforted’* is (יִנְחָמוּ) transliterated as *‘Yinakhamu’*. The root word for *‘comfort’* is *‘Nakham’*. This is the same word used in Isaiah 61: 2 and 66: 13. The disciple Yochanan uses the Aramaic word *‘Paraklita’* in John 14: 16, 26; 15: 26; 16: 7 to refer to the Set-apart Spirit of YHVH as the *‘comforter.’* We read further from Ezekiel 36: 26 & 27: ***“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) I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe al My ordinances.”*** The Set-apart Spirit will lead mourners in all truth and causes them to walk in the statutes, to keep the commandments and to observe the Torah teachings of YHVH. Yes, the mourners will be led by the Set-apart Spirit to observe Elohim’s Torah fully. It is therefore clear that the seal which the mourners receive in Ezekiel 9 and Revelation 7 is the Set-apart Spirit or comforter.

These mourners are sealed by Elohim's Set-apart Spirit, as witnessed in:

- 2 Corinthians 1: 21 & 22: ***'Now He who establishes us with you in Messiah and anointed us is Elohim, (22) who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.'***
- Ephesians 1: 13 & 14: ***'In Him you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Set-apart Spirit of promise, (14) who is given as a pledge (or deposit) of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of Elohim's own possession, to the praise of His glory.'*** And
- Ephesians 4: 30, ***'Do not grieve the Set-apart Spirit of Elohim, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.'***

The mourners are sealed by their comforter, the Set-apart Spirit who also leads them to observe Torah and comforts them until the day of redemption. But when or what is the day of redemption? This brings us back once again to Isaiah 61: 1 – 3, in this way: ***'The Spirit of YHVH Elohim is upon me, because YHVH has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; (2) To proclaim the favorable year of YHVH and the day of vengeance of our Elohim; to comfort all who mourn, (3) to grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of YHVH, that He may be glorified.'*** The Set-apart Spirit comforts the mourners and will ultimately comfort them during the favorable year of YHVH. The seal of the comforter protects them from harm (as per Ezekiel 9: 6 and Revelation 9: 4), thus comforting them unto the day of redemption. The day of redemption will be the day on which Yahshua our Messiah returns one day to usher in the Kingdom of Elohim.

At this time, before YHVH again makes Jerusalem a place for His name we need to make absolutely sure that we worship Him in Spirit and in truth, as Yahshua told the woman at the well in John 4: 19 – 24, as follows: ***'The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. (20) Our fathers worshipped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." (21) Yahshua said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. (22) You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. (23) But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. (24) Elohim is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.'"*** We worship YHVH in spirit and in truth, if we let the Set-apart Spirit, given us at immersion leads us into all truth, meaning obedience to Torah, by letting YHVH write His Torah on our hearts and minds. This is essentially the Renewed Covenant which He is already writing on the hearts and minds of those returning Israelites whom He is calling out of the false religions of the world, and which He will continue to write in our hearts and those who survive the great tribulation and the Day of YHVH and live on into His millennial Kingdom. Brethren, I hope that these truths about Messiah's teachings will motivate us to start obeying YHVH fully and keep all of the Torah applicable to each and every one of us fully. Think about it!

Chapter 3: Judaism.

There are some Nazarene/Messianic Israelite and like-minded believers who have come to believe that they, like us, are part of the house of Israel. They accordingly believe in the two house doctrine to be found throughout the Scriptures, but they also believe that they will get into the kingdom of Elohim without Brother Judah otherwise known as the house of Judah, or even worse that they have come to replace the authority of the Levites among the Jews to teach Elohim's ordinances and His Torah to Israel, as bestowed upon them in Deuteronomy 17: 3 – 13, and as described in detail in Deuteronomy 33: 10 & 11, in this way: ***“They shall teach Thine ordinances to Jacob, and Thy law to Israel. They shall put incense before Thee, and whole burnt offerings on Thine altar. (11) O YHVH, bless his substance, and accept the work of his hands; shatter the loins of those who rise up against him, and those who hate him, so that they may not rise again.”*** If people truly understand these words they will fear to reject all things ‘Jewish’, but more specifically to reject the oracles passed on to them through Moses on Mount Sinai.

When some read the title of this sermon, it evokes different emotions in them. Some have a definite love for the Jewish people, but in some it evokes anger, usually for no reason at all. I was recently asked by a member on my internet ministry list, who have been receiving my sermons for a few years, to remove her name from my list, since she wants nothing to do with people who are in any way linked to Rabbinical Judaism. Anti-Semitism is once again at an all-time high, but this time also in quarters where most unexpected – amongst some of those who profess to be Nazarene/Messianic Israelites from the lost ten tribes of the house of Israel. We should never forget that these oracles were originally passed on to all Israel at Mount Sinai, and even though both the house of Judah and the house of Israel were taken captive because of idolatry, Judah did not forget their culture, their faith in YHVH, their language and returned during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. Judah have been keeping Elohim's Torah since that time as witnessed in Nehemiah 9: 14, as follows: ***“So Thou didst make known to them Thy holy Sabbath, and didst lay down for them commandments, statutes, and law, through Thy servant Moses.”*** The house of Israel have been scattered throughout the nations in the world, but are to be found mainly in the west at this time as the prophet Hosea prophesied in verses 5 -10 of Hosea 11, saying: ***‘They will not return to the land of Egypt; but Assyria—he will be their king, because they refused to return to Me. (6) And the sword will whirl against their cities, and will demolish their gate bars and consume them because of their counsels. (7) So My people are bent on turning from Me. Though they call them to the One on high, none at all exalts Him. (8) How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I surrender you, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart is turned over within Me, all my compassions are kindled. (9) I will not execute My fierce anger; I will not destroy Ephraim again. For I am Elohim and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (10) They will walk after YHVH, He will roar like a lion; indeed He will roar, and His sons will come trembling from the west.’*** The two place names mentioned in verse 8 are two cities which were destroyed with Sodom and Gomorrah. YHVH is therefore saying through Hosea that even though Ephraim (the house of Israel), His people are bent on turning from Him, despite the fact that they are called to return to Him, not one exalts Him, but He is not prepared to give them up like Sodom and Gomorrah. Eventually YHVH will roar for His people and they will come trembling from the west.

When Israel came out of Egypt, there were rebels among them who never got to enter the Promised Land, because YHVH purged them from the congregation of Israel and slain them in the wilderness. Today, most of those who return to YHVH through Messianic/Nazarene Israel and like-minded believers enter the movement from a Protestant background. The problem with this is the fact that some have brought with them their ‘*I do it my way*’ – mentality prevalent in Protestantism, as can be clearly seen from the many denominations existing at this time, instead of the Hebrew approach recorded in Acts 17: 10 & 11, in this way: ***‘And the brethren immediately sent Shaul and Silas away by night to Berea; and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. (11) Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.’*** These people in Berea were Jews who received the word preached by Rav Shaul with eagerness, examining the Scriptures (meaning the Tanach since it was the only Scriptures

available at that time) daily to see if the things Rav Shaul taught was in accordance with it, and not to dispute the same, as the habit of some are today.

It is vitally important to know at this time; that even though YHVH is busy calling a remnant according to His gracious choice (as per Romans 11: 5), He is not going to tolerate those who continue to rebel against the doctrines which can all be proven from the Scriptures, including the Hebrew calendar. We read accordingly from Ezekiel 20: 33 – 38, ***“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*** (in other words – even if we do not agree, Yahshua the right hand of YHVH shall be king over all the earth in the very near future). (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 arm⁴ 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.”***

In an effort to ensure that the erroneous opinion of those who believe that they will be saved without Judah, is kept alive, they have since the mid-1990's and early 2000's started teaching that the Jews presently living in the land of Israel in the middle-east consist of mainly converts to Judaism from Khazaria. In addition some of them even believe that they are Jews, or that they have replaced the Jews as the ones who have been given the Oracles of Elohim by Yahshua Himself in the way they interpret Matthew 16: 18; i.e. they have been given the right to decide the timing of the Feast Days of Elohim and other doctrinal issues all by themselves. A question that needs answering at this point is: Are the Jews living in Israel today, the descendants of the house of Judah the Jews of Scriptural times? We also need to resolve why some insist that the Jews living in Israel at this time are Edomites (or former Moslems), meaning from the children of Esau. In order not to re-invent the wheel, I quote portions from a paper by Steven M. Collins, a like-minded believer from Oregon in the USA, who explained this, in a paper entitled: *'The Khazars and the Modern Jews'* as follows: *'Let us consider an aspect of Jewish history which is sometimes controversial. This is the history of the Khazarian kingdom, whose later monarchs adopted Judaism.*

Some maintain that the Khazars were non-Israelites who en masse, accepted Judaism and became the forebears of the Ashkenazi Jews of Europe. This viewpoint tends to disenfranchise Ashkenazi Jews as “legitimate” Jews from the tribe of Judah, and is historically inaccurate. This viewpoint assumes: (A) all Khazars were gentile; (B) all Khazars accepted Judaism and no member of the house of Judah were already living among the Khazars.

All three assumptions are incorrect.

It is well-documented that numerous Jews lived in the Parthian Empire and many of them accompanied the migrating Parthians toward Europe through the Caucasus Mountains and into territory north of the Black Sea. Other Jewish migrations to the region of Khazaria occurred in the centuries prior to the fall of Parthia, as we

⁴ *We understand from Isaiah 53: 1 and John 12: 37 – 41 that Yahshua is the arm of YHVH with whom He is busy calling a remnant of the Lost Ten Tribes to return to Father YHVH as well as to Brother Judah, as explained in Ephesians 2: 11 – 19 and especially in verses 14 – 16 & 19, as follows: ‘For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity (the punishment due to us for breaking the Torah commands), which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances (spelling out the punishment for breaking Torah commands.- since Torah is made up of Laws, statutes {describing in detail how the laws are applied in our lives} and judgments. These judgments or ordinances tell us the punishment due for breaking Elohim's commandments), that in Himself He might make the two (houses of united Israel) into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to Elohim through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of Elohim's household.’*

shall soon document. This region (Transcaucasia and north of the Black Sea), through which hordes of Israelites and Jews passed on their way to Europe, was the homeland of the Khazars. How could the Khazars all be gentiles when their homeland had been the main expressway for the tribes of Israel as they left Parthia and Scythia? The Khazarian region also included the former kingdom of Iberia, which had a Hebrew name since its founding soon after the fall of the Israelite capital of Samaria. Iberia had also been ruled by kings with the root-word "Phares" in their names, confirming their descent from King David of Israel. Surely, there were still Israelites left in this region when the Khazars came to power there in later centuries.

There is considerable evidence that the Khazars were a mixture of races and ethnic groups. The Encyclopedia Britannica records that some "Khazars" were first noticed in Armenia in 198 A.D. This was 28 years before Parthia fell. When Parthia collapsed, millions of Semitic people from Parthia poured through the region later to be called "Khazaria" like a tidal wave on their way to Europe. During the centuries of the great migrations of Parthian and Scythian refugees through the Transcaucasia region, the descendants of the ten tribes were dominant in the region which later became Khazaria. The Khazarian rulers did not adopt Judaism until 740 A.D. or even later. Let us consider how many waves of Jewish refugees entered Khazaria before the event occurred.

Large numbers of Jewish refugees had settled in what became Khazaria long before the Khazars were even a recognizable people. It is recorded in 'The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia' that: "Vakhushti's History of Georgia informs us that permission was granted to a Jewish legation which had appealed to the prince of Mtskheta, after the destruction of the First Temple (586 BCE), to settle on the outskirts of Mtskheta." Jews from the tribe of Judah began settling in the Transcaucasia from the time Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians! The same source records many more waves of Jewish migration to this region: "Another influx of Jewish refugees into various Trans-Caucasian regions took place after the destruction of the second temple at Jerusalem (70 A.D.). The height of the influx during the first centuries of Christianity is confirmed by the chronicler Faustus of Byzantium (4th cent A.D.), who reports that the Persians, under King Sapor II (360 CE), invaded Armenia, and took with them to South Persia more than 75,000 Jewish captives, the progeny of those who had previously come to the Transcaucasia from Palestine."

The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia also states that the conversion of the Khazarian "Kahan" and his court may not have occurred until between 786 and 809 A.D. It further records how few people actually converted to Judaism as a result of their monarch's conversion. It states regarding the Khazarian King's conversion: "...he and about 4,000 Khazars were circumcised; it was only by degrees that the Jewish teachings gained a foothold among the population... the Jews were greatly outnumbered by pagan masses, by Moslem and Christian inhabitants of the cities." The Khazars were not a majority Jewish state. They had leaders of the Jewish faith, but only a sizable minority of the Jews among their numbers. A total of only 4,000 new conversions to Judaism in a large nation was actually a small number of the converts. The requirement of circumcision was likely a disincentive for most Khazarian men to convert to Judaism. Most Khazars remained in pagan or Christian religions. In later centuries of the Khazarian kingdom, many adopted Islam. The Encyclopedia Britannica records that one of the major Khazarian cities, Itil, had 30 mosques around 934 A.D. '.

In addition a recent study published in Haaretz an internet news agency in Israel proves through mitochondrial DNA testing that most Ashkenazi Jews are descendants of European women who converted to Judaism. Ask yourself the question: Who could these European women who converted to Judaism be? Yes, you are correct – they are descendants of the house of Israel, who migrated over the Caucasus Mountains west into Europe, and because their forefathers were once part of the United Israel ruled by King David and his son Solomon, they went back to their original roots. So, these were simply women from the house of Israel, who like us, have returned to our Jewish roots. This was in effect a foreshadow of what YHVH is doing through us at this time. This also tells us that as at this time YHVH is definitely working with women in far greater numbers than men. The difference being that we have been removed so far from the faith of our father's in the faith, that the only way we can get back to Father YHVH and Brother Judah is through Yahshua our Messiah, who came specifically for that purpose, as 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."** We read a direct quote from this study on page 2, in this way: 'The discovery also tends to debunk the theory that Ashkenazi Jews descend from North Caucasus during the time of the Khazarian empire, whose rulers turned to Judaism around the 10th century CE. The study found no material lineages that could be traced to the North Caucasus.'

However, similar to the way the Roman Catholic Church believes that they have replaced the Jews as the Israel of Elohim and has as a result changed times and the law as prophesied by Daniel in Daniel 7: 25, where he talks about the anti-Messiah, saying: ***‘And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints (or true believers) of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.’*** So too are those from the house of Israel who usurp the authority of the Levites among the Jews and decide for themselves when (the timing) and how to serve Elohim. This happened during the first century CE when the Roman Catholic Church started doing away with all things Jewish and introduced pagan feast days such as Xmas and Easter, also changing the weekly Sabbath to Sunday the first day of the week. Even so, this again started happening when the Karaites introduced their crescent moon based calendar during the mid-1990. Such people are the ones who think and say they have replaced the Levites among the Jews. However, because of this arrogance YHVH will make them bow down before the feet of true believers, as Yahshua told the angel of the ecclesia in Philadelphia to write in Revelation 3: 9 – 10: ***‘Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan (agents of Satan), who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie— behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you. (10) 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.’*** YHVH through the prophet Jeremiah also warned about what is happening in our time in Jeremiah 23: 36, saying: ***“For you will no longer remember the oracle of YHVH, because every man’s own word will become the oracle, and you have perverted the words of the living Elohim, YHVH of hosts, our Elohim.”*** Has this not happened in our day?

YHVH also warned the so-called prophets in the house of Israel in Ezekiel to stop with their habit to prophecy about the future, without realizing that Yahshua covered most of what is about to happen during the time we live in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, saying in Ezekiel 13: 1 – 9: ***‘Then the word of YHVH (meaning the image of Elohim, before He became born as Yahshua our Messiah) came to me saying, (2) “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to their own 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 (the wall around the house of Israel was built by Ezra and Nehemiah after King Cyrus decreed that a delegation of the house of Judah return to the Promised Land to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and the Temple) 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 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 divination. They will have no place in the council of My people (meaning the Sanhedrin), nor will they be written down in the register of the house of Israel (yes, these folk are even erasing the fact that they are from the lost ten tribes by their sheer arrogance), nor will they enter the land of Israel, that you may know that I am YHVH Elohim.”’*** These same people teach against the Jewish calendar with which I virtually grew up, having kept the Feast Days of Elohim since the early 1970’s. Amongst these people are those who say that they teach Christianity their Hebrew roots, to which I have to say that there are definitely no Hebrew roots in Christianity: The original ecclesia that Yahshua continued with was the Jewish sect of the Nazarenes (a sect of the Pharisees as may be seen from Acts 15: 5 & 24: 5 & 14). The point is that in addition to the above witnesses as to the Jews having the oracles of Elohim, I list a number of additional Scriptural proofs, in this way:

1. Zechariah 8: 23: ***“Thus says YHVH of hosts, ‘In those days (a phrase used in the Scriptures to mean the latter days during which we live today) ten men from all the nations (meaning members of the lost ten***

tribes scattered into the nations) ***will grasp the garment of a Jew saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that Elohim is with you."***

2. 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.'*** This verse should be read together with 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 (meaning Jewish Israel) until the fullness of the Gentiles (those from the ten tribes of Israel who have come to believe that they are Gentiles, including some real Gentiles with no Israelite blood) has come in: and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER (meaning Yahshua) WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB. AND THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS." From the standpoint of the gospel they (Brother Judah) are enemies for your sake (so that you and I who were lost ever since Israel was taken captive by Assyria during 721 – 718 BCE.), but from the standpoint of Elohim's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; for the gifts and the calling of Elohim are irrevocable.'***
3. Hosea 11: 12 (KJV) Correct translation: ***'Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit, but Judah yet ruleth with Elohim, and is faithful with the saints.'***
4. Psalm 60: 7 (& 108: 8) (KJV): ***'Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the helmet (or strength) of mine head; Judah is my scepter (the footnote against this word read: Lawgiver).'***
5. Nahum 1: 15, ***'Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace! Celebrate your feasts, O Judah; pay your vows. For never again will the wicked one pass through you; he is cut off completely.'*** The Gospel of the Kingdom of Elohim is directly related to the Feast Days of Elohim, since these days inform us of Elohim's plan of salvation for all mankind.
6. Exodus 19: 9, ***'And YHVH said to Moses, "Behold, I shall come to you in a thick cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to YHVH.'*** We read further about Moses in Acts 7: 37 & 38, in this way: ***"This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, 'ELOHIM SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN.' "This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel (Yes Yahshua was in the wilderness as the arm of YHVH) who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and who was with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you (Yes all Israel received the living oracles from YHVH, and even though both houses were taken captive for idolatry, only Judah remained faithful to YHVH and returned 70 years later with Ezra and Nehemiah, to continue keeping the correct Feast Days of Elohim since then. We know that the house of Israel were however scattered into the world and YHVH is only now {since the early 1900's} beginning to call us out of the world, to return to Torah observance like Brother Judah). John 5: 43 – 47: "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive (or believe) Me; if another (the leaders of the Karaites who insist their calendar is the one to follow, or those leaders who teach that there are two (YHVH)'s) shall come in his own name, you will receive him. 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? 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. For if you believed Moses you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. But if you do not believe his writings (Torah), how will you believe My words?"***
7. Matthew 23: 1 – 3: ***'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; (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.'*** Leviticus 23: 1, 2: ***'YHVH spoke again to Moses, saying, "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, (YHVH)'s appointed times which you (Moses or those sitting in his seat) shall proclaim as holy convocations—My appointed times are these.'"***
8. John 4: 22, ***'You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.'***
9. Romans 3: 1 – 4: ***'Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? (2) Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of Elohim. (3) What then? If***

some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of Elohim, will it? (4) May it never be! Rather, let Elohim be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, "THAT THOU MIGHTEST BE JUSTIFIED IN THY WORDS, AND MIGHTEST PREVAIL WHEN THOU ART JUDGED."

10. Romans 9: 3 – 5 *'...to whom belongs the adoption as sons and the glory of the covenants and the giving of the Law and the (timing of the) temple service and the promises....'*
11. Genesis 49: 10, *'The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.'*
12. Psalm 147: 19 – 20 *'He declares His words to Jacob, His statutes and His ordinances to Israel. (the whole nation of Israel under David's rule) (20) He has not dealt thus with any nation; and as for His ordinances, they have not known them. Praise YHVH!'* After the nation split in two after king Solomon, Jeroboam the king of the house of Israel started changing the Feast Days of Elohim as per 1 Kings 12: 28 - 33. *'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) 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.'* Once Jeroboam started ruling the house of Israel, only the tribe of Judah followed the house of David (1 Kings 12: 20).
13. Nehemiah 9: 14 *'So Thou made known to them Thou holy Sabbath, and didst lay down for them commandments, statutes and law, through Thy servant Moses.'* (Judah returned 70 years after their captivity by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon).
14. Deuteronomy 33: 8 – 11; *'And of Levi he said, "Let Thy Thummim and Thy Urim belong to Thy godly man, whom Thou didst prove at Massah, with whom Thou didst contend at the waters of Meribah; (9) Who said of his father and his mother, "I did not consider them"; and he did not acknowledge his brothers, nor did he regard his own sons, for they observed Thy word, and kept Thy covenant. (10) They shall teach Thine ordinances to Jacob, and Thy law to Israel. They shall put incense before Thee, and whole burnt offerings on Thine altar. (11) O YHVH, bless his substance, and accept the work of his hands; shatter the loins of those who rise up against him, and those who hate him, so that they will not rise again.'* Also Deuteronomy 17: 8 – 12 *'If any case is too difficult for you to decide, between one kind of homicide or another, between one kind of lawsuit or another, and between one kind of assault or another, being cases of dispute in your courts, then you shall arise and go up to the place which YHVH your Elohim chooses. (9) So you shall come to the Levitical priest or the judge who is in office in those days (the Sanhedrin), and you shall inquire of them and they will declare to you the verdict in the case. (10) And you shall do according to the terms of the verdict which they declare to you from that place which YHVH chooses; and you shall be careful to observe according to all that they teach you. (11) According to the terms of the law which they teach you, and according to the verdict which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside from the word which they declare to you to the right or the left. (12) And the man who acts presumptuously by not listening to the priest who stands there to serve YHVH your Elohim, nor to the judge, that man shall die; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.'* And Jeremiah 32: 12. *And I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the sight of Hanamel my uncle's son and in the sight of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, before all the Jews who were sitting in the court of the guard (Sanhedrin).'*
15. Malachi 2: 1 – 8: *'And now this commandment is for you, O priests. (2) "If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name," says YHVH of hosts, "then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them already, because you are not taking it to heart. (3) Behold, I am going to rebuke your offspring, and I will spread refuse on your faces, the*

refuse of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it. (4) Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, that My covenant may continue with Levi,” says YHVH of hosts. (5) “My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him as an object of reverence; so he revered Me and stood in awe of My name. (6) True instruction was in his mouth and unrighteousness was not found on his lips; he walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many back from iniquity. (7) For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of YHVH of hosts. (8) But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by the instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi.” Says YHVH of hosts.’

After giving these proofs to a Messianic Israelite who attended with us one Sabbath, he insisted that I give him more proofs, even though the Scriptures tell us that two or three witnesses should be more than sufficient. However, I have two more Scriptural witnesses and this time they are totally irrefutable. Kindly consider the following two witnesses, listed below:

1. 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 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.”’ (34) 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.”’* Notice here, even though YHVH/Yahshua will have to make a New Covenant with both houses, because He divorced the house of Israel, and He died, He will have to remarry both houses again. However notice carefully that He will only have to write His Torah on the hearts and minds of the house of Israel, as the house of Judah has been Torah observant all along, since they retained the oracles given to both houses at Mount Sinai, which we have forgotten.
2. Zechariah 12: 7 – 14: *‘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 will 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 in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (This is clearly when Yahshua returns on Yom Teruah.) (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 firstborn. (11) In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo. (12) 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.’* But what does this mean? It means that when Yahshua returns on Yom Teruah (or Rosh Hashanah) one day in the near future, He will go to the tents of Judah first; and when they see His Hands, He will save them first when they accept Him the same way His disciple Thomas did after His resurrection, when he saw Yahshua’s hands in John 20: 28, saying to Him, *“My Master and my Elohim!”*

However, it is useless quoting all these Scriptural proofs speaking against these Israelites who are usurping the Levite’s role in determining Elohim’s Feast Days, since they refuse to believe the Scriptures any way. It is as Rav Kepha wrote in 2 Peter 2: 1 & 2, saying: *“But false prophets also arose among the people, just as*

there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying (from the Greek word 'arneomai' meaning contradict) ***the Master who bought*** (or redeemed) ***them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. (2) And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned. "*** Ultimately YHWH wants the two houses to reconcile before Messiah's return, as may be read from Ezekiel 37: 15 – 28. On the day when Judah accepts Yahshua as their Passover, the dead in Messiah will be raised as Rav Shaul wrote 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 what he wrote about in first 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.'*** Are these verses too difficult to understand? No wonder Revelation 12: 9 tells us that the whole world has been blinded by Satan. Think about it!

Chapter 4: The Spirit of Elijah and the end time work.

The fact that we are living during the last days can be confirmed by reflecting on what the prophet Daniel wrote in Daniel 12: 4, in this way: ***“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.”*** This is the first time in the history of mankind, that mankind travels at great speed from one city in the world to another on a daily basis. We also live in an age where knowledge about science and technology, but also knowledge about the Scriptures is increasing at an alarming pace on a daily basis. In addition, most of the signs of the end of the age detailed in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 by Yahshua our Messiah are prevalent in the age that we live. More than forty years ago, when my wife and I started studying Elohim’s Scriptural revelations about the end time, we were dubious about the things we were told would happen in our time; because at that time we really lived the good life in the lap of abundance, without any worries about what was coming. However, things have changed dramatically during the last few years, and we are deeply concerned for the next few generations, before Messiah returns.

Now that we have determined the age in which we live, let’s get to understand what is meant by the phrase *‘the Spirit of Elijah’* and how it relates to the end time work, which those who came before us started during the early twentieth century. We need to understand that next to Moses, the prophet Elijah was one of the most revered prophets in all Judaism. The account of the life and times of Elijah is told in the book of first Kings 17: 1 to second Kings 2: 15, as well as many other verses throughout the Scriptures. The name of Elijah or more correctly Eliyahu literally means YHVH is my Elohim. Elijah lived during the times of some of the kings of Israel, before the nation of Israel were taken into captivity by the Assyrians during 721 – 718 BCE. After king Omri of Israel slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria, Ahab his son became king over Israel. Ahab married the daughter of the king of the Zidonians, named Jezebel. The name Ahab literally means *‘adultery’*. King Ahab and his wife Jezebel were an evil alliance and caused the house of Israel to sin even more than before. Jezebel had all the prophets of Elohim killed and chose her own priests and prophets to serve Baal and Asherim. When YHVH saw the Idolatry in Israel He sent His prophet Elijah to king Ahab with the message, as recorded in first Kings 17: 1, as follows: ***‘Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As YHVH, the Elohim of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”’*** From that time on there was no more rain, the wells began to dry up and without water the crops in Israel failed. Soon their food became scarce and the nation of Israel was feeling Elohim’s punishment. We also notice here that Elijah was a Tishbite which refers to those Israelites who live across the Jordan. But the name *‘Tishbite’* means *‘sojourner’* but also *‘captivity’*. Both these meanings were relevant to Elijah, since he was a prophet sent by YHVH from the house of Israel from Gilead meaning *‘rocky’* which was the area on the dividing line between the tribes of Gad and Manasseh, east of the Jordan River. YHVH sent Elijah to Zarephath in Sidon (meaning a fishing village) which was a Phoenician coastal town north of Israel, in what is Lebanon today. The widow that Elijah stayed with was not an Israelite, but she had some knowledge about YHVH the Elohim of Israel.

At that time Elijah had to trust fully in Elohim to provide him with his daily food. YHVH sent Elijah to stay with a certain widow and her son, and when Elijah arrived at her home, the woman was making a fire to cook the last meal for her and her son. Elijah called the widow asking her to bring him water in a jar to drink, and also asked for a piece of bread to eat. However, we read from first Kings 17: 12 ***‘But she said, “As YHVH your Elohim lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in a jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die.”’*** Elijah answered her in verse 13 & 14, saying: ***“Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first, and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son. (14) For thus says YHVH Elohim of Israel, ‘The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that YHVH sends rain on the face of the earth.’”*** The widow trusted Elohim and did as Elijah asked and her flour and oil lasted until the end of the drought. But during Elijah’s sojourning with the widow and her son, her son became ill and he died, and she said to Elijah in verse 18 of first Kings 17: ***“What do I have to do with you, O man of Elohim? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to***

remembrance, and to put my son to death!" Elijah's reply and what happened next is recorded in verses 19 - 24, as follows: **"Give me your son."** Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed. (20) And he called to YHVH and said, **"O YHVH my Elohim, hast Thou also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?"** (21) Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to YHVH, and said, **"O YHVH, my Elohim, I pray Thee let this child's life return to him."** (22) And YHVH heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived. (23) And Elijah took the child, and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, **"See, your son is alive."** (24) Then the woman said to Elijah, **"Now I know that you are a man of Elohim, and that the word of YHVH in your mouth is truth."** In these happenings we see that Elijah did the same kind of miracles as Messiah would perform later, namely to increase food and to raise up the dead.

What is important to notice at this point, is that Elijah fed the woman and her child for the better part of three and a half years – a length of time which has a lot of meaning for the house of Israel in the last days, as witnessed in Revelation 12: 1 – 6, in this way: **"And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars: and she was with child; (2) and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. (3) And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. (4) And his tail swept away a third of the stars (angels) of heaven, and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. (5) And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to Elohim and to His throne. (6) And the woman 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."** YHVH will ensure that even though the world will experience a drought of His word during the 2½ year great tribulation and the Day of YHVH lasting another year, His elect will still be fed spiritual food to keep them prepared to rule under Messiah during the Millennium.

After the end of the drought, three years later Elijah went back to Ahab to tell him that the drought was over. Elohim was going to send rain, but YHVH first wanted King Ahab to know that He was the true Elohim. Elijah initially feared that Ahab would kill him if he saw him again. However, reading from first Kings 18: 17 – 20 we see the rest of the account unfold, in this way: **'And it came about, when Ahab saw Elijah that Ahab said to him, "Is this you, you troubler of Israel?" (18) And he said, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, because you have forsaken the commandments of YHVH, and have followed the Baals. (19) Now then send and gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, together with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Asherah who eat at Jezebel's table."** (20) **So Ahab sent a message among all the sons of Israel. And brought the prophets together at Mount Carmel.'** The time came and both the prophets of Elohim and those of Baal stood in the sight of Israel. Elijah stepped forward and challenged Ahab and all the people, as we read in the second part of 1 Kings 18: 21, as follows: **"How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If YHVH is Elohim, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him."** But the people did not answer him a word.' Then Elijah had the people bring two bullocks to offer for a sacrifice. One he gave to the prophets of Baal, and the other he kept to offer to YHVH the true Elohim. Each side had to prepare an altar and sacrifice the animal, but they were not allowed to set fire to it. The god who answered by fire to consume the sacrifice would be known as the only true Elohim.

Baal's prophets began to cry out to him from early in the morning until evening, but there was no answer. We see from first Kings 18: 27 how Elijah mocked the people calling for Baal, saying: **"Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied or gone aside, or is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened."** So they cried with a louder voice and cut themselves according to their custom with swords and lances until blood gushed out of them. But all their efforts were in vain. That evening when it was time for the evening sacrifice, Elijah began to prepare his sacrifice to Elohim. He prepared the altar, carefully placing 12 stones, one for each tribe of Israel. Then He put the animal on the wood which he put on

the altar. He next dug a trench around the altar and had four barrels of water poured over the animals and the wood. He poured water over the altar three more times, until the whole altar and sacrifice were soaked. Elijah prayed to YHVH and we see in 1 Kings 18: 38 that He responded, as follows: ***“Then the fire of YHVH fell, and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.”*** When the people saw it, they fell on their faces, saying in verse 39: ***‘YHVH, He is Elohim; YHVH, He is Elohim.’*** Elijah had the prophets of Baal killed and as YHVH promised it soon began to rain. But, if you think that this strong witness would have moved Ahab and Jezebel to serve YHVH, it did not! We continue reading from 1st Kings 19: 1 - 3, in this way: ***‘Now Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets (of Baal) with the sword. (2) Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” (3) And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.’*** Jezebel was very angry when she heard that Elijah had her 450 prophets of Baal killed, and that he convinced the children of Israel that YHVH is Elohim. Jezebel sends a threatening message to Elijah, discouraging him greatly and he immediately decided to flee for his life with his servant.

Upon reaching Beersheba, Elijah convinced his servant that they should split up. We read how Elijah continued on his journey from verse 4, as follows: ***‘But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree; and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, “It is enough; now, O YHVH, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers.”’*** Elijah felt so despondent that he asked YHVH to take his life and fell asleep under the Juniper tree. We see from verses 5 & 6 that whilst sleeping an angel came and woke him up, as follows: ***‘And he lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said to him, “Arise, eat.” (6) Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again.’*** Elijah fell asleep again and was woken up a second time, as we see from verses 7 & 8, in this way: ***‘And the angel of YHVH came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you.” (8) So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food, forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of Elohim.’*** The bread and water strengthened him sufficiently to last him during a forty day and night journey to Mount Horeb. Next we read about a title used for the Creator of the universe, which those of us who came from Christianity, learnt about for the first time in John 1: 1 – 3, namely the ‘word of YHVH’. This is the Aleph-Tav or manifestation of YHVH, who later became flesh as the salvation of YHVH, namely Yahshua. We read accordingly in verses 9, ***‘Then he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of YHVH came to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”’*** Elijah answered in verse 10 saying: ***“I have been very zealous for YHVH, the Elohim of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, torn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life to take it away.”***

To assure Elijah that YHVH is with him, the word of YHVH instructed Elijah, in verses 11 & 12, saying: ***“Go forth, and stand on the mountain before YHVH.” And behold, YHVH was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before YHVH; but YHVH was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but YHVH was not in the earthquake. (12) And after the earthquake a fire, but YHVH was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of gentle blowing.’*** The last four words in the KJV reads: ***‘a still small voice’***. Yes YHVH comes to us in a still small voice; He is not in the great strong wind or in the earth quake or in the fire, if only we are prepared to listen (hear and obey), He is always there. He guides us by His Set-apart Spirit to do the right thing, but we must be prepared to ‘hear’. If we attend Sabbath services with no other motivation⁵, but obedience from the heart, we may be sure that it is the Set-apart Spirit indwelling us that motivates us to be there. We read Elijah reacted to the voice in verse 13, like this: ***‘And it came about when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, “What are you doing***

⁵ Motivation such as thinking that godliness (or religion) is a means of gain (as mentioned in 1 Timothy 6: 3 – 5) – be it financial or to find a spouse, is not from the Set-apart Spirit.

here, Elijah?” Elijah answered in verse 14, saying: **“I have been very zealous for YHVH, the Elohim of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, torn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”** In verse 15 of 1st Kings 19, the word of YHVH that came to Elijah in verse 9 is similar to what we read in John 1: 1 identified as YHVH Himself. We read accordingly from verses 15 - 18, **“And YHVH said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram; (16) and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. (17) And it shall come about, that one who escapes from the sword of Hazel, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death. (18) Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.”** But why did YHVH tell Elijah that He would leave 7,000 in Israel that had not bowed the knee to Baal? It is important to remember that we are talking about the house of Israel or the ‘Northern Kingdom’. Seven thousand is a numeric value of the final letter ‘Nun’ in Hebrew; which means ‘kingdom’. The 7,000 represent 100 from each of the 70 Gentile nations of the world.

We know from the Scriptures that YHVH scattered the house of Israel into all the nations of the world, as also witnessed in Amos 9: 9, in this way: **“For behold, I am commanding, and I will shake the house of Israel among all nations as grain is shaken in a sieve, but not a kernel will fall to the ground.”** We read further from Jeremiah 30: 7 – 11: **‘Alas for that day is great, there is none like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s distress, but he will be saved from it. (8) And it shall come about on that day,’ declares YHVH of hosts, ‘that I will break his yoke from off their neck, and will tear off their bonds; and strangers shall no longer make them their slaves. (9) But they shall serve YHVH their Elohim, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. (10) And fear not, O Jacob My servant,’ declares YHVH, ‘and do not be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from afar, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. And Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and no one shall make him afraid. (11) For I am with you,’ declares YHVH, ‘to save you; for I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, only I will not destroy you completely. But I will chasten you justly, and will by no means leave you unpunished.’** A remnant in the Scriptures usually represent 10% - accordingly, the 100 from each of the 70 nations, represent 10% from the 10 tribes of the house of Israel. Each tribe represented by 10% or a remnant from the tribes who are not idolaters and follow the way of Elohim. So the 7,000 represent the remnant (or small number) of the house of Israel, that will be saved. Like Elijah, we often get so despondent, when nobody believes the same as we do. In a Christian country like ours, thousands of sincere believers go to church on Sunday and special Xmas services, without knowing that they are sincerely wrong. The reason is as we read in Jeremiah 3: 14, in this way: **‘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 will bring you to Zion.’** YHVH is only calling a few at this time, to become first fruit believers, to learn His will and way, so that they may become kings and priests ruling under Yahshua during the millennium and on into eternity. The second harvest of human souls will be a much larger harvest, but will only take place after the millennium and second resurrection (as may be read in Revelation 20: 4 – 6). Yes, the road that we follow is a very lonely narrow road, and there are not many true believers to encourage us, but as YHVH said to Elijah in verse 18 of first Kings 19, there are others like us, throughout this world, who have not bowed the knee to the false gods of this world.

We are only a select few in the world doing the work of Elohim at this time. In addition there is an enormous responsibility on the shoulders of each and every one of us. Our job function is described 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** (not only the Jews). **(5) Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of YHVH** (Yom YHVH will follow after the two and a half years of tribulation before Messiah’s return one day – the Day of YHVH will be the time of the Seven Trumpet Plagues discussed in Revelation 8: 1 to Revelation 11: 15 & 19 and 19: 1 - 21.) **(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** (Allah).” This is talking about those of us called out of the world by YHVH. We are the

ones who are supposed to teach people to return to YHVH and His Torah, but also to teach them that His name is YHVH. In addition we should teach our children to go back to the hearts (faith) of our father's in the faith; meaning Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, but also King David. Our Fathers in the faith called on the name of YHVH (Genesis 12: 7 & 8⁶) they kept Elohim's commandments (Genesis 26: 5⁷), they believed in the resurrection of the dead (Hebrews 11: 17 – 19⁸), they believed in Messiah (John 8: 56⁹) and in the coming kingdom of Elohim (Hebrews 11: 10¹⁰). The prophets of Baal today are none other than those in Christianity/ Messianic /Nazarene Judaism who are too afraid to teach fellow believers that YHVH is our Elohim. Instead they continue to teach in the name of the LORD or Baal. But that is not all; if we turn again to first Kings 18: 29, where we read: ***'And it came about when midday was past, that they (the prophets of Baal) raved until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice; but there was no voice, no one answered, and no one paid attention.'*** From this we see that the prophets of Baal (or the LORD) believed in offerings, but rejected the Appointed Time to submit the offering. Turning to verse 36, we read: ***'Then it came about at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O YHVH, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that Thou art Elohim in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy word.'*** Elijah presented the offering at The Appointed Time!

Most of us are familiar with (YHVH)'s appointed times. Most of us who know and understand the Feast Days of Elohim, also came to realize that the prophets of Baal have substituted the Set-apart Days of Elohim with Baal's days. For example Churchianity insists that the Day of the LORD (YHVH) is Sunday, without fully understanding the Day of YHVH will be a terrible time for those who do not follow the way of Elohim and His Feast Days specified in Torah. Yahshua our Messiah was not born on December the 25th and Christmas was a pagan festival adopted by Christianity who tried to make their religion more acceptable to the pagans around them, in an attempt to win them over, and to avoid persecution. As a result, the original Nazarene faith, which was a sect of Judaism, was cast aside in favor of a counterfeit, paganized belief system. In fact the 25th of December was celebrated as the 'Nativity of the Sun' in the northern hemisphere by the pagan cult known as Mithraism. Those who do not keep Elohim's Feast Days do not understand Elohim's plan of salvation for all mankind, and have as a result bought into the Satanic doctrine that good people go to heaven at death, whilst the wicked will be thrown into an ever burning hell fire. It is vitally important for our people to know that (YHVH)'s name have been replaced with Baal's name (Baal being the LORD God). It is only once you receive the Set-apart Spirit at immersion in Messiah's saving name Yahshua, that you will truly start searching the Scriptures for the many truths hidden in it. It is truly as YHVH told Israel through Moses in Deuteronomy 4: 27 - 29, saying: ***'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 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.'***

Elijah was sent as man alone to tell the children of Israel that denying and not calling upon the name of YHVH the only true Elohim was not going to be acceptable when it really counts, as Rav Shaul quoting from

⁶ Genesis 12: 7 & 8, ***'And YHVH appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to YHVH who appeared to him. Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to YHVH and called upon the name of YHVH.'***

⁷ Genesis 26: 5, ***"Because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."***

⁸ Hebrews 11: 17 – 19, ***"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, 'IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.' He considered that Elohim is able to raise men even from the dead; from which he also received him back as a type."***

⁹ John 8: 56, ***"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."***

¹⁰ Hebrews 11: 10, ***"for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is Elohim."*** Even though these verses only talks about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the main, it can be proven from the Psalms that King David held these same beliefs.

Joel 2: 32 wrote in Romans 10: 12 – 15, saying: ***‘For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Master is Master of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him; (13) 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? Just as it is written, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!”*** We see here that unless someone teaches new believers about the name of YHVH, they will not know it. It is therefore our duty to teach people to have the proper respect for (YHVH)’s name. Proper respect means also that we teach them to keep Elohim’s Feast days according to the Hebrew calendar proclaimed by the Levites in the house of Judah annually, and not to keep it according to calendars of our own design, as we are warned in Malachi 2: 2 – 8, in this way: ***“If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name,” says YHVH of hosts, “then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them already, because you are not taking it to heart. (3) Behold, I am going to rebuke your offspring, and I will spread refuse on your faces, the refuse of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it. (4) Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, that My covenant may continue with Levi,” says YHVH of hosts. (5) “My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him as an object of reverence; so he revered Me and stood in awe of My name. (6) True instruction was in his mouth and unrighteousness was not found on his lips; he walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many back from iniquity. (7) For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of YHVH of hosts. (8) But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by the instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi.” Says YHVH of hosts.’***

The forerunner before the second coming of Messiah has to like Yochanan the Immerser prepare the way for Yahshua’s first coming, as the apostle Luke wrote in Luke 1: 16 & 17, saying: ***“And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to YHVH their Elohim. (17) And it is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to make ready a people prepared for YHVH.”*** Yes, Yochanan the Immerser already came in the Spirit of Elijah before Messiah’s first coming, but as Yahshua said in Matthew 17: 11, ***“Elijah is coming and will restore all things.”*** This leaves us who are now teaching people, that the name of our Elohim is YHVH, with a tremendous job before the second coming of Messiah. It is up to us to ensure that the two houses of Israel will once again be reconciled – where both houses keep the same Sabbath and Feast Days of Elohim, the same kosher food and the same Torah commands that our Jewish Brothers are keeping, even if some of us have no Israelite blood flowing in our veins, as YHVH told the children of Israel in Numbers 15: 15, saying: ***‘As for the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the alien who sojourns with you, a perpetual statute throughout your generations; as you are so shall the alien be before YHVH.’*** We have to make the way of our Master Yahshua strait for those who serve Him on a narrow and very lonely road.

For some of us there is still some way to go before YHVH will be prepared to dwell among us, since He will not do so until we conform totally to the image of His son. The conditions for living in our midst is as specified in Deuteronomy 23: 14 ***“Since YHVH your Elohim walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to defeat your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy; and He must not see anything indecent among you lest He turn away from you.”*** If we do not clean up our lives, then we cannot expect YHVH to be amongst us, or to protect us during the evil days ahead of us. We need to put in every effort to start following Elohim fully and persevere to the end. That is when we are assured protection during the coming tribulation as Yahshua told Yochanan 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.”*** Baruch Hashem YHVH!

Chapter 5: King David like Abraham is one of the Scriptural personalities that we need to hold-up as an example.

Most of us think of King David as the shepherd boy who slew Goliath the Philistine giant and later became king over the united nation of Israel. But, few among us remember David *'as a man after Elohim's own heart'* who will rule once again over the restored kingdom of Judah and Israel during the world to come, as prophesied in Jeremiah 30: 4 – 9, in this way: ***'Now these are the words which YHVH spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. (5) "For thus says YHVH, 'I have heard a sound of terror, of dread, and there is no peace. (6) Ask now, and see, if a male can give birth. Why do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in childbirth? And why have all faces turned pale? (7) Alas! For that day is great, there is none like it; and it is a time of Jacob's distress, but he will be saved from it. (8) And it shall come about on that day,' declares YHVH of hosts, 'that I will break his yoke from off their neck, and will tear off their bonds; and strangers shall no longer make them their slaves. (9) But they shall serve YHVH their Elohim, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.'"*** The time of Jacob's distress spoken about here is the end-time great tribulation that Yahshua warned us about in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21.

Few people know that like with our father Abraham, YHVH entered into a special covenant relationship with King David as recorded in Psalm 89: 3 & 4 and 34 – 37, as follows: ***"I Have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, (4) I will establish your seed forever, and build up your throne to all generations. (34) My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips. (35) Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David. (36) His descendants shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me. (37) It shall be established forever like the moon, and the witness in the sky is faithful."*** For those people who since the mid-1990's became overly obsessed with watching for the crescent moon to determine their Feast Days, instead of relying on the Levites amongst the Jews to determine Elohim's annual Feast Days, this confirms the importance of the moon, but as a reminder that YHVH will one day honor His covenant with King David. If you think that teachers like me are overly concerned with those who like us are simply *'following a shadow of what is to come'* and that they are at least trying to obey Elohim, because they have come to understand that the Levitical Priesthood came to an end at Messiah's death, let's consider the prophesy about David in Jeremiah 33: 15 – 22, in this way: ***'In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. (16) In those days Judah shall be saved (at Messiah's return), and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she shall be called: YHVH is our righteousness. (17) For thus says YHVH, "David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; (18) and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to prepare sacrifices continually."*** (19) *And the word of YHVH came to Jeremiah, saying,* (20) *"Thus says YHVH, 'If you can break My covenant for the day, and My covenant for the night, so that the day and night will not be at their appointed time, (21) then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. (22) As the host of heaven cannot be counted, and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me."*

The point is that even those of us who will qualify to get into Elohim's coming kingdom, will be made priests and Levites as YHVH promised our Jewish Brothers in Isaiah 66: 20 – 21, saying: ***"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 (meaning government) Jerusalem," says YHVH. 'just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of YHVH (as commanded in Leviticus 2: 11 & 12). (21) I will also take some of them for priests and for Levites," Says YHVH.'*** Even though this is written in the Tanach, it is yet to occur when the two houses of Israel will once again become one in (YHVH)'s hand as witnessed in Ezekiel 37: 15 – 28, but especially in verses 21 – 25, where YHVH again confirms His covenant with David, 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; 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."

Most of our Jewish Brothers have a tremendous awe and love for the historic King David and see him as the Rebbe and teacher of all repentant sinners, because he helps us through his life and Psalms to strive to fulfill Elohim's Commands. In addition King David is synonymous with the Kingdom of Elohim; when the Kingdom of Israel split about 2800 years ago and the eventual exile of both houses of Israel, the Tabernacle of David fell at that time, but will be raised again as the prophet Amos wrote in Amos 9: 11, saying: ***"In that day (a phrase used for the end times) I will raise up the fallen booth of David, and wall up its breaches; I will also raise up the ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old."*** This is also endorsed in the book of Acts of the Apostles in Acts 15: 13 – 18, in this way: ***'And after they had stopped speaking, Yaa'cov answered, saying, "Brethren listen to me. (14) "Simeon has related how Elohim first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles (a remnant of the lost ten tribes of Israel, plus a number of real 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.'"*** In reality this summarizes the Message of the Scriptures as understood by the sages and teachers of Judah.

Knowing and studying the lives and times of both Abraham and King David will help us understand the faith of our fathers in the faith and help us to return to Elohim and His ways, and to once again do what is pleasing in His sight. Considering the faith of our father Abraham, we know for a fact that (1) he called on (YHVH)'s name as witnessed in Genesis 12: 8, but also in Genesis 13: 3 & 4, as follows: ***'And he went on his journeys from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, (4) to the place of the altar, which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of YHVH.'*** We also know that our Father Abraham (2) obeyed all of Elohim's Torah as confirmed by YHVH in Genesis 26: 4 & 5, saying to Isaac: ***"And I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; (5) because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."*** Abraham after the binding of Isaac learnt and (3) believed that the dead will one day be resurrected again, as witnessed in Hebrews 11: 17 – 19, as follows: ***'By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had received the promise was offering up his only begotten son; (18) it was he to whom it was said, 'IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.' (19) He considered that Elohim is able to raise men even from the dead; from which he also received him back as a type (of Messiah).'*** Our father in the faith Abraham also (4) believed in Yahshua our Messiah as He told some Jews of His day in John 8: 56, after a discussion regarding Abraham being their father in the faith, saying: ***"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."*** Lastly we see from Hebrews 11: 8 – 10 that Abraham (5) believed in the coming kingdom of Elohim in the Promised Land, in this way: ***'By Faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. (9) By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; (10) for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is Elohim.'***

If we the heirs of father Abraham through faith in Messiah, want to return to the faith of our fathers in the spirit of Elijah, as prophesied by Malachi in Malachi 3: 6, it is important for those of us whom YHVH has

called out of the pagan churches of the world (similar to the way that He called Abram out of his father's house to go to the Promised Land) to learn about the five key areas of their faith and start doing the same. But, not many people are aware of the fact that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were not the only fathers in the faith that we need to emulate, but that there are others mentioned with them in Hebrews 11 known as the faith chapter, including King David, who have also not yet received what YHVH have promised them. Yes, like Abraham, King David did not go to heaven when he died, as Peter told us in Acts 2: 29 – 35, as follows: ***'Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. (30) And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that ELOHIM HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS UPON HIS THRONE, (31) he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID HIS flesh SUFFER DECAY. (32) This Yahshua Elohim raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. (33) Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of Elohim, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. (34) For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: YHVH SAID TO MY MASTER, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, (35) UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET."*** The fact that King David and the other fathers and mothers in the faith did not receive what was promised them is confirmed in Hebrews 11: 32 – 40, in this way: ***'And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, (33) who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, (34) quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. (35) Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, in order that they might obtain a better resurrection (the first resurrection); (36) and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. (37) They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated. (38) (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. (39) And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (40) because Elohim had provided something better for us, so that, apart from us they should not be made perfect.'*** This is a fantastic promise that if we qualify by showing our faith by our works, like our fathers in the faith did, we will all one day be resurrected together or changed if we remain alive until the first resurrection at Messiah's return.

It is further more important for us to consider the life and times of King David, since he already qualified for the position as king under Yahshua during the millennium and beyond, but also because he is another example of someone who in the most did what was pleasing to Elohim. Let's therefore consider a number of Psalms written by King David to see how he embraced the same five key beliefs that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did. To start with let's see how King David honored the most Set-apart name of YHVH in a number of the Psalms that he wrote:

- Beginning in Psalm 5: 11, we read: ***'But let all who take refuge in Thee be glad, let them ever sing for joy; and mayest Thou shelter them, that those who love Thy name may exult in Thee.'***
- Psalm 8: 1, ***'O YHVH our Master (Adonai), how majestic is Thy name in all the earth, who hast displayed Thy splendor above the heavens!'***
- Psalm 9: 2 & 10: ***'I will be glad and exult in Thee; I will sing praise to Thy name, O Most High. And Those who know Thy name will put their trust in Thee; for Thou, O YHVH, hast not forsaken those who seek Thee.'***
- Psalm 20: 1 & 7: ***'May YHVH answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the Elohim of Jacob set you securely on high! Some boast in chariots, and some in horses; but we will boast in the name of YHVH, our Elohim.'***
- Psalm 22: 22 (which is a prophetic quote of Messiah's words in His prayer recorded in John 17 and specifically in verses 6 & 26): ***'I will tell of Thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the assembly I will praise Thee.'***

King David even spoke against those who take the names of other gods on their lips, in Psalm 16: 4, saying: ***'The sorrows of those who have bartered for another god will be multiplied; I shall not pour out their libations of blood. Nor shall I take their names upon my lips.'***

Secondly we get to King David's commitment to obeying Elohim's charge, commandments, statutes and laws. Starting in Psalm 19: 7 – 11, King David wrote: ***'The law of YHVH is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of YHVH is sure making wise the simple.*** (If you ever wondered how a simple little man like me could get all this knowledge – here is the answer) (8) ***The precepts of YHVH are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandments of YHVH is pure, enlightening the eyes.*** (9) ***The fear of YHVH is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of YHVH are true; they are righteous altogether.*** (10) ***They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.*** (11) ***Moreover, by them Thy servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.'*** A second more compelling witness to King David's commitment to Elohim's Torah comes from Psalm 119. The entire Psalm testifies to how much respect King David had for Elohim's Torah teachings, but as in Psalm 19, verses 97 – 104 of Psalm 119 confirms that Torah gave him wisdom, as follows: ***'O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.*** (98) ***Thy commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever mine.*** (99) ***I have more insight than all my teachers, for Thy testimonies are my meditation.*** (100) ***I understand more than the aged, because I have observed Thy precepts.*** (101) ***I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Thy word.*** (102) ***I have not turned aside from Thine ordinances, for Thou Thyself hast taught me.*** (103) ***How sweet are Thy words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*** (104) ***From Thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.'***

Let's now consider what King David believed about the resurrection of the dead. Starting in Psalm 22 we read the following witness about King David's knowledge regarding this 'uncertain' subject of the resurrection of the dead and the coming Kingdom of Elohim in verses 27 – 29, in this way: ***'All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to YHVH, and all the families of the nations will worship before Thee.*** (28) ***For the kingdom is (YHVH)'s and He rules over the nations.*** (29) ***All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, all those who go down to the dust will bow before Him, even he who cannot keep his soul alive.*** The underlined sentence tells us that even sinners will be resurrected to life again after the Great White Throne judgment mentioned in Revelation 20: 12, where YHVH will open their minds to the truth of the Scriptures. It is at this time that YHVH will remove the veil which is stretched over all nations, so that they will understand the Scriptures and make an informed decision as to whether they want to follow YHVH and His Torah, or not, as also witnessed in Isaiah 25: 7 – 9, as follows: ***'And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples. Even the veil which is stretched over all nations.*** (8) ***He will swallow up death for all time, and YHVH Elohim will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for YHVH has spoken.*** (9) ***And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our Elohim for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is YHVH for whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."*** But going back to Psalm 17: 15, we see that King David, like Yahshua's disciple Yochanan believed that when Messiah returns one day, they will be resurrected as spirit beings, in this way: ***'As for me, I shall behold Thy face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Thy likeness when I awake.'*** Rav Yochanan put it as follows in first John 3: 1 – 4, saying: ***'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.*** (4) ***Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.'***

The fourth area where King David and Abraham agreed in their faith, was belief in Yahshua our Messiah and Savior, but also as our coming King and High Priest as Peter quoted earlier from Psalm 110: 1, saying: ***'YHVH says to my Master: "Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet."*** Continuing in verse 2 – 7 of Psalm 110, David wrote: ***'YHVH will stretch forth Thy strong scepter from Zion, saying,***

“Rule in the midst of Thine enemies.” (3) Thy people will volunteer freely in the day of Thy power; in holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Thy youth are to Thee as the dew. (4) YHVH has sworn and will not change His mind, Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (5) YHVH is at Thy right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath. (6) He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country. (7) He will drink from the brook by the wayside; therefore He will lift up His head.’ King David further shows that he knows the identity of the arm of YHVH in Psalm 98: 1 – 3, saying: ***‘O sing to YHVH a new song, for He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him. (2) YHVH has made know His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. (3) He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our Elohim.***’ Yes Christianity knows that Yahshua {or J*e*s*u*s* as they refer to Him} is the salvation of YHVH, but they believe He is a second person of their three-person G-d, and believe that He abolished the need to obey Torah. We understand from the underlined words in verse 3, that even though the house of Israel has other than the house of Judah, forgotten Elohim and His Torah, He has specifically sent Yahshua to reconcile us back to the Father, as Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 49: 5 & 6, 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 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.”’*** King David prophesied about Yahshua’s death on the impalement stake in Psalm 22: 1, saying: ***‘My El, my El, why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.’*** He also prophesied how Messiah will be mocked whilst hanging on the stake in verse 8 of Psalm 22, saying: ***“Commit yourself to YHVH; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.”*** Finally we read about King David’s faith in Messiah in Psalm 118: 14, 21 - 23, where he writes: ***‘YHVH is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation (yeshuat).’ (21) I shall give thanks to Thee for Thou hast answered me; and Thou hast become my salvation. (22) The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone. (23) This is (YHVH)’s doing’ it is marvelous in our eyes.’*** King David even goes so far as to prophecy about Yahshua’s words in Matthew 23: 39, saying in verse 26: ***‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of YHVH.’***

Having been promised to be resurrected as the prince to rule over both the house of Israel and the house of Judah, David testified about Elohim’s everlasting Kingdom in Psalm 22: 28, saying: ***‘For the kingdom is (YHVH)’s and He rules over the nations.’*** He also wrote about Yahshua in Psalm 89: 27, saying: ***“I also shall make him My first-born, the highest of the kings of the earth.”*** Finally we read from Psalm 145: 11 – 13, David saying: ***‘They shall speak of the 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.’*** Knowing for certain what our father’s in the faith believed, we are now armed with knowledge to teach our children and those new believers whom YHVH is busy calling out of the world, to return to the faith of our fathers in the faith! Halleluyah!

Chapter 6: What is our Job Function as Nazarene Israelites?

As Nazarene Israelite believers in YHVH, most of us know that we have been called out of the world to do a number of scripturally defined tasks as part of our daily lives, as given in amongst other the following Scriptures:

- Isaiah 62: 6 & 7: ***'On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind YHVH, take no rest for yourselves; (7) and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.'***
- Isaiah 58: 1, ***"Cry loudly, do not hold back; raise your voice like a trumpet, and declare to My people their transgression, and to the house of Jacob their sins."***

However, we have a much deeper purpose in that we have to assist our brethren from the northern ten tribes of Israel, also known as Ephraim who were estranged from YHVH the Elohim of all Israel to return to Him and His Torah. We need to assist in the re-gathering of members of the lost ten tribes to return to YHVH and His covenant, as well as to Brother Judah, so that ultimately the Kingdom of Elohim – the resurrected kingdom of Israel once ruled by King David, will be established on earth, as it is in heaven. We need to be the ones giving the lost ten tribes the good news of the raising of the tribes of Jacob that we may one day soon again be the people of Elohim, and fulfill the terms of the Covenant, as expressed in:

- Leviticus 26: 40 - 45: ***'If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers. In their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me— (41) I also was acting with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies—or if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that they then make amends for their iniquity, (42) then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land. (43) For the land shall be abandoned by them, and shall make up for its Sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They meanwhile, shall be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes. (44) Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I am YHVH their Elohim. (45) But I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their Elohim. I am YHVH.'***
- Jeremiah 30: 18 – 22: ***"Thus says YHVH, 'Behold I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob and have compassion on his dwelling places; and the city shall be rebuilt on its ruin, and the palace shall stand in its rightful place. (19) And from them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be diminished; I will also honor them, and they shall not be insignificant. (20) Their children also shall be as formerly, and their congregation shall be established before Me; and I will punish all their oppressors. (21) And their leader shall be one of them, and their ruler shall come forth from their midst; And I will bring him near, and he shall approach Me; for who would dare to risk his life to approach Me?" Declares YHVH. (22) "And you shall be My people and I will be your Elohim."'"*** And
- Isaiah 49: 13 – 16 & 26: ***'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. (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.'*** This tells us clearly that YHVH Himself became our Savior and Redeemer!

The Elohim of Israel has decreed that when our time of punishment, meaning our estrangement from Him in dispersion would end, we would turn to Him as witnessed in:

- Isaiah 40: 2 – 5: ***“Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of (YHVH)’s hand double for all her sins.”*** (2) ***‘A voice is calling, “Clear the way for YHVH in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our Elohim. (4) Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley; (5) then the glory of YHVH will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of YHVH has spoken.”***
- Jeremiah 30: 10: ***‘And fear not, O Jacob My servant,’ declares YHVH, ‘and do not be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from afar, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. And Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and no one shall make him afraid.’***
- Micah 7: 18, ***‘Who is an Elohim like Thee, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love.’***

In fact YHVH informs us that at the appointed time of our awakening by the call of a shofar, a remnant of Jacob would begin to respond to His directives, as witnessed in:

- Hosea 2: 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!’”***
- Isaiah 51: 14 – 16: ***“The exile will soon be set free, and will not die in the dungeon, nor will his bread be lacking. (15) For I am YHVH your Elohim, who stirs up the sea and its waves roar (YHVH of hosts is His name). (16) And I have put My words in your mouth, and have covered you with the shadow of My hand to establish the heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, ‘You are My people.’”***

Our purposes should be to start doing the work given in Jeremiah 31: 6 & 7 in this way: ***‘For there shall be a day when watchmen (Notzrim) on the hills of Ephraim shall call out, ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to YHVH our Elohim.’”*** (7) ***For thus says YHVH, “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chiefs of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O YHVH, save Thy people, the remnant of Israel.’ We read further from Psalm 50: 5, “Gather My godly ones to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”*** Amos warned the lost ten tribes from the house of Israel and we need to make them aware of his warning in Amos 4: 11 & 12, in this way: ***“I overthrew you as Elohim overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were like a firebrand snatched from a blaze; yet you have not returned to Me,” declares YHVH. (12) “Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I shall do this to you, prepare to meet your Elohim, O Israel.”*** Amos continues to tell us how to prepare for the rehabilitation of Israel in Amos 5: 14 – 15, as follows: ***‘Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and thus may YHVH Elohim of hosts be with you, just as you have said! (15) Hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the gate! Perhaps YHVH Elohim of hosts may be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.’*** In fact we see that the prophet Hosea actually spoke about this searching in Hosea 3: 5, saying: ***‘Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek YHVH their Elohim and David their king; and they will come trembling to YHVH and to His goodness in the last days.’*** Jeremiah prophesied about this searching and yearning for Elohim whilst Israel is still in dispersion in Jeremiah 29: 12 – 14, saying: ***‘Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. (13) And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. (14) And I will be found by you,’ declares YHVH, ‘and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,’ declares YHVH, ‘and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.’***

This is all in preparation for our Messiah to return, as Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 59: 19 - 21, saying: ***‘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 from Zion, and those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” declared 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.”’*** Our search for YHVH involves a process of coming near to Him, after a long

period of estrangement. To most that come from Churchianity it will be shocking to discover that they have been separated from Elohim for many years. We read further from Isaiah 59: 1 & 2: ***'Behold, (YHVH)'s hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. (2) But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your Elohim, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear.'*** However, when we begin to be awakened by Him, though we have very little spiritual strength at the beginning, YHVH encourages us in Isaiah 41: 8 – 14, saying: ***"But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham My friend, (9) You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called from its remotest parts, and said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you. (10) Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your Elohim. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'*** (11) ***"Behold, all those who are angered at you will be shamed and dishonored; those who contend with you will be as nothing, and will perish. (12) You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them, those who war with you will be as nothing, and non-existent. (13) For I am YHVH your Elohim, who upholds your right hand, who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you. (14) Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you," declares YHVH "and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel."***

When we come out of the pagan religions of the world, we have to also give up its pagan traditions and customs and start serving YHVH our Elohim the way He prescribes in His word. As first-fruits called out of the world we have to start keeping the commandments of Elohim and our faith in what Messiah taught and did whilst He was on earth, as witnessed in Revelation 14: 12, in this way: ***'Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of Elohim and their faith in Yahshua.'*** Faith in Yahshua means believing both in His name as the Salvation of YHVH and what He taught about 2,000 years ago, before returning to heaven. The good news is that YHVH our Healer promises us help in our return to Him from our uncleanness, to come near to Him again, as witnessed in Jeremiah 33: 7, 8 and 14 & 15, saying: ***'And I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and I will rebuild them as they were at first. (8) And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me, and by which they have transgressed against Me. (14) Behold, days are coming,' declares YHVH, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (15) In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth.'***

Even though Elohim by His grace and mercy has already started to wake us up, without any help on our part, the continuance of the process is depended upon us to draw near to Him. Doing so by a few of us will not only speed up the process of redemption and mitigate the Divine judgments on the many but will also ensure a speedy deliverance and healing for the rest of the house of Israel, as Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 48: 8 & 9, saying: ***"You have not heard, you have not known. Even from long ago your ear has not been open, because I knew that you would deal very treacherously; and you have been called a rebel from birth. (9) For the sake of My name I delay My wrath, and for My praise I restrain it for you, in order not to cut you off."*** According to the Scriptures, we are expected to turn to YHVH, when He begins to draw near to us, as Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 55: 6 & 7, saying: ***'Seek YHVH while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. (7) Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to YHVH, and He will have compassion on him; and to our Elohim, for He will abundantly pardon.'*** It is at this point that we commence a reciprocal dialogue and interaction with YHVH our Elohim. The prophet Isaiah also wrote about the next step in our relationship with Elohim in Isaiah 58: 9 – 14, saying: ***"Then you will call, and YHVH will answer; you will cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'" If you remove the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness. (10) And if you give yourself to the hungry, and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness, and your gloom will become like midday. (11) And YHVH will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. (12) And those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; you will raise up the age-old foundations; and you will be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the streets in which to dwell. (13) If because of the***

Sabbath, you turn your foot from doing your own pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of YHVH honorable, and shall honor it, desisting from your own ways, from seeking your own pleasure, and speaking your words, (14) then you will take delight in YHVH, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth, and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of YHVH has spoken. The prophet Jeremiah adds more details in Jeremiah 31: 8, saying: ***“Behold, I am bringing them from the North Country, and I will gather them from the remote parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and she who is in labor with child, together; a great company, they shall return here.”*** What a fantastic privilege of actually becoming partakers in Elohim’s redemptive end time work.

For us as the house of Israel who have not obeyed Torah this job function is an extraordinary measure of Elohim’s grace and favor. But what part of this redemptive service is incumbent on us as early trail blazing representatives of Joseph? We know that Yahshua told us that the road we are following is ‘the straight way’ which is a narrow lonely road. It is abundantly clear that Ephraim is called to return to walk in, and be partakers of the Torah heritage which Judah preserved for us, as we read from Nahum 1: 15, as follows: ***“Behold on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace! Celebrate your feast, O Judah; pay your vows. For never again will the wicked one pass through you; he is cut off completely.”*** A second witness comes from the book Hosea which is addressed to the lost ten tribes, where Hosea wrote in the correct translation of Hosea 11: 12 (KJV), saying: ***‘Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with Elohim and is faithful with the saints.’*** Elohim’s admonition to those of us returning is recorded in Hosea 14: 1 – 3, in this way: ***‘Return, O Israel, to YHVH your Elohim, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. (2) Take words (Torah) with you and return to YHVH. Say to Him, “Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously, that we may present the fruit of our lips. (3) Assyria will not save us, we will not ride on horses; nor will we say again, ‘Our god,’ to the works of our hands; for in Thee the orphan finds mercy.’***

It is only once we start doing this with heart, mind and soul (meaning the way we live), that Elohim will help us to come out of captivity as witnessed in Psalm 50: 7 – 15, as follows: ***“Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am Elohim, your Elohim. (8) I do not reprove you for your sacrifices, and your burnt offerings are continually before Me. (9) I shall take no young bull out of your house, nor male goats out of your folds. (10) For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. (11) I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is Mine. (12) If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all it contains. (13) Shall I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of male goats? (14) Offer to Elohim a sacrifice of thanks giving, and pay your vows to the Most High; (15) And call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me.”*** At this time Elohim is looking forth for us as Ephraim to pay our vows. But what vows are we to pay and how are we to pay them? For us as prodigal Israel, there is only one answer – it is to be true once again to the Covenant that YHVH made with all Israel at Mount Sinai. It is to return to YHVH our Elohim once again and to become a kingdom of priests to the rest of Israel and to the world, and show them how we as the true Israel of Elohim should serve YHVH as He specified in Torah and as expounded by Yahshua our Messiah in Matthew 5, 6 & 7. That is what true ‘witnessing’ is! It is standing up for the deliverance of all Israel, thereby making possible her actual liberation out of Babylon.

As a result the few trail blazers and representatives of Ephraim can together with Judah, start witnessing and as a result will draw more of our people to Elohim’s Torah ways, as witnessed in Isaiah 43: 10 - 12 in this way: ***“You are My witnesses”, declares YHVH, “and My servant whom I have chosen, in order that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no Elohim formed, and there will be none after Me. (11) I, even I, am YHVH; and there is no savior besides Me. (12) It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed, and there was no strange god among you; so you are My witnesses.” Declares YHVH, “And I am Elohim.”*** We should start praying for both houses of Israel to be united at this time – because that is truly when the Kingdom of Elohim will come to earth as it is now in heaven. YHVH further

tells us in Psalm 50: 5 what to do, saying: ***'Gather My godly ones to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.'*** Yes, we made a covenant by sacrifice when our forefathers stood at Mount Sanai, when they received Torah by the hand of Moses from YHVH, but we who are being called back have in fact renewed the covenant of Mount Sinai, when we were immersed in Yahshua's saving name, for transgressing Elohim' Torah. Yahshua reconciled us back to the Father but also back to Brother Judah.

We read confirmation about this from Ephesians 2: 11 – 16 in this way: ***'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 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 (or houses) into one, and broke down the barrier or dividing wall, (15) by abolishing (or paying) in His flesh the enmity (or punishment), which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances (or judgments for our breaking of the Law), 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 (or punishment due).'*** Even though Messiah died almost two thousand years ago, the end result of what He did will only come to fruition when He returns one day on Yom Teruah in the near future, when He will remarry both the house of Israel and the house of Judah, as Jeremiah prophesied in Jeremiah 31: 31 – 33, saying: ***"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."***

However, It is important at this time to pray Psalm 80, especially written for Joseph in the latter days – it instructs us to ask Elohim to revive and strengthen us, as follows: ***'Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel, Thou who dost lead Joseph like a flock; Thou who art enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth! (2) Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up thy power. And come to save us! (3) O Elohim, restore us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, and we will be saved. (4) O YHVH Elohim of hosts, How long wilt Thou be angry with the prayer of Thy people? (5) Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, and Thou hast made them to drink tears in large measure. (6) Thou dost make us an object of contention to our neighbors; and our enemies laugh among themselves. (7) O Elohim of hosts, restore us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, and we will be saved. (8) Thou didst remove a vine from Egypt; Thou didst drive out the nations, and didst plant it. (9) Thou didst clear the ground before it, and it took deep root and filled the land. (10) The mountains were covered with its shadow; and the cedars of Elohim with its boughs. (11) It was sending out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River. (12) Why hast Thou broken down the hedges, so that all who pass that way pick its fruit? (13) A boar from the forest eats it away, and whatever moves in the field feeds on it. (14) O Elohim of hosts, turn again now, we beseech Thee; look down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine. (15) Even the shoot which Thy right hand has planted, and on the son whom Thou hast strengthened for Thyself. (16) It is burned with fire, it is cut down; they perish at the rebuke of Thy countenance. (17) Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand, upon the son of man whom Thou didst make strong for Thyself. (18) Then we shall not turn back from Thee: revive us, and we will call upon Thy name. (19) O YHVH Elohim of hosts, restore us; cause Thy face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.'***

To conclude I would like to ask all our brethren from the house of Israel to ask Elohim during this upcoming Chanukah, to 'rededicate' His House of Prayer for all Israel; as it is only with His will that the fallen tabernacle of David will be rebuilt! Amein and Amein!

Chapter 7: The mark of Elohim.

Many are so concerned with the mark of the beast, that they do not realize that similar to those who worship the beast and his image, will be marked with an identification mark as worshipers of the beast, so will or are those who worship Yahshua the image of the invisible Elohim, and Elohim Himself be marked or sealed with His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. The question is what is the mark of YHVH and His Son Yahshua?

Many in Churchianity came to believe that Yahshua came to free us from the bondage of Torah, and quote Galatians 5: 1, to substantiate this, in this way: ***'It was for freedom that Messiah set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to the yoke of slavery.'*** However, if we truly understand the Scriptures we will get to understand that exactly the opposite is true. For example we read from Psalm 119: 142 (a book also contained in the so-called 'Gideon's Bible', where most other books of the Tanach have been excluded, due to the popular belief in Churchianity that the Messiah has abolished Torah for them): ***'Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law (Torah) is truth.'*** In addition Yahshua our Messiah said to the Jews who had believed in Him in John 8: 31 & 32: ***"If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; (32) and you shall know the truth (Torah), and the truth shall make you free."*** Therefore, it is the Law or Torah that brings freedom, something completely contrary to what most people believe today. When YHVH took the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, He immediately led them to Mount Sinai to give them His commandments, statutes and judgments (Exodus 20 – 23). Did YHVH our Elohim who promised the nation of Israel freedom from bondage in Egypt, take them to Mount Sinai, and deliver them right back into slavery again? And why then would He being an all knowing Elohim at the same time promise them freedom? Is He a liar? No, YHVH promised His people freedom and gave them Torah, because the Torah is freedom from the bondage of sin.

Messiah therefore did not set us free from Torah, but from sin – which is defined as the transgression of the law or lawlessness in first John 3: 4 - 8, in this way: ***'Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. (5) And you know that He (Messiah) appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. (6) No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. (7) Little children, let no one deceive you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; (8) the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of Elohim appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.'*** Rav Yaa'cov who was in full agreement that Torah is freedom wrote in James 1: 22 - 25, saying: ***'But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (23) For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; (24) for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. (25) But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty (meaning freedom), and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.'*** Even so, those who teach against Torah continue to teach that Torah is bondage and that Lawlessness is freedom. They are the ones that Rav Kepha mentions in 2 Peter 2: 18 - 21, saying: ***'For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, (19) promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves to corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved. (20) For if after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Master and Savior Yahshua Messiah, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. (21) For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them.'***

We read Jeremiah's warning about what happened in Churchianity in Jeremiah 8: 4 – 11, saying: ***'And you shall say to them, "Thus says YHVH," "Do men fall and not get up again? Does one turn away and not repent? (5) Why then has this people, Jerusalem, turned away in continual apostasy? They hold fast to deceit, they refuse to return. (6) I have listened and heard, they have spoken what is not right; No man repented of his wickedness, saying "What have I done?" Everyone turned to his course, like a horse***

charging into the battle. (7) *Even the stork in the sky knows her seasons; and the turtledove and the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration; but My people do not know the ordinance of YHVH.* (8) *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 broken-ness of the daughter of My people superficially, saying, “Peace, peace,” but there is no peace.’* The fact that our brethren and fellow Israelites in Churchianity have been deceived to come to believe that Torah was abolished, is undeniable. From these Scriptures it is clear that we cannot say we believe in Yahshua, without also obeying Torah. In fact that is exactly what Yahshua our Messiah said in John 5: 43 – 47, as follows: *“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?”* It is for this reason that John 3: 36, is of greater importance to true believers than John 3: 16, in this way: *“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Elohim abides on him.”* Brethren it is high time that we make some of our brethren in Churchianity who showed interest in what we teach in the past, aware of these Scriptural truths. Perhaps reading the same in their own Scriptures might get them thinking.

But, what is the mark of Elohim? YHVH our Elohim told the nation of Israel through Moses what His mark is after giving them His Torah, statutes and Judgments earlier in Exodus, saying to him in Exodus 31: 13 & 14: *“But as for you, speak to the sons (children) of Israel, saying, ‘You shall surely observe My Sabbaths (plural – meaning not only the weekly Sabbaths, but also the annual Sabbaths (or Feast Days of Elohim – already mentioned in Exodus 20: 11 & 23: 14 – 18) and land Sabbaths (also mentioned in Exodus 23: 10 & 11); for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am YHVH who sanctifies you. (14) *Therefore you are to observe the Sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.’* The weekly Sabbath is very important to Elohim as it points to the coming millennial rule of Yahshua the Messiah and His saints (first-fruit believers in Him who qualifies to rule under Him at His coming). However, the annual and land Sabbaths are equally important to Elohim, as witnessed in Exodus 13: 6 - 9, where He also speak to the children of Israel through Moses, saying: *‘For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to YHVH. (7) Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and nothing leavened shall be seen among you, nor shall any leaven be seen among you in all your borders. (8) And you shall tell (pesach) your son on that day, saying, ‘It is because of what YHVH did for me when I came out of Egypt (in our case, the false religions of the world).’ (9) And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and as a reminder on your forehead, that the law of YHVH may be in your mouth; for with a powerful hand (Yahshua the right hand and Power of Elohim) YHVH brought you out of Egypt.’ YHVH execute his work on earth through His right hand; the head of His congregation of called out believers Yahshua the Messiah, as much as Satan is executing His work through the head of his church, the Pope, who calls himself the vicar (meaning in place of) Christ on earth.**

By keeping the Feast Days of Elohim, we show that we fear Elohim and want to obey His Torah teachings, but we also get to know His plan of salvation for all mankind. The Feast Days of Elohim is directly linked to the coming Kingdom of Elohim on earth, as it is now in heaven, as witnessed in Nahum 1: 15, as follows: *‘Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news (or the gospel), who announces peace! Celebrate your feasts, O Judah; pay your vows. For never again will the wicked one pass through you; he is cut off completely.’* This is obviously a prophecy about the millennial rule of Messiah, when there will one day be peace – to a level never experienced by mankind, except by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. In addition, the Jewish rabbis hold that if you believe in the coming kingdom of Elohim, you will already make

Him King in your life and keep all the Torah teachings that will be applicable during Messiah's millennial rule and beyond. Continuing on in Exodus 31, we read from verses 15 – 18: ***“For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, holy (or set-apart) to YHVH; whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death. (16) So the sons of Israel shall observe the Sabbath, to celebrate the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. (17) It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days YHVH made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed.” (18) And when He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of Elohim.’*** So we see that the Sabbaths of Elohim is a sign to other people, showing them who our Creator is, but also that we are His people, prepared to obey His every word.

However, the Sabbaths of Elohim are not the only signs that we are His people and He is our Elohim. Turning to Deuteronomy 6: 4 – 9 (English version of the Tanach), we read: ***‘Hear, O Israel: YHVH our Elohim is one YHVH: (5) And thou shalt love YHVH thy Elohim with all thine heart (faith or belief system), and with all thy soul (the way you live), and with all thy might (your willpower and energy). (6) And these words, which I commanded thee this day shall be in thine heart: (7) And you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (8) And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. (9) And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house and on thy gates.’*** How important is the Sh'ma in our lives? Here in Deuteronomy 6: 4 YHVH our Elohim tells us categorically that there is only one YHVH, something which He confirmed earlier in Deuteronomy 4: 39, saying: ***“Know therefore today, and take it to heart, that YHVH, He is Elohim in heaven above and on earth below; there is no other.”*** How long are those who contradict YHVH continue in their misguided believe that there are two (YHVH)'s? The reason why both the hand and forehead are mentioned in the quoted section from Exodus and Deuteronomy is because we use our hands and brain power to perform our daily work. Some people like builders, carpenters, and engineers perform manual labor, whilst others work with their minds like accountants, computer programmers, and statisticians. So, both these categories of work are included in the prohibition not to do any work on the Sabbath. Considering the command in Deuteronomy 23: 20 (English Tanach) we see further how *‘hand’* is used to explain work, but also refraining from work, as follows: ***‘Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury (interest); but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that YHVH thy Elohim may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.’***

Knowing what the mark of YHVH is, let's also have a look at what the mark of the Beast mentioned in a number of verses in the book of Revelation is. Turning to Revelation 13 we read about the end time beast in verses 11 – 17, in this way: ***‘And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. (12) And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. (13) And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. (14) And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. (15) And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. (16) And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men, and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead, (17) and he provides that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.’*** We see that the mark of the beast will also be put on either the right hand or the forehead of its recipient. So it will also have to do with when those who are marked with it will work to earn a living. Similar to those who have the Sabbath and Elohim's Torah as his mark on their hands and their foreheads, will those who rest on the day dictated by the beast be marked with his mark on either their hands or foreheads, depending obviously on the profession in which they work.

We read further about the mark of the beast from Revelation 14: 9 & 10, as follows: ***‘And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand, (10) he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.”*** The warning for those of us called out of the biggest false religion of the world in Revelation 18: 4 – 6 is very serious, in this way: ***‘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.”*** When one day in the near future YHVH unleashes His wrath on the beast she will be laid waste in one hour, as witnessed in verses 19 & 20 of Revelation 18, as follows: ***“And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning and saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!’ (20) Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because Elohim has pronounced judgment for you against her.”*** The type of plagues that will be unleashed upon those who receive the mark of the beast, is described in Revelation 16: 2, in this way: ***‘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.’*** We see the end result of those who had the chutzpah to reject receiving the mark of the beast, no matter the cost, in Revelation 20: 4, as follows: ***‘And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded, because of the testimony of Yahshua and because of the word of Elohim, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years.’*** Clearly whoever is marked with the mark of Elohim, wants to be ruled by YHVH the Elohim of Israel and whoever is marked with the mark of the beast, wants to be ruled by Satan.

The mark of Elohim is much like a deposit of eternal life to be inherited by those who finally qualify by remaining faithful to the end, as described in Ephesians 1: 13 & 14, in this way: ***‘In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Set-apart Spirit of promise, (14) who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of Elohim’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.’*** Elohim’s mark is clearly an indication similar to the tree of life, showing that those who have come out of Satan’s rule of the world, in which he ensured the abolition of Elohim’s Torah, including His Sabbaths. The mark of Elohim is believing (forehead) and doing (right hand) His will, the Sabbaths being the covenant sign. We read from Ezekiel 22: 23 – 26 about Churchianity from its inception, soon after Messiah’s ascension to heaven, as follows: ***‘And the word of YHVH came to me saying, (24) Son of man, say to her, “You are a land that is not cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation.” (25) 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.’*** Rav Kepha warned about Satan being the roaring lion in first Peter 5: 8, saying: ***‘Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.’*** So, if Satan is the roaring lion tearing the prey, then the teachers in Churchianity must be his agents helping him in his job to deceive the whole world. The mark of the beast is also in his follower’s foreheads, meaning what they believe, being the lie that he is perpetuating through their false ministers, namely that Torah is done away with and that Sabbath keeping (the sign denoting who is YHVH) is unimportant. The right hand in this case doing work, and thereby defiling the Sabbath sign which is the test commandment.

As a side line at this point: Let’s have a look at why Satan was thrown from the mountain (or government) of Elohim. We turn to Ezekiel 28: 15 – 17 (English –Tanach) to read about the account, in this way: ***“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. (16) By the***

multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of Elohim: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. (17) Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.” We see here that through Satan’s deceptive ways commerce was one of the initial transgressions that Satan committed. In so doing he encouraged mankind to defile the One and Only Test command of YHVH, namely the Sabbath command by doing business on it. This is how he caused all, both great and small, rich and poor, free and bond to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads, and that no one might buy or sell, unless he has the mark. This is showing that similar to the way that those of us who are called out from the religions of the world, are currently resisting to do business on Elohim’s Sabbath, so will Satan’s followers resist from buying and selling on Sunday, but will also keep us from doing any buying and selling of the goods we require, for transgressing the Sunday law which will soon be enforced throughout the world. We need to understand that there are two marks in the Scriptures, and it shows that you and I will live or die by one or the other. You will either fight for YHVH or be an accomplice of Satan. To have the mark of Elohim, we need to obey His Torah including keeping His weekly, annual and land Sabbaths.

The mark of the beast is simply Torahlessness and Satan’s natural spirit that encourages mankind to sin by believing they are right in doing things their own way – as long as they feel right about it in their hearts. This despite Elohim’s warnings in Proverbs 14: 12 and 16: 25, as follows: ***‘There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.’*** The prophet Jeremiah similarly warned in Jeremiah 17: 9, saying: ***‘The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick (the KJV here reads: wicked); who can understand it?’*** Yes, the last thing we should trust in is our hearts. Psalm 118 is nestled right in the center of the Scriptures, between the shortest Psalm (117) and the longest Psalm (119). Verse 8 of Psalm 118 is said to be the midpoint in the Scriptures, provides the following advice to those who believe the Scriptures to be the word of Elohim, i.e. ***‘It is better to take refuge in YHVH than to trust in man.’*** It is for this very reason that YHVH warned us through Rav Shaul in 2 Corinthians 6: 17 & 18, saying: ***“Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE,” says YHVH. “AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; and I will welcome you. (18) “And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” Says the Master Almighty.’*** We need to remember that Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden barring them from the tree of life, which is the Set-apart Spirit, because of disobeying a direct command of Elohim.

However, YHVH specifically sent us Yahshua to show us how we will be able to like Him, become born again children of Elohim, when we are resurrected at Messiah’s return, as is confirmed in Romans 8: 11, giving us the Key to Eternal live, provided we remain faithful to Elohim and His Torah, in this way: ***“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.”*** Nevertheless, the choice is always ours – we can choose to live forever, by repenting and being immersed by a teaching elder in the congregation of Elohim’s called out believers, and after immersion the Set-apart Spirit will be given to those on whom the teaching elder lays his hands as witnessed in 1 Timothy 4: 14, as follows: ***‘Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery (an elder in the congregation).’*** Yes Messiah only became the Son of Elohim after His resurrection from the dead, as confirmed in Romans 1: 1 – 4, in this way: ***‘Paul, 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.’***

We are now able to get the mark of Elohim, which will if we remain faithful to Elohim and His Torah including observing His Sabbaths until Messiah’s return or until death, ensure eternal life for us in His soon coming Kingdom. But, we need to make the choice to either follow YHVH or Satan! It is that simple.

Chapter 8: Do you believe the Scriptures?

If I say to you that according to the Scriptures, the whole world is deceived about religious matters. Do you believe it? Or do you immediately wonder how that is possible? Surely there are numerous very intelligent people dwelling on the earth today, who simply cannot be deceived about anything. In addition there are church ministers who spend up to seven years studying religion, who after many years of research and study have proven that the things we believe are indeed correct according to the Scriptures? Despite, what you and I think, 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.'*** Even though this is telling us that this deception by Satan is ongoing, few people believe it to be possible, since very few believe that the Scriptures should be interpreted literally.

When you read the latest Christian books about studying the Scriptures, you will come across terms such as 'Hermeneutics', 'Theology' and 'Exegesis'. But, what do these complex-sounding words mean? To start with 'Hermeneutics' is a Greek term denoting the science of applying certain rules of interpretation to the Scriptures in order help the student understand better what is being discussed. However, this term also summarizes the biggest difference between Hebraic thought and the Greek Christian way of explaining the Scriptures. In Hebraic though there is an agreed upon system of interpretation of the Scriptures that has kept the Jewish people united on the question of interpretation. The differences in Judaism are not in interpretation, but in the question of observance of the commands (Halacha), rather than what Moses meant when he wrote something. These Hebraic principles of interpretation have maintained the unity in Judaism and the Torah for about 4,000 years. But, sadly Christianity has rejected these Hebraic principles of interpretation and substituted it with principles to be found in Greek mythology and their own philosophical logic. They rejected the literal interpretation of the Scriptures as Jewish and substituted the spiritual interpretation of the Scriptures as valid 'dogma'. These dogmas and creeds were enforced and those who rejected them were branded as heretics and blasphemers. Words such as 'grace', 'redemption' and 'salvation' have entirely different meanings to what they truly mean in Hebrew.

Theology is the assertion or claim of a particular idea based upon a given meaning of terms into a system of dogmatic expression. It is a system in which a community is educated to ignore the inspired meanings of certain terms - It is for this reason that Protestant Christianity has become divided over basic doctrines and has become more and more fragmented over the centuries. Theology is yet another Greek term used to denote the study and understanding of the Scriptures. There is no such a thing as theology to the Hebraic mind. A Hebrew mother is expected to simply teach her children the literal meaning of Torah, until they are old enough to start attending school, where their education including the Hebrew Language and the Scriptures are taught as part of their studies at school. The Jews have a system for Scriptural interpretation, making the development of theology unnecessary. With the correct method of interpretation, any given passage could be restricted to only one interpretation. The word 'Hermeneutics' is used to mean 'speaking by the spirit'. In Greek Mythology Hermes was the speaker for the 'gods'. He was the one who explained messages using the spirit or 'Pneuma' which is Greek for spirit. Hermeneutics is interpreting the message of G-d by the Spirit according to Greek thinking. Even though the Set-apart Spirit of YHVH plays an important role in our understanding of the Scriptures; we need to understand that YHVH has blinded both houses of Israel to certain truths according to His purpose.

It has therefore become evident that even with many years spent at university researching and studying, many in Churchianity have no idea what the kingdom of Elohim entails. The reason for this is that YHVH only gives such knowledge to those individuals whom He calls out of the world (like our fathers in the faith, who were called out of their families to follow Elohim), to start doing His will and way on earth, as Yahshua explained in Matthew 13: 11, 12 and the first part of verse 19, saying to His disciples (and by implication us His modern day disciples): ***"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.” A second witness comes from 2 Corinthians 4: 3 & 4, as follows: **‘And even if our gospel** (the gospel that Messiah preached in among others Mark 1: 14 & 15 about the coming kingdom of Elohim) **is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing** (at this time and will be resurrected during the second resurrection after Messiah’s thousand year rule in His Kingdom, to have the Scriptures opened to their minds at that time as per Revelation 20: 12 and Isaiah 25: 7 – 9, after which they will be able to make an informed decision as to whether they too want to follow Elohim’s way, or not), **(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.”**

YHVH has at this time blinded the minds of Judah to the identity of Yahshua the Messiah; so even though they believe that Messiah is coming to rule them for a thousand years in the soon coming Kingdom of Elohim, they do not believe that Yahshua, the one who came two thousand years ago, was the Messiah. The reason for blinding them at that was so that He could be killed for the sins of all mankind, as witnessed in first Corinthians 2: 4 – 8, in this way: **‘And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, (5) that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of Elohim** (meaning Yahshua Messiah – as per first Corinthians 1: 24). **(6) Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; (7) but we speak Elohim’s wisdom in a mystery** (Yahshua – being both the power and wisdom of Elohim as per first Corinthians 1: 24 and Colossians 2: 2 & 3), **the hidden wisdom, which Elohim predestined before the ages to our glory; (8) the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Master of glory.”** This is essentially saying that those who are presently (YHVH)’s Lawgivers (meaning the Jews) have been blinded to the identity of Yahshua, so that He could die for the sins of all mankind. However, there is also a second reason, as most of us who have come to realize that Messiah came, not only to redeem us from the penalty of breaking Torah, but to bring us back to YHVH and Brother Judah; and until the fullness of the Gentiles (those of us from the lost ten tribes who were dispersed into the nations and some real gentiles have returned to the faith of our fathers in the faith), then all Israel (both houses) will be saved. They will not only be saved, but those of us called out of the world during this age, plus those of our Jewish Brothers who remain faithful to YHVH and His Torah, will remarry YHVH our savior as per Jeremiah 31: 31 – 33, when He will write His Torah on the hearts of the house of Israel again, and enter into a marriage covenant with both houses once again.

This is ‘scheduled’ to happen when Messiah returns one day on Yom Teruah (or Rosh Hashanah as our Jewish Brothers refer to it) in the near future, when He will save the tents of Judah first as per Zechariah 12: 7. He will enter their synagogues on that day, and when they see His hands they will accept Him as their Master and savior (as per Zechariah 12: 10). At that very moment the dead in Messiah will be resurrected as witnessed in first Corinthians 15: 50 – 52¹¹ and Romans 11: 15¹²). However, as much as our Jewish Brothers have been blinded to the identity of Yahshua for a purpose, so have Christianity been blinded to the true Gospel that Yahshua preached. The reason for this is because they do not truly understand who Yahshua is, and how He purposed to build His congregation of called out believers. King David fully understood Yahshua’s purpose and His identity, and therefore wrote in Psalm 118: 21 & 22: **‘I shall give thanks to Thee for Thou hast answered me; and Thou hast become my salvation. (22) The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone.’** Yahshua being a Jew was fully familiar with this Psalm of David, because it is part of the festival liturgy read before the slaughtering of the Passover lambs for

¹¹ First Corinthians 15: 50 – 52: **‘Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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.’**

¹² Romans 11: 15, **‘For if their rejection be the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?’**

Passover, explained the parable about the landowner in Matthew 21: 33 - 40 to the religious leaders of His day. In this parable the heavenly Father is the landowner, who sends His Son when it was harvest time to receive the produce, but instead of giving Him the produce they killed Him. Yahshua then asked the religious leaders what they think the owner will do to those vine-growers when He comes. They replied that He will obviously bring an end to those wretches, and will rent out the vineyard to vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the proper season (harvest time). Yahshua replied to them in verse 42 of Matthew 21, saying: ***“Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM YHVH, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES?’”***

Why can't people understand that Yahshua is YHVH in the flesh? Yes, Churchianity declare J*e*s*u*s* to be G-d, but they still say that He came to do away with His strict old Father's Laws. If they fully understand that Yahshua is the visible image of the invisible Elohim, as much as the person you know and see as Jim Coetzee is made up of a spirit (in man), a soul (meaning I am alive, but is destined to die one day, or if I am alive when Messiah returns, and qualify by remaining faithful to Elohim's Torah and my faith in Messiah, will be changed into a spiritual son of Elohim, due to the fact that I repented from my passed Torah-breaking and were suitably immersed into Yahshua's saving Name) and a body, so YHVH our Elohim is composed of an immortal soul (eternal life), a visible image or body as per Colossians 1: 15¹³ and Hebrews 10: 5, 19 & 20¹⁴, and the Set-apart Spirit, which is His Divine Nature. These verses explain that we from the lost ten tribes of Israel, as the prodigal son, have now been brought back to the Father through Messiah as explained in Ephesians 2: 1 – 19, we have now been reconciled to the Father by the blood of His Son. But many Messianic/Nazarene Israelites/Jews and like-minded believers in the Churches of G-d and the Assemblies of YHVH, also stumble over the fact that Yahshua is YHVH in the flesh, as Isaiah prophesied, using the same images in Isaiah 8: 8 - 10, 14 – 17, saying: ***“Then it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass through, it will reach even to the neck; and the spread of its wings will fill the breath of the land, O Immanuel. (9) Be broken, O peoples, and be shattered; and give ear all remote places of the earth. Gird yourselves, yet be shattered; gird yourselves, yet be shattered (this happened at Messiah's first advent, but will again happen at His second advent). (10) Devise a plan but it will be thwarted; state a proposal, but it will not stand, for Elohim is with us.” (14) “Then He shall become a sanctuary; but to both 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 be broken; they will even be snared and caught.” (16) Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*** (The Testimony mentioned here is the same one mentioned in Revelation 12: 17, meaning the testimony of Yahshua – which is what He taught and how He lived, whilst He was on earth. The law being Elohim's Torah also mentioned in Revelation 12: 17) (17) ***“And I will wait for YHVH who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him.”*** The prophet Isaiah explains in Isaiah 45: 15 that Yahshua being the image of YHVH is also His face, in this way: ***“Truly, Thou art an Elohim who hides Himself, O Elohim of Israel, Savior!”*** The underlined sentence is translated from the Hebrew: (אלהי ישראל מושיע) and transliterated as 'Elohey Yisrael Moshiya.'

But, in what we've just read from Isaiah, is encapsulated the answer to the puzzle! In fact Yahshua went to great lengths to ensure that Rav Kepha (Peter) fully understand what He was saying, and that what he said, became the reason why Churchianity is blinded to the true Yahshua, but also why many Messianic/Nazarene Israelites/Jews and like-minded believers fall over the stumbling stone as prophesied by Isaiah. Even though Yahshua explained the fact that he is the rock upon which His congregation of called out believers will be built in Matthew 7: 21 - 24¹⁵, most did not understand what He was saying in Matthew 16: 18 & 19, when He

¹³ Colossians 1: 15 ***‘And He is the image of the invisible Elohim, the first-born of all creation.’***

¹⁴ Hebrews 10: 5, 19 & 20 ***‘Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “SACRIFICE AND OFFERING THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY THOU HAST PREPARED FOR ME;” Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Yahshua, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh.’***

¹⁵ Matthew 7: 21 – 24: ***‘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. 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?’ And then I will declare***

said to Kepha (Peter): ***“And I also say to you that you are Peter (a stone), and upon this rock (meaning Himself) I will build My congregation; and the gates of Hades (the grave) shall not overpower it. (Meaning there will still be some of His people alive, when He returns one day) (19) I will give you (those disciples who eventually become teachers) the keys of the kingdom of heaven (meaning the Set-apart Spirit at immersion in Acts 2: 38 & 29 and the laying on of hands by a teaching elder in Acts 8: 12 – 17, which will ensure eternal life for those who remain faithful to their calling to the end); and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*** This means that when new believers are immersed in the name of Yahshua, their names are written in the book of life, but if they do not remain with their teachers until they are fully trained, their name are deleted from the book of life. It does not mean that teachers in Yahshua’s congregation have the right to change any doctrines or Halacha in the way we follow Elohim, since as prophesied by Isaiah in Isaiah 8: 17, our doctrine regarding the Torah and Yahshua’s Halacha is already established, amongst His disciples.

However, Matthew 16: 18 about the authority to change congregational doctrines have been misunderstood by the Roman Catholic Church and many Nazarene/Messianic Israelite Jewish congregation, in that they believe Yahshua gave the authority to determine not only congregational doctrines but also timing of the Feast Days of Elohim to them. However, Rav Kepha the disciple to whom Yahshua spoke the words in Matthew 26: 18 & 19 understood fully what Yahshua meant, as witnessed in what he wrote in Acts 4: 8 – 12, in this way: ***‘Then Peter filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people, (9) if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, (10) let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Yahshua Messiah the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom Elohim raised from the dead – by this name this man stands here before you in good health. (11) He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, but WHICH BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone. (12) And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.’*** Later Rav Kepha confirmed this where he told called out believers in Messiah that they have now become a chosen royal priesthood again as YHWH intended in Exodus 19: 6, saying in first Peter 2: 5 – 10, as follows: ***‘You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Elohim through Yahshua Messiah. (6) For this is contained in Scripture: “BEHOLD I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE 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.’*** ‘This is in effect reversing the curse put on the house of Israel by Hosea in Hosea 1.

The Catholic Church believes that Yahshua gave the Pope the right to change Elohim’s Sabbath to Sunday and Elohim’s Feast Days given in Leviticus 23 to Xmas, Halloween etc. But similarly did many Messianic/Nazarene Israelites/Jews and like-minded believers understand from Matthew 16: 18 that they have now replaced the Jews as the custodians of the Oracles of Elohim and have the right to change doctrines as well as the timing of the Feast Days of Elohim. How did Satan succeed in deceiving the whole world? Here you have the answer. However, ask yourself: Do you believe the Scriptures as the word of Elohim? If so, you better believe that the whole world is currently following the god of this world. Members of the lost ten tribes only become Jacob, when they realize that they are called out of the religions of the world. But they are not part of the Israel of Elohim until they stop stumbling over the Rock of our salvation, namely Yahshua, similar to the way Jacob had to wrestle with the angel and prevailed, after which he

to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’ Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.”

realized that the angel was YHVH himself (as per Hosea 12: 3 – 5). It is at that point that they are made a kingdom of priests, a holy nation together with Brother Judah, as Rav Yochanan also confirmed in Revelation 1: 4 - 6, as follows: ***'John to the seven churches (or congregations) that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne; (5) and from Yahshua Messiah, the faithful witness, the first-born (again) of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood, (6) and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His Elohim and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.'*** Let's for the moment revisit the Greek idea or concept of the Spiritual interpretation of the Scriptures. It is important to understand that the Set-apart Spirit or 'Breath of Elohim' is a Hebraic concept, and is never in conflict with the written Torah. An interpretation of the Scriptures cannot ever violate the laws of the system. The Hebraic concept of interpretation was basically rejected by the so-called church fathers, because they were considered too Jewish. But, in rejecting the Hebraic ways, these church fathers had to substitute the literal interpretation with their idea of a 'spiritual interpretation'. The end result was a so-called 'dogmatic theology' that was based on Greek logic, which separated the 'church' from the Olive Tree of Israel. The Hebraic interpretation of the Scriptures is divided into four levels and is known as ***'PaRDeS.'*** The four levels of understanding supported by the word 'PaRDeS' are as follows:

(P) ashat = 'literal' meaning.

(R) emez = 'hinted' meaning.

(D) rash = 'search' for the meaning.

(S) od = 'hidden' meaning.

These are the four levels of understanding the Scriptures. Each layer is deeper and more intense than the last. The rabbis teach that it is like layers of an onion; the more layers you peel off, the stronger it becomes: Pashat: the first level of interpretation is the keystone of Scriptural understanding. If you discard the 'pashat' level, you lose any real chance of an accurate understanding. Consider what we read in 2 Peter 1: 20 & 21: ***'But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scriptures is a matter of one's own interpretation, (21) for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Set-apart Spirit spoke from Elohim.'*** A prime example of this is first Timothy 4: 3 & 4, as follows: ***'Men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods, which Elohim has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. (4) For everything created by Elohim is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude;'*** How many false teachers have told you that this clearly states that you can eat anything you want including pork, shellfish, skunk, etc., as long as we receive it with thanks giving and pray over it. But is that really what is written here? Notice in the Scriptures that verse 4 is not concluded by means of a full stop, but ends in a semi-colon, meaning the sentence does not end there, but continues in verse 5, in this way: ***'for it is sanctified (a word that means to set-apart by YHVH for holy use) by means of the word of Elohim and prayer.'*** At this point we need to ask which foods did the word of Elohim specifically set-apart for holy use. If the word of YHVH does not label something as food, we should never eat of it. But where did YHVH set-apart food for holy use by His people? We get the answer in both Leviticus 23 and Deuteronomy 14. If something claiming to be food does not meet these requirements, those whom YHVH have called out of the world and Set-apart, should not partake of such un-kosher meats. No matter how hard these agents of Satan try to convince you, what is written in the Renewed Covenant can never ever disagree with the 'pashat' or simple literal meaning of the rest of the Scriptures.

Remez: the second level of understanding is known as Remez or the hinted meaning. This is the implied meaning of the text and is deeper than the 'pashat' level. An example of the implied meaning can be found in Proverbs 20: 10, as follows: ***'Differing weights and differing measures, both of them are abominable to YHVH.'*** The 'pashat' would be concerned with a shopkeeper using the same scale to weigh goods sold to all his customers on the same scale. The 'remez', however, implies that this goes beyond fairness in business, and that we should be fair and honest in all aspects of our lives. 'Drash' bases its interpretation on an entire narrative rather than a single word or phrase. It is used to search the text in relation to other Scriptures in order to develop a typological application of the text. It is through this process that we understand the

phrase to 'let the Scriptures interpret the Scriptures'. In the 'drash' interpretation, we look to the Scriptures themselves to define the components of the parable or allegory. For example Yahshua Himself showed many who followed Him in Matthew 12: 15 – 21 that He was the one spoken about by the prophet Isaiah 42: 1 – 4, as follows: ***'But Yahshua, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed Him, and He healed them all, (16) and warned them not to make Him known, (17) in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, might be fulfilled saying, (18) "BEHOLD, MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL-PLEASED, I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, AND HE SHALL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE GENTILES, (19) HE WILL NOT QUARREL, NOR CRY OUT; NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS. (20) A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK OFF, AND A SMOLDERING WICK, HE WILL NOT PUT OUT, UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY. (21) AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES WILL HOPE."*** The servant whom YHVH has chosen is usually meant to be the nation of Israel. But this is undoubtedly talking about Yahshua here, as He himself also showed. Isaiah 43: 10 & 11 therefore also show the dual meaning of the word servant, to mean both houses of Israel, but also Yahshua Himself, in this way: ***"You are my witnesses (talking about both houses of Israel here)," declares YHVH, "and My servant whom I have chosen (both Judah and the remnant of the lost ten tribes called out of the world at this time, but also implying Yahshua), in order that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He (Yes, this is a shorter form of the Sh'ma, but YHVH is also telling us that He is His own servant, as may be understood from the following lines). Before Me there was no Elohim formed, and there will be none after Me. (11) "I, even, I am YHVH; and there is no savior besides Me."*** This makes clear what Yahshua meant when He said in John 12: 44 & 45: ***"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."*** We read Yahshua's reply to Philip when He asked Yahshua to show them the Father in John 14: 9 - 11, saying: ***"Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father?' (10) Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. (11) Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise believe on account of the works themselves."*** Let's for a moment reflect on the word stone (אבן) transliterated as 'Even' in Hebrew: The two words Father transliterated as 'Avinu' (אב) and Son transliterated as 'Ben' (בן) in Hebrew overlap in the word stone. We can literally say that the Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son as is confirmed by Yahshua in John 14: 11.

The fourth and final level of understanding the Scriptures is 'sod' meaning the secret or hidden meaning. This is exactly what we covered earlier in first Corinthians 2: 6 – 13 , as follows: ***'Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; (7) but we speak Elohim's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which Elohim predestined before the ages to our glory; (8) the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Master of glory; (9) but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT ELOHIM HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."*** (10) ***For to us Elohim revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of Elohim. (11) For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of Elohim no one knows except the Spirit of Elohim. (12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from Elohim, that we might know the things freely given to us by Elohim, (13) which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words"*** The discussion about the stone of stumbling is another example of the 'sod' level of interpretation.

There is no magic in interpreting the Scriptures or word of Elohim and the last thing servants of YHVH need is the spirit of Hermes or Hermeneutics to help them understand His word. The Scriptures should be clear to anyone who reads it without needing a person with a doctorate to interpret it. However, we all need to go through a discipleship program like the one Messiah used to train His disciples, before we will be suitably equipped to immerse and train new believers in Messiah. Baruch HaShem YHVH!

Chapter 9: Warning to shepherds.

As much as those of us whom YHVH has called to become first-fruits in following the way of Elohim, we are to be examples to those who come after us, as explained by Rav Yaa'cov in James 1: 18 - 22, saying: ***'In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures. (19) This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; (20) for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of Elohim. (21) Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. (22) But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.'*** At the beginning of our walk with Elohim, we need to listen more than what we talk and reason about the word of Elohim, since at that time we are considered babes in knowledge and understanding. Instead we should start studying and practicing Torah and obtain knowledge that will lead to salvation.

King David confirmed this in Psalm 19: 7, saying: ***'The law (Torah) of YHVH is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of YHVH is sure, making wise the simple.'*** In the beginning we should be more concerned about attending worship services on the Feast Days ordained by Elohim, including the Sabbath and eating kosher food which are included in the four issues discussed in Acts 15: 20, namely to: ***abstain from things contaminated by idols*** (including Xmas and Easter celebrations and all its trimmings) ***and from fornication*** (living together without any marital commitment, but also any form of adultery) ***and from what is strangled and from blood*** (both these issues involve eating food that is properly slaughtered which includes ensuring that all the blood of the animal is taken out before cooking the same, but it also includes a kosher marriage relationship, where men and women remain separate during periods of menstruation).

Rav Yaa'cov warned prospective teachers in James 3: 1, saying: ***'Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment.'*** When after studying for an extended period under a Torah teacher, the disciples of such a Torah teacher will become knowledgeable enough about the Scriptures to begin to teach their own disciples. That is how YHVH planned to perpetuate His congregation of called out believers until Messiah returns one day. However, those who eventually teach new believers whom Elohim calls out of the world, need to be very careful what they teach these new believers, as Yahshua warned in Matthew 18: 5 – 7, saying: ***"And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; (6) but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea. (7) Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!"*** Those of us, who teach Elohim's called out people, need to make absolutely sure that what we teach comes only from the word of Elohim, namely The Scriptures. Churchianity has been lied to for so long, that they have started believing a lie. In fact it is believed that Hitler's Minister of Propaganda said: *"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it."* Satan through his many human agents managed to sell Churchianity his biggest desire and ultimate destiny as their main doctrine; that is, that good people go to heaven if they die and the wicked to eternal hell fire, as a major doctrine of theirs. Satan rebelled against Elohim and wanted to go to heaven and take over Elohim's throne, but he was ultimately thrown down to earth as may be read from Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28. Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire before the great White Throne Judgment and the second resurrection, as witnessed in Revelation 20: 10.

The Scriptures have harsh words for the Shepherds of sheep who preach false doctrines. This is indeed a somber warning for many of those who believe they speak for YHVH. Do you teach doctrines from a few disconnected passages and ignore the ones which do not support your theory? Are you one of those who unknowingly preach false doctrines and another gospel to the one Messiah preached whilst He was on earth? Are you one of those Shepherds who have cheapened the grace of YHVH and are busy bringing His most Set-apart name to naught? Do you also teach that Torah is no longer binding on us and that Yahshua rescinded the strict Laws of His Father? Do you even realize that this is not according to the word of YHVH,

as He says through Isaiah in Isaiah 56: 1, in this way: ***“Preserve justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come and My righteousness is about to be revealed.”*** What is this saying? It tells us that despite Yahshua’s first coming, as well as His second coming, we are even now expected to do righteousness (or keep Torah). Yahshua’s first coming was for the salvation of His people as His name aptly showed in Matthew 1: 21, as follows: ***“And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Yahshua (the Salvation of {YHVH}’s people), for it is He who will save His people from their sin.”*** However, when Yahshua comes again He is coming to rule the world from Jerusalem, when {YHVH}’s righteousness will be revealed as witnessed in Jeremiah 23: 5 & 6, in this way: ***“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.’”*** People who are not fully trained should not teach Elohim’s people, since half-truths could result in some people losing out on eternal life! We have to worship YHVH in the way that He prescribes in His word or not at all. Yahshua made it plain that when we start following Him, we need to make certain that we follow people, who know the truth, as He said in Matthew 7: 13 – 17: ***“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 the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they 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.”*** Yahshua continued explaining that there are many who call on His name, but who are not building His congregation of called our believers on Him and what He taught whilst He was on earth, saying in verses 21 – 24, ***“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.’ (24) Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.”*** Again what is Yahshua saying here? Well, He is telling us, that if we truly want to follow Him in the way He walked, and want to build our house on Him the rock of our salvation, we need to do the will of the Father, and stop practicing lawlessness in the way that we live our lives.

But before we wander off from the discussion in Isaiah 56, let’s read from verse 2 what YHVH tells us through Isaiah the prophet, as follows: ***“How blessed is the man who does this (preserve justice and do righteousness), and the son of man who takes hold of it; who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”*** Anyone who puts in only a little effort will not find so much as even a hint in all of the Scriptures that the Sabbath was to be changed to Sunday. As mentioned in an earlier lesson, the Scriptures show the Sabbath to be a perpetual sign, identifying the people of YHVH, as well as Him the true Elohim. The Hebrew word perpetual (עולם) transliterated as ‘Olam’ means without end. It describes eternity. But, the churches of the world do not fully understand the word ‘perpetual’, and it is for this reason that some church pastors teach that it doesn’t matter which days we keep to worship on, as long as we keep one out of seven. Those who teach this will have to answer at the Judgment seat of Yahshua after His Millennial rule and the second resurrection. We see that even though it was always Elohim’s intention to save most of the people that He created, except for the irredeemable wicked, those who teach that Torah is done away with, will at that time be called the least in the Kingdom of Elohim, as He prophesied in Matthew 5: 17 – 19, saying: ***“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill (or make it more binding, as may be seen from reading from verses 21 – 48). (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.”***

The reason why Yahshua mentioned heaven and earth in verse 18, is that when YHVH gave our forebears ancient Israel His Torah teachings as a marriage covenant between Him and them and their children after them, He called heaven and earth to witness against them, that they would be blessed for keeping the law and be punished for not doing so, as may be read in Deuteronomy 30: 19 & 20, as follows: ***“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, (20) by loving YHVH your Elohim, by obeying His voice (notice love and obedience are in total agreement), and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which YHVH swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”*** Heaven and earth are still here, are they not? Did Yahshua lie, or is Torah still valid? If so, why do some claim that it is no longer applicable to followers of Yahshua? Could it be because Satan has a vested interest in this deception? Most in Churchianity disregard the warnings to the house of Israel in the Tanach (known as the so-called ‘*Old Testament*’ to them), as being something applicable to the Jews only, or as having already being accomplished. However, this is a big mistake, since the house of Israel is definitely separate from the house of Judah at this time, even though the two houses will again one day at Messiah’s return, be united under His rulership. When Herbert Armstrong from the Church of G-d and people like Messer’s Dugger and Dodd of the Church of G-d Seventh Day introduced the two house doctrine to Churchianity more than 80 years ago, many regarded them as cult-leaders who did not know what they were talking about. However, the two house doctrine is totally Scriptural, starting in Genesis with our fathers in the faith, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and concluding in the book of Revelation 21 where we see that the Temple of Elohim which will come down from heaven will have only twelve gates, as per verses 10 - 12, in this way: ***‘And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from Elohim, (11) having the glory of Elohim. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. (12) It had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.’*** It is because of not knowing who the lost ten tribes of Israel is, that people do not believe the true gospel of the coming Kingdom of Elohim, during which the fallen tabernacle of David will be restored. It is also for this very reason that Churchianity does not understand Yahshua’s main purpose of coming to reconcile us to the Father, but also to Brother Judah.

Very few people understood what Yahshua meant in the short discussion with the Pharisees in Matthew 9: 11 – 13, as follows: ***‘And when the Pharisees saw this they said to His disciples, ‘Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners? (12) But when He heard this, He said, ‘It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. (13) But go and learn what this means, ‘I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’”*** Yahshua did not come to teach our Jewish Brothers about YHVH and His Torah, or as some believe to convert Jews to Christianity. No He came specifically as 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.”*** In fact He confirmed this earlier in Matthew 10 when He sent His disciples out the first time in verses 5 -8 saying: ***“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.’ (This does not mean we are going to heaven at death, but as Yahshua also told His disciples to pray for Elohim’s Kingdom, which is currently in heaven to come to earth {in Matthew 6: 10}) (8) Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give.”*** This last sentence is also something that not many in Churchianity would like to hear – yes, we have to teach those whom YHVH calls to be immersed and taught by us, for free since we received it freely.

The Lost sheep of the house of Israel were those who were taken captive by Assyria more than 700 years before Messiah’s first advent. These people, who were our forebears lived amongst the Gentiles and lost the Hebrew culture, religion and ways and became like the pagans amongst whom they lived. They were deceived by Satan and his many human agents to believe that they are the followers of the Jewish Messiah and called themselves after His Greek title Christ which is said to mean the same as the Hebrew word Messiah. But Yahshua our Messiah was a born Jew and never denounced his Jewish faith throughout His

three and a half years ministry on earth. In fact His followers remained Jewish in nature and were known as Nazarenes, a sect of the Jewish Pharisees of Messiah's day, as may be confirmed in Acts 15: 5 and Acts 24: 5 & 14. But the lost sheep of the house of Israel were still in dispersion when Yahshua our Messiah walked the earth, as can be seen from the question they asked Him immediately before His ascension to heaven¹⁶, in Acts 1: 6, in this way: ***'And so when they had come together, they were asking Him saying, "Master, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom (of Elohim) to Israel?"'*** In fact we have a witness of the historian, a contemporary of Yahshua, who stated the lost ten tribes were still scattered at that time and were a vast number, which could not be counted. In fact several of the so-called gospel letters were addressed to these Israelites in dispersion, as witnessed in first Peter 1: 1, as follows: ***'Peter (or Kepha as he was known to Yahshua and the other disciples), an apostle of Yahshua Messiah, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen.'*** It is only once those who are called out of the false religions of the world to return to the faith of our fathers in the faith, that Messiah's apostles will deal with them as equals. In this case they were called aliens (or strangers) throughout Pontus, Galatia ('Galut' in transliterated Hebrew meaning exiles), Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, chosen to return to the covenant with YHVH through the blood of Yahshua.

First Peter 2: 9 & 10 associates these scattered people with the house of Israel and not Judah, since it is reversing the curse placed on them by YHVH through the prophet Hosea in Hosea 1. The epistle of Yaa'cov was written to the 12 tribes which are scattered abroad. Even though the Jews returned to the Promised Land 70 years after their captivity by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and again en masse in 1948, after World War II. But what about the Corinthians were they Gentiles? Rav Shaul did not regard them as Gentiles since we see from first Corinthians 10: 1, that he refers to them as brethren, but add further in verse 1, saying: ***"that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea."*** It is clear therefore that Rav Shaul viewed these Corinthians as part of the lost sheep of the house of Israel. In addition we see from John 7: 35 that the Jews of Messiah's day also thought that some of the people in Greece were part of the lost ten tribes of Israel, as follows: ***'The Jews therefore said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we shall not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion (Diaspora) among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks is He?"'*** YHVH planned to preserve knowledge about Messiah Yahshua in scattered Israel. Yes, Judah rejected Him, but has preserved the Oracles of YHVH, which were entrusted to them. Even if it seems impossible to prove the existence of the lost ten tribes, YHVH has preserved knowledge about them throughout the Scriptures, even though it is not always readily accessible to those who are blinded to it at this time. All twelve tribes of Israel, (or more correct all 13 tribes including the tribe of Levi who remained with Judah, when Jeroboam made priests from among all the people who were not from the tribe of Levi) are necessary to make it possible for YHVH to restore the Tabernacle of David which has fallen.

(YHVH)'s plan is to bring all twelve tribes together when Messiah returns, as He explained through the prophet Ezekiel 37: 21 – 25, saying: ***"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. (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."*** The Jews are presently separate

¹⁶ Forty days after Yahshua's resurrection late on Saturday afternoon (the weekly Sabbath) and three days and three nights after His death and burial before sunset on Wednesday (the middle of the week), before the First Day of Unleavened Bread (the first annual Sabbath of the year) as witnessed in John 19: 31.

from the house of Israel, which consists of ten of the lost tribes, together making up the 13 tribes of the ancient nation of Israel. The house of Judah today consists of three tribes, namely Judah, Benjamin and Levi. Because the Jews retained their culture, faith and returned to their language, they remained identifiable throughout the past 2800 years, and especially after their return from captivity about 2500 years ago, when Ezra and Nehemiah returned to the Promised Land to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and the Temple. It is therefore important to understand that when you read the word 'Israel' in the Scriptures, it is not always talking about the Jews, which was but one of the 13 tribe nation. Most of the time when you see the word Israel, it refers to the 10 tribe house of Israel and not the 3 tribe house of Judah.

Back to the discussion in Isaiah 56, we continue to read the warning to shepherds from verses 3 – 12, as follows: ***'Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to YHVH say, "YHVH will surely separate me from His people." Neither let the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." (4) For thus says YHVH, "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant, (5) to them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off. (6) 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, 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." (8) YHVH, who gathers the dispersed of Israel, declares, "Yet others I will gather to them, to those already gathered." (9) All the beasts of the field, all you beasts in the forest, come to eat. (10) His watchmen are blind, all of them know nothing. All of them are dumb dogs unable to bark, dreamers lying down, who love to slumber; (11) And the dogs are greedy, they are not satisfied. And they are shepherds who have no understanding; They have all turned to their own way, each one to his unjust gain, to the last one. (12) "Come," they say, "let us get wine, and let us drink heavily of strong drink; and tomorrow will be like today, only more so."'*** When anyone returns to YHVH and His Torah through Yahshua the Messiah, he/she automatically becomes Israel. Whereas YHVH is calling mostly people from the lost ten tribes of Israel to return to Him at this time through Yahshua the Messiah, there are some Gentiles who also respond to His call, especially when those whom He calls from the lost ten tribes reject His call, because they are too busy or get ridiculed by family and friends. This is also supported by the parable in Matthew 22: 2 – 14, where the king invites guests to his son's wedding and those whom he calls refuse because of their many other worries and responsibilities in this world, then He sends his slaves to go into the highways and invite virtually anybody. Later on when he comes to the reception and sees some without wedding clothes on (meaning they did not wash their garments in the word – did not keep Torah) He chased them out into the outer darkness. It is also here in verse 14 where we read that many are called but few are chosen.

The above is a comparatively mild warning if you consider the one in Isaiah 66: 15 – 23 which is to occur on the day of YHVH; the day of (YHVH)'s vengeance on the earth, not Sunday as some believe, in this way: ***'For behold YHVH will come in fire and His chariots like the whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. (16) For YHVH will execute judgment by fire and by His sword on all flesh, and those slain by YHVH will be many. (17) Those who sanctify and purify themselves to go to the gardens, following one in the center, who eat swine's flesh, detestable things, and mice, shall come to an end altogether, declares YHVH. (18) For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory. (19) And I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations. (20) Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering 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 (first fruits) in a clean vessel to the house of YHVH. (21) I will also take some of them for priests and for Levites, says YHVH. (22) For just as the new heavens and the new earth which I make will endure before Me, declares YHVH, "So your offspring and your name will endure. (23) And it shall be from new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all***

mankind will come to bow down before Me” says YHVH.’ Here we are told that there will be survivors of these pig eaters, and because of what they will see, they will declare Elohim’s esteem to the rest of the nations of the world. We also see that despite those who teach that the Levitical Priesthood came to an end when Messiah died, we see here that some of us, who were chosen as first fruits will become priests and Levites. Notice also verse 23 does not say from one Sunday to the next, but from Sabbath to Sabbath, and New Moon (New Month according to the Hebrew calendar) to New Moon. The average teacher might dismiss this lightly, but failure to keep Elohim’s annual Sabbaths according to the Feast Days kept in Judah was but one of the reasons for their dispersion into the world.

Xmas was officially adopted into Christianity during the 5th century on the exclusive authority of the Roman Catholic Church. Lent which also has no Scriptural basis has always been associated with sun worship and the Spring Equinox. Does it matter to YHVH that these were originally pagan festivals? We get the answer from Deuteronomy 12: 29 – 32, in this way: ***“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?’ (31) You shall not behave thus toward YHVH your Elohim, for every abominable act which YHVH hates they have done for their gods; for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. (32) Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.***’ Does this sound like it does not matter to YHVH? When Aaron decided the timing of a Feast Day to Elohim (other than those He already specified in Exodus 23), when he also made a golden calf for the nation to worship, whilst Moses went up on Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments from YHVH, YHVH wanted to wipe the nation out and start all over with Moses alone, as witnessed in Exodus 32: 9 & 10, as follows: ***‘And YHVH said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold they are an obstinate people. (10) Now then let them alone, that My anger may burn against them, and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation.”***’

As Israelites we have truly inherited lies from our fathers. Do you realize that a large percentage of what you were taught by Churchianity is not true? Do you really have a love for truth? We are suitably warned about those who teach traditions of men rather than the truth of YHVH that can only come from His word, in Colossians 2: 8, where he wrote: ***‘See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy (religion) and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than Messiah.’*** These are lies which are traditions of men and practices of the world incorporated into the worship system of Churchianity to make it more acceptable to the newly converted pagan to their faith. The congregants trust in their pastors for truth, but are being fed lies. Even if some tell you 95% truth and 5% lies, the mixture is like a glass of milk filled with 5% arsenic, a deadly mixture, which will eventually cause death. It is therefore vitally important for those of us who are teaching others, to make absolutely sure about the truth, before teaching Elohim’s people. We read the following harsh judgment for teaching Elohim’s people falsehood from 2 Thessalonians 2: 7, in this way: ***‘For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.’*** The Law spoken about here is not manmade laws, but (YHVH)’s Torah. We see that the mystery of lawlessness was already working in Rav Shaul’s time, as much of the house of Israel was not keeping Torah at that time. The workers of lawlessness or iniquity are those who teach that Torah has been abolished and do not keep it themselves. Rav Shaul continues in verses 8 – 12 , saying: ***‘And then that lawless one will be revealed whom YHVH will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; (9) that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, (10) and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. (11) And for this reason Elohim will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false, (12) in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.’***

Our fathers have inherited lies, and those who YHVH is calling back at this time should be most thankful that He remained faithful to the many promises that He made to Abraham Isaac and Jacob, as He tells us in

Malachi 3: 6, saying: ***“For I, YHVH, do not change; therefore you O sons of Jacob (all twelve tribes, not only Judah), are not consumed.”*** It is time that we truly repent from our past Torah breaking and return to YHVH through the blood of Yahshua our Messiah and personal Passover. It is to repent as Jeremiah wrote in Jeremiah 16: 19 – 21, saying: ***‘O YHVH, my strength and my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of distress, to Thee the nations will come from the ends of the earth and say, “Our fathers have inherited nothing but falsehood, futility and things of no profit.” (20) Can man make gods for himself? Yet they are not gods! (21) Therefore, behold, I am going to make them know—this time I will make them know My power and My might; and they shall know that My name is YHVH.’*** Even though your copy of the Scriptures might say ‘LORD’ in place of YHVH, if you look in the foreword of your Scriptures, as in the case of the New American Standard Bible under the ‘Principles of Translation’, you will notice that the translators took the liberty to change the title Elohim to ‘God’ and Elohim’s personal name YHVH or YHWH to ‘LORD’ to as they put it, ***‘in order to avoid confusion.’***

Why is it necessary for those of us who used to believe that we were Gentiles, to confess that our fathers taught us nothing but lies? Because these lies have been perpetuated by the religious leaders who taught the Israelites in the nations amongst whom they were scattered. Jeremiah continues in Jeremiah 23: 1 – 4, saying: ***“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!” declares YHVH. (2) Therefore thus says YHVH Elohim of Israel concerning the shepherds who are tending My people: “You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds.” Declares YHVH. (3) 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’*** Since we have already quoted verses 5 & 6, let’s continue on in verses 7 – 22, as follows: ***‘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 countries where I had driven them.” Then they will live on their own soil. (9) As for the prophets: My heart is broken within me, all my bones tremble; I have become like a drunken man, even like a man overcome with wine, because of YHVH and because of His holy words. (10) For the land is full of adulterers; for the land mourns because of the curse. The pastures of the wilderness have dried up. Their course also is evil, and their might is not right. (11) For both prophet and priest are polluted; even in My house I have found their wickedness, declares YHVH. (12) Therefore their way will be like slippery paths to them, they will be driven away into the gloom and fall down in it; for I shall bring calamity upon them, the year of their punishment, declares YHVH. (13) Moreover, among the prophets of Samaria I saw an offensive thing: They prophesied by Baal and led My people Israel astray, (14) Also among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing: The committing of adultery and walking in falsehood; and they strengthen the hand of evildoers, so that no one has turned back from his wickedness. All of them have become to Me like Sodom, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah. (15) Therefore thus says YHVH of hosts concerning the prophets, behold, I am going to feed them wormwood and make them drink poisonous water, for from the prophets of Jerusalem pollution has gone forth into all the land. (16) Thus says YHVH of hosts, “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; they speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of YHVH. (17) They keep saying to those who despise Me, YHVH has said, “You will have peace”; And as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, they say, “Calamity will not come upon you.” (18) But who has stood in the council of YHVH, that he should see and hear His word? Who has given heed to His word and listened? (19) Behold, the storm of YHVH has gone forth in wrath, even a whirling tempest; it will swirl down on the head of the wicked. (20) The anger of YHVH will not turn back until He has performed and carried out the purposes of His heart; in the last days you will clearly understand it. (21) I did not send these prophets, but they ran. I did not speak to them, but they prophesied. (22) But if they had stood in My council, then they would have announced My words to My people, and would have turned them back from their evil way and from the evil of their deeds.’***

Many in the churches of the world have come to believe that they are saved and even born-again. However, the truth is that only Yahshua was born-again as the first-born from the dead (as per Colossians 2: 15, 18 and Revelation 1: 5). Most of those who died in (the true) Messiah, and believed Him when He said in John 3: 13, ***“And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man”***, will if we remain faithful to YHVH and His Torah and our faith in Messiah to the end, qualify one day to be born-again as Spirit beings when we are resurrected at Messiah’s return to earth. This is when Messiah will establish Elohim’s Kingdom on earth, as it is now in heaven. In support of this we read from Psalm 115: 16, ***“The heavens are the heavens of YHVH; but the earth He has given to the sons of men.”*** As human beings we are earth bound, but the heavens belong to YHVH alone. It is clear therefore that Yahshua was indeed YHVH our righteousness as identified in Jeremiah 23: 6; as He came from heaven and also went back after His resurrection. Mankind together with father Abraham will inherit the earth, perpetually. Those not in the first resurrection, will be resurrected as humans in the second resurrection, to be taught a second time when the Scriptures will be opened to their minds, allowing them to make an informed decision as to follow Elohim and His way or not, after which they will also be changed into spiritual children of Elohim (as per Revelation 20: 12 & Isaiah 25: 7 – 9). Those not prepared to listen at that time, will simply be burned to ashes (as per Malachi 4: 1). Do not be deceived, YHVH will not tolerate any lawlessness in His Kingdom, consisting of Him and His Spiritual offspring. I hope this inspires those who have ears to hear, to do what is right in Elohim’s sight, and if you do not have knowledge that leads to salvation – stop teaching Elohim’s people and be ready to learn! Think about it!

Chapter 10: Kiss the Son.

Many in Churchianity are very critical about some of the customs of our Jewish Brothers in their synagogues. One such custom that regularly takes place in synagogues around the world, is that the congregants actually kiss a copy of the Torah kept in these synagogues around the world. I have heard some say that they believe this practice is out and out idolatry. However, we read from Psalm 2: 12 (KJV): ***'Kiss the Son*** (which is translated from the Hebrew {נשקוֹבֶר} and transliterated as Naschu Bar), ***lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way.***' According to the Hebrew, we are to be joined to, submit to and be faithful to the Son, the heir of all things, or He will be angry with us. We as Nazarene Jews/Israelites believe that Yahshua is the embodiment of Torah; so by kissing the Torah-scroll on Shabbat our Jewish Brothers are unknowingly also paying homage to Messiah, (YHVH)'s anointed one.

Two other Tanach references to (YHVH) having a Son and describing some of Yahshua's words and deeds, comes from Proverbs 30 and Daniel 7. Let's therefore begin by reading the following questions from Proverbs 30: 4, in this way: ***'Who has ascended into heaven and descended? (Q1) Who has gathered the wind in his fists? (Q2) Who has wrapped the waters as His garment? (Q3) Who has established all the ends of the earth? (Q4) What is His name or His son's name? (Q5) Surely you know!'*** These questions refer to both the Father and His son: We read from Deuteronomy 30: 11 – 14 in respect of question 1, YHVH talking about Torah, saying: ***"For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. (12) It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' (13) Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?' (14) But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it?"*** We read Yahshua's understanding regarding question 1 from John 3: 13 and 6: 62, as follows: ***"And no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man."*** (6: 62) ***"What then if you should behold the Son of Man ascending where He was before?"*** The truth of the matter is that according to Psalm 115: 16, ***'The heavens are the heavens of YHVH; but the earth He has given to the sons of men.'*** The answer to question 2 comes from Job 37: 9 & 10, in this way: ***'Out of the south comes the storm, and out of the north the cold. (10) From the breath of Elohim ice is made, and the expanse of the waters is frozen.'*** The answer to question 3 comes from Job 9: 8, in this way: ***'Who alone stretches out the heavens, and tramples down the waves of the sea.'***

In answer to both questions 2 & 3 we read how Yahshua walked on the waters of the sea and how He calmed the sea from Mark 6: 47 - 51, as follows: ***'And when it was evening the boat was in the midst of the sea, and He was alone on the land. (48) And seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the night, He came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them. (49) But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; (50) for they all saw Him and were frightened. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." (51) And He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were greatly astonished.'*** The answer of Question 4 comes from Isaiah 44: 24, in this way: ***'Thus says YHVH, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, YHVH am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by Myself, and spreading out the earth all alone."'*** But we also read from the first part of Psalm 33: 6, ***'By the word of YHVH the heavens were made.'*** This is confirmed in John 1: 1 – 3, as follows: ***'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. (2) He was in the beginning with Elohim. (3) All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.'*** Finally the answer to question 5 comes from Exodus 3: 13 – 15, in this way: ***'Then Moses said to Elohim, "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?" (14) 'And Elohim said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM", and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" (15) 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.” Yahshua’s words in the first part of John 5: 43 quoted earlier, completes the answers to the questions in Proverbs 30: 4 where He said that He like any other son: **“(I) have come in My Father’s name.”** In addition we read Yahshua’s answer to the Jews in John 8: 58, when they had a dispute with Him regarding Abraham our father in the faith, He said to them: **“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”** As may be seen from verse 59, they understood what He was saying, and wanted to stone Him, but He hid Himself, and went out of the temple. Continuing in Daniel 7 we read Daniel’s prophecy about the Son of Man in verses 13 & 14, as follows: **“I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like the Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and presented before Him. (14) And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.”**

But, what is this Psalm really about? If we link Psalm 2: 11 & 12 with other Messianic prophecies in the Tanach, it is clear that the Son of YHVH mentioned here is none other than the resurrected Yahshua Messiah. For example we read the first Messianic prophecy from Exodus 23: 20 – 23: **“Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. (21) Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; do not be rebellious toward Him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since My name is in Him. (22) But if you will truly obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. (23) For My angel will go before you and bring you in to the land of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I will completely destroy them.”** Continuing in Deuteronomy 18: 18 & 19, we read a second Messianic prophecy, from YHVH, through Moses, as follows: **‘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.’** The problem is that very few so-called believers are today paying attention to the words that Yahshua spoke whilst He was on earth. To show the extent of this disobedience, I list a few of the more obvious examples of what Yahshua said that people who claim to believe in Him contradict:

1. Messiah stated categorically that He did not in any way come to abolish the Tanach (or the ‘Old Testament’ as Churchianity refers to it), saying in Matthew 5: 17 – 20: **“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.”** The word fulfill here does not mean that Yahshua kept the Law and the Prophets for His followers and that they need not be concerned with it any longer, no, it means that He made the Torah and the Prophets more binding as may be seen from reading verses 21 – 48 of chapter 5. In fact this is also exactly what Isaiah prophesied about Him in Isaiah 42: 21, saying: **‘YHVH was pleased for His righteousness’ sake to make the law great and glorious.’** Continuing in verses 18 – 20 of Matthew 5, we read: **“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 other, 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.”** Verse 19 is obviously talking about the Kingdom of Elohim in heaven, for which Yahshua taught us to pray in Matthew 6: 10, saying: **‘Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’**
2. Yahshua further stressed the importance of the Torah in John 5: 43 - 47, but also that believing in it is actually a prerequisite for belief in Him, as follows: **“I have come in My Father’s name (as prophesied by YHVH through Moses and quoted in Exodus 23 and Deuteronomy 18 earlier), and you do not receive Me; if another (one of the many false teachers that Messiah warned His disciples about in Matthew 24) 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?"

3. We read Yahshua's discussion with Nicodemus in John 3: 3 - 13 regarding being born-again and going to heaven, as follows: ***'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 and the Spirit (properly immersed), 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."*** (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? (Nicodemus a Rabbi in Messiah's days, did not understand what Yahshua meant by being born-again. Yahshua was simply saying that flesh and blood human beings are not born-again yet, but that like He eventually became the first-born from the dead after His resurrection {as per Revelation 1: 5}, so those who died in Messiah will be resurrected to be born-again as Spiritual children of Elohim when Yahshua returns one day soon {as per first Corinthians 15: 23; 50 – 53})*** (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."*** We see from verse 13, that despite many in Churchianity believing that their members will go to heaven at death, Yahshua confirmed that this will definitely not be the case, especially if one considers that those who qualify to be in the Kingdom of Elohim, will reign on earth, under Yahshua one day, as confirmed in Revelation 5: 10 and 20: 6, in this way: ***"And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom of priests to our Elohim; and they will reign upon the earth."*** (20: 6) ***'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.'***
4. Although Messiah told the scribes and Pharisees that He will be in His grave three full days and three full nights; i.e. 72 hours, as the only sign to prove that He is the Messiah, many in Churchianity, to this day, believe that Messiah was in the grave from Friday evening until Sunday morning, which is only 36 hours, and thereby denying the only sign Yahshua gave us of Him being the Messiah. We read Messiah's discussion with the scribes and Pharisees in this regard, in Matthew 12: 38 – 40 as follows: ***'Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."*** (39) ***But He answered and said to them, 'An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign shall be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; (40) for just as Jonah WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."*** The reason why Churchianity miss-calculate the three days and three nights that Messiah was in the grave, is because they do not understand or keep the Feast Days of Elohim, given in Leviticus 23 and preserved for Israel by our Jewish Brothers. If they kept Elohim's ordained Feast Days, they would have understood from reading John 19: 30 & 31, that Yahshua died and was buried late on the day before the First Day of Unleavened Bread (also known by Jews as the first annual Sabbath {a high day} of the religious year), on a Wednesday as prophesied by Daniel in Daniel 9: 27, and was resurrected exactly three days and three nights later on Saturday (the weekly Sabbath), just before sunset, in this way: ***'When Yahshua therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit. (31) The Jews therefore, because it was the day of preparation (for the annual Sabbath), so that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.'*** Most versions of the Scriptures contain the underlined words in brackets. The women who came to Yahshua's grave after the weekly Sabbath found that He was already resurrected. Yahshua was risen late on the Sabbath, meaning immediately before sunset, and when the women

arrived at His grave after the Sabbath what is known today in the western world as Saturday evening (transliterated in Hebrew as 'erev Yom Rishon'), His grave was empty.

The prophecy in Psalm 2 declares that the Son of Elohim, King Messiah will one day come to rule all the nations (goyim) of the world. The **Babylonian Talmud, Sukkah 5a** regarding Psalm 2, reads: *"Our rabbis taught, the Holy One, blessed be He, will say to the Messiah, the son of David (may he reveal himself speedily in our days), 'Ask of me anything, and I will give it to thee', as it is said, I will tell of the decree etc. this day have I begotten thee, as of me and I will give you the nations for thy inheritance."* As (YHVH)'s power, Yahshua the Messiah would crush all rebellion of the rulers of the world against Elohim, as witnessed in verses 1 – 6, as follows: **'Why are the nations in an uproar, and the peoples devising a vain thing? (2) The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers take counsel together against YHVH and against His Anointed (or Messiah): (3) "Let us tear their fetters (yokes) apart, and cast away their cords (traditions) from us." (4) He who sits in the heavens laughs, YHVH scoffs at them. (5) Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury.'** We see that this will happen when Messiah returns on Yom Teruah or the Feast of Trumpets in the foreseeable future. This is the day upon which the dead in Messiah will be resurrected and those still alive will also be changed into Spirit beings as Spiritual children of Elohim, as witnessed in first Thessalonians 4: 15 – 17, in this way: **'For this we say to you by the word of YHVH, 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 YHVH in the air, and thus we shall always be with YHVH.'**

However, for the dead to be resurrected there are certain steps that have to be completed first; and for these we have to take into account Scriptural witnesses from both the Renewed Covenant and the Tanach. Firstly to establish the timing of the Last Trumpet and Messiah's return, we look at Messiah's prophecy about His return in Matthew 24: 29 – 31, where He said: **"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.'** Secondly we read what might appear to be a totally unrelated verse from Romans 11: 15, about our Jewish Brothers, in this way: **'For if their rejection be reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead.'** This is telling us that on the day that our Jewish Brothers will accept Yahshua as their Messiah in the near future, the dead in Messiah will be raised. We see further from Zechariah 12: 7 – 10, that when Yahshua returns to Jerusalem, the nations of the earth will be gathered against Jerusalem to make war with Messiah and His people, as follows: **'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.'** One day in the foreseeable future, when our Jewish Brothers will observe Rosh Hashanah on the Feast of Trumpets, they will be visited by Yahshua at His return and when they see His hands, they will accept Him as their Messiah. At that very moment, the dead in Messiah will be raised and those alive at the time will be changed from flesh and blood human beings, to become Spiritual children of Elohim, similar to the way in which Messiah became the Son of Elohim, by His resurrection from the dead (as per Romans 1: 4).

This will occur immediately prior to the terrible time described 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 fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses*** (at this time the saints will have been changed into Spiritual Beings and will be able to move around at will, without having to be dressed in special clothing to travel through the outer space). ***(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.”*** We read further about Messiah’s return in Joel 2: 30 – 32, as follows: ***“And I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire, and columns of smoke. (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.”*** Yahshua will enter into a new Marriage Covenant with a remnant from both houses of Israel, but since the house of Judah are already Torah observant, He will only write His Torah on the hearts and minds of the house of Israel. Even so, the ‘kissing’ of the Son will by no means end after Messiah’s millennial rule.

The point is: that eventually every knee will bow before Yahshua the Messiah, as witnessed in Philippians 2: 8 – 11, in this way: ***‘And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross. (9) Therefore also Elohim highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, (10) that at the name of Yahshua EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW*** (as also prophesied in Isaiah 45: 23), ***of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, (11) and that every tongue should confess that Yahshua Messiah is Master, to the glory of Elohim the Father.’*** King David also wrote about the second resurrection in Psalm 22: 27 – 29, saying: ***‘All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to YHVH, and all the families of the nations will worship before Thee. (28) For the kingdom is (YHVH)’s and He rules over the nations. (29) All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, All those who go down to the dust will bow before Him, even he who cannot keep his soul alive.’*** We read Rav Shaul’s teaching identifying Yahshua as Elohim’s Son from Acts 13: 32 – 34, as follows: ***“And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, (33) that Elohim has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Yahshua, as it is also written in the second Psalm, “THOU ART MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE.” (34) And as for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no more to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: “I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY and SURE blessings OF DAVID.”***

Those who won’t bow before Yahshua and accept Him as their personal Passover will simply become ashes under the feet of the righteous, as witnessed in Malachi 4: 1 - 3, in this way: ***“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace*** (this is the day spoken about in Revelation 20: 14 & 15¹⁷); ***and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set ablaze, says YHVH of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. (2) But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. (3) And you will tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says YHVH of hosts.’*** We have a choice to pay homage to the Son of Elohim and be saved at this time, or do so later, when YHVH will open the Scriptures to the minds of those in the second resurrection. But remember, there is no such a thing as a second chance. If we have been given the knowledge about the coming kingdom of Elohim at this time, this is our only chance to be born-again as a Spiritual son or daughter of Elohim at Messiah’s coming! Think carefully about it!

¹⁷ Revelation 20: 14 & 15: ***‘And death and Hades (the grave) were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death (not eternal punishment), the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.’***

Chapter 11: Belief in Yahshua the Messiah.

Do you think it is possible to believe in Yahshua the Messiah and somehow be associated with Rabbinical Judaism? Many in Churchianity think this to be unthinkable and that the two belief-systems are the exact opposites. However, we should not forget that Yahshua the Messiah was a Rabbi and most scholars agree that from the topics of His discussions with the various religious groups of His day that He was closely related to the Pharisaic group. Of the religious sect of the second Temple period the Pharisees are the first to be mentioned around 160 BCE.

However, there were various groups in the days of Yahshua; amongst other the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Essenes. There were also smaller groups within these major groups; one being the Nazarenes as a sect of the Pharisees. The name Pharisees means 'the separated ones', and they were scrupulous in their observance of the written and oral Law. They also taught in the synagogues and their beliefs, particularly in the resurrection of the dead and the coming of Messiah, influenced the majority of the Jewish nation. At times they came into conflict with the Sadducees, and at one stage were excluded from the Sanhedrin. After the destruction of the Temple around 70 CE, the sacrificial system came to an end, and the Pharisees became the dominant group in the Jewish community. The question is: which of the two groups did Yahshua authenticate? We read what He said about the Sadducees when some of them questioned Him in Matthew 22: 23 - 28, about the resurrection in which they did not believe, as recorded in verse 29, like this: ***'But Yahshua answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of Elohim."*** If we follow Yahshua, we should not believe what the Sadducees teach, as they do not understand the Scriptures. What did Yahshua say about the Pharisees? We read from Matthew 23: 1 - 3, ***'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; (3) therefore all they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things, and do not do them."*** So, we should listen and believe what the Pharisees tell us, but should not do what they do, as they tell us to keep the Torah, but do not always do as they teach. Their problem was hypocrisy, in that they wanted to look better than what they really were, as we read from Matthew 23: 28. This is a typical problem with many 'pious' people, even today. Matthew 23 is a chapter often quoted to condemn the scribes and the Pharisees. However, Messiah's warnings in Matthew 23 are in agreement with Judaism and absolutely in agreement with Torah. However, what is overlooked by the Church is the way this chapter begins, upholding the authority of the scribes and Pharisees to rule on the Law.

The passage is a clear endorsement of the authority of Rabbinical Judaism and their Pharisaic tradition. Most Christian scholars, as well as some Nazarene/Messianic Jews/Israelites and like-minded believers have not taken Messiah's advice seriously, because it militates against their entire culture, and will definitely upset the status quo at this stage. To make matters worse in a recent book by the current Karaite leader, entitled: 'The Hebrew Yeshua vs the Greek Jesus', Nehemiah Gordon uses 'The Shem Tob Matthew' a 14th century work written by a Rabbi by that name, as an argument against Christianity. However, a number of factors revealed the dubious nature of The Shem Tob version of Matthew. It contains many revisions and later insertions and is not older than the year 1500 CE, whereas, scholars have Greek manuscripts that originated as long ago as 250 CE. In addition not a single Greek manuscript supports the reading of the Shem Tob version of Matthew, where the words of Messiah in Matthew 23: 3 have been altered to read **he** meaning Moses instead of **they** meaning the Pharisees. The foundation of Gordon's Karaite argument is that two Shem Tob manuscripts read **he** instead of **they**, however, 6 of the surviving 9 copies of the Shem Tob manuscripts read **they** and not **he**. In fact one fragment copy does not even contain Matthew 23: 2 & 3. In addition the book of Matthew contained in the 'Gospel of the Ebionites' and the 'Gospel of the Nazarenes' – both ancient Hebrew versions of Matthew do not agree with these Shem Tob versions. In other words, only 2 manuscripts of a very dubious manuscript support the single reading **he** meaning Moses. But what is more revealing, is that one of these two manuscripts is clearly a copy of the other, so the textual support reduces to only a single copy out of almost 500 Greek copies of Matthew with the correct reading. But that is not all – the difference between the word they (אֲמַר) and he (אֵמַר) in Hebrew is simply a matter of a single letter

that was left out by a scribe. The single manuscript that reads **he** instead of **they** is obviously a scribal mistake, which would have as a result been destroyed, but somehow survived to help Satan and his agents in their role to contradict what Yahshua taught, as witnessed by Rav Jude in Jude 4, as follows: ***'For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our Elohim into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Yahshua Messiah.'***

In addition we need to remember that the Renewed Covenant was written specifically for the lost ten tribes and not for the Jews. If therefore we see the warnings of Yahshua in the Scriptures and specifically in Matthew 23 as against Jews only, we are missing the point totally. Yahshua's warnings against the scribes and Pharisees in these verses are aimed at those who think themselves to be religious amongst us. Yahshua was warning that our religion should not only be an outward show, in which we try to make as if we are better than everyone else, no, we should truly strive to be better. The Jewish faith is generally known as a non-proselyte faith, in that they do not go out to find converts, but will allow converts who come to them with the intention to convert to Judaism. It is for this reason also that Yahshua came to specifically bring the lost ten tribes back to Judaism, as He said to His twelve disciples upon sending them out after instructing them in Matthew 10: 5 – 7, saying: ***"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 (or proclaim), saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*** This does not mean that we should go about converting people, no, it means that we simply witness to them the facts about the coming kingdom of Elohim, as Yahshua also prophesied in Matthew 24: 14, saying: ***"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world, for a witness to all nations (into which the lost ten tribes were scattered because of idolatry), and then the end shall come."***

Therefore, when Yahshua spoke to the scribes and the Pharisees of His time, He was essentially talking to some who eventually came to believe in Him as may be seen from Acts 15: 5, but also to those of us today, who like those so-called religious people of His day were hypocrites. We read accordingly from Matthew 23: 13 - 15, where Yahshua said: ***"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees (and other pious religious leaders), hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from men (in that you try to convert them to half-truths which cannot bring about salvation, and immerse them without making sure that you do so in accordance with the Scriptural requirements to ensure that they truly receive the Set-apart Spirit); for you do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. (14) Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you devour widows' houses (how many modern day religious leaders have stolen the properties of widows mourning for their husbands?), even while for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you shall receive a greater condemnation. (15) Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel about on sea and land to make one proselyte (convert); and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves."*** Our job function is not to convert anyone, but to proclaim the good news about the coming Kingdom of Elohim as a witness into the entire world, since the lost ten tribes were scattered throughout the earth, and not a kernel will be lost. However, only a remnant will be saved as Rav Shaul quoting Isaiah wrote in Romans 9: 27, saying: ***"And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, 'THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE AS THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED.'"***

The Pharisees were most closely associated with Nazarene believers in Yahshua. As mentioned earlier, some of the same Pharisees whom Messiah reproved in Matthew 23, came to believe in Him, as witnessed in Acts 15: 5, as follows: ***'But certain ones of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed, stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.'*** We also see from Philipians 3: 2 - 5, that Rav Shaul was also a Pharisee, before Yahshua met him on his way to Damascus, in this way: ***'Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; (3) for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of Elohim and the glory in Messiah Yahshua and put no confidence in the flesh, (4) although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: (5) circumcised the eighth day of the nation of Israel, of the***

tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee.' The scribes were not only those who wrote the Torah scrolls and mezuzat for the door posts and gates (as they continue to this day), they are also authorities as far as Torah is concerned. In most cases when Yahshua mentioned the Pharisees, He also mentioned the scribes, and it is therefore clear that the scribes were also from the Pharisaic sect.

Rulings of the rabbis regarding the proclaiming of Elohim's Set-apart Days and Kosher Laws are based upon both the oral and written Torah. They stand on the shoulders of authority reaching back to Moses, and as Yahshua indicated, they 'sit in the seat of Moses', as approved and commanded by Elohim in Deuteronomy 17: 8 – 12, as follows: **'If any case is too difficult for you to decide, between one kind of homicide or another, between one kind of lawsuit or another, and between one kind of assault or another, being cases of dispute in your courts, then you shall arise and go up to the place which YHVH your Elohim chooses. (9) So you shall come to the Levitical priest or the judge who is in office in those days, and you shall inquire of them, and they will declare to you the verdict in the case. (10) And you shall do according to the terms of the verdict which they declare to you from that place which YHVH chooses; and you shall be careful to observe according to all that they teach you. (11) According to the terms of the law which they teach you, and according to the verdict which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside from the word which they declare to you, to the right or the left. (12) And the man who acts presumptuously by not listening to the priest who stands there to serve YHVH your Elohim, nor to the judge, that man shall die; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.'** There is a general misunderstanding about Messiah's view of Torah, when He says in Matthew 5 that he did not come to change it concluding in verses 19 & 20, saying: **'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 the Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.'**

Even so, we read from John 1: 1 – 3: **'In the beginning was the word, and the word was with Elohim, and the word was Elohim. (2) He was in the beginning with Elohim. (3) All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.'** Judaism teaches that Torah preceded creation – they hold that Elohim looked into Torah and created the world. They believe that Torah was the blueprint of creation. We are further told in Judaism that where we read in the last part of Genesis 1: 2, **'and the Spirit of Elohim was moving over the surface of the waters,'** that it was actually the spirit of Messiah that hovered over the deep, and that this was the primordial light of the first day that calmed the chaos and facilitated creation. Nonetheless, the Law of Elohim brings order into our lives by revealing to us His will in this world. Yahshua, who is the embodiment of the spirit of Messiah in this world, understood the significance of Torah. The Spirit of Elohim indwelling us draws us to the will of Elohim, which is outlined in His Torah alone. When Yahshua taught His followers that their righteousness had to exceed that of the Pharisees, some immediately believe that the Pharisees were not righteous. However, that is not correct. Yes, Yahshua criticized the Pharisees for missing the point of performing the Torah from the heart. The point is that no one is rewarded for not breaking a negative command. For example, no one will congratulate you for not killing a fellow human being. Similarly will no one congratulate you for correct behavior in life. It is expected of you anyway. In fact we show our love for Elohim and our fellow man by obeying Elohim's Torah – which is the living spirit of the Law. It is not only an attitude; it is a way of life. In fact, that is the essence of what Yahshua was teaching. Yahshua was telling us that our righteousness should exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees, because we, as the remnant of the lost ten tribes whom YHVH is calling back to the Father and His Torah, are prone to idolatry, and we need to get to the point where obeying Torah comes naturally.

It was for this reason that Yahshua told the scribes and the Pharisees when they grumbled about Him receiving sinners and eating with them in Luke 15: 4 – 10, saying to them: **'What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety in the open pasture, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? (5) And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. (6) And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!" (7) I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy**

in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. (8) Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? (9) And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!" (10) In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of Elohim over one sinner who repents.' This tells us that Yahshua did not come to call Jews who obey Torah with their whole being, such as the modern day scribes and Pharisees (or Levites from ancient times), but to get those whose forebears were with the Jews at Mount Sinai, but who were scattered throughout the world for their disobedience to return to the covenant that YHVH made with all Israel.

To this end Yahshua continued explaining in more detail in Luke 15: 11 – 32, what has started happening from the previous century, when those who went far away from YHVH our Elohim, are being called back to return to Him as well as to Brother Judah, saying: ***"A certain man had two sons; (12) and the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me." And he divided his wealth between them. (13) And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. (14) Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be in need. (15) And he went and attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. (16) And he was longing to fill his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him. (17) But when he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread (spiritual bread meaning Torah), but I am dying here with hunger!" (18) I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; (19) I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men." (20) And he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him, and kissed him. (21) And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." (22) But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; (23) and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry; (24) for this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found." And they began to be merry. (25) Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. (26) And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things might be. (27) And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." (28) But he became angry, and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began entreating him. (29) But he answered and said to his father, "Look! For so many years I have been serving you, and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a kid, that I might be merry with my friends; (30) but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him." (31) And he said to him, "My child, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. (32) But we had to be merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.'***

Notice that Yahshua was talking to the scribes and the Pharisees in Luke 15, who criticized His associating with 'sinners', whose lifestyles were contrary to Torah. Yahshua referred to Torah as His yoke. What is the purpose of a yoke? It is used to tame a wild animal; to make it useful to its master. Sinners were therefore like wild animals that did not want to do what their master requires of them. The concern of the Pharisees in Luke 15 was therefore valid in respect of their criticism of Yahshua's behavior, since we are told in Psalm 1 not to sit in the seat of scoffers. Yahshua answered this same criticism in Matthew 9: 12, saying: ***"It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick."*** While the overriding message of the parables in Luke 15 was the rejoicing in heaven over the return of even one sinner from the lost ten tribes, there is the fundamental message that Yahshua did not come for the scribes and the Pharisees at all. The elder brother protested when their father celebrated the return of his younger son. The father answered his eldest son, telling him that all that he had belongs to him anyway. In addition he remained with the Father throughout the centuries, even after the destruction of the Temple. It was the rabbis or Levites among the

Jewish people who preserved Torah and the Hebrew language for those of us who are returning to the Father at this time, after having been absent for more than 2,000 years. What is important, is that the youngest son had to return to the Father's house, where his elder brother remained faithful to the Father. Yes, we as the lost ten tribes will have to accept Brother Judah's role as Elohim's Lawgiver, as much as they will eventually have to accept Yahshua as their Messiah; but also us as part of the United Israel, with whom Yahshua will enter into a New marriage Covenant at His return.

Yahshua never attacked obedience to Torah, nor did He advocate abolishing it in any way. We see that Yahshua's disciples, later became Apostles, meaning those whom He sent out to proclaim the gospel of the coming kingdom of Elohim into the world. In fact Rav Yaa'cov told those of us whom YHVH has called out of the religions of the world, as first fruits among His creatures, saying in James 1; 21 – 25: ***'Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save our souls (lives). (22) But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (23) For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in the mirror; (24) for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. (25) But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty (Torah), and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.'*** Far from promoting breaking Torah commands, Messiah's followers, similar to Him, urged people to obey Torah. During the past two thousand years Scriptural Set-apart Days, including the Sabbath were changed for holidays more familiar with pagans. As prophesied by Daniel in Daniel 7: 25 Jewish traditions were exchanged for pagan traditions, as follows: ***'And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.'***

We read two references from the final book of the Scriptures in Revelation 12: 17 and 14: 12, in this way: ***'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.'*** (14: 12) ***Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of Elohim and their faith in Yahshua.'*** What are the 'commandments of Elohim' other than Torah? These two passages show clearly that faith in Yahshua and obedience of Elohim's commandments are not two opposites, but rather belong together for those considered to be saints. The anti-Semitic attitudes of Churchianity, demeaning Elohim's Torah and denouncing the authority of the Levites (or rabbis) among the Jews, are in contrast with what Messiah taught, and definitely alien to the spirit of Messiah. Are those who are not even aware of Messiah's imminent future return, in for a major surprise when He will restore all things, or not? Think about it!

Chapter 12: How should we as Nazarene believers in Messiah live?

Having studied how YHVH called Abraham to come out of the life which he lived with his family for about 75 years, we learned that he was promised to live in the Promised Land with his descendants for an everlasting possession. When reading from Hebrews 11, the faith chapter, we see that even though Abraham lived in the Promised Land, he did so as an alien dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob and despite the fact that they gained Elohim's approval by showing their faith through their works (or obedience), they have not as yet received what was promised, as explained in Hebrews 11: 39 & 40, in this way: ***'And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (40) because Elohim had provided something better for us*** (those latter day descendants of Abraham whom YHVH is now calling out of the religions of the world to follow Him and His way), ***so that apart from us they should not be made perfect.'***

The people who will be in the first resurrection with our father's in the faith will be in a better resurrection as witnessed in the last part of Hebrews 11: 35, as follows: ***'in order that they might obtain a better resurrection.'*** Yes, those in the first resurrection will be born-again as spiritual children of Elohim, as confirmed in Revelation 20: 6, in this way: ***'Blessed and holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of Elohim and His Messiah and will reign with Him for a thousand years.'*** This is in agreement with what we read from first Corinthians 15: 20 – 24, as follows: ***'But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the first fruit(s) of those who are asleep. (21) For since by man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all shall be made alive. (23) But each in his own order: Messiah the first fruit(s), after that those who are Messiah's at His coming, (24) then comes the end (ones), when He delivers up the kingdom to the Elohim and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.'*** The end ones spoken about here are the ones who will be in the second resurrection after Messiah's millennial rule as confirmed in the first part of Revelation 20: 5, in this way: ***'The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.'*** We also read about this time from Isaiah 25: 7 – 9, where Isaiah wrote: ***'And on this mountain (Elohim's Kingdom) He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, even the veil which is stretched over all nations. (8) He will swallow up death for all time, and YHVH Elohim will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for YHVH has spoken. (9) And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our Elohim for whom we have waited that he might save us. This is YHVH for whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."'*** We know that this will only happen after the great white throne judgment mentioned in Revelation 20: 12 – 14, since we know that it will be only at that time that death and Hades (the grave) will be thrown into the lake of fire.

Knowing all this should be a real motivating force for us to make YHVH King in our lives and start following His will and way until Messiah returns one day soon, or until we die believing in Messiah. In fact this is exactly what Rav Shaul tells us in the book of Hebrews in chapters 12 & 13 of Hebrews, saying in verses 1 & 2 of Hebrews 12: ***'Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (2) fixing our eyes on Yahshua, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim.'*** Continuing in verses 3 - 8 of Hebrews 12, we read: ***'For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart. (4) You have not resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; (5) and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF YHVH, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; (6) FOR THOSE WHOM YHVH LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." (7) It is for discipline that you endure; Elohim deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? (8) But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.'*** If you believe your life as a believer will be easy without any testing or trials and the necessary discipline at times, you are definitely in for a shock. We read about the way YHVH cares for us as His children

in Deuteronomy 8: 5 & 6, in this way: ***“Thus you are to know in your heart that YHVH your Elohim was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son. (6) Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of YHVH your Elohim, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.”*** The point is even if we grow and bear fruit, the Father sometimes has to prune us to ensure that we bear more fruit as Yahshua told His disciples in John 15: 2, saying: ***“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit.”***

Rav Shaul wrote further in Hebrews 12: 9 – 13, saying: ***‘Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? (10) For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. (11) All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. (12) Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, (13) and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.’*** It is our duty as believers to encourage those who are ill amongst us. We are promised healing, and even if some of us die as the result of an incurable disease, we have the assurance that we will be healed when we are resurrected at Messiah’s return. Rav Shaul continues to admonish us in verse 14 to live and let live, even if others do not agree with the way of Elohim which we are following, since we are the ones called out of the world at this time and we need not always have the support of those we chose as partners before our calling, in this way: ***‘Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Master.’*** We also need to be very careful to become bitter towards our community and those who teach us, or we could lose our salvation because of immoral deeds as Rav Shaul wrote in verses 15 - 17, saying: ***‘See to it that no one comes short of the grace of Elohim; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; (16) that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau who sold his own birthright for a single meal. (17) For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit a blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.’*** Yes, it takes a single act for those of us who are following Elohim’s way as first fruits, to lose our birth right to be born again as spiritual children of Elohim! This is why we also read from Hebrews 10: 23 – 27: ***‘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.’***

We are reminded as descendants of the Israelites who stood at Mount Sinai when Moses received the Torah as a covenant from the hand of YHVH in verses 18 – 24 of Hebrews 12, as follows: ***‘For you have not come to a mountain that may be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, (19) and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word should be spoken to them. (20) For they could not bear the command, “IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED.” (21) And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, “I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling.” (22) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living Elohim, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, (23) to the general assembly and congregation of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to Elohim, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, (24) and to Yahshua the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.’*** Here we have the assurance that after those of us who are called out of the world; who remain faithful until death, when our spirits which merged with the Set-apart Spirit of Elohim given us at immersion, will be perfected and will be returned to us when Messiah comes, as also witnessed in first 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 tells us that as Human Beings we consist of three component parts, namely body, soul (meaning life) and the spirit in man as also witnessed in the last part Zechariah 12: 1, as follows: ***‘Thus declares YHVH who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.’*** However, the spirit in man does not in any way give mankind eternal life, but it gives us understanding as Job witnessed in Job 32: 8, saying: ***“But it is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.”*** Yes, the spirit in man gives us mind-power to understand and remember things, but also helps us to make decisions so important for character building. Mankind does not have an immortal soul as Christianity and the Muslims (where the doctrine of an immortal soul originated) believe, as we are clearly told by Rav Shaul in first Timothy 1: 17, where he says: ***‘Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only Elohim be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.’*** As Human Beings we are given a portion of the Set-apart Spirit of Elohim after repentance and immersion in Yahshua’s saving name (as per Acts 2: 38), and the laying on of hands by a teaching elder of the congregation of Elohim (as per Acts 8: 12 – 17). If we remain faithful to the end and continue in the way of Elohim, until then, we will be resurrected as born-again children of Elohim, as Rav Shaul clearly shows in Romans 8: 11, as follows: ***‘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 (eternal) life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.’*** It is then also for this reason that Rav Shaul wrote in Romans 1: 19 & 20, saying: ***‘Because that which is known about Elohim is evident within them (us); for Elohim made it evident to them. (20) For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes (mentioned in first Timothy 1: 17 above), His eternal power (Yahshua the right hand and power of Elohim, as mentioned in first Corinthians 1: 24 and Jeremiah 32: 17) and divine nature (the Set-apart Spirit, of which we may also become partakers as witnessed in 2 Peter 1: 4), have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.’*** We should therefore understand that like us, YHVH consist of three component parts namely a body or visible image¹⁸ (Yahshua), a Spirit (the Set-apart Spirit) and a soul, with the exception that YHVH is eternal life as confirmed in first John 5: 20, in this way: ***‘And we know that the Son of Elohim has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Yahshua Messiah. This is the true Elohim and eternal life.’***

Continuing in verses 25 – 29 of Hebrews 12, we read: ***‘See to it that you do not refuse Him (meaning Yahshua) who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less shall we escape who turned away from Him who warns from heaven. (26) And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised saying, “YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN.” (27) And this expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. (28) Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to Elohim an acceptable service with reverence and awe; (29) for our Elohim is a consuming fire.’*** It will be only after we as first fruits have been resurrected as Spiritual children of Elohim at Messiah’s return (provided we remained faithful to Elohim to the end), and after the second resurrection when Satan will have been taken out of the way, that all who ever lived will be given their only chance to make an informed decision to follow the way of Elohim, or not. Those who decide to follow Elohim and His way will after a period that could last up to one hundred years, also be changed into spiritual children of Elohim. Those few who will decide against following YHVH, together with those who were called at this time and were given the full knowledge to attain eternal life in the Kingdom, but turned back to the ways of the world, will be destroyed in the lake of fire, as witnessed in Malachi 4: 1, in this way: ***“For behold the day is coming burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says YHVH of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”*** A second witness comes from Revelation 20: 14 & 15, as follows: ***‘And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (15) And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.’***

¹⁸ We read about Messiah from Colossians 1: 15, in this way: ***‘And He is the image of the invisible Elohim, the first-born (from the dead as confirmed in verse 18) of all creation.’***

We continue in Hebrews 13: 1 - 7, where we as believers in Messiah are told how we should live, as follows: ***'Let love of the brethren continue. (2) Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. (3) Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body. (4) Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers Elohim will judge. (5) Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," (6) so that we confidently say, "YHVH IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT SHALL MAN DO TO ME?" (7) Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of Elohim to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.'*** Those who teach Elohim's people need to be knowledgeable enough, to only teach us truth coming from the word of Elohim, so as to not lead Elohim's people astray, as Yahshua also warned about in Matthew 18: 6 – 7, saying: ***'But whoever causes one of these little ones (meaning new believers in the faith) who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea. (7) Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!'*** Yahshua as YHVH in the flesh does not change and as Elohim in the flesh we can be certain that His character will never change, as also witnessed in verse 8 of Hebrews 13, in this way: ***'Yahshua Messiah is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever.'***

Continuing in verses 9 & 10 we are warned about non-Torah teachings and customs, as follows: ***'Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who are thus occupied were not benefitted. (10) We have an altar, from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.'*** The reason for this is that Yahshua changed the atonement altar for a heavenly altar. The only way in which we have access to the Father is through Yahshua our Messiah, as confirmed in Hebrews 9: 8, where we read: ***'The Set-apart Spirit is signifying this, that the way to the Set-apart place has not yet been disclosed, while the outer tabernacle is still standing.'*** Here in this verse, the Set-apart Spirit is telling us that the Levitical priesthood did not provide the people of Elohim with direct access into His presence, but restricted them from entry, since access had to come by another way. It teaches that we cannot have access to the Father, without the death of Yahshua our Messiah, because there was no way to the Father via the sacrificial system, as also witnessed in Luke 23: 44 – 49, in this way: ***'And it was now about the sixth hour (12 o'clock in the afternoon), and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour (3 o'clock in the afternoon), (45) the sun being obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. (46) And Yahshua, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." And having said this, He breathed His last. (47) Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising Elohim, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent." (48) And all the multitudes who came together for the spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts. (49) And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee, were standing at a distance, seeing these things.'***

Similar to what happened to Yahshua our Messiah, we will not be born-again, or inherit eternal life in the kingdom of Elohim, before we die or are changed at Messiah's return. This is essentially why He came as the Son of Man, to be able to die for the sins of the world, and to be able to remarry His bride of Israelites from both houses. He came to show us the way; how we, like Him could become the Son of Elohim, after His resurrection. The quoted section from Luke 23, presents us with another myth-buster regarding the place where Messiah was impaled, and proves the belief that Yahshua was impaled on Golgotha, to be false. Yahshua, similar to any sacrifice to make atonement, was killed ***'before YHVH'***, meaning in His presence, at the doorway of the tent of meeting, as may be seen from Leviticus 1: 3 & 5. We read in confirmation of this from Hebrews 13: 11 & 12, in this way: ***'For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the Set-apart place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside the camp. (12) Therefore Yahshua also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood suffered outside the gate.'*** For this

to be true, Yahshua had to be impaled on the Mount of Olives, opposite the gate of the temple¹⁹. But, how can we be certain, as it happened almost 2,000 years ago? The quoted section in Luke 23 makes it clear that the spectacle that people came to observe from the place where Yahshua was impaled, was the veil of the temple that was torn in two (verse 45), and despite the sun being obscured, they could see into the Holy of Holies in the light provided by the menorah (which had to burn continuously), since the Mount of Olives was due east from the entrance to the temple, at the time.

We read further from Hebrews 13: 13 – 16: ***'Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. (14) For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come. (We like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are presently living in a temporary situation, but if we like them qualify by showing our faith through our works, we will also be given eternal life in the world to come. Our vision should therefore be similar to that of Abraham; looking for a city whose architect and builder is Elohim.) (15) Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to Elohim, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. (16) And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices Elohim is pleased.'*** At this time we should show our willingness to obey Torah, since obedience is better than sacrifice, as YHVH told us through Jeremiah in Jeremiah 7: 22 & 23, saying: ***"For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. (23) But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your Elohim, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.'"*** Rav Shaul continues with his admonition, but also telling fellow believers to pray for one another, saying in verses 17 – 22 of Hebrews 13: ***'Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. (18) Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things. (19) And I urge you all the more to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. (20) Now the Elohim of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Yahshua our Master, (21) equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Yahshua Messiah, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amein. (22) But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.'***

The words in verse 23 confirms that Rav Shaul was in fact the author of the book of Hebrews, where he talks about Timothy who used to be his companion throughout his many journeys as an evangelist. Even so, It is important for us to pay heed to the exhortations of Rav Shaul, who was personally trained by Yahshua and like Yahshua went through much suffering because of what he taught. This is also the fate of other believers in Messiah, as He told the rest of His disciples as in John 15: 19 – 21, saying: ***"If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (20) Remember the word that I said to you, 'A Slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. (21) But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me."*** Ours is a lonely narrow road, that leads to eternal life! Think about it!

¹⁹ The reality that Yahshua was impaled in a place called the Skull simply shows that He was impaled on the head or summit of a mountain, since we all know that every mountain has a summit or peak - Golgotha simply means head or skull of a mountain. For Yahshua to be impaled outside the doorway of the Temple and before YHVH, He had to be impaled on the Mount of Olives, which was directly opposite the Temple, about a Sabbath day's journey from the Temple (as per Acts 1: 12). Another also more suitable meaning of the word Golgotha, is that Yahshua was the 'Gaal Galut' meaning the redeemer of the exiles, as He confirmed in Matthew 15: 24, as follows: ***'But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."***

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Statement of our Beliefs.

As Nazarene Jews/Israelites, we believe:

- That there is only one Elohim, who is Almighty - יהוה - written as four vowels IAUE (in English) and pronounced Yah-oo-e, or in its short form Yahweh/YHVH. This is confirmed in the first part of the Sh'ma in Deuteronomy 6: 4, as follows: **"Hear, O Israel – YHVH is your Elohim – YHVH is ONE (ECHAD)."** In Deuteronomy 32: 39 YHVH says: **"See now that I am HE, AND there is no Elohim besides Me"**
- That YHVH reveals Himself in many ways, characteristics and personalities, which includes, but are not limited to the Heavenly Father, Yahshua the Son, the Word, the Messiah, the Angel or Messenger of YHVH and the Set-apart Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh). That Yahshua is part of YHVH and is the visible Image of the Invisible Elohim²⁰. He is the Messiah who died for the sins of the world and rose from the dead to give assurance of both the forgiveness of our sins and everlasting life. Yahshua said In John 8: 24, **"I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am HE, you shall die in your sins.** He further stated in John 10: 30 saying: **"I and the Father are one"**. In addition we read from 1 Tim 3:16, **"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: Elohim was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory"**. This is also in agreement with (YHVH)'s statement through Isaiah in Isaiah 43: 10 & 11, in this way: **"You are my witnesses," declares YHVH, "And My servant whom I have chosen, in order that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no Elohim formed, and there will be none after Me. (11) I, even I, am YHVH; and there is no savior besides Me."**
- That Yahshua was born of a virgin lived a sinless life in accordance with the (Torah) Commandments of Elohim. He was crucified for the atonement of His people and was resurrected on the third day, ascended to heaven from where He will return to usher in the Kingdom of Elohim, and rule the world from Jerusalem.
- That the Scriptures, which include both the Tanach and the Renewed Covenant, is the divinely inspired and literal Word of Elohim as originally written.
- That the Law, which includes the 613 laws stipulated in the first five books of the Bible, should be observed by all those who want to worship YHVH our Elohim. The Ten Commandments being part and parcel of these 613 laws. The Law being the teachings of Elohim is the rules according to which we 'live our lives'. Keeping of the Law cannot bring us salvation, as we know that salvation is the free gift of YHVH our Elohim, given to those that love and obey Him. We show our love and obedience to YHVH by keeping His Commandments. These laws regulate moral precepts; dietary regulations; agricultural science; financial success; sexual behavior and religious practice.
- That, as part of the commandments we keep the biblical Sabbath, being the seventh day of the week or Saturday according to the Gregorian calendar in use today. We also keep the biblical Holy (Set-apart) Days, ordained by YHVH in Leviticus 23. These Holy Days depict (YHVH)'s plan of salvation for all mankind and are commanded to be kept forever. We also obey the Commandments regarding clean and unclean meats as specified by YHVH in Leviticus 11. We do this to show our obedience to YHVH and to remain set apart or holy, as YHVH stated in Leviticus 11:45 **"You shall be Holy for I am Holy"**.
- That we should be proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of YHVH as a witness to all nations and the return of Yahshua the Messiah to the earth to come and rule His people from Jerusalem for a thousand years. Those who believe and practice what Yahshua taught and who overcome, will rule with Yahshua for a thousand years.
- That we as Nazarenes are watchmen over the people of Israel and specifically over Judah. As watchman we must let the light of Yahshua shine through us. We need to watch over the souls

²⁰ Gen. 1:26, **"Then Elohim Said, "Let Us make man in Our Image, according to Our likeness.""** Yahshua is the Image/likeness of Elohim – as confirmed in both 2 Corinthians 4: 4 & Col. 1: 15.

bestowed to us by YHVH and should always praise Him and make intercession for His people, asking Him to save the remnant of Israel.

- That the key given to those who wish to enter the Kingdom of Elohim is encapsulated in the following Scriptural witnesses: We read from Acts 4: 12: "***There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other Name under heaven, given among men by which we must be saved.***" In support of this Yahshua said in John 10: 9, "***I am the Door; if anyone enters by Me, he will be saved.***" In addition we need to be mindful of Yahshua's own words in John 14: 26, as follows: "***But the Helper, the Holy (or Set-apart) Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.***" Rav Kepha knew what the keys were, when Yahshua said to him in Matt 16: 19, "***I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.***" When therefore, those whom he taught believed that Elohim made Yahshua both Master and Messiah, they enquired as to what they should do. Rav Kepha's answer is recorded in Acts 2: 38, in this way: "***Repent, and be immersed every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Set Apart Spirit.***" Rav Shaul validating the same wrote in Romans 8: 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.***' Halleluyah!

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