

**Few Have Understood --**

## **God's Prophetic Plan for the Ages!**

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.  
**YHVH to Habakkuk, 6th century B.C.**

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The ultimate Plan of God centers on the concept of the *Kingdom of God*, spoken of by all the Old Testament prophets. It should be noted that the precise phrase, "Kingdom of God" does not appear in the Old Testament. However, the *concept* is found throughout. The message of the Kingdom of God is at the absolute HEART of the authentic, historical message of Yeshua (Christ) and, indeed, runs throughout the New Testament texts as well. Unfortunately, the so-called Christian churches have largely substituted the message *OF* Yeshua (that is, the message *he* proclaimed) about the coming Kingdom of God, for a message *ABOUT* Yeshua -- that is, his person and Deity. Consider, now, the following representative quotations:

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of YEHOVAH [YHVH] as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9).

And YEHOVAH [YHVH] shall be king over all the earth. In that day it will be -- YEHOVAH is One, and His Name One (Zechariah 14:9).

Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him (Daniel 7:27).

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind (Isaiah 65:17).

The Torah says of Cain, son of Adam and Eve and the first liar and murderer, that he "went out of the presence of YEHOVAH (YHVH), and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden" (Genesis 4:16). Cain became a "fugitive and a wanderer" in the world, *hidden* from the Face of God. The "land of Nod" means literally, the land of "wandering." Cain represents the *way* of humankind in the subsequent centuries -- largely cut off from the knowledge of God and His Way, wandering "east of Eden." Two chapters later we read this chilling diagnosis of the human condition:

Then YEHOVAH [YHVH] saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that *every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually*. And YEHOVAH was *sorry* that He had made man on the earth, and He was saddened in His heart...The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was *filled with violence* (Genesis 6:5, 11).

This is how the Bible begins the human story. Human history is a sad and sorry tale of injustice, suffering, tragedy, waste and evil. Who could possibly sum up the woes of humanity, the bloodshed, the agony, the billions of tragic stories from Adam to our time?

Genesis is a book about how the Eternal Creator God started a great *Plan* to bring about an ultimate change or transformation of this sorry human condition. In the very first chapter we read that human beings are special, precious, and totally *unique* creatures on this planet. They are made in the very "image and likeness" of God Himself and are potentially offered the gift of Eternal Life -- see Genesis 1:27 and 3:22). Human beings are capable of self-conscious reflection and reason, and thus are morally aware, responsible, and creative. In other words, they are "God-like" in their essential capacities. This means they are capable of an extraordinary potential -- true friendship or fellowship with the infinite, Eternal, Creator God. In fact, they have the potential of becoming very God -- members of the God Family and brothers and sisters of Yeshua the Christ! Every phrase in these early chapters of Genesis is filled with hints and meanings related to these most profound issues of human life -- the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the tree of life, and the potential to become as God. God's purpose for humankind is to create "sons and daughters" in intimate family relationships and stimulating intellectual association with Him as "Father." This involves the most precious commodity in the universe -- the creation of holy, righteous **CHARACTER** which only comes about through our individual life experiences. The full implications of this are beyond imagination -- only limited by the greatness and goodness of God Himself. David once wrote, "What is man, that You are mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:4). The answer is that YEHOVAH'S ultimate Plan is to "put *all things* under his feet," but only after we humans have fully learned our collective and individual lessons from the past six thousand years of human mismanagement, rebellion, and waste.

The question, then, is this: how is that potential, that great Plan, ever to be realized in concrete human history? The one point about which the Scriptures are incontrovertibly and uncompromisingly clear is the following: **This great human potential, to actually be part of the God-Family, will be realized here, in human history, not in some realm beyond this world. Salvation for humanity, both individual and collective, must be worked out in the rugged arena of human history. There are no shortcuts. The Kingdom of God is not an *escape* to some world beyond, to some heavenly realm, where all is magically made perfect. *There is no such escape.*** The realities and conditions of this world, of our all-too-human history, will remain until they are worked out in an objective way through the hard lessons of experience. Salvation, in the full Biblical sense, is not instant, it is not magic. Many Christians have confused the notion of *grace*, which has to do with God's unmerited pardon for our sins, with the concept of the Kingdom of God. Grace can be experienced in a moment of time, as one turns in heartfelt repentance to God and finds reconciliation. But the Kingdom of God, which is the ultimate goal,

the full Plan for humanity, must be realized in time-space history. In short, the Kingdom of God means *the Will of God done on earth as in heaven*.

This is the essential meaning of the Hebrew concept of "resurrection of the dead" in contrast to the Hellenistic notion of immortality of the soul. Resurrection of the dead is an affirmation of the *participation* of those who have died in the future Kingdom of God. It is hinted at in Torah, and affirmed in the Prophets -- see Genesis 3:22; Isaiah 26:19-20; Daniel 12:1-3. The comments of Jesus, based on Torah, against the party of the Sadducees who denied this idea of the resurrection of the dead, are quite enlightening in this regard. Read Luke 20:27-38, for instance.

This is the crucial difference between the Biblical notion of the Kingdom of God and the idea of "salvation" as it is commonly understood in all the Hellenistic versions of Christianity. So-called Christianity abandoned its roots in the Torah and Prophets, and turned to Greek dualism. Ironically, most of the other WORLD religious systems such as Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam, share this essentially *dualistic* perspective. They devalue this world, the body, and the physical creation, claiming that our ultimate salvation involves some type of *escape* to the Beyond.

Of Course the Biblical view of the Kingdom of God on earth includes the idea of transformation. The Old Testament Prophets speak of a "new creation," hinting at changes in the present order of things: The wolf and the lamb dwelling together; resurrection of the dead; and eventually, the elimination of the aging/death process itself (Isaiah chapters 11; 25-26; 65-66; Genesis 3:22-24). Still, the Hebraic view is thoroughly NON-DUALISTIC, and in that sense "scientific." The coming world order is here and now, absolutely concrete and real, however transformed. This is the true implication of the idea of "redemption of the world." The creation itself participates in that redemption, reaching its intended potential of harmony and peace.

## A Chosen People

There is a sense in which the Kingdom of God has always existed. The Psalms declare:

Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your Dominion endures throughout all generations (Psalm 145:13).

The Lord [YEHOVAH] has established His throne in heaven,  
And His kingdom rules over all (Psalm 103:19).

However, even though YEHOVAH (YHVH) is "Most High over all the earth," humanity as a whole (i.e., "the nations") have lost the knowledge of God the Father and are in *rebellion* against His Way. Or, to put it another way, God has largely *hidden His face* from us because of our sins. People find the very idea of "God" to be vague, remote, and confusing. God seems far away, and removed from the scene, in the daily perceptions of billions of human beings. There is a good reason for this. In the beginning, Man *hid* from God, in Eden; subsequently God has

*hidden Himself* from Mankind -- see Genesis 3:8; 4:14. Throughout history, God has essentially allowed humans to go their own way, to "build their own world." The Prophet Isaiah puts it well:

Behold YEHOVAH'S [YHVH] hand is not shortened, that it cannot save: nor His ear that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have *separated* you from your God, and your sins have HIDDEN HIS FACE from you, so that He *will not hear* (59:1-2).

Obviously, the Will or Way of God is not presently being done on earth. Human history is essentially a constant, dead-ended, predictable *replay* of the "days of Noah," and of the "way of Cain." In this sense the book of Genesis is infinitely more than just an ancient chronicle -- it is a profoundly timeless commentary on the human condition. Without a doubt, there is no new thing under the sun. **How, then, can it possibly ever be that justice, righteousness, peace, truth, love, and faithfulness will prevail in a world cut off from God and living in spiritual darkness and decadence? This is *THE* Biblical question.**

God's Plan for implementing His Kingdom in history centers on Abraham. God promises that Abraham's descendants through Isaac and Jacob (Israel) will become a "great nation" and that through them, "all the nations of the earth will be blessed" (Genesis 12:1-3, 18:18 and 22:18). Abraham becomes an intimate in the Plan -- a co-partner with YEHOVAH (YHVH) Himself, if you please. This is the essential meaning of Abraham being called the "friend" of God. YEHOVAH declares that he has "*known him*, in order that he may command his children and his household after him to KEEP THE WAY OF YEHOVAH BY DOING RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE" (Genesis 18:19).

The Abrahamic Plan, then, reaches a new stage in the book of Exodus -- 400 years after Abraham. At Sinai, when YEHOVAH speaks His Ten Commandments to the entire assembled nation of Israel, He declares:

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be *a special treasure* (*segulah*) to Me, above all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a *kingdom of priests and a holy nation* (Exodus 19:5-6).

Israel becomes YEHOVAH'S chosen people, His *segulah*, or "treasure" among all peoples of the earth. The Hebrew term *segulah* is used repeatedly in this same sense, for the elect or chosen people -- see Deuteronomy 7:6; 14:2; 26:18; Psalm 135:4; Malachi 3:17. They are not chosen or *treasured* for their own merits or goodness. Moses tells them quite bluntly that Israel is chosen wholly by grace, that is, through *unmerited* favor, on the basis of the unconditional oath sworn to Abraham (Deuteronomy 7:6-8). In other words -- Israel is chosen for a mission or responsibility. They are to be a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation." This clearly means they are to present, and *re-present*, the Way of YEHOVAH to the rest of humankind. As the prophets put it, Israel is to be a WITNESS to the world, a LIGHT to the nations (Isaiah 42:6 and 43:10). Moses expressed it like this when he spoke to all Israel toward the end of his life:

Today you have proclaimed YEHOVAH to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will

obey His voice. Also today YEHOVAH has proclaimed you *to be His special people (segulah)*, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments, and that He will set you high above all the nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, that you may be a *holy people* to YEHOVAH your God, just as He has spoken (Deuteronomy 26:17-19).

The Prophets (Joshua through Malachi) primarily relate the history of the initial failure of that mission. In 723 B.C. the northern Tribes of Israel are brutally taken away into captivity and exile by the Assyrians. According to the Prophets this happened because of their horrible sins and rebellion:

Therefore YEHOVAH was very angry with Israel, and *removed them from His sight*; there was none left but the tribe of Judah only (2 Kings 17:18)

Just 135 years later, in 588 B.C., the remaining southern Kingdom of Judah is destroyed and exiled by the Babylonians. Jerusalem -- and the very Temple of God itself -- is utterly destroyed:

And YEHOVAH God of their fathers, sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of YEHOVAH arose against His people, *until there was no remedy* (2 Chronicles 36:15-16).

Forty years prior to the devastation of Jerusalem and the Temple, Jeremiah offered this commentary --

"For as the sash clings to the waist of a man, so I have caused the whole household of *Israel* and the whole household of *Judah* to cling to Me," says YEHOVAH, "that they might be to Me a people, for *renown*, for *praise*, and for *glory*; but they did not hear" (Jeremiah 13:11).

YEHOVAH says that although Israel was placed at the center of the world, as a witness, she ended up rebelling and thumbing her nose at His Way -- *more wickedly* than the nations around her (Ezekiel 5:6)!

Most nations brush over their failures and boast about their successes (see Egyptian history) as they record their national epics; but in sharp contrast the Hebrew Prophets relate the 833 year tale of Israel's failure and sins with an almost brutal frankness. There was, however, a brief glimmer of hope in the late 6th century B.C. when some of the Jewish exiles returned from Babylon under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah and rebuilt the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. Yet, for the most part, the history of the Second Temple period -- from the perspective of the realization of the Abrahamic Plan -- was a failure. The northern "lost tribes" never returned to the Land as all the Prophets had predicted. The history of that period is filled with violence, political corruption and intrigue, fratricide and foreign domination. Finally Jerusalem was devastated once

again by the Romans, the Temple burnt, and the Jews of Judea were scattered around the Mediterranean world (70-135 A.D.).

Contrary to widespread Christian mythology, this did not result in the demise of Judaism itself. Indeed, by every measure Jews and Judaism *flourished* in the late Roman Empire, and at various periods and places through the next 1900 years. The Jewish contribution to every facet of Western history and culture is immeasurable, and their spiritual mission was vital to the Plan of God. Though they were scattered among the nations, unlike the Lost Tribes the House of Judah would keep its identity, preserve the Old Testament, and remain focused on the Torah while the Western so-called Christian world went wholly into paganism.

But what of the global mission of Israel as a whole? What of this Abrahamic Plan to fill the earth with the Knowledge and Way of God? Clearly, this has not been realized -- even down to our day.

### **The Restoration of ALL Israel**

Christians have been taught for centuries that the Church has *replaced* Israel as the Chosen nation, taking over her mission to the world. In a related way, the dozens of Prophetic texts which promise the full and complete *restoration* of all Twelve Tribes of Israel to the Land have been allegorized and applied to either the Church, or salvation in heaven. The sad tale of Christian history (particularly the Christian slander and slaughter of the Jews) certainly belies any such transfer of the Plan to the Church as we see it today. The New Testament certainly does not support such displacement interpretations, and the idea of "salvation in Heaven," despite very widespread popular opinion, is nowhere taught in the New Testament writings. These texts consistently speak of the Kingdom of God on earth, and the return of YEHOVAH (YHVH) GOD THE FATHER to the new earth. However, it is beyond doubt that the Hebrew Prophets knew of no such shift in the Abrahamic Plan. Accordingly, those who take the Biblical revelation seriously must thoroughly reject all forms of *replacement theology*.

According to both Torah and Prophets -- and pious Jews have understood this through the centuries -- the House of Israel (the northern 10 tribes), and subsequently the House of Judah (the Jews) went into Exile because of their sins, and YEHOVAH actually *hid* His face from her:

Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them and I will *hide My face* from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, "Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us? And *I will surely hide My face in that day* because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods (Deuteronomy 31:17-18).

Then He said, I will *hide My face* from them, I will see what their end will be (Deuteronomy 32:20).

Then they will cry to YEHOVAH, but He will not hear them. But He will even *hide His face* from them at that time, because they have been evil in their deeds (Micah 3:4).

However, this "hiding of the face" is neither *rejection* nor *replacement*! On the contrary, the very purpose of the Exile is to prepare for the FULL restoration of *all* Israel. Exile is always understood as a *temporary* measure of discipline, for a set period of time. Notice, when Moses first mentions the Exile, he includes the promise of *restoration*:

When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you in the *latter days*, when you turn to YEHOVAH your God and obey His voice, for YEHOVAH your God is a merciful God, *He will not forsake you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them* (Deuteronomy 4:30-31).

YEHOVAH your God *will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you **again*** from all the nations where YEHOVAH your God has scattered you. If any of you are driven out to the farthest part under heaven, from there YEHOVAH your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you...And YEHOVAH your God will *circumcise your heart* and the heart of your descendants, to love YEHOVAH your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live (Deuteronomy 30:3-6).

## The Lost Tribes of Israel

These promises of restoration are addressed to BOTH the House of Israel (the Lost Tribes) and the House of Judah (the Jews). One of the most neglected points in the Hebrew Prophets, even among Jews, but virtually unacknowledged among Gentiles/Christians, is their constant emphasis on the total restoration of **ALL** Israel -- meaning, of course, all twelve tribes. Ephraim/Joseph, who has seemingly been lost among the Gentiles, will make himself known to his brother Judah. The results of this reunion will astound the world and alter world history. This is even hinted at mystically in the Joseph story (Genesis 45), but is emphasized in no uncertain terms throughout the Prophets. The average Bible student seldom notes the careful distinction which the Prophets consistently make between the House of Israel (Ephraim/Joseph), which refers to the Lost Tribes, and the House of Judah, whom we have known since the Babylonian Exile as the Jewish people.

In II Kings chapter 17 we find the stark story of how the Assyrian king Sargon II took the Ten Tribes into captivity in 723 B.C. and settles them northwest of Palestine -- in the area of the Habor River near Lakes Van and Urmia. The writer makes it clear that "none was left except the tribe of Judah" (17:18). Josephus tells us that in his day many of them were still living in these areas, "beyond the Euphrates" (*Antiquities* 11. 133). However, there is a persistent tradition that significant portions of these tribes began to migrate elsewhere. The question of just *where* they went has been a subject of controversy down through the centuries and has given rise to many legends and attempts to locate them. II Esdras reports that after crossing the Euphrates they journeyed a year and a half and came to a distant country called "Arzareth" which was sparsely populated. Here (according to Esdras) they are to remain until the last days (13:43-47). Unfortunately

this name simply means "another land" and tells us only that they left their original area and went a considerable distance. The rabbinic sources explain that they migrated beyond the river Sambatyon, across which they will someday return -- see *b. Sanhedrin* 65b; *j. Sanhedrin* 10:6; *Lamentations Rabba* 2:9; *Genesis Rabba* 11:5 and *Targum Pseudo-Jonathan* to Exodus 34:10. This mysterious river is said to flow six days a week, but rest on the Sabbath. Most scholars have taken this reference to the Sambatyon River as purely legendary and fantastic. However, recent research in Jerusalem has identified the river as none other than the Bosphorus strait, where the waters of the Black Sea flow past Istanbul toward the Aegean Sea. There the current does actually slow down drastically, and at times even stop or reverse -- on the average of about once a week -- giving rise to these accounts. Isaiah also indicates that these tribes were located to the west in his time (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Based on this and much additional recent research, it can definitely be shown that significant portions of the Lost Tribes migrated *northwest*, toward Europe and are to be found today among the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and associated peoples. In other words the tribes are largely located today in the United States, Great Britain, northwestern Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and other scattered areas. They are primarily Protestant, tied to their Biblical heritage, and have by and large provided a hospitable climate for Jews and even supported Zionism.

Unfortunately, most researchers have tended to look to the East, and have only found scattered pockets of peoples who might be associated with the tribes -- the Bene Israel of India, the Krimelaks of Crimea, the Ebraeli of Georgia, the Pathans on the Afghan-Pakistani border, the Kashmiris, the Chiang-Min on the Chinese-Tibetan border, and even many tribes of Africa of whom the Ethiopians have been the most prominent example. These attempts at locating the tribes miss the fact that the most significant group went *northwest into Europe*, and did finally fulfill the promises that were made to the two sons of Joseph -- Ephraim and Manasseh, about unprecedented national greatness (see Genesis 48:4-20). They were to become a great company of nations leading the world in wealth and influence (Genesis 49:22-26; Deuteronomy 33:13-17). This fits in well with what the Prophets predict for the last days -- when the Lost Tribes return. They are pictured "without number, as the sand of the sea" not as tiny insignificant pockets of tribal groups. The official rabbinic ruling (*halacha*) is that the Lost Tribes WILL return.

The Hebrew prophets consistently and carefully distinguish between these two "Houses." This is not some minor, inconsequential theme, but is actually THE dominant emphasis that runs throughout these texts in the Old Testament. This restoration of *all* Israel rests upon the absolute promise of YEHOVAH. Although Israel (i.e. the Ten Tribes) is scattered among the nations, numbering as the sands of the sea, and they even come to *think of themselves as Gentiles*, YEHOVAH declares that not the "least grain" will be lost. His eyes are on all their ways, and they will surely RETURN -- to YEHOVAH their God, to Judah (the Jews), and to the Holy Land! The following texts provide a brief overview of the prophetic picture. The details and consistency one finds in the Prophets on this subject is quite impressive. Anyone who will bother to carefully *study* these passages will come away with a transformed understanding of what lies ahead on the horizon with regard to the prophetic times in which we live:

**Isaiah 11:11-12:** "It shall come to pass *in that day* that the Lord (YEHOVAH) shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea.

"He will set up a banner for the nations, and *will assemble the outcasts of Israel*, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

Here the Davidic ruler (Yeshua, Christ), acting for his Father, gathers *both* the House of Israel and the House of Judah -- and peace comes between the two. This full gathering seems to come with the appearance of the Davidic Messiah (Revelation 14:14), however, many texts indicate that the first stages of the reunion begin earlier and in less dramatic ways.

**Jeremiah 3:6-18:** "YEHOVAH (YHVH) said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: 'Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot.

"And I said, after she had done all these things, "Return to Me." But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

"Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also.

"So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery *with stones and trees*.

"'And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense,' says YEHOVAH.

"Then YEHOVAH said to me, 'Backsliding Israel has shown herself *more righteous than treacherous Judah*.

"Go and proclaim these words TOWARD THE NORTH, and say:

Return, backsliding Israel, says YEHOVAH,  
And I will not cause My anger to fall on you;  
For I am merciful, says YEHOVAH,  
And I will not remain angry forever.  
Only acknowledge your iniquity,  
That you have transgressed against YEHOVAH your God,  
And have scattered your charms  
To alien deities (gods) *under every green tree*,  
And you have not obeyed My voice, says YEHOVAH.

"Return, O backsliding children,' says the Lord; 'for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.

"And I will give you *shepherds according to My heart*, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

"Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days,' says YEHOVAH, 'that they will say no more, "The ark of the covenant of YEHOVAH." It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore.

"At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of YEHOVAH, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of YEHOVAH, to Jerusalem; they shall walk no more after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

"In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together *out of the land of the north* to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers."

The northern tribes of Israel return and join Judah, "one from a city, two from a family" prior to the complete union when the Kingdom of God comes to this earth. This appears to be what has begun to happen in our day.

**Jeremiah 16:14-19:** "Therefore behold, the days are coming,' says YEHOVAH, 'that it shall no more be said, "YEHOVAH lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt," but, "YEHOVAH lives who brought up the children of Israel FROM THE LAND OF THE NORTH and from all the lands where He had driven them." For I will bring them back into the land which I gave to their fathers.

"Behold, I will send for many fishermen,' says YEHOVAH, 'and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

"For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes.

"And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols.'

"O YEHOVAH, my strength and my fortress,  
My refuge in the day of affliction,  
The Gentiles shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say,  
'Surely our fathers have inherited lies  
Worthlessness and unprofitable things.'"

These verses are often applied to Judah and to the Jews returning to the Land in our century but, in context, they apply in particular to the House of Israel (Lost Tribes), who have

become like the "nations," whose fathers have inherited lies. Note the images: the first stage is fishing; the second is hunting. Judah already went through this stage, particularly after 1880, when the Zionists were able to "fish" or *draw* a number of Jews BACK to the Land (Palestine). However, it took the "hunters" (Nazis, Arabs, Soviets) to really get them to leave "Egypt and Babylon," following World War II. It is highly likely that we may see a similar pattern with the return of the 10 Lost Tribes.

**Jeremiah 23:1-6:** "'Woe to the shepherds (ministers) who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!' says YEHOVAH.

"Therefore thus says YEHOVAH God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: 'You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,' says YEHOVAH.

"But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

"I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,' says YEHOVAH.

"Behold, the days are coming,' says YEHOVAH,  
That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness (Yeshua, Christ);  
A King (YEHOVAH, YHVH) shall reign and prosper,  
And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.  
In His days Judah will be saved,  
And Israel will dwell safely;  
Now this is His name by which He will be called:  
YEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

This passage makes it absolutely clear that BOTH HOUSES will eventually return -- and again their return is associated with the Davidic Messiah or Yeshua. This *GREAT RETURN* is to rival the Exodus from Egypt in the time of Moses!

**Jeremiah, chapters 30 and 31:** These key chapters are too long to reproduce here but are particularly full and vivid regarding the sequence of events to come about in the "latter days," and the establishment of the much expected *new covenant* with the restored Twelve Tribes of Israel.

**Hosea, chapters 1 through 3:** In these chapters the Lost Tribes become "not My people," losing their identity and their knowledge of YEHOVAH and turning to paganism ("days of the Baalim"), though they number as the sands of the sea (1:10-11; 2:13). They remain in this state for "many days" but return to Judah and to their God in the "latter days." Once again their return is associated with the appearance (Revelation 14:14) of the Messiah (1:11; 3:4-5).

**Hosea 5:6-6:3:** Here they are "revived on the third day" -- possibly meaning after 2,500 years of exile.

**Amos 8:11-12; 9:8-10:** "Behold the days are coming,' says YEHOVAH, 'that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of HEARING THE WORDS OF YEHOVAH.

"They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of YEHOVAH, but shall not find it."

"Behold, the eyes of YEHOVAH God are on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth; yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob (Israel),' says YEHOVAH.

"For surely I will command, and will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as grain is sifted in a sieve; yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground.

"All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, who say, "The calamity shall not overtake us nor confront us.""

In 8:11-12 the northern Ten Tribes lose contact with YEHOVAH. They are to be sifted through the nations -- nonetheless they are kept intact. Their restoration is once again connected to the Davidic Messiah (Yeshua).

**Obadiah 15-21:** "For the day of YEHOVAH upon all the nations is near; as you have done, it shall be done to you; your reprisal shall return upon your own head. For as you drank on my holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually; yes, they shall drink, and swallow, and they shall be as though they had never been.

"But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame; but the house of Esau shall be stubble; they shall kindle them and devour them, and no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau,' for YEHOVAH has spoken.

"The inhabitants of the South [the Negev] shall possess the mountains of Esau, and the inhabitants of the Philistine lowland. They shall possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria. Benjamin shall possess Gilead. And the captives of this host of the children of Israel shall possess the land of the Canaanites as far as Zarephath. The captives of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the South. Then *DELIVERERS* [plural -- the Messiah and YEHOVAH] shall come to Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom shall be YEHOVAH'S."

In this passage a restored "Joseph/Ephraim" (Lost Tribes) is instrumental in finally punishing the Arabs who have rejoiced at Judah's (the Jews in Palestine) troubles and distress (the Holocaust, the Wars of 1947-73, the Gulf War).

**Micah 2:12-13:** "I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob [Israel], I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture; they shall make a loud noise because of so many men.

"The one who breaks open will come up before them; they will break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it; their king will pass before them, with YEHOVAH at their head."

Great multitudes of the remnant of Israel return, until there is no room for them -- even spilling over into Gilead (the east Bank, see 7:14).

**Micah 5:3-15:** In these verses the Israelites are given up until the Davidic restoration, "then the remnant of the Messiah's brethren return *unto* the children of Israel!"

**Zechariah 8:13; chapters 9 and 10:** All the tribes of Israel eventually come together -- Judah and Ephraim are joined. Judah seems to be *saved first* (12:7), and have great military success (10:3-5), but Joseph (the Lost Tribes) is afterward associated with them (10:6-10). They are so numerous that they spill over into Lebanon and Gilead. Of particular interest is the language of Zechariah 10:9: "And I will sow them among the peoples; and they shall *remember me in far countries*, and they shall live with their children, and turn again."

**Ezekiel chapter 34-37:** These chapters clearly show that YEHOVAH Himself will search out His "lost sheep" which have been scattered among the nations (34:11-13). The "two sticks" of the House of Judah (the Jews) and the House of Israel (the Lost Tribes of Joseph and his brethren) are absolutely destined to become ONE -- leading the Messianic era into peace and prosperity (37:15-28).

Almost all interpreters of prophecy -- whether Jewish or Christian -- tend to loosely read these texts and apply them in a blanket way "to the Jews." Surely, to those with any understanding at all, the return to Zion in the last century, with the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, is of the GREATEST prophetic significance. However, these passages from the Old Testament prophets clearly and unequivocally speak of a further ***GREAT RETURN of ALL Israel***. This vital distinction between the House of Judah and the House of Israel must be carefully noted if one wants to understand the detailed prophetic picture presented in these texts.

These promises to national Israel are ABSOLUTE AND UNCONDITIONAL. There are over forty separate sections of the Hebrew prophets which deal specifically -- and in the greatest of detail -- with this theme of the full and unqualified RESTORATION of ALL TWELVE OF THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL. The cumulative impact of these passages is overwhelming to say the least. Here are just a few of them --

**Isaiah 8:17-18:** And I will wait on the LORD [YEHOVAH], who hides His face from the House of Jacob; and I will hope in Him. Here am I and the children whom the LORD [YEHOVAH] has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion.

**Isaiah 27:12-13:** And it shall come to pass IN THAT DAY that the LORD [YEHOVAH] will thresh, from the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt; and you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel.

So it shall be in that day that the great trumpet will be blown; they will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, and they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD [YEHOVAH] IN THE HOLY MOUNT AT JERUSALEM.

**Jeremiah 16:14-18:** "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD [YEHOVAH], "that it shall no more be said, 'The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' but, 'The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the LAND OF THE NORTH and from ALL THE LANDS where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land [Palestine] which I gave to their fathers....

For My eyes are on their ways; they are not hidden from My face, NOR IS THEIR INIQUITY HIDDEN FROM MY EYES. And first I will repay DOUBLE for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols."

Here are some more verses for you to look up: Isaiah 11:12-13; Isaiah 14:1-2; Isaiah 43:5-7; Isaiah 49:5-6; Isaiah 54:1-8; Isaiah chapter 60; Isaiah 66:19-21; Jeremiah 3:12-18; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Jeremiah 29:10-14; Jeremiah chapters 30, 31, 33; Jeremiah 50:4-7; Ezekiel 11:14-21; Ezekiel 16:60-63; Ezekiel 20:33-44; Ezekiel 34:11; Ezekiel chapters 36, 37; Hosea 1:10-11; Hosea 2:14-23; Hosea 3:4-5; Joel 2:30-3:21; Amos 9:8-15; Obadiah 17: 21; Micah 2:12-13; Micah 4:1-6; Micah 5:1-15; Micah 7:15-20; Zephaniah 3:19-20; Zechariah 2:10-13; Zechariah 8:1-13; and Zechariah 10:3-12.

All these verses cannot be ignored or spiritualized away if one wishes to understand the Bible with any historical seriousness. Yet they have never been fulfilled in past history -- not in the 6th century B.C. when a few thousand Jews returned to Palestine, nor yet in our day. The establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 is a bare beginning, a kind of "first fruits" sign of what is yet to come. The Old Testament prophets speak of Judah returning *FIRST* to the Land. Their return in our day is a concrete demonstration that YEHOVAH God has not -- and will not -- cast off or reject His people Israel -- *including* the Ten Lost Tribes:

Thus says YEHOVAH, who gives the sun for light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who disturbs the sea so that its waves roar; YEHOVAH of Hosts is His name: "If those ordinances depart from before Me, declares YEHOVAH, then the offspring of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever." Thus says YEHOVAH, "If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then I will also cast off *all the offspring of Israel* for all that they have done," declares YEHOVAH (Jeremiah 31:35-37).

The extreme folly of trying to apply these promises to any other than national Israel is made particularly plain in this section of the book of Jeremiah -- note specifically 31:31 and 31:38-40. The literal references to the Northern and Southern Kingdoms and to the city of Jerusalem are simply BEYOND DISPUTE.

Notice again --

"For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, *so have I sworn* that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, *but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace be removed,*" says YEHOVAH who has mercy on you (Isaiah 54:9-10).

Surely language could be no plainer. The FULL restoration of ALL Israel is as sure and certain as the laws of Nature and as the *sworn testimony* of YEHOVAH God Himself! The Prophets speak about a *specific period of time* when this restoration will come --

For the children of Israel shall abide *many days* without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim. *Afterward* the children of Israel will return and seek YEHOVAH their God and David their king. They will fear YEHOVAH and His goodness *in the last days* (Hosea 3:4-5).

Compare this passage with Micah 5:3 -- noting the word "until." It should be observed that Hosea is speaking SPECIFICALLY about the NORTHERN KINGDOM -- the Ten Tribes -- which were scattered among the nations, not the Judeans or Jews. All the Old Testament prophets say that BOTH Israel and Judah are to be RESTORED TOGETHER in the last days.

Though scattered to all nations -- sifted like wheat -- YEHOVAH declares "my eyes are on all their ways," and "not the least grain will fall to the ground" (Jeremiah 16:17; Amos 9:9). Both Israel AND Judah (ALL Twelve Tribes) will be brought back to the land of Israel and reunited in a GREAT RETURN that will rival the Exodus from Egypt (Ezekiel 37:15-23; Jeremiah 16:14-15). This return is for spiritual purposes which leads to the arrival of the Messianic age and the Kingdom of God.

Therefore thus says the Lord YEHOVAH, "Now I will bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy *on the whole house of Israel*; and I will be jealous for My Holy Name....When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations, then they shall know that I am YEHOVAH their God who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and *left none of them captive any longer*. And I will *not hide my face* from them anymore; for I shall have *poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel*" (Ezekiel 39:25-29).

The Prophets consistently speak of this "conversion" of Israel to YEHOVAH and to the Bible as a SUDDEN AND DRAMATIC event -- following their return to the Middle East. Note further Zechariah 3:9; 13:1-2; Jeremiah 50:20 and Ezekiel 36:22-33.

"But this is the covenant that I will make *with the house of Israel* after those days," says YEHOVAH: "I will *put my Torah in their minds, and write it on their hearts*; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (Jeremiah 31:33).

For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all the countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean...I will give you *a new heart and put a new spirit within you...*(Ezekiel 36:25:26).

This is all part of the Plan: that through the nation Israel, and her Messiah (Christ), all the world will come to experience the Kingdom of God under the rulership of YEHOVAH God the Father Himself on this earth. Israel suffers Exile, receiving "double for all her sins," but according to Isaiah 40-53 she is also the "servant of YEHOVAH" (like Christ) whose suffering leads to redemption for all nations. Jeremiah puts this most succinctly:

I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first. I will cleanse them from all their iniquity...then it shall be to Me a *name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all the nations of the earth* (Jeremiah 33:7-9).

The conversion of Israel leads to the turning of *all nations* to the knowledge of YEHOVAH and His Torah Way for all humankind. The Davidic Messiah (Christ) comes first to re-gather all Israel and, at the same time, the nations seek YEHOVAH his Father (Isaiah 11:10-12). It is at that time the "earth becomes full of the knowledge of YEHOVAH as the waters cover the seas" (Isaiah 11:9). YEHOVAH God now returns to this earth (Revelation 19) and His Torah goes forth from Jerusalem to all the nations; and the nations stream up to the Land to learn the Way of YEHOVAH (Isaiah 2:2-4). Consistently and unequivocally the Old Testament prophets associate *these three related phenomena*: the return of the House of Judah, the joining of Judah with the Lost Tribes, and the subsequent conversion of all the nations to YEHOVAH and His Way -- see Isaiah 14:1-2; 56:7; 60:3; Zechariah 2:10-13 and Psalm 67. Notice these clear examples --

Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell [shakan] in your midst, declares YEHOVAH. And *many nations* will join themselves to YEHOVAH in that day and will *become My people* (Zechariah 2:10-11).

...For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers...The *Gentiles shall come to You* from the ends of the earth and say, surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthless and unprofitable things (Jeremiah 16:15-19).

At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of YEHOVAH, and *all the nations shall be gathered to it*, to the name of YEHOVAH, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts. ***In those days Judah will walk with the house of Israel***, and they will come ***together*** out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers (Jeremiah 3:17-18).

Yes, *many peoples and strong nations* shall come to seek YEHOVAH of Hosts in Jerusalem and to pray before YEHOVAH...Thus says YEHOVAH of Hosts, "In those days ten men from every language of the nations will grasp the corner of the garment [the *tzizit*;

Numbers 15:38-40] of a Jewish man saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you'" (Zechariah 8:23).

The prophet Jeremiah says, "Israel was holy to YEHOVAH, the *first fruits* of His harvest" (2:3). This image of the first fruits relates to the symbolic meaning of Israel's Holy Days and the harvest seasons, as set forth in Leviticus 23. The Way of YEHOVAH will first be realized through the "great nation," as promised to Abraham. The full harvest will follow. This is the prime task of the Messiah (Christ) according to all the prophets. UNLESS AND UNTIL ALL ISRAEL IS RESTORED TO THE LAND BY CHRIST -- WITH JUDAH AND JOSEPH JOINED AS ONE -- THERE IS NO MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT AND YEHOVAH GOD CANNOT RETURN TO THIS EARTH TO USHER IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

### **The Faithful Remnant**

Although the full implementation of God's Plan awaits the coming of the Messiah (Christ) and the complete Restoration of Israel, throughout history YEHOVAH has had His elect or chosen ones, from whom His face has never been hidden. On a *national* level, Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob are the "chosen people." They are given the Torah, the Covenant, the Promises -- and have been destined for a special relationship with YEHOVAH in history:

Behold! A people dwelling alone, not reckoning itself among the nations (Numbers 23:9).

You only have I known among all the families of the earth (Amos 3:2).

He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation, and as for His judgments, they have not known them (Psalm 147:20).

For YEHOVAH has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His special treasure (*segulah*) (Psalm 135:4).

However, the scriptures also speak of a minority -- a *remnant* -- who know and follow YEHOVAH despite the failures of the nation of Israel as a whole. Actually, this idea of the "faithful remnant" goes back even before the creation of Israel as a nation. Before Abraham we know a few names of those who "walked with God": Abel, Enoch, Noah, Shem, Job, and so on; while humankind as a whole has wholly departed from God into idolatry. This was also the case during the history of Israel in the Holy Land, as well as during the long Exile. God has hidden His face from humankind on the whole -- and even from his chosen nation Israel -- but He has always had his faithful ones, usually a scattered and unacknowledged minority, but fully known to Him. These are those who keep the true Faith and walk in the ancient Paths. They truly know, fear, and love YEHOVAH and walk in all His Ways. In Elijah's day, when the entire nation of Northern Israel had departed completely from the Torah during the reign of wicked King Ahab, Elijah is told by YEHOVAH that there were "seven thousand" who had not "bowed the knee to

Baal" (I Kings 19:9-18). At the lowest point in Judah's history, when the prophets are told not even to *pray for* the people, nonetheless, Ezekiel is told to go through the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on those who "sigh and cry over all the abominations" done in the Land (Ezekiel 9:4).

Dozens of the Psalms are addressed directly to these "zadiqim" or righteous ones. They are characterized by a deep fear of God, a reverence for His awesome Name, they have the Torah and laws of God *in their hearts* and are always spoken of as suffering opposition, but *waiting* on YEHOVAH. These are those who cry out for the Kingdom of God -- who sigh over the wickedness of their society. This elect group is addressed directly in a number of key scriptures:

Bind up the Testimony, seal the Torah *among my disciples*. And I will wait for YEHOVAH who *hides His face* from the house of Jacob; I will hope in Him (Isaiah 8:16).

Listen to Me, you who know righteousness (*zedeq*), you people *in whose heart is My Torah*; do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their insults (Isaiah 51:7). Hear the word of YEHOVAH, you who tremble (*heredim*) at His Word: your brethren who hate you, who cast you out for My Name's sake...they will be put to shame (Isaiah 66:5).

Then those who *feared* YEHOVAH spoke to one another, and YEHOVAH listened and heard them. So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear YEHOVAH and *who meditate on His name*. "They shall be mine," says YEHOVAH of Hosts, "on the day that I make them My treasure (*segulah*), and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him" (Malachi 3:16-17).

Seek YEHOVAH, all you humble of the land, who do his commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the wrath of YEHOVAH (Zephaniah 2:3).

Each of these important texts has a context related to *the last days*. This remnant group of true followers of YEHOVAH and His Messiah make up the *segulah*, the treasured chosen ones, while Israel and Judah as a whole have rejected YEHOVAH and His Way. Although they are primarily Israelites, the prophets make clear that the ***way is open for Gentiles to associate with them*** in this prophetic mission of the last days. The scriptures emphasize that such Gentiles, or "strangers," will come and join themselves to YEHOVAH, observing the Covenant, *particularly* in the latter days --

Keep justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man [Gentile] who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; who keeps from PROFANING THE SABBATH, and keeps his hand from doing any evil...let not the son of the foreigner, who has joined himself to YEHOVAH say, YEHOVAH has utterly separated me from His people...[those] who join themselves to YEHOVAH, to serve Him, and to love the name of YEHOVAH, to be His servants -- *everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My*

*covenant...For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.* The Lord YEHOUAH who gathers the outcasts of Israel says, "Yet I will gather to him *others besides those* who are gathered to him" (Isaiah 56:1-3, 6-8).

What does it mean to hold fast to the "Covenant"? The "words of the Covenant," or the Testimony, are the Ten Commandments or "words" (Deuteronomy 4:13; 9:9-10). The ***Sabbath is singled out in this crucial passage*** because it is the "sign" or mark of those who have taken on the Covenant (Exodus 31:16-18). Abrahamic Faith, from the very beginning, has had *all the nations of the earth* as its scope. The basic promises made to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 conclude with the phrase: "And through your seed all the nations (Gentiles) of the world will be blessed." The verb here -- *nivreku* -- can be translated either "be blessed," or "bless themselves." The grammatical form of this verb is rare -- it is what is called a Niphal Perfect. The rabbis say it can also mean "to be grafted in" when it occurs in this form. The idea is clear. It is ***through*** the nation of Israel, that is, the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob, that all the nations will come to know YEHOUAH God and His way -- and His servant the Messiah! The very reason for the "chosen nation" in the first place is that Israel would bear witness *to the nations*. The purpose of such a witness was never that all human beings should become Israelites or Jews, but that they should partake of the blessings which come from YEHOUAH through Abraham's descendants.

This concept of Covenant is a dynamic one -- it involves a *relationship* with YEHOUAH the Father. Even the Covenant with the nation of Israel at Sinai is not a static concept, it is an *on-going relationship*. The covenant is periodically *renewed* throughout history. Moses makes an initial covenant the year of the Exodus, but it is renewed 40 years later (Exodus 24:7-8; Deuteronomy 29:1). There is a further covenant made at the end of Joshua's career (Joshua 24:14-25). Covenants are also made under Josiah and Nehemiah -- see II Kings 23:1-3 and Nehemiah 9:38. There will be a *renewed* covenant when Israel is restored to Palestine (Jeremiah 31:31-34). These various "covenants" are essentially ***ONE*** -- they all refer to a special *partnership* with YEHOUAH, which involves commitment to His Torah (word, Bible) and dedication to the Kingdom of God. The heart and core of this relationship is this: "I will be their God, and they shall be My people." This key phrase is repeated often in the Old Testament. This intimate relationship is compared to marriage (Jeremiah 31:31-33). It is not primarily a legal, constitutional, or dispensational idea. As we have said, there is essentially only ***one*** covenant, and Abraham himself participates in this same covenantal relationship 400 years before Sinai.

Note the language of Genesis 17:1-2: "I am El Shaddai, walk before Me and be blameless, and *I will establish my covenant* between Me and you." Laying hold of the "covenant" essentially means becoming the "friend of God," "walking with God," intimately participating in the Plan of bringing justice and righteousness to the world. This is the true and original notion of Abrahamic Faith.

Therefore, this idea of taking up the Covenant is not restricted to the national promises to Israel -- which YEHOUAH will fulfill regardless "for His own Name's sake." It can be a wholly individual choice. As we saw above, Isaiah 56 addresses "the son of man," that is, anyone, who turns to YEHOUAH in this way, taking up the Covenant, observing the correct Sabbath (lunar), and becoming part of the people of God in this wider sense of the term. This is the essential

meaning of the concept of the "House of Prayer for all nations." Psalm 25 brings all this together for us --

Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed...All the paths of YEHOVAH are steadfast love and truth, *to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies*...Who is the man who fears YEHOVAH, He will instruct him in the Way he should choose...The friendship (lit. "secret") of YEHOVAH is for those who fear him, and He *will show them His Covenant* (vrs. 3, 10, 14).

This is a matter of the deepest and most intimate level of spiritual *conversion*. This way is open to anyone -- certainly to Jews, and obviously to those scattered Israelites from the Lost Tribes, but also to Gentiles, who are willing to repent of sins and turn to YEHOVAH. Truly, "YEHOVAH is near *to all those who call upon Him*, to all who call upon Him in faithfulness" (Psalm 145:18). YEHOVAH is no respecter of persons. He looks upon the heart rather than on external appearances (I Samuel 16:7). His love is extended toward every human being who fears Him. David had this deeply personal, intimate, relationship with God, as reflected in Psalm 51. Indeed, this Psalm, perhaps more than any other scripture, is the model for individual spirituality in the Bible. It involves "getting a new heart," having the Torah implanted deep within, and receiving God's holy spirit. Read it now.

Such a personal conversion does not require joining any religious organization or denomination. It cuts across all such cultic labels -- which are usually more sociological than genuinely religious. YEHOVAH looks on the heart. For Gentiles, or for those from the Lost Tribes of Israel, it does not necessitate formal conversion to one of the branches or schools of "Judaism" -- rather, it involves a relationship DIRECTLY with YEHOVAH, regulated only from the inner heart of each individual. This is not to say that such people of the Covenant are devoid of all community. Certainly the Gentiles who turn to the God of Israel in this way, as well as those from the Lost Tribes of Israel, will live their lives in a new solidarity with the fortunes of the Jewish people. They learn to love YEHOVAH, to revere the Bible -- all of the Bible -- and to share the hope for the Second Coming of the Messiah and the return of YEHOVAH God to this earth and to Jerusalem. They also share the hope for Redemption alongside the Jewish people. And surely those Jews who are deeply converted to YEHOVAH only serve to enrich their own communities -- helping to vindicate the plans and purposes of God for Israel. But most important, these "fearers of YEHOVAH" as Malachi calls them, have a deep solidarity with *one another*. The bond that comes from knowing the **ONE** God, living the Way of Torah, and longing for the Kingdom of God and YEHOVAH'S presence in Jerusalem, runs deep and tends to obliterate the boundaries of religious "affiliation" or national, ethnic, or social background. As they "speak to one another" there is a strength of fellowship that comes only through the spirit of YEHOVAH (Malachi 3:16-18).

### **What Lies Ahead?**

There is no doubt that we have entered the time when YEHOVAH is calling *back* to His Way many Christians who are in truth descendants of the Lost Tribes of Israel. They think of themselves as Gentiles, and have only known their God through the watered down, paganized,

version of the "faith" they have in the churches of today. But they feel irresistibly pulled back to the Hebraic origins of their faith. The prophets seem to indicate that as the Lost Tribes return -- in these preliminary stages -- there are righteous Gentiles who come with them, a kind of "mixed multitude" as in the former Exodus from Egypt (Jeremiah 16:19; Isaiah 56:8). Ironically, it is the very paganized faith of Christianity which is functioning as the instrument through which they are having their eyes opened to the One True God, to the Torah, and to their long-lost Jewish brothers and sisters. It is happening before our very eyes. Many are waking up, having their eyes opened, and turning toward the Old Testament writings (not forsaking the New Testament), the Jewish people, and the Land of Israel. This phase of the return is a *preliminary one*, where scattered ones, "one from the city, two from a family" come back to Zion and to the Jewish people (Jeremiah 3:14-15). It clearly comes *before* the final tribulation and the climactic events of the End -- and it precedes the final gathering of all the Tribes worldwide, which only the Messiah (Christ) will accomplish at his return pictured in Revelation 14:14. This sets the stage for the climactic, awe-inspiring, dramatic return of the Shekinah Glory of YEHOVAH God to Jerusalem and the Holy of Holies in the rebuilt Temple.

Yeshua (Christ) said some cryptic things which might be interpreted in this light. He spoke of having "other sheep not of *this* fold (meaning Judah)" whom he must bring into the fold, so that there will be one flock (John 10:16). This language directly echoes that of Ezekiel 34-37. He spoke of being sent only to "the lost sheep of the House of Israel" -- and not to the Gentiles (Matthew 10:6; 15:24). The parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32 can be understood in this light. The House of Judah (the Jews) -- represented by the older brother -- remain with the Father (YEHOVAH), while the House of Israel (the Lost Tribes), represented by the prodigal son, lose sight of the Father and replace Him with a paganized Christ. After wandering wastefully through the nations they return home in repentance at the end. The famous Parable of the Sower in Mark 4:3-20 might bear a similar interpretation. The "seed" of Yeshua's message has spread throughout the entire world with varying results, but the "good ground" upon which it falls and ultimately produces abundant fruit represents the Lost Tribes. They finally wake up to their true identity through a paganized version of that very message. In other words, from strictly an historical point of view, the mission of Christ (Yeshua) to "the lost sheep of the House of Israel" is being paradoxically fulfilled, through the very "watered-down" version of Biblical Christianity which the so-called Christians spread around the world. In the final analysis it is the *Bible* itself, which includes the Hebrew scriptures (the Old Testament), which the Protestant Christians have translated, suffered, and died for, which functions as the catalyst for the awakening of the Lost Tribes. We are surely witnessing a fulfillment of such an awakening in our day.

A group of islands, loved and lovely, first a colony --  
Strung out like a necklace flung across the southern sea --  
Now a beautiful Dominion, God's own gift to us --  
A jewel in the Israel crown, a pearl most marvellous  
Rich in churches, farms and cities; pastures, cattle, sheep --  
where this people British-bred their ancient laws may keep.  
First of Britain's family to come to Britain's aid --  
In two great world-wide wars -- the memory shall not fade --  
From the Mother heart that beats in London's sanctuary.  
Across the world we hail New Zealand -- one of our company.

**The Company of Nations,  
by  
Patience Strong**

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Dear Sir,

With much interest I have read your website on the Internet. I should like to tell you that I myself already am celebrating the Sabbath on the 15th day of the lunar month, etc.

I have been puzzling two years about the calendar in the Bible. Finally I started to celebrate the Sabbath on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th day of the lunar month. Some time ago I found the website of the Church of God and I was surprised that there really are people who have found the true Sabbath and the true calendar. After reading your website I changed my celebrating of the Sabbath into the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th day of the lunar month.

Here in the Netherlands there is no church that wants to know of this biblical calendar.

I have downloaded all your articles on my computer. The only problem is my printer doesn't work. My mother should like to read your articles but she has no computer. Could it be possible that you send her copies of the two articles: "From Sabbath to Saturday: The Story of the Jewish Rest day," "Have We Been Observing the Sabbath at the Wrong Time All These Years?," as on the Internet.

Thanks in advance,  
With my regards,  
J.K.

**Comment:** Consider it done!

The Berean Voice,

We wish to thank you for two issues of your magazine, The Berean Voice...

Thinking that your magazine was the voice of another organization we set it aside without reading it. I picked up your second issue this evening and am very interested in your first article, 'The "Second Coming" of Yehovah,' on page 3. It seems to

explain the Father-Son relationship as we understand by reading post Pentecost literature found in the Bible. Someone has gone to a great deal of research. Thank you. Should this read, 'The Second Coming of Adonai'?

We may have some trouble accepting the seventh day Sabbath since Romans 17:5 seems to indicate the day is not important except to the Worshipper after our Lord's resurrection. Please leave this with us until we have time to study your writings on the subject.

Kiwi is the national bird of New Zealand. Is there any connection to the bird and your E-mail address?

Please be patient with two lay people, both dulled by advancing age. There is much reading to consider in each issue of your magazine.

Yours for Truth  
E. & M.

**Comment:** I assume you mean Romans 7:5. This verse, and those proceeding it, does not mean that the Law has been done away, but that the penalty for breaking the Law has been done away through the death and resurrection of Christ. He bore the penalty for us, thus giving us a second chance. Matthew 5:17 confirms that the Law was never abrogated. I am a New Zealander by birth, hence the "kiwi" part of my e-mail address.

The Second Coming Of Yehovah--

Since the 7th century when Mohammed wrote of the importance of monotheism in the great design in the midst of the disgusting beginnings of what would become world wars and inquisitions, never has there been such a prolific piece of writing like your article "The 'Second Coming' of Yehovah" (which I personally think should be Jehovah, if it mattered).

John, thank you so much for breaking it down and bridging the gap for the sincerely called who identify themselves as "Christian". The idolatry reached its first peak in the Middle Ages and has reached its greatest highs since the 1950s because of bastardized American evangelists -- greedy, dirty, a-moral, sick freaks with high hair and advertising budgets and just enough truth to be dangerous [the old saying is that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing"].

I know that the people who first returned some of the Churches of God to worship on the so-called New Moons have been paying attention to you -- the Christian Churches of God -- simply because of something only a webmaster would notice that they now use your particular jpg image as their background when they never did before [just look at <http://www.ccg.org> to verify my word]...they always used only light yellow (#ffffee) until last month....they will soon turn but the important thing is that they are already one of the few churches on the entire planet, like yourself, and those of us of the seemingly splintered brotherhood of Philadelphia, which obey the first commandment -- both of the Mosaic law and the entirety of scripture itself -- which is that there is, was and always will be only ONE GOD -- El, Eloah, Aloah, Allah, etc. including the personal ones like Jehovah. If the first isn't met, the rest cannot mean anything at all.

God continue to bless your courageous work. It will be noticed and they will try to chase you down. Thank you!

D.H.

Hello!

For most of my life I have been a Christian. In recent days I have devoted much time to the Bible, and the Lord has given me the gift of understanding from reading the scriptures. From reading the Tanakh alone, I realized the importance of God's word and all He has commanded us to do. I know that the original Christian church was made up of Jews and that they observed all the Holy Days that God told them to celebrate. They were Jews that believed that Yeshua was the Messiah. I consider myself a Jew at heart, and I believe that Yeshua is my Savior.

I have a friend named Daniel, and he is a Messianic Jew. He told me about the Hope of Israel Ministries and I have read the magazine which you publish, The Berean Voice. I am very interested in receiving this

magazine, and any other information that you can send me regarding the ministry. I hope to hear from you soon, and may Yahweh watch over you!

Sincerely,  
S.H.

Dear Mr. John D. Keyser,

Grace, Mercy and Peace from God the Father in Christ our Savior. Warm greetings unto you from Quebec. I pray that this letter finds you well and happy. I've got your address from Barnabas Ministries. I request please information about your ministries. List of resource of material available if possible will be appreciated. I anticipate to hear from you. May God bless you and your loved ones in everything. May the protection, strength and peace of the Almighty be with you always.

In Christian love,  
R.D.

Dear Brethren:

I was very pleased and blest when I received issue #3 of Berean Voice magazine. I only regret I didn't hear of it a couple of months ago. Therefore I would like a copy of #1 and #2 of Berean Voice. I enclosed \$6.00. May God richly bless your efforts and bring much fruit.

Sincerely in His Sacred Name,  
F.W.

Hi,

My name is T.M. I fell upon your website today (Monday). I am an ex-wwcg'er. I left in 95 and don't belong to any particular group. In my studies I have come to the conclusion that Passover was indeed held on the latter part of the 14th and that Pentecost is counted from the 16th. What interested me on your web page was the article on the new moons matching the holy days. I have been studying this for a number of years now, and I have come to one point that I am absolutely sure of, and that is that the Messiah died on the correct day. With that in mind, both Edersheim and the Judaica Ency. say that the visible crescent was the new moon day. I can't find any historical proof that knew that on certain years the holy days fell on weekly sabbaths, I am just not convinced that this is the way it was every year. There should be more historical proof. Any help you can give me would be appreciated.

Thank you.

**Comment:** Continue to check out the website and, if you already haven't, subscribe to the Berean Voice magazine for up-to-date articles about the lunar Sabbath and God's Holy Day calendar.

Dear Sirs,

I have recently been impressed with your web site.

Is it possible you could send me your FREE magazine 'The Berean Voice'?

I also notice that you have a Bible Correspondence Course. Is it possible to receive this by post?

Do you have booklets and is a list available?

Would be grateful for your reply.

Yours sincerely,  
W.R.C.

**Comment:** Your name has been added to our mailing list. The Bible Correspondence Course is up for review to incorporate many new truths that God has led us into. It will be announced when the course has been updated.

Dear John,

Sorry to hear about your problem. It makes it very difficult to work to earn money, work for Jahwah, plus not feeling good.

I was sorry to hear about D. also. It is a very difficult road to follow after Jahshuwah. D. said that shortly after he started doing the lunar sabbath all of his blessings left him. That concerned me, as I do not think he understands how difficult it is to follow Jahshuwah. The path is difficult that leads into the Kingdom. It led Christ to the cross.

My husband and I have suffered great hardship in this walk. Every time Jahwah gives us a new truth and we proceed to infiltrate it into our life, all hell break's loose. Satan comes in with all of his forces to try and stop us from walking in the new truth. It is not easy. When my husband is out on the road and he is getting it from every direction, he calls me and asks what in the world is going on. He knows when new truths are coming in the spirit of this world attacks in every way.

I don't think D. has the understanding of "overcoming" -- he who overcomes and endures until the end will be saved. There is much overcoming to arrive at that place.

As to writing articles, that is all that I have been doing. I think that I am through with this Sacred Hebdomad and the Babylonian Mysteries, and Jahwah just continues on. The more digging I do, the worse it gets. I'm beginning to wonder if there is any end to this. I have hundreds of pages of just notes:

\* How one of the main reasons Nimrod set up the Tower of Babel was to declare a new calendar with false feasts and Sabbaths for meeting with Jahwah, and how Nimrod was proclaimed to be the FALSE MESSIAH after his death, thus the beginning of the Babylonian Mysteries.

\* How Israel set up the Tabernacle of Saturn -- appointing new feasts that Jahwah hated and finally cursed them to worship in this Tabernacle of Saturn, i.e. gave them up to worship the Hosts of Heaven (the Sacred Hebdomad).

\* How in 2 Kings, 17 the King of Assyria replaced the House of Israel with people from Babylon and other places and how the people brought all their gods with them -- all gods of the Sacred Hebdomad.

\* How the Tribe of Levi was the priestly tribe and the only tribe given permission to teach and interpret the Scriptures and serve in the House of Jahwah. How shortly after the death of Ezra, the priesthood was hijacked from the Levites by the Tribe of Judah -- the kingly tribe who had no authority to serve in the temple -- and were offering sacrifices and setting up false feasts, thus the Covenant of Levi was dissolved. Even Paul proclaims to be a devoted Pharisee, but also states that he was of the Tribe of Benjamin, which absolutely had no authority to teach or interpret the Scriptures.

\* How one of the main reasons the Qumran sect left the central worship system in Jerusalem was because the scribes and Pharisees had instituted a false Calendar. Even Josephus, shortly after Jahshuwah's death, writes about the Menorah being symbolic of the **seven planets**.

\* How the Hebrew word "***Kabala***" means "**TRADITION**," and was a doctrine brought back from the captivity of Babylon. The oral traditions were originally called the "Kabala," but later was divided into two

groups thus forming the *Oral tradition of the Fathers* for the common people and the *Mystic Kabala* for the elite few initiates. How the Kabala included the doctrine of the Gnostics and the Babylonian Mysteries, and how the Pharisees were practicing the Kabala even during the time of Christ.

\* How the explorers and colonists that founded America were Masons, which is an organization dedicated to the worship of Nimrod and the Babylonian Mysteries under the name of Osiris and Isis.

\* How the United States was not founded upon Christianity as the churches proclaim, but upon the Babylonian Mysteries. Even the name of *America* proclaims it to be the "*Land of Lucifer*."

\* The meaning of the Masonic symbols such as the **Goat of Mendes**, which is also called "*The Sabbath Goat*" -- the **Ouroboros Serpent**, which denotes the spiraling orbits of the planets and means "*TIME*."

\* How the basic idea of the Babylonian Mysteries was how **the soul -- after death -- returns to the Creator by ascending through the spheres of the seven planets**, leaving their sinful traits at each of the planets as they ascend into heaven -- **NO NEED FOR JAHSHUWAH**.

And so it goes on and on and on. Jahwah has led me to eventually put all of these different articles into one complete book form with a table of contents, etc., as it will show how Satan's chosen Messiah and religion has infiltrated all of the religions of the world thus deceiving the WHOLE WORLD; and if one is deceived, then he does not know that he is deceived.

Jahwah bless you and keep you during this time of surgery and recuperation. If I can help in any way, please let me know. I am pretty well equipped with a scanner, colored printer (ink jet), etc.  
D.

A Message to a Member of the WWCG:  
Recently an interesting phenomenon has arisen concerning a concept known as the Lunar Sabbath. It is promulgated on <http://hope-of-israel.org> and presents the idea that the Sabbath Day follows the phases of the moon and occurs on days 8, 15, 22 and 29. Day 30 (if it occurs in a given month) and day 1 are the New Moon days and are regarded as a sort of extension of the Sabbath of the 29th day but without the full restrictiveness

of the Sabbath itself, at least as I understand it. Days 2-7, 9-14, 16-21 and 23-28 are the four sets of six working days. Cf. Ezek. 46:1.

Days 30 and 1 "break" the repeating 7 day cycle we are all used to and thus makes the entire proposition seem a bit bizarre, evoking any number of kinds of responses including anger, contempt, surprise among some but also among some a certain reflectiveness and inclination to investigate further.

I am writing this after reading Mr. Armstrong's article referenced above. I have noticed the following three scriptures in connection with the question, "Has time been lost?" This has to do with the time for the Sabbath day. Here they are:

Lamentations 2:6\*\*, Ezekiel 22:26 and Hosea 2:11.

Lam. 2:6: And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD [YEHOVAH] hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten\* in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

**Strong's:**

\*7911. shakach, shaw-kakh'; or shakeach, shaw-kay'-akh, a prim. root; to mislay, i.e. to be oblivious of, from want of memory or attention:-- X at all, (cause to) forget.

Ezek. 22:26: Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

Hos. 2:11: I will also cause all her mirth to cease\*, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

(Paraphrase, "I will cause her sabbaths to sabbath -- rest." The word is very similar to the regular word for Sabbath.)

**Strong's:**

\*7673. shabath, shaw-bath'; a prim. root; to repose, i.e. desist from exertion; used in many impl. relations (caus., fig. or spec.):-- (cause to, let, make to) cease, celebrate, cause (make) to fail, keep (sabbath), suffer to

be lacking, leave, put away (down), (make to) rest, rid, still, take away.

(Note: in the unlikely event anyone might be unfamiliar with Strong's notation, the words appearing before :-- are the meaning of the Hebrew word which is also transliterated, and after :-- are the various ways in Hebrew word is translated into English in the KJV.)

As an inset, here is a quotation from the Kitzur Shulchon Oruch, (The Kitzur is the abbreviated form of the regular Shulchon Oruch, which is the detailed code of Jewish Law as it applies to the everyday life of a Jew) Chapter 97, paragraph 3, page 419 (of the Monzaim edition by Rabbi Shlomo Ganzfried, translated by Rabbi Eliyahu Touger), "It is permitted to work on Rosh Chodesh. Women, however, have adopted the custom of not working on this day. It is a proper custom and should not be treated casually."

Could this reference be a faint vestige of some long forgotten concept that Rosh Chodesh, the New Moon, is a sort of extension of the Sabbath of the 29th day of the month? There is a longer version of the Shulchon Oruch which may have more details and references on this point but I have no access to it at this point.

Mr. Armstrong makes no recognition of these verses in his article but they do seem to have a significant bearing on any discussion of this topic. these verses imply the possibility that not only the Sabbath could be misplaced (something you put down and then forget where you put it, as in "mislay" above) but also the Holydays. This would indicate problems with the Jewish calendar itself which no longer observes new moons physically from Jerusalem but is calculated. There is a group of Karaite Jews active in Israel today and they do observe the physical appearance of the first evening crescent and report it on the Internet. A comparison of their sightings to the regular Hebrew or Jewish calendar will reveal differences between them.

Here is a sample of one of their reports and information on how you can obtain these reports on a regular basis if you wished to receive them:

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Subject: [Karaite Korner Newsletter] #35: New Moon Report -- May 2000  
Date: Fri, 5 May 2000 19:54:15 +0200  
From: "The Karaite Korner"  
Reply-To: karaite\_korner\_news-owner@egroups.com  
To: "Karaite Korner Newsletter"

Karaite Korner Newsletter #35

New Moon Report  
May 2000

On Friday May 5, 2000 the New Moon was seen by Nehemia Gordon and Devorah Gordon from Jerusalem. The moon was first sighted at 19:29 by Nehemia and at 19:30 by Devorah.

Rosh Hodesh Sameah! (Happy New Moon Day!)

Nehemia Gordon  
The Karaite Korner  
POB 7816  
Jerusalem 91078  
Israel  
<http://www.karaite-korner.org/>

Please forward this letter to a friend.

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Their website has archives of previous reports and other interesting information such as the condition of the barley crop as it matures in the spring in preparation for the Omer (Wave Sheaf) and the subsequent count to Shavuot or Pentecost.

I am not trying, in this e-mail, to promulgate to you the concept of the lunar Sabbath or the views of the Karaites. (The Karaites do not subscribe to the Lunar Sabbath concept as far as I know.)

The purpose of this e-mail is to suggest that Mr. Armstrong's article may have overlooked certain scriptural indications on the topic of "Has Time Been Lost?" and to stimulate inquiry or interest in this topic.

Regards,  
Name Withheld.

Dear Mr. Keyser;

Thank you very much once again for the material re: The Aztecs; Jacob and the Pillar Crypts of Crete; and, The Incredible Story of Lia Fail. I've just finished reading it (some of it for the second time) and have it all saved in sheet protectors in binders for long-time reference.

Tracing the trans-migration of peoples from Biblical times is a fascinating study, especially the Algonquin and Aztec material as, apart from a study of more directly related Bible subjects, I am also doing some studies in the history of native North Americans. My mother's ancestry is Delaware and Cherokee -- my

father's ancestry is Scottish so you can see where the Biblical connections are so exciting to me. (My e-mail address is actually a Cree name given me years ago); Mantayo -- pronounced Man-tay'-o with the accent on "tay" means "someone who is not from here" or "someone from somewhere else." I was given this name by the people I live among because since they are Cree and Ojibwa they felt I needed a Cree name. (My residence is actually far north of here north of Algonquin Park up in the hills in the bush). I'm here in Toronto for a year or so because of my Dad's poor health (he's 91).

Anyway, I wanted to thank you again and ask two questions: 1/. Do you have any further articles regarding North American native peoples? and 2/. would you very kindly send me a copy of "Was Ollamh Fodhla King David of Israel?"

I know this costs you something (I'd print out what I can from the Internet but at 50 yrs. of age without work for now, the ink cartridges are prohibitively (\$65.00) expensive) but the material is really appreciated.

Your truly,  
M.R.

**Comment:** Thank you for your interesting letter. Do you have the articles on the Olmec and Maya Indians? Let me know and we will send them to you. I have a lot of research material on the Mandan Indians which I plan to turn into an article when time allows.

Dear Brother Keyser,

First of all I want to Praise [HaShem] for your "anointed" ministry! Amen. I have notified the inmate accounting office to mail you a five dollar [\$5.00] check as my donation; I hope to begin sending you five dollars each month.

Do you have any information on the "Ebionites" of the 1st. and 2nd. centuries? Or please send me an address where I can send for the information.

Your latest article, "Second Coming of Yehovah," was awesome. Please keep me on your mailing list.

I teach here at Ind. State Prison so anything you can send our group -- "Beth Tzadik" is greatly appreciated.

As I told you before in my previous letter I am Jewish and was converted to the [TRUTH] thru Herbert

Armstrong's "Mystery of the Ages" five years ago in the county jail awaiting trial on murder and robbery charges. I am sentenced to "Life Without Parole." A drug dealer was killed in my home, 3-5-95.

"Please pray for my attempts at a new trial."

I have nine men here studying "Mystery of the Ages" and we are non-trinitarian Torah submissive Christians! Amen.

In [HaShem's] Name of Names,  
D. I.

**Comment:** I believe we have some information on the Ebionites -- I will check our archives and get it to you if available. Thank you for your offer to help support this ministry, but please don't put yourself into any financial difficulties -- I know you don't have much money available to you in prison. Don't worry, you are on our mailing list until you ask to be removed. We will pray for your situation there in prison.

Dear Friends,

Please add me to your mailing list for The Berean Voice magazine and the Bible Course.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
L.R.

Shalom!

Just recently we have launched a Home Page on the Internet. The main purpose being to bless believers who are worshipping the God of Israel.

There are some fresh faith-building messages which were given just recently in our services, also there are some warnings for the church to lay aside false doctrines, before the soon-coming return of Messiah.

In our research for truth, we have discovered a web of deception, like an unseen virus which is keeping believers on the wide road unknowingly. The only cure is truth, the only truth is God's word.

May God bless you richly,  
J. W.

# Nimrod's Tabernacle of Saturn

Nimrod was given the name of Saturn in the Babylonian Mysteries, and as the above names indicate, Saturn was known by many names. Worship of the Babylonian Sacred Hebdomad contained many rites and ceremonies that were all blasphemous in Jahwah's sight. It is the intent of this and previous articles to expound upon the pagan calendar segment that was used instead of Jahwah's, and how this worship of the seven planets devoured Israel until Jahwah gave them up to worship the HOSTS OF HEAVEN -- this pagan tabernacle of worship called the Tabernacle of Saturn.

## Deborah Taylor

The Kingdom of Israel was divided into two Houses -- the House of Israel eventually was carried into captivity by Assyria and the House of Judah was carried away by the Babylonians, all because they dissolved Jahwah's Sabbaths and did not keep His **set-time ordinances**. This pagan worship troubled Israel throughout its history and is still deceiving the world religions of today, which are keeping the counterfeit Sabbaths of the Babylonian Sacred Hebdomad.

Saturn was usually pictured as an aged man holding a sickle, from which we undoubtedly get our representation of Death -- the old man with a sickle. The Planet Saturn revolves around the sun in approximately 29 years, therefore the human lifespan would be two or three revolutions of this planet. This could be the reason Saturn is connected with Death and the Grim Reaper -- the skeleton dressed in a black hood holding sickle that **reaps human beings at their death**. This same figure is used to denote the end of year, and a newborn baby symbolizes the New Year, i.e. it denotes **TIME**. Another name for Saturn is Kronos -- also meaning **TIME**.

## There Is An Appointed Time For Everything Under The Heavens!

There is an appointed time for everything under the heavens, including an **appointed time** for meeting with Jahwah -- an appointed time to cross the Jordan and go into the Land of Dabar -- the Land of Promise -- the Land of the Book - the Land of the Word -- into the Holy of Holies -- into the presence of Jahwah. Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 states:

There is an **APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERYTHING** a time for every affair under the heavens.  
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to cast away stones and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to abstain from embracing.  
A time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away.  
A time to tear and a time to mend; a time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace

## **Israel Abolishes The Sabbath During Her Forty Years Of Wandering Through The Wilderness!**

The Word of Jahwah came to Ezekiel and commanded that He bring charges against Israel. Ezekiel was to enumerate to them the sins of their forefathers -- they did not leave the Egyptian idols behind and they abolished Jahwah's Sabbath in the wilderness. Due to this abominable sin, Jahwah cursed Israel with **set-time ordinances** that would lead them **TO DEATH** and **NOT TO LIFE**. Ezekiel 20:2-25 tells the story of apostasy:

Then the Word of Jahwah came to me.

Son of man, speak with the elders of Israel and say to them: "Thus says Sovereign Jahwah... 'This is the Word of Sovereign Jahwah.'

"Bring a charge against them, O son of man! Tell them of the **ABOMINATIONS OF THEIR FOREFATHERS**.

And say to them: 'Sovereign Jahwah says: On the day I chose Israel, with uplifted hand I bound myself by oath to the descendants of Jacob and revealed myself to them in Egypt, declaring: I am Jahwah your Elohim.'

That day I swore to bring them out of the land of Egypt to the land I had scouted for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the fairest of all lands.

Then I said to them, 'Each of you, **get rid of the abominable images you have set your eyes on** and **do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt** I am Jahwah your Elohim.'

But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me; they did not get rid of the vile images they had set their eyes on, nor did they forsake the **IDOLS OF EGYPT**. Then I thought of pouring out my wrath on them and exhausting my anger on them there in the land of Egypt;

But I did not, since that would have brought dishonor to my name, for in the presence of the people among whom they were living I had announced to Israel that I was going to lead them out of Egypt.

So I brought Israel out of Egypt and led them into the wilderness.

Then I gave them My **set-time ordinances** thus making known to them My Divine Laws/customs which **everyone MUST OBSERVE TO HAVE LIFE**

Yea, I gave Israel My **Sabbaths** (dividers) to be a **MARK OF ASSENT/ AGREEMENT**(226) between Me and them, so that they would acknowledge/comprehend/have respect (3045) that it is Jahwah that purifies (6942) them.

In ancient times, the Sabbath was a type of Atonement Day -- a day of purification.

But the people of Israel **rebelled against Me in the wilderness** They walked/ marched/traveled (1980) **NOT in My SET-TIME ORDINANCES** because they despised My Divine Laws/customs that brings life to those who keep them. They **QUICKLY AND UTTERLY DISSOLVED**(3966) My Sabbaths (dividers); then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness to consume them.

But for the sake of my name I did what would keep it from being profaned in the eyes of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out.

Nevertheless I swore to them in the wilderness not to bring them to the land I had given them, a land flowing with milk and honey, a jewel among all lands.

Because they despised My customs/mishpat, and walked not in My Set-time ordinances and **dissolved my Sabbaths**. Their hearts were devoted to their idols.

Nevertheless my eye spared them, and I did not destroy them or make an end of them in the wilderness.

The next verse gives WARNING to the new generation of Israel -- a warning not to observe the set-time ordinances their fathers had observed in honor to their idols.

But I warned their children in the wilderness not to walk in the set-time ordinances and customs of their fathers, nor to defile themselves with their idols.

I am Jahwah Your Elohim; Walk in **My set-time ordinances**.

Thus keep/sanctify/hallow **My Sabbaths THEN** they will be the mark/**sign of assent between Me and you** so that you will have respect/so that you will understand/comprehend/acknowledge/perceive that Jahwah is your Elohim.

But the children rebelled against Me and walked **NOT** in My set-time ordinances....

They had despised My set-time ordinances and had **DISSOLVED My Sabbaths**...

**Therefore, I gave them SET- time ordinances that were NOT good, I.E., DIVINE LAWS/customs that lead TO DEATH!**

Notice carefully!! Jahwah gave Israel Set-time ordinances that DID NOT LEAD TO LIFE! Instead set-time ordinances were given to Israel that LED TO DEATH.

### **WORD DEFINITIONS** from *Strong's Concordance*:

1/. 226 = *owth* = signal (as in appearing); evidence, mark; From 225 = *uwth* = to come, to assent, consent; (**dictionary** = **assent** = consent of will, accept, admit, agree, approve, ratify; to assent is an act of the understanding; to consent of the will; to accept as true or real; to accept the word of some one; confidence; trust in another's veracity/truth.)

2/. 3045 = *yada* = acknowledge, be aware, comprehend, declare, be diligent, discover, make know, perceive, have respect, understand.

3/. 1980 = *halak* = come, enter, march, travel.

4/. 2490 = *challal* = to dissolve, defile, pollute, profane. (To dissolve the Sabbath is to defile or pollute it.)

5/. 3966 = *meod* = speedily, quickly, utterly.

6/. 6942 = *qadash* = consecrate, dedicate, keep, purify.

This scripture very plainly shows that right from the beginning, keeping the true Sabbaths and Set-time Ordinances were a problem for Israel. They were very quick to abolish His beautiful appointments that lead into His presence.

### **To Enter And Take Possession Of The Land Of Promise, Man Must Keep Jahwah's Set-Time Ordinances!**

In order to go in and take possession of the Land of Promise -- The land of Dabar -- the Land of the Book -- The Land of the Word, man must keep Jahwah's Set-time ordinances. Some will say that is pure nonsense, as the only way to go in and take possession of the land is through Messiah Jahshuwah. Well to those people I say, the animal sacrifices that Jahwah commanded were offered over these appointed times of worship. The sacrifice of our Savior, Jahshuwah, has replaced these animal sacrifices, therefore the blood of His sacrifice is spread over these appointed times of meeting with Jahwah.

Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin; therefore if sinful man enters into the presence of Jahwah without the blood of the lamb's sacrifice, it is instant death. Just as fire came out from Jahwah and consumed Abihu and Nadab when they approached Jahwah at the WRONG APPOINTED TIME, so will fire consume those approaching Jahwah at the wrong appointed time.

Just before the death of Moses and Israel's entering the Land of Promise, Moses explains the necessity of keeping the set-time ordinances in order to enter the land in Deuteronomy 4:1-16, 19-20, 23- 27:

So now, Israel, listen to the set-time ordinances and customs which I am about to teach you. Obey them, so that you may live and enter in and take possession of the land which Jahwah, the Elohim of your fathers, is giving you.

Read it again. "Obey the set-time ordinances so that you may...enter in and take possession of the land." Jahwah's people are ordered not to add nor subtract from this commandment. Do you get the picture? All of those New Testament believers that insist this command is obsolete is in direct violation of his Word.

You must not add to the word which I command you, nor subtract from it, but keep the ordinances/commandments of Jahwah your Elohim exactly as I lay them down for you.

You saw with your own eyes what Jahwah did at Baal-Peor; Jahwah, your Elohim, destroyed from your midst everyone that followed the Baal of Peor,

But those of you who stayed faithful to Jahwah your Elohim are all alive today.

Behold, I have taught you set-time ordinances and customs, as Jahwah my Elohim commanded me; see that you keep them when you go into and occupy the land.

Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all of these set-time ordinances and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

What other nation is so great as to have their elohim near them the way Jahwah our Elohim is near us whenever we pray to him?

What other great nation has set-time ordinances and customs as just/righteous, as this complete code of instructions/Torah that I am setting before you today?

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you DO NOT FORGET the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

You must never forget the day when you stood before Jahwah Your Elohim at Horeb, and Jahwah said to me, 'Assemble the people before me to hear my WORDS so that they may learn to fear me as long as they live in the land and may teach their children to do so.'

Then you came and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness.

Then Jahwah spoke to you of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice.

He announced to you the terms of his covenant, bidding you observe the Ten Commandments, which he wrote on two stone tablets.

At the same time Jahwah ordered me to teach you set-time ordinances and customs/ mishpat for you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy.

You saw no form of any kind the day Jahwah spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire. Therefore watch yourselves very carefully,

So that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves an idol, an image of any shape, whether formed like a man or a woman...

Nor must you raise your eyes to the heavens and look up to the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be led astray to bow down to them in worship. Jahwah your Elohim assigned them (the sun, the moon, and the stars) for worship to all the nations under heaven,

but Jahwah took you (Israel) and lifted you from the iron furnace of Egypt, to be a people of his own, as it is today...

So be careful not to forget the covenant that Jahwah your Elohim made with you, and make an image or likeness of anything that Jahwah your Elohim has forbidden you.

An image is defined as a mental picture, hence an idea; a metaphor, or a simile that reproduces or suggests the semblance of a certain object. Such words as representation, form, reflection, idea and facsimile are synonyms of this word, image.

With this in mind, naming the days of our week after the Seven Planetary Gods of Babel (the Sacred Hebdomad) would, without a doubt, be creating a mental image of these gods, which Jahwah has forbidden us to do.

For Jahwah your Elohim is a consuming fire, a jealous Elohim.

After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time -- if you then become corrupt and make ANY KIND OF IMAGE (that he has forbidden, including the likeness of the Sacred Hebdomad), doing evil in the eyes of Jahwah your Elohim thus provoking him to anger,

I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed.

Jahwah will scatter you among the peoples and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which Jahwah will drive you.

## **The Kingdom Of Israel Does Not Keep Jahwah's Set-Time Ordinances And Is Divided Into Two Houses!**

During the reign of King Solomon, son of David and Bathsheba, he **walked not in the set-time ordinances of Jahwah**, therefore the Kingdom of Israel was divided into two houses. But for David's sake -- who kept Jahwah's **set-time ordinances** -- this was not done until after Solomon's death as related in 1 Kings 11:29-38:

And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and the two *were* alone in the field:

And Ahijah caught the new garment that *was* on him, and rent it *in* twelve pieces:

And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith Jahwah, the Elohim of Israel, Behold, I will **rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon** and will give ten tribes to thee:

(But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

**Because** that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped **Ashtoreth** (meaning *star*) the goddess of the Zidonians, **Chemosh** (identified with 'Baal-peor', 'Baal-zebub', '**Mars**' and '**Saturn**') the god of the Moabites, and **Milcom** (same as '**Molech**' - meaning '*king*') the god of the children of Ammon, and **have not walked in my customs (derek)**, to do *that which is* right in mine eyes, and to *keep* my **set-time ordinances** and my **divine law** (mishpat), as *did* David his father.

Milcom is the same as Molech and Moloch and means "*king*." Chemosh was just another name for the Egyptian sun-god -- *Amun-Ra*. The *Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* (volume 1 -- page 486) states:

"**Molech**, or **Moloch**, which signifies 'king,' was the idol of the Ammonites. His proper name was **Chemosh**. His Egyptian correspondent, or rather substitute, was Amun, or **Amun-Ra**, 'the king of the gods'. His statue was of brass, and rested on a pedestal or throne of the same metal. His head, resembling that of a **CALF**, was adorned with a crown..."

Continuing with 1 Kings 11:34:

Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life **for David my servant's sake** whom I chose, **because he kept my commandments**(mitsvah -- codes of wisdom) and **my set-time ordinances**

But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes.

And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt **walk in my customs** (*derek*), and do *that is* right in my sight, to keep my **set-time ordinances** and my commandments, as David my servant did; then I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

## **The House Of Israel Establishes The False Feasts Of Apis -- The Golden Calf!**

Jeroboam becomes the first king over the House of Israel and proceeds to eradicate the set-time ordinances of Jahwah and install instead the false feasts of Apis the Bull of Memphis, Egypt -- the same false feast set-up at Mt. Sinai. He sets up a golden calf at Bethel and one at Dan (approximately 880 BC).

And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and **MADE HIM KING OVER ALL** Israel: there was none that followed the House of David, but the tribe of Judah only. 1 Kings 12:20

And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of Jahwah at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

Whereupon the king took counsel, and **made two calves of gold**, and said unto them: "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: **behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt!**" And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

In Israel this gave rise to sin, for the people went to Bethel to worship the one, and all the way to Dan to worship the other. 1 Kings 12:26-30

The *Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* (volume 1 -- page 336) has this to say regarding the two golden calves:

He erected two golden calves...(see on Exod.xxxii.4,8); ...the young bulls Apis and Mnevis, as symbols, in the Egyptian fashion, of the true God.

The *Commentary* comments on the original golden calf at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 32:4) on page 407, thus stating the bull was believed to contain the soul of Osiris/Nimrod -- the Sun-god:

Such a bull was believed to embody the soul of **Osiris (the sun)**...being called **Apis** at Memphis, where the image was black, and Mnevis at Heliopolis, where it was bright or yellow...

*'Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord'* -- not to Apis or to Osiris, as enshrined in his image, but to Jehovah.

In other words, the false feast of Apis was instituted as an appointed time to meet and worship Jahwah -- a time that Jahwah considers to be blasphemous. Just as it is in modern times, false Sabbaths are erected according to the Babylonian pagan week and are dedicated to Jahwah. Christians erect their false Sabbath on Sunday, in honor to the Sun god -- the Jews erect their false Sabbath on Saturday, in honor to Saturn/Nimrod, and the Muslims erect their false Sabbath on Friday, in honor to Venus. These are counterfeit Sabbaths, which Jahwah continually condemns throughout the Scriptures.

Omri, the seventh king of the House of Israel and father of Ahab, continued these false feasts and walked in **ALL** the customs that Jeroboam had installed as related in 1 Kings 16:25 and 26 (approximately 833-821 BC):

But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of Jahwah, and did **worse than all that were before him**.

For he **walked in all the way/custom (derek) of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke Jahwah Elohim of Israel to anger with their vanities.

Ahab, **son of Omri** and husband of **Jezebel**, became king after his father died and was more evil than his ancestors -- **walking again in the sins of Jeroboam**. *The New Unger's Bible Dictionary* states this corruption was so strong that it appeared as if the true knowledge of Jahwah would be lost to Israel forever.

The story unfolds in 1 Kings 16:29-34 (approximately 822-800 BC):

And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began **Ahab the son of Omri** to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

And **Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of Jahwah above all that were before him**. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to **walk in the sins of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and **went and served Baal, and worshipped him**.

And he reared up an **altar for Baal in the house of Baal** which he had built in Samaria.

And Ahab made an **Asherah** (a sacred pole for setting pagan feasts); and Ahab did more to provoke Jahwah Elohim of Israel to anger **than all the kings of Israel that were before him**

In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Segub, according to the word of Jahwah, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

## **The House Of Israel Is Condemned To Worship In The Tabernacle Of Saturn!**

Time has elapsed and we come forward several years in our study to approximately 689-687 BC. We again find the House of Israel keeping feasts other than the ones appointed by Jahwah at Mount Sinai. Jahwah is so angry and fed up with these false feasts that He condemns the whole House of Israel to the worship of the Hosts of Heaven -- the Tabernacle of Saturn which they had made. Amos 5:1-27 renders a strong message to the House of Joseph/House of Israel -- the United States of America -- in regards to this worship of Saturn:

Hear this word of lament which I utter against you **O House of Israel:**

For thus says Jahwah to the House of Israel: "Seek me that you may live.

Seek Jahwah and you will survive/live or else He will sweep like fire upon the **House of Joseph** and burn it down, with no one at **Bethel** (House of El) able to quench the flames.

Remember the golden calf of Apis was erected at Bethel. Amos is stating that there is not a god at Bethel that can put out this fire that He is sending upon the House of Joseph. He goes on to describe that it is He, Jahwah, that created the stars. In other words, they were not to worship the creation of the stars -- the Sun, the Moon, and the five planets -- but were to worship the Creator, the one who created the them.

He who made Pleiades and Orion, -- who turns darkness into dawn, and darkens day into night; who summons the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the surface of the earth:

Who brings destruction on the mighty so that ruin comes upon the **stronghold**: His name is Jahwah.

The **stronghold** of the modern day United States of America is their god **Government**. John Que citizen looks to the government for everything -- from taking care of their children, finding them jobs, educating their children, etc. They indeed look to "Social Security" of the government to take care of all their needs. Why do they indeed need the Heavenly Father, as **God Government** meets all of their necessities? Jahwah have mercy on our land. Verse 9 continues:

Woe to you who turn judgment to **wormwood** (poison/cause injury to) and cast justice to the ground!!!  
You that hate a man who brings the wrongdoer to court and detest anyone who speaks the truth.

Recently Linda Tripp exposed the truth about our corrupt president by the only means that were available to her at the time. Our Senate didn't even bring the president to trial, which is the only directive given by the Constitution. The Constitution clearly states that if a president is impeached by the House of Representatives, the case is then sent to the Senate for trial. The Senate sits as jury and hears the evidence presented in the trial to see if it warrants the removal of the president from office. The Senate did not even hear the evidence, as there was no trial. The case against William Jefferson Clinton was dismissed and the corruption goes on.

Linda Tripp spoke the truth and the White House through the Media has attempted to destroy her. Clinton, the guilty one, goes free and the one who attempts to reveal the corruption of the president is put on trial. Jahwah have mercy on our land. Verse 12 continues:

Yes, I know how many are your transgressions/crimes, and how outrageous your sins!!! You bully the innocent/oppress the just, accept bribes/extort ransoms, and in the court (of law), push aside the destitute/poor.

This was my personal experience in the federal court of our land. In 1991, I was injured in a car crash, due to a defective tire exploding while driving 65 mph on the highway. The federal court would not allow testimony from my expert witness -- would not allow my doctor to enter reports that would verify my injuries, etc. After bringing all of my witnesses to court, the judge dismissed my case without letting the jury hear it.

My attorney appealed it to the 10th district court in Denver, Co. Five judges stated that a jury should be allowed to hear my case and sent the case back to the judge, who had originally dismissed it. In a hearing -- which included the judge, attorney for the tire company, and my attorney -- the judge stated that if the case was brought before him again, he would again dismiss it. There was not enough money to continue to fight the judge and the big corporate tire company, therefore the case had to be dropped. The big corporate tire company won with the help of the federal judge.

Continuing with verse 13:

Therefore, the wise will keep silent at this time/now since it is a time of evil. (Very few are standing up for justice and the truth)

Seek good and not evil, so that you may live/survive: Thus Jahwah **Sebaoth** will be with you, as you have said,

We have hated evil, and loved good. **Restore ye justice in the courts** so Jahwah Sebaoth may have **mercy** on the remnant of Joseph.

Jahwah is speaking here under the title of "**Sebaoth**." In order to get the wisdom of this scripture, we must understand in what capacity He is speaking. Sometimes He speaks as Elyon (The Most High), or El Shaddai (The Almighty), or Roi (My Shepherd), etc. The **Strong's Concordance** #6635 defines "**Sebaoth**" as: a **mass of persons**, espec. organized for war; by impl. a campaign, lit. or fig. (spec. hardship, **worship**); **APPOINTED TIME**; or **host**.

The King James Bible usually translates "Sebaoth" as "Hosts." The "*Standard Dictionary*" defines hosts as: an army, **assembly**, company, **convocation**, or **gathering**; **A number of persons met together for a common purpose**. In His position as Jahwah Sebaoth in verse 21, he announces his anger against the Feast days that the House of Israel is keeping. They are **not** the appointed times of Jahwah.

I hate, I reject **YOUR FEAST DAYS** (not mine). I take no pleasure in **your festival assemblies**

Therefore, if ye should bring me your whole- burnt offerings and grain-offerings, **I will not accept them**; neither will I have respect for your grand/fatted peace offerings.

**If Jahwah is approached at the wrong appointed times, he will not accept the offerings.**

Remove from me the sound of your songs; I will not listen to the music of your instruments.

Instead let judgment roll down as water and justice like an impassable torrent/like a never failing stream!!

Did you offer **TO ME** sacrifices and offerings those forty years in the wilderness, O House of Israel?

The House of Israel offered their sacrifices and offerings not to Jahwah but to the Planet God, **Saturn**. They worshipped in the **Tabernacle of Saturn**, declaring **Saturn** to be their king and star god. Thus Jahwah delivers them up to **marry Saturn** and suffer the consequences.

No! So now you must receive/suffer to bear up/ **marry**/set up the **Tabernacle (*Siccuth*) of Saturn/Chiun/ Kaiwan/Remphan** your **king** and **STAR-GOD** -- idolatrous shrines you have made/appointed/provided/brought forth/fashioned for yourselves;

This King Saturn was none other than **Nimrod**, who was proclaimed to have resurrected and ascended to the planet "Saturn" in the Babylonian Mysteries.

In ancient time, planets were called wandering stars. *Matthew Henry's Commentary* also states they were worshipping the planet **Saturn and the Sacred Hebdomad**:

You have had the images of your **Moloch-your king** (probably representing the **sun**, that sits king among the **heavenly bodies**), "and **Chiun**, or **Remphan**" (as Stephen calls it, Acts vii.43, after the LXX), which, it is supposed, represented **SATURN, the HIGHEST OF THE SEVEN PLANETS**. **The worship of the sun, moon, and stars**, was the **MOST ANCIENT, most general**, and most plausible idolatry. They made to themselves the star of their God, some particular star which they took to be their god, or the name of which they gave to their god. This idolatry (Deut. iv. 19); and those that retain an affection for false gods cannot expect the favour of the true God.

*Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* has this to say:

**Moloch and Chiun** -- "Moloch means king, answering to **Mars**... or answering to the **Sun**... or answering to **Saturn**, the same as "**Chiun**...The LXX. translates *Chiun* into *Remphan*, as Stephen quotes it (Acts vii.42,43). **THE SAME GOD HAD OFTEN DIFFERENT NAMES** **Molock** is the Ammonite name; **Chiun** the Arabic and Persian name, written also **Chevan**. In an Arabic lexicon, Chiun means austere (severe, grave, judgment); so astrologers represented *Saturn* as a planet baleful in his influence. **Rimmon** was the Syrian name (2 Ki.v.18); pronounced as *Remvan*, or '**Remphan**,' just as **Chiun** was also

Cheran.... Remphan was the Egyptian name for Saturn: hence the LXX. translator of Amos gave the Egyptian name Raiphan for the Hebrew, being an Egyptian...The same as the Nile, of which the Egyptians made the star Saturn the representative. ...The Hebrews became infected with Sabeanism, the oldest form of idolatry, the worship of the Saba or starry hosts, *in their stay in the Arabian desert, where Job noticed its prevalence (Job xxxi.26): in opposition to such Sabeanism*, in v. 27, Jehovah declares Himself "the God of hosts." "**your images, the star of your god** R. Isaac Caro says **all the astrologers represented Saturn as the star of Israel** Probably there was a figure of a star on the head of the image of the idol, to represent the planet Saturn;"

Chapter 5 of Amos concludes with verse 27:

for/because I will drive you into exile/captivity beyond Damascus," says Jahwah, the Elohim of Sebaoth/Appointed Times is His name.

### What does Jahwah mean by "beyond Damascus?"

Let's take a look at the history of this city and maybe that will give us some insight into the meaning of this phrase.

The road to Assyria ran right through Damascus. This road was used in 611 BC (approximately) to carry away the House of Israel *beyond Damascus* to Assyria, because of her keeping false Sabbaths and Set-time Ordinances.

The patron deity of Damascus was Hadad, according to *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*:

The patron deity of Damascus was the storm-fertility god Hadad, who was given the epithet rimmon, probably better vocalized as ramman 'the Thunderer.' The temple of Hadad-ramman was the chief temple of Damascus (cf 2 Kings 5:18).

"Hadad" was represented by a calf. Who was this deity, Hadad? Hadad was called "the lord of the mountain," and his wife was "Gubara," who represented the Canaanitish goddess Asherah.

The Asherah was used to set pagan feasts, as described in 2 Kings 17:16 (*The Book of Yahweh*):

"They forsook all the Laws of Jahwah their Father....They made an Asherah Pole: The Sacred Pole for setting their feasts by the sun, and worshipped all the host of heaven (i.e. the sun, the moon, and the five planets), and they worshipped Baal; *Lord*."

Hadad is described as the Sun-god, Baal:

Hadad...was...the supreme Baal or Sun-god, whose worship extended southward from Carchemish to Edom and Palestine. At Damascus he was adored under the Assyrian name of Rimmon, and Zechariah xii.11 alludes to the cult of the compound Hadad-Rimmon in the close neighbourhood of the great Canaanitish fortress of Megiddo.

Zechariah 12:11 - "In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of **Hadadrimmon** in the valley of **Megiddon/Megiddo**."

According to Matthew Henry Zechariah 12:11 is denoting: "*that glorious day when God will appear for the salvation of his people.*"

Alas! Here is a thread tying **Baal**, the **Asherah**, **Hadad**, **Damascus** and **Megiddo** altogether in one package.

## **How Does Megiddo Fit Into This Worship Of The Seven Planets?**

Damascus is located east of the Euphrates River and came under **Babylonian** domination in approximately 625 BC and lasted until approximately 539 BC. Taking into consideration that the time frame of Zechariah 12:11 is in the last days, there is another scripture that we need to analyze at this time -- the sixth vial of wrath poured out in Revelation 16:12-16:

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates. Its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the East.

I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come from the mouth of the **dragon** (**Satan**/the Devil), from the mouth of the **beast** (**the Nimrod worldly government of Satan**), and from the mouth of the **false prophet** (**Satan's world religion established at the Tower of Babel -- worship of the seven planets and the false messiah, Nimrod**)

Frogs are creatures of the night, i.e. of the Prince of Darkness, Satan. According to ***Dictionary Symbolism***, by Hans Beidermann:

The early Church fathers referred to 'frogs living in mud' and their loud croaking, and they saw them as **SYMBOLS OF THE DEVIL** or of heretics **PROMOTING FALSE DOCTRINE**"

Beidermann goes on to state the frog croaks most of the day for the sheer joy of croaking and living in its mud-hole. In other words, these creatures of darkness go on and on and on, proclaiming and promoting the false doctrine of Babel. They thoroughly enjoy the mud-hole in which they live, and have no intention of hearing Jahwah's true **mitzvot** (commands). Putting Jahwah's mitzvot into practice would entail giving up groups and denominations, families and friends, and even jobs. It even means being **VERY MUCH ALONE** -- taking up Jahshuwah's cross daily and following him.

Going on with Revelation 16:

These were demonic spirits who performed signs. They went out to the kings of the whole world (Presidents, World Leaders, and Heads of State) to assemble them for the battle of the Great Day of Jahwah, the Almighty.

(Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who has kept watch, and has kept his clothes on, so that he does not go naked and ashamed for all to see.)

These spirits gathered the kings to a place called **Harmagedon**.

These spirits of the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet gathered the kings to this place called Harmagedon. What is the purpose of this gathering to Harmagedon? What is the meaning of this name? The name Har-Magedon signifies ***Mountain of Megiddo***.

"**Har**" is the Hebrew word for "**mountain**." **Megiddo** is defined in *Strong's Concordance* -- 4023 -- as: rendezvous; from 1413 -- *gadad* -- **To assemble by troops**; gather selves together in troops; cut selves. **'PLACE OF TROOPS'**

Bible scholars continue to argue over the interpretation of this "**place called Harmagedon**." Most current scholars have come to one of two conclusions as detailed in *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*:

One of the most popular emendations of **magedon** was proposed by Hommel (1890). He suggested that the Greek *gamma* in **magedon** is a transliteration, **NOT** of the Hebrew *gimel* but of the Hebrew '*ayin*. Thus **har-magedon** would be a corruption of the Hebrew *har-moed* or "**mountain of assembly**." Torrey (1938:244-48) argues that Armagedon is a reference to Isa 14:13 where the "**mountain of assembly**" is the **HEAVENLY COURT** in which God's throne is located. In Isaiah 14 the King of Babylon is called the "Day Star," a term applied to Christ in Revelation...current scholarship generally settles on a link with Megiddo or **har-moed** as **the best explanation of harmagedon**....

Since the city (of Megiddo) was located at the foot of the Carmel range, "mountain of Megiddo" could easily be a reference to **Mount Carmel**...It was on Mount Carmel that fire was called down from heaven to prove the Jahwah was the true God...It was there that the **FALSE PROPHETS** were defeated.

Some Biblical historians state that **Baal Shamem** (meaning "**Baal of desolation**"), known also as "**Baal of the lofty abode**," i.e. "Baal of the heavens") was the god spoken of in 1 Kings 18. Jezebel had erected an image of **Baal Shamem** on Mount Carmel and the prophet Elijah came to confront this false worship of Baal.

Daniel's "**Abomination of Desolation**" was also none other than **Baal-Shamem**. (For further study, see the article *Saturn and the Sacred Hebdomad* in the Feb.-March issue of the *The Berean Voice* magazine.)

Another interesting event that took place at Megiddo was the overthrow of the Canaanite kings by Israel under the command of Barak and Deborah. The Canaanite **kings gathered at Megiddo** to battle against Israel and the very **stars in heaven** helped Deborah -- "*from heaven was the battle fought; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera*."

There you have it. Most Bible scholars now believe that this mountain is a gathering of kings to the **Mountain of Feasts** -- the **Mountain of Appointed Times**. This is the same **Mountain of Appointed Times** on which Lucifer declares that he will sit hidden on the north. The gathering of the kings to battle against Jahwah takes place at the **Mountain of Appointed Times!** Is this battle fought over Calendars -- appointed Feasts and Sabbaths of Jahwah versus the pagan feasts and Sabbaths of Satan?

## Amos 5 Is So Important It Is Again Repeated In Acts 7!

V. 42 So Elohim turned away from them and gave them over to worship the **HOST OF HEAVEN**, as it is written in the book of the prophets: Was it TO ME you brought sacrifices and offerings those forty years in the wilderness, O House of Israel?

V. 43 NO!!! You lifted up the Tabernacle of Remphan/Saturn/Chiun -- **YOUR KING AND STAR GOD**; forms constructed (*in*) which to worship.

They erected a Tabernacle of worship for Saturn, i.e. the day set-aside to Saturn -- **the false Saturday Sabbath** according to the pagan planetary week.

Matthew Henry says this about Acts 7:43: "Some think Remphan signifies **the moon**, as Moloch does *the sun*, others take it for **Saturn**, for that planet is called **Remphan** in the Syriac and Persian Languages....Lightfoot thinks they had figures representing **THE WHOLE STARRY FIRMAMENT**, with all the **constellations**, and the **PLANETS**, and these are called Remphan -- 'the high representation,' like the celestial globe."

### The Tabernacle of Witness

In Acts 7:43 and 44, there appears to be a comparison being made between the **Tabernacle of the king and star god, Remphan** and the **Tabernacle of Witness** in the wilderness that Jahwah had appointed Moses to build after the pattern on the mount. What is the meaning of this contrast? What are the scriptures saying?

Yea, ye took up the **tabernacle of Moloch**, and the **star of your god Remphan** figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

Our fathers had **THE TABERNACLE OF WITNESS** in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

*The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopædia* describes the Tabernacle of Witness/Testimony as follows:

These terms may refer to the Law, which was deposited in the tabernacle, and which testified to God's authority and holiness, or they may refer to the REVELATIONS which God made of himself in the tabernacle by which he made known his presence in the most glorious and mysterious manner.

Another term used for the Tabernacle was "*ohel moade*"....from a root, to **FIX** or **APPOINT TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**. Kimchi explains the name thus: "And thus was called the *o-hel-mo-ade*, because the Israelites were assembled and congregated there, and also because Jahwah met there with Moses," etc. It is from the Hebrew word meaning *tent of testimony*, or to witness. The Septuagint almost constantly uses the phrase, *tent of testimony*. The Vulgate has....**tent of the covenant**....The Chaldee and Syrian translators have, **tent of festival**.

Scribners *Dictionary of the Bible* states:

*Ohel moed* -- *moed* is derived from the verb *yaad* which "signifies '**to appoint a time or place of meeting.**' in the Niphal '**to meet by appointment' this meeting is mainly for the purpose of speaking with them.**...of declaring His will to them, the expression '**tent of meeting**' is practically equivalent to '**tent of revelation**'...It has lately been suggested that behind this lies a **MORE PRIMITIVE MEANING.**... Zeimern has suggested that the expression...may originally have denoted "***the tent where THE PROPER TIME FOR AN UNDERTAKING WAS DETERMINED.***" in other words, '**TENT OF THE ORACLE**'....The rendering of AV '*tabernacle of the congregation*' is based on a **MISTAKEN INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD***mo'ed*...

It is obvious that Jahwah's Tabernacle was an **exact appointed time and place for meeting with Him**, therefore this **Tabernacle of Saturn** was **an exact appointed time and place for meeting with Baal**. Acts 7:45-51 continues:

Our ancestors in turn brought it (the tabernacle of witness) in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that Elohim drove out before our ancestors. Here it stayed until the time of David.

David found favour with Elohim and asked that he might procure a dwelling place for the **Tabernacle of Jacob's Elohim**...

But Solomon built him (Elohim) a house.

However Elyon (the Most High) does not live in houses made by men as the prophet says:

"Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what kind of house can you build for me? Says Jahwah. Where is my **PLACE OF REST**?

Hath not my hand made all these things?"

You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the ***Ruwach ha'qodesh***, just as your fathers used to do.

The above quotation is taken from Isaiah 66:1:

Thus says Jahwah: The heavens are my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house, then, can you build for me? And ***where*** (227) is my **place of rest** to be? (4725)

In ***Strong's Concordance*** the word "***where***" is 227 -- ***az*** = **At that time** or place, then, esp. ***when***; "***place of rest***" is 4725 -- ***maquowm*** = **a place where a thing belongs**, standing-place, station, room, space.

Thus the verse could read: "***Where in time*** are you going to put my place of rest? He was asking this question because His **PLACE OF REST** had already been created by Himself in the beginning. It belonged on the Seventh day of the week; the Sabbath had already been set up as His Sanctuary.

Continuing with Isaiah 66:2-5:

For My hand has (*already*) made all of these **things** (the heavens, the earth, and Jahwah's place of rest) and all belong to me/and all have come into being by Me, says Jahwah. This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and **trembles at my WORD** (Dabar/My Utterance).

What **Word** or Utterance is He speaking of here? It tells you in the prior sentence: The Word that He uttered at Creation when His Word went forth and the heavens and earth were created in six days and on the **SEVENTH DAY HE CREATED HIS PLACE OF REST**.

But the transgressor that sacrifices an ox to me, is like he that kills a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, is like he who breaks a dog's neck; and he that offers fine flour/a grain offering/*minchah* like one that offers swine's blood; he that burns incense, is like paying homage to an idol.

Who is this transgressor? The people that have chosen their **own customs** -- their own Sabbath Day to approach Jahwah. People that are not humble and obedient to approach Jahwah on the day He set aside at Creation -- **the Sabbaths kept by the phases of the moon**. Jahwah is not present at their false Sabbaths set aside in honor of the Babylonian Gods of the Sun, the Moon, and the five planets.

They have **chosen their OWN ways/customs/derek** and take great delight in their **abominable practices**. Because people have adopted these practices and reveled in abominable rites,

I in turn will adopt a willful course and bring on them the very things they dread, since, when I called, not one responded, when I spoke, no one listened. They did what was evil in My sight and chose that which displeased Me.

**Catastrophe** is coming upon those who have established their **OWN CUSTOMS**. Babylonian groups and churches will not listen when He speaks, but continue in the Traditions of their fathers -- the Jews and the Christians. Their false Sabbath days will not protect them from the **WRATH OF JAHWAH** that is coming upon the world.

These Babylonian groups -- these churches -- these sects will **hate and reject you** for taking this stand of keeping the true Sabbath of Jahwah. Don't think for a minute they won't.

Hear the **WORD of Jahwah**, you who tremble at this **WORD**: "Your own people who, because of my name, **hate and reject you**, say, 'Let Jahwah show His glory that we may see your joy'; but they will be put to shame."

In regards to Isaiah 66, Bill Dankenbring states:

What is God saying here? It is simple. His people have **PERVERTED HIS TRUTH** and corrupted His laws, and their **religious practices** are closely akin to **PAGANISM** -- **whether they know or realize it or not!** Their worship practices are related to idolatry.

They have chosen their **OWN ways** -- instead of God's clear commandments. And the result is that they do things that God hates and detests!

Hosea 2:11-13 fully explains what Jahwah plans to do:

Now I will discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and **NONE SHALL DELIVER HER OUT OF MINE HAND.**

I will put an end to all her mirth, **HER** festivals, **HER** new moons, and **Her** sabbaths, and all **HER** appointed times (mowadah)....

**I will punish her for the festival days of the Baals** (the sun, the moon, and the five planets -- the Sacred Hebdomad of the Babylonian Mysteries), when she burned incense to them and decked herself with rings and jewelry, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, says Jahwah.

## **Jahwah Accuses The House Of Israel Of Adopting False Sabbaths!**

The very next chapter of Amos -- chapter 6 -- makes it very plain what the House of Israel was doing. They had adopted **false sabbaths** and were approaching Jahwah at the **WRONG APPOINTED TIMES.** Amos 6:1-14 reads:

Woe to them who despise/who are complacent in/**who set at naught Zion** (the government of Jahwah) and trust (instead) in the **Mountain (Kingdom) of Samarā** -- chief cursed among the nations (heathen) to whom the House of Israel came.

Go to Calneh (the ancient city built by Nimrod) and see what has become of that; it is now in ruins...

Thinking to postpone/delay the **DAY of CALAMITY/** sorrow/ affliction/trouble, you are drawing near (to Jahwah) and adopting **FALSE Sabbaths**

Sabbaths are appointed times set aside by Jahwah to worship i.e. to meet with Him. If the House of Israel were appointing false Sabbaths to meet with Jahwah, they were **false appointed times** and Jahwah was not in attendance. In other words, the House of Israel was hiding from Jahwah, just like the name Saturn implies -- "***The Hidden Ones.***" They also adopted false feasts thinking they had changed the calendar, thus delaying the Day of Judgment.

V. 7 Therefore, you will now be the first to go into exile/captivity and **YOUR FEASTS** (false Sabbaths -- not mine) and life of ease will come to an end!

## **Does Not Keeping the True Sabbath Affect the United States?**

After a long struggle of pioneering an unknown wilderness, the people of the United States are living a life of ease. They have become lazy and uncaring about the things of Jahwah, caring only about money, the latest gadget that brings more comfort and leisure time for vacations, wild parties, etc. They no longer care about justice -- about what is right and what is wrong. As long as the economy is good and there is money in their pockets, that is all they care about. Abortion of 20 million babies plus is all right -- the harvesting of baby parts and selling for experimentation is all right; destroying and killing religious people is all right -- Waco and Ruby Ridge, etc.; selling out the national security for campaign funds is all right; and it goes on and on and on.

Adonai Jahwah has sworn by Himself! Jahwah Elohim of **Appointed Times** says: "I hate the pride of Jacob/Israel; I despise their countries/luxurious mansions; I will give their **capital city** (Washington DC) and everything in it to the enemy.....

Jahwah without question has given our capital city of Washington, D.C to the enemy, Satan. It is no longer under Jahwah -- the property "of the people, by the people, and for the people;" it is the property "of Satan, by Satan, and for Satan." Jahwah declares He is going to destroy this government that has done away with justice.

For, behold, Jahwah commands and He will break/smite the **GREAT HOUSE (The White House)** into pieces and the Little House (Congress) into bits!

...for ye have turned **judgment** into poison, and the fruit of **justice** into bitterness;

Ye who rejoice at pride/vanity; who say: 'Have we not possessed **power** by our **own strength**?'

"But beware, **O House of Israel**. I am raising up a nation against you, saith Jahwah, the Elohim of Sebaoth/Appointed Times; and this nation will afflict you with the bringing in of Hemath to the river of the wilderness.

## **"The Hidden Ones" Of Saturn Approach Jahwah At The Wrong Appointed Time!**

**Saturday** is named after the planet **Saturn**, which was thought to be a wandering star in ancient times. The Saturday Sabbath is the day set aside to honor Saturn -- not Jahwah. Just like Christmas it is a **FEAST** dedicated and set aside to honor Saturn. The Creation Sabbath, i.e. the **Lunar Weekly Sabbath**, was set aside by the Creator of the Universe -- a time set aside for all Israel to come and worship Jahwah -- a time which propitiates/ pardons sin through Jahshuwah. Remember Jahshuwah is in **SUPREME AUTHORITY** (2962) on the Sabbath as related in Mark 2:27 and 28:

The Sabbath Day came into being/was created for the sake of mankind, not mankind for the sake of the Sabbath Day.

Therefore indeed the **SON OF MAN** (Jahshuwah) is **CONTROLLER**/is in **SUPREME AUTHORITY** over the Sabbath Day.

Amos declares that Israel had set-up an **IDOLATROUS SHRINE**, i.e. a **FALSE SABBATH** dedicated to **Saturn** -- "**The Hidden Ones**." They were drawing near -- approaching Jahwah at the **wrong appointed time**.

There were others in the Scriptures that came at the "**wrong appointed time**" and were destroyed or cast out of Jahwah's presence -- such was the case of Abihu and Nadab. Fire came out from Jahwah and destroyed them when they approached at the wrong appointed time in Leviticus 10:1 and 2:

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire therein and laid incense on it and offered strange fire before Jahwah, **NOT AT ITS APPOINTED TIME** and not as he had commanded them. And there went out fire from before Jahwah and devoured them and they died before Jahwah.

The meanings of the names -- Abihu and Nadab -- will help shed some light on their character. **Abihu** denotes that he is a "*worshipper of self*;" **Nadab** is "*liberal*" -- free from **nar-rowness** -- **free from bondage to authority or creed in religion**. In other words, Nadab thought he didn't have to approach Jahwah at Jahwah's specified appointed time, but he could come whenever he felt like it -- whenever it was convenient for him -- whenever it would fit into his schedule -- whenever he had nothing better to do. Abihu was a worshipper of himself, which meant he did whatever was pleasing and convenient to his flesh. It didn't matter how or when Jahwah commanded them to approach -- they would approach Jahwah at their own convenience, whenever and however they wanted.

Doesn't that sound familiar in today's churches -- "It doesn't matter what day we appoint to worship God -- God doesn't care what day we assemble to worship him," thus throwing out Exodus 16:4, where Jahwah gave the Sabbaths to his people as a sort of test/exam -- a custom that proves if they will follow his instructions or not. Since Jahwah is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, this test has not in any way, shape, or form been changed. Believing the Sabbath has been changed **does not make it so**.

Some scholars suggest that Cain's rejection was due to his approaching Jahwah at the **WRONG APPOINTED TIME** -- not on the Sabbath. Genesis 4:3 in the King James reads:

**And in process of time** it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

The **time** as well as the place was probably appointed, as Jahwah's appointed times to meet with him are very clearly stated throughout the Scriptures. *The first Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians* states Cain brought his sacrifice "**after** certain days."

*The Popular and critical Bible Encyclopedia* defines the phrase "*in process of time*" as "*the end of days*" meaning at the end of the week which would be the **Sabbath**.

"**And**" comes from the Hebrew "*vaw*", which also has various other meanings such as: *but, or, even, so, thus* or **THEN**. "*Then*" is defined in the dictionary as "*at that time*" "*soon* or *immediately afterward*," or "**AT ANOTHER TIME**."

Now let's analyze the phrase as "*in the end of days*." The Hebrew word for "**In**" is "*min*," which can also mean *after, since, out of*. The Hebrew word used for "the end of" is *qets*, which also means *after* or **AT THE END OF (a definite time)**.

If the "*End of Days*" is referring to the Weekly Sabbath and Cain's offering was brought after the Weekly Sabbath, the verse would read:

Thus **after the End of Days/after the Weekly Sabbath** it came to pass that Cain brought the fruit of the ground -- an offering unto Jahwah. Genesis 4:3

If indeed Cain brought his sacrifice after the Sabbath had ended -- at the wrong appointed time, it was therefore unacceptable to Jahwah. His punishment was to be sent away from the presence of Jahwah into the "**Land of Wandering/Nod**."

## **Israel Refuses To Keep Jahwah's Appointed Time To Enter The Land And Is Also Sent Away To A Land Of Wandering!**

There was an **APPOINTED TIME** for Israel to enter the Land of Promise as found in Numbers 14, but Israel would not enter at the appointed time. Jahwah therefore cursed them to forty years of **WANDERING** -- just like Cain, who was banished to the Land of Nod/Wandering.

Thus your children must wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even **forty days, each day for a year**, must ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, then you will know and understand My breach of promise -- what it means to oppose me.

I, Jahwah have spoken; surely I will do thus to all this wicked congregation gathered together against me. In this wilderness they will come to a full end and here they will die.

## **The Church wanders in the Wilderness for Forty Jubilees!**

Did the same thing happen to the Church? Did they refuse to enter the Land of Promise at the appointed time fixed by Jahwah, thus the church was condemned to wandering in the wilderness? It appears that is exactly what happened!

First Corinthians 10:11 states that all of these things in the Scriptures were given to us as examples:

All these things happened to them as examples -- **as object lessons to us** -- to warn us against doing the same things; they were written down so that we could read about them and learn from them in these last days as the world nears its end.

Just like ancient Israel of yesterday, the modern day Church of Israel has been wandering through the wilderness -- only instead of a year for each day, i.e. forty years, the curse was one jubilee for each day in the land. It is now time to come out of the wilderness and cross over the Jordan into the land, and we must follow the same directions which Jahwah gave to Joshua that are found in Joshua 3:3 and 4:

When you see the Ark of the Covenant of Jahwah your Elohim being carried forward by the Levitical priest, then you too **MUST LEAVE YOUR POSITIONS** and set out. Follow it,

so that you will **KNOW THE WAY**/ the *derek*/the custom/the path **YOU MUST GO, for you have not traveled this way/derek/path/custom before**. Between you and the ark, however, keep a distance of **two thousand cubits**. Do not go near it.

Did you get that? **YOU HAVE NOT TRAVELED THIS WAY BEFORE !!!**

*Cubit* in Hebrew is *ammah*, which is a *unit of measure* or a *door-base as a bond of the entrance*. Thus this number 2,000 is a unit of measure which denotes an **entrance** -- the place to cross over the Jordan into the Land of Promise. There is to be a space of **2,000 cubits** between the Ark of the Covenant and us. Our Ark of the Covenant is Jahshuwah, and it has been almost 2,000 years since he crossed over the Jordan, therefore we are approaching the **appointed time** for **entrance** into the Land.

Are you willing to leave your place and follow after the Ark in a **custom that you have not traveled before**? Or, are you going continue in the same path as the traditions of the forefathers have handed down? There is a fork in the road and you have to choose either the "narrow" road that leads to life or the "broad" road that leads to destruction. The choice is yours alone to make.

Shortly after Jahshuwah and his apostles died, the Church left the true *derek*/path/custom and adopted the pagan sabbaths of the Babylonian Mysteries -- pagan sabbaths brought into the Church by the Gnostics. Such Gnostics as Simon Magus -- Marcion -- the Nicolaitanes introduced false appointments to meet with Jahwah -- false Sabbaths -- false worship of the Sun, the Moon, and the five planets -- the worship of Baal and the Sacred Hebdomad.

Just as Israel was cursed to wander through the wilderness the Church also was cursed to wander through the wilderness. But instead of **one year** for every day the twelve spies searched out the land, the **Church** was cursed to wander **one jubilee** (50 years) for every day the spies searched out the land. Two thousand years is -- you guessed it -- 40 jubilees.

The custom/way/path/derek is the entrance into the Land. **It is a custom/path that has not been followed during this trek through the wilderness as stated in Joshua 3:4, "ye have not gone/come/entered this way/custom/path previously."**

Just like Israel in Amos 5 and 6, the Church took up the Tabernacle of Saturn (the hidden ones) and appointed false feasts. Jahwah again says to modern day Israel:

"I hate, I reject **YOUR FEAST DAYS**. I take no pleasure in **your** festival assemblies.... So now you must **suffer to bear up/marry** the **Tabernacle (Siccuth) of Saturn/Chiun/ Kaiwan/Remphan** your king and **STAR-GOD**. "

Those that refuse to come out of Babel will **suffer to bear up the Tabernacle of Saturn** -- "*her plagues will come in a single day -- pestilence and mourning and famine -- she will be consumed by fire for mighty is Jahwah Elohim who judges her.*" (Revelation 18:8)

So Jahwah hid His Sabbath from Israel and sent them into exile/captivity and condemned them to bear up the **TABERNACLE OF SATURN** their king and **STAR-GOD**, i.e. a **FALSE SABBATH** that does not atone for sin -- which is **NOT** an **OWTH/sign/mark** between Jahwah and His people. Remember the Messiah Jahshuwah atones for our sin and he is in **SUPREME AUTHORITY** (over) the Sabbath. Keeping the Sabbath Day, proves to Jahwah that you have placed the Messiah in **SUPREME AUTHORITY** over your life, i.e. made him **KING** and El over your body temple. He will not accept your lip service. As the old saying goes: "**Actions speak louder than words.**"

The *Encyclopedia Biblica* explains *Chiun* and *Siccuth* in this way:

*Chiun* is of frequent occurrence in Babylonian mythological and religious texts as the **name of the planet SATURN**. Other Semitic peoples have preserved the same name...the name *Sakkut*, which is probably the same as the *Siccuth* (tabernacle) of Amos 5:26, is used in a Babylonian list as a name for the god Ninib. *Ninib* appears to be the god of the planet *Kaiwanu/Saturn* ....Sakkut and Kaiwan are the same.

There is a reference to Sakkut/Saccuth-Kaiwan in 2 Kings 17:30 under *Succoth-Benoth* and another to *Kaiwan* in Eze. 8:3 and 5 -- "The image of jealousy." It was probably a **statue of Kaiwan**.

Thus Ezekiel 8:3 and 5 reads:

...The Spirit lifted me between earth and heaven and in visions of Elohim, He took me to Jerusalem, to the entrance to the north gate of the inner court, where the **IMAGE THAT PROVOKES TO JEALOUSY (Kaiwan/Saturn)** stood...

Then He said to me, "Son of man look toward the north." So I looked, and in the entrance north of the gate of the altar I saw this image of jealousy (**Kaiwan/Saturn**).

Scribner's *Dictionary of The Bible* has this to say regarding the image of jealousy:

*Kewan* would seem to be nothing less but the Semitic-Babylonian *Kaawanu*..."**the planet Saturn**." Saturn was also called **Salam, Salme**, as 'the dark star,' a name which recalls the expression 'your images' in Amos 5:26 which in Hebrew, immediately follows *Chiun* (= *Kaawanu* = *Rephan*).... **The Hebrew scribes were accustomed to distort the names of heathen deities...**

The *Encyclopedia Judaica* describes *Sikkuth* and *Chiun* in this way:

*Sikkuth* -- "the vocalization is modeled after *shiffuz* (*shiqquz* = '**abomination**.') *Chiun* is identified with the Akkadian *Kajamanu*, "the steady one;" the appellation (title) of the star god **SATURN**.

## House Of Israel Carried Away To Assyria Because They Reject Jahwah's Set-Time Ordinances!

The House of Israel is carried away to Assyria because of their keeping the **set-time ordinances of the heathen**. Second Kings 17:6-30 clarifies that the House of Judah, as well as the House of Israel, walked in the **set-time ordinances of the heathen nations** :

In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and **carried Israel away into Assyria** and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against Jahwah their Elohim, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They had **worshipped other gods**

and walked in the **SET-TIME ORDINANCES OF THE HEATHEN/NATIONS** whom Jahwah had cast out before them, as well as those (*set-time ordinances*) which the kings of Israel had introduced...

Jahwah warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn ye from your evil ways and keep My commands, i.e. **My Set-time ordinances** according to all the torah/instructions I commanded your fathers and delivered to them through My servants the prophets.

But they would not listen, they were as stubborn as their fathers, who would not trust Jahwah their Elohim.

Thus they rejected the **SET-TIME ORDINANCES OF HIS COVENANT** which He had made with their fathers and the warnings which he gave them. They went after false idols, and became false, and **they followed the nations** that were round about them, concerning whom Jahwah had commanded them that they should not do like them.

They forsook **ALL** the commandments/ordinances/customs/*mitzvah* of Jahwah their Elohim, and made for themselves molten images of **two calves** (**Apis of Memphis which symbolized Osiris/Nimrod**); and they made an **Asherah** (a sacred pole for setting feasts for Baal), and **WORSHIPPED ALL THE HOST OF HEAVEN** (the Sacred Hebdomad of Babel -- the sun, the moon, and the five planets) and served Baal.

They burned their sons and their daughters as offerings, and used divination and sorcery, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of Jahwah, provoking him to anger.

## **America Sacrifices Her Children In A Different Way!**

We in modern America sacrifice our children in a different way, i.e. we do that which is **politically correct**. We abort our babies. Instead of burning them with fire out in the open on the summit of a hilltop, we burn them with a chemical inside an abortion clinic on the altar of **SELF**/flesh/lust.

We say to **SELF** -- "I am **not married** -- there is not enough **MONEY** to support a child -- I don't have **TIME** in my schedule. -- it's the **WRONG SEX!** I wanted a boy instead of a girl, etc." Jahwah commands that we worship only Jahwah with our whole mind, body, and soul and not serve **SELF, the man of sin**.

We are the temple of Jahwah and the mind is that which controls and oversees the temple -- the body -- the holy place; therefore, when **our** mind -- instead of the mind of Christ -- controls the temple/body, serving the lusts of the body, the **MAN OF SIN IS STANDING IN THE HOLY PLACE** as describe of Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-11:

Let no one deceive you, regardless of what they say; for the **apostasy/rebellion has to come first** and the human being (*anthropos*) that **wanders away from Jahwah's law** (sin) is **revealed/uncovered** -- the son of destruction/the one to be destroyed,

Without knowledge of the law, man does not know the definition of sin. Remember Adam and Eve were the first to stray from Jahwah's law and **HID THEMSELVES IN THE TREES**. They became the first **HIDDEN ONES** -- the first **HUMAN BEINGS OF SIN**. The whole of Babylonian worship is the worship by **HUMAN BEINGS who are HIDING** from Jahwah's presence. How do they hide from Jahwah? -- By setting up false calendars. **SATURN** or **SATUR** means the "**HIDDEN ONE**."

Continuing in Thessalonians 2:3:

Who opposes and exalts **HIMSELF** over/above **ALL THINGS** that speak of Elohim or that worship. He (**the lawless human being**) will even go in and sit down in the temple of Elohim and proclaim himself to be Elohim.

The human being is that temple of Jahwah -- he, as a human being, opposes Jahwah and sets himself up as Elohim over the temple of **SELF**. The following scriptures very plainly spell out that the body of man is the temple of Jahwah:

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17**-- Know ye not that **YE ARE THE TEMPLE** of Elohim, and that the Spirit of Elohim dwelleth in you?

If any one defiles/corrupts/destroys Elohim's temple, Elohim will destroy him. For Elohim's temple is **HOLY**, and **YOU ARE THAT TEMPLE**

**1 Corinthians 6:19**-- Do you now know that **YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF Ruwach ha'godesh**, who is in you, whom you have received from Elohim?

**2 Corinthians 6:16**-- What agreement is there between **THE TEMPLE OF ELOHIM** and idols? For **WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING ELOHIM**..

**Ephesians 2:21-22**-- The whole building framed together in Him, **rises/grows into a holy temple** in the Master; in whom you also are built up together for a **dwelling place of Elohim** in the *Ruwach ha'godesh*.

Continuing with 2 Thessalonians 2:5-12:

Don't you remember I told you these things while I was still with you?

Now you must be aware of the **restraining power** which prevents him (the man hidden from Jahwah's law) from being revealed until the **APPOINTED TIME**.

There is a **definite appointed time** for all human beings that are hiding from Jahwah **under the covering of Satan's government and his Babylonian worship** to be revealed, i.e. uncovered,

because **THE MYSTERY** of **iniquity** (the condition of one being without the law, whether because of ignorance or because of contempt and violation of the law) is already at work, but only until the **restraining power** is removed.

What is that restraining power? **Satan** is the power that **prevents the man of sin from being revealed or uncovered**. Jahwah is allowing Satan to cover, hide and deceive the lawless human being.

Then he will be revealed, that lawless human being whom Sovereign Jahshuwah will overthrow/remove/consume with the breath of his mouth, and bring to an end/destroy by the splendor/visible manifestation of His coming.

No longer will the human being -- the man of sin -- be in control over his body temple, as Christ will be ruler over all!

The lawless human being is produced by the working/operation of Satan. It (this working/operation) of Satan will be attended by all the powerful signs and miracles of the Lie, and all the deception that wickedness can impose on those doomed to perish, because they refused to accept the truth and be saved.

And for this reason, Jahwah sends them (the lawless human being) a strong delusion to **MAKE THEM BELIEVE THE LIE** (the lie of Satan)

So that all may be condemned who have refused to **BELIEVE THE TRUTH** and have taken pleasure in **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS** (violating the law and set-time ordinances of Jahwah).

## **The King Of Assyria Exports People From Babylon To Dwell In Samaria!**

The House of Israel -- the United States -- have not kept the set-time ordinances of Jahwah and has been given into the hands of the spoilers. Our spoilers are the politicians ruling our government in Washington, DC.

For this sin against Jahwah, the ancient House of Israel was removed from Samaria, their homeland and banished to the land of Assyria. Then something of extreme importance happened. Only a few verses of scripture relate this most important event -- an event that brought about everlasting changes in this region -- the king of Assyria exported people from Babylon to dwell in Samaria, and **they brought their gods with them**. Just like the foreigners that are pouring into the United States. They come to the US and bring their gods with them.

...so Israel was carried out of their land to Assyria....

Then the king of Assyria brought people from **Babylon**, and from **Cuthah** (ten miles north-east of **Babylon**) and **Ava** (located on the River Euphrates in northern **Babylon** meaning "*perverted*") and **Hamath** (*descendants of Cain*), and from **Sepharvaim** (the two Sippars of **Babylonia**) and placed them in the cities of Samaria to replace the Israelites. They took over Samaria and lived in its cities....

These same Samaritans still resided in the land during the time Jahshuwah walked the earth. In Matthew 10:1-6, Jahshuwah commands his twelve disciples to stay away from the cities of Samaria and go instead to the true House of Israel which had been carried away captive to the land of Assyria.

Then Jahshuwah summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to drive them out and to cure every disease and every sickness. These twelve Jahshuwah sent out with the following instructions: "Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and **do not enter any Samaritan town** but go rather to **the lost sheep of the House of Israel**. Go and preach this message: 'The Kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils."

The House of Israel was a divorced woman wandering through the world with no hope of return to Jahwah. In the Law of Moses, once a woman was divorced and married another, she could never return to her first husband. Israel had married another --her pagan gods. Jahshuwah told his disciples to go find the House of Israel and **tell them the good news** -- that Jahwah had indeed created a way in which they could return to Him, their first husband. We, of course, know the way was through the Messiah.

Continuing in 2 Kings 17:29, it describes the corruption that took place following the import of the pagan population. They brought their pagan gods with them from the land from which they came --

Each nationality made gods of its own where they settled and put them in the shrines on the high places built by the Samaritans.

The people from **Babylon** made **Succoth-benoth** (a corruption of *Succuth-Kewan* -- the two names of **Saturn** combined), and men of Cuth made Nergal (**the planet Mars**), and the men of Hamath made Ashima (**the planet Venus**).

And the Avites made Nibhaz (**the planet Jupiter**)...

## The Gods of 2 Kings 17:30 and 31

These two verses are of extreme importance as they influence the thinking of the people in this area from this time on -- even during the time of Christ. Due to this, an entire section is devoted to the gods that were brought into Samaria by the Babylonians. Various historical Bible scholars will be quoted to describe each god named. This will help to explain how this Babylonian worship of the seven planets consumed this land.

### 1. **Succoth-benoth** (of Babylon)

\* *Matthew Henry Commentary* -- volume II -- page 795 -- states that Succoth-Benoth was probably **Venus**.

\* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- 1899 -- Page 4820 -- "A Babylonia idol introduced into Palestine...if the usual explanation of Am.5:26 is correct, we can hardly doubt that it is a corruption of *Succuth-Kwan* (two names of Saturn combined.)"

\* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- 1899 -- Page 1946 -- states that **Succoth-benoth** is "Sakkuth-Kaiwan (Ninib) = **Saturn**."

\* *Dictionary of the Bible* -- 1905 -- Volume IV -- page 626 - "As Nergal was the patron-god of Cuth, it is reasonable to infer that in **Succoth-benoth** we have a corrupted form from either of **Bel-Merodach**, the patron-god of Babylon, or of his wife Zarpanit."

\* *The Anchor Bible Dictionary* -- volume 6 -- Page 218 -- "...sukkot may be identified with the Sumerian deity **SAGKUD** (i.e. Saturn)...this deity may be the same "Sakkuth" (Heb. Siffut) mentioned in Amos 5:26."

## 2. Nergal (of Cuth/Cush/Cuthah )

\* *The Anchor Bible Dictionary* -- Vol. 4 -- page 1075 -- Nergal is a **Babylonian sun-god**.

\* *Dictionary of the Bible* -- Vol. III -- page 514 -- Nergal was identified with the planet **Mars**.

\* *The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopedia* -- vol. II -- page 1229 -- "The more measured researches of Norberg, Gesenius, and other inquirers into the **ASTROLOGY** of the Assyrians and Chaldeans, lead to the conclusion that *nare-gal*' is the same as the Zabian name for the **PLANET MARS**."

\* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- page 3395 -- "The planet sacred to Nergal was **Mars**, which, like its god, was called *Karradu*, 'warrior.'"

\* *Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* -- Vol. 1 -- page 410 -- "from **Cuthah** -- or Tiggaba, a city about fifteen miles north-east from Babylon, now Ibrahim, specially dedicated to **Nergal**, the **DEIFIED NIMROD**. (Rawlinson's '*Herodotus*,' i.,p.621; LAO II, P. 487).....(Page 417) But modern critics, looking to the **ASTROLOGICAL** character of Assyrian idolatry, generally consider Nergal as **THE PLANET MARS**, the god of war. It was most natural that "the men of Cuth," when transplanted to Samaria, should carry the worship of their favourite deity with them into their new country."

\* *Dictionary of the Bible* -- 1905 -- Volume III -- "...in later days was made a son of the **Bel** of Nippur....among his names (when identified with the planet Mars) are those of Allamu and Almu."

## 3. Ashima (of Hamath)

\* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 1946 -- "Ashima = **Ishtar** = **Venus**"

\* The *Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopædia* -- 1912 -- Volume I -- page 166 -- **Ashima** = perhaps "**heaven**." "The Babylonian Talmud, in the treatise 'Sanhedrin' (cited in Carpzov's *Apparatus*, p. 516), and the majority of Jewish writers, assert that Ashima was worshiped under the **FORM OF A GOAT**....(NOTE: Could this goat have been the **Goat of Mendes**? The Goat of Mendes will be studied further in later articles.)

\* *The Anchor Bible Dictionary* -- volume 1 -- page 487 -- "The most widely accepted interpretation of the word **Ashima** is that it is an Aram form meaning "**the Name**." As such it would likely refer to one or more of the NW Semitic goddesses Anat, Astarte, or Asherah. Designations such as **Face-of-Baal**, **Name-of Baal**, and possible **Sign-of-Baal** are not uncommon for these goddesses, and seem to indicate that the goddess in each case is **A PARTICULARIZED MANIFESTATION OF BAAL**."

\* *Insight on the Scriptures* -- Volume 1 -- page 192 -- "Ashima, according to the Babylonian Talmud (Sanhedrin 63b), was represented as a **hairless he-goat**, and for this reason some have identified **Ashima** with **Pan**, a pastoral god of fertility. Another suggestion is that the name **Ashima** may be **A DELIBERATE ALTERNATION OF "Asherah"** (the Canaanite fertility goddess) to combine it with the Hebrew word '**asham**' ('**guilt**'); Ge 26:10"

4. **Nibhaz** (of the Avites)

\* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 1946: "Nibhaz (Nibhan) = **Marduk** = **Jupiter**"

5. **Tartak** (of the Avites)

\* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 1946: "Tartak or Tartah = the lance-star = Antares"

\* *Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* -- Vol. 1 -- Page 417 -- "Tartak -- according to the Rabbis, was in the form of an ass; but others understand it as a **PLANET** of ill-omen; probably **SATURN**."

\* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 4903 -- "Perhaps Tartahu, the 'lance-star' of the Babylonians...identified by Jensen with Antares, and by Hommel with Procyon, and regarded by the Babylonians as the star of the god Ninib."

\* *The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopædia* -- 1912 -- Volume III -- page 1635 -- Tartak = "Prince of Darkness."

6. **Adrammelech** (of the Sepharvites)

\* *Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* -- Vol. 1 -- Page 417 -- The sun-god (Adrammelech) is not unfrequently mentioned in the Assyrian inscriptions. Although no temple was specially reared to the sun, that deity appears to have been worshipped in Assyria under three different forms -- as '**the rising sun**,' '**the meridian sun**,' and '**the setting sun**.' The male and female powers of the sun, whose worship at Shepharvaim (Sippara) was celebrated throughout the East, were identified by the Greeks and Romans with the Apollo and Diana of classical mythology...Sippara is called *Tsiparasha Sahama*, 'Sipara of the **sun**,' in various inscriptions, and possessed a temple of the god, which was repaired and adorned by many of the ancient **Chaldean** kings, as well as by Nebuchadnezzar (Rawlinson, '*Ancient Monarchies*,' p.161).

\* *Matthew Henry* -- volume II -- page 795 -- "Adrammelech and Anammelech were only distinctions of Moloch."

\* *The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopædia* -- 1912 -- Volume I -- Page 68-69: Adrammelech = "splendor of the king", i.e., of Moloch. Many authorities have the opinion that Adrammelech depicts the **PLANET SATURN OR THE SUN**."

\* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 1946: "Adrammelech = Marduk = **JUPITER**." Page 72 -- Some scholars...see in Adrammelech a subsidiary name or title of the SUN-GOD himself."

7. **Anammelech** (of the Sepharvites)

\* *Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* -- Vol. 1 -- Page 417 -- "If it (Anammelech) represents the female power of the **sun**, we must suppose that Ana is an abbreviated form of *An-nuit*, and the *Melek* is for *Malcah*, the Jews, from contempt, not caring to be correct in their names of false gods' (Rawlinson, '*Ancient Monarchies*,' i., p.163)."

\* *Matthew Henry* -- volume II -- page 795 -- "Adrammelech and Anammelech were only distinctions of Moloch."

\* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 1946: "Anammelech = Marduk = **Jupiter**." Page 162 -- "The name Anammelech is probably to be explained as *Anu-malik* 'Anu is the decider or prince'

.....*Anu* was **the god of Heaven**, and with him were identified a number of gods representing personifications of powers or localities of the upper region ...He stood at the head of the Babylonian pantheon, forming one of the supreme triad of Babylonian divinities, in which **he was associated with Bel...**"

\* *Dictionary of the Bible* -- 1905 -- Volume I -- page 91: "The first part of the word Anammelech contains perhaps the name of the **BABYLONIAN GOD OF THE SKY**, or of a **THIRD OF THE SKY**, Anu. ...Possibly the writer of Kings meant by the name to identify the Babylonian Anu with the Ammonite Molech -- Anu-Molech.

Verse 34 of 2 Kings 17 concludes this event with the words: "*Unto this day, they continued to practice.*"

*Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* interprets this verse as:

**Unto this day** -- the time of the Babylonian exile, when this book was composed. Their religion was a strange medley or compound of the service of God and the service of idols. Such was the first settlement of the people, **afterwards called Samaritans** who were sent from Assyria to colonize the land, when the kingdom of Israel, after having continued 256 years, was overthrown.

In conclusion, all of these gods were of the Sacred Hebdomad -- they were the planets worshipped from the time of the Tower of Babel. The Babylonians brought their gods into Samaria when they replaced the House of Israel. The summary of these gods is:

Succoth-benoth = Sakkuth-Kaiwan (Ninib) = **Saturn**

Nergal = **Mars**

Ashima = Ishtar = **Venus**

Tartak = **Saturn**

Nibhaz (Nibhan) = Marduk = **Jupiter**

Adrammelech = **Jupiter** or **Saturn** or the **Sun**

Anammelech = Marduk = **Jupiter**

## **The House Of Judah Erects The Set-Time Ordinances Introduced By The House Of Israel!**

Now that we have the understanding of the *man of sin* -- the human being that is serving himself and is killing and offering up sons and daughters in the sacrifice of abortion -- let's proceed with the study of 2 Kings 17, beginning with verse 18:

So Jahwah was very angry with Israel and removed them from His presence. Only the tribe of Judah was left,

Now pay special attention all of you that proclaim **the Jews have the correct calendar**, as the next verse very plainly states that Judah walked in the **VERY SAME SET-TIME ORDINANCES THAT WERE INTRODUCED BY THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.**

and **even Judah did not keep the commands of Jahwah their Elohim** but followed/walked in the **SET-TIME ORDINANCES which Israel had introduced**

Thus Jahwah rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the land of **spoilers**, until He had cast them out of His sight.

Micah 6:16 repeats the same accusation -- Judah was keeping **the same set-time ordinances as the House of Israel:**

You have kept the **set-time ordinances of Omri** What the house of Ahab did, you have done. You have walked in their counsels, therefore you force me to make an appalling example of you. Your citizens (the Jews) will be a laughing stock/an object of horror and you must endure the reproach of the nations.

No other people have been so abused in the archives of history. Now you understand why. The curse was from Jahwah for not keeping his set-time ordinances. They were keeping the set-time ordinances of Baal worship.

**For the statutes of Omri are kept**-- the founder of Samaria, who overthrew and supplanted Zimri, the conspirator and regicide, and of Ahab's wicked house; and a supporter of Jeroboam's superstitions (1 Ki. xvi. 16-28). This verse is a recapitulation of what was more fully stated before, **Judah's sins and consequent punishment** Judah, though at variance with Israel on **ALL THINGS ELSE, IMITATED** her impiety. This was true of the reign of Ahaz, King of Judah, especially, who 'walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim;' which was the special sin of the house of Ahab (2 Chr. xxviii.2).

2 Chronicles 28:1 and 2 reads as follows:

Ahaz...began to reign and he reigned 16 years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of Jahwah, like David his father.

For he walked in the **customs** of the kings of (*the House*) of Israel and made molten images for Baalim.

### **The Donkey Knows Where Their Master Feeds Them, But Judah Does Not Know!**

Isaiah's vision concerning **Judah** and **Jerusalem** (Isaiah 1:2-6 and 10-20):

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for Jahwah hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have **rebelled** against Me.

The ox knows who owns him, and donkeys know **where their master feeds them**; But Israel does not know. My people do not understand.

Jahwah feeds his people on His Sabbaths and appointed times. The donkey knows the time and place where his master feeds him, but Jahwah's people do not know the time and place of their feeding.

You are doomed, you sinful nation -- a people weighed down with iniquity, a **RACE OF EVILDOERS** full of corrupt/perverted children. You have rejected Jahwah, spurned the Holy One of Israel, and turned your backs on Him.

Why do you keep on rebelling? Do you want to be punished even more? Your whole head is sick. Your whole heart is diseased.

From head to foot there is not a healthy spot on your body - only wounds, bruises and open sores not dressed, not bandaged, nor soothed with ointment...

Hear the word of Jahwah, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the Torah of our Elohim, you people of Gomorrah.

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me? says Jahwah. I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams and I delight not in the fat of lambs, and the blood of bulls and goats.

When you come to meet with me/to appear before me, who has asked/required you to trample/walk in My temple/courts ?

When offerings and incense are brought at the wrong appointed time, they become vain and false and are not accepted by Jahwah. When Sabbaths are held at the wrong appointed time, Jahwah no longer hears your prayers nor **FORGIVES YOUR SINS**. **WHAT?** Jahwah no longer hears your prayers or forgives your sins? Read on, if you don't believe me!!!

Bring no more false/vain offerings! (*Your*) incense is an abomination unto me! (*Your*) New Moons/**Renewal Cycles**/chodesh and **Sabbaths**, and sacred assemblies/calling of assemblies, I cannot endure. Your assemblies are wicked.

Therefore, **your** new moons/chodesh/renewal cycles (not mine) and **appointed feasts**/appointment of times/moed (not mine), My soul hates! You have become a burden to Me. **I WILL NO LONGER PARDON YOUR SINS**

When you stretch forth your hands, I will turn away Mine eyes from you; and though you make many prayers, I will **NOT** hear you; for your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves and make yourselves pure/clean. Take your evil deeds out of My sight! **STOP** doing evil (i.e. stop keeping the wrong Sabbaths and festivals.)

Learn to **DO GOOD** (*yatab* = right; be accepted find favor, i.e. **learn how to find favor and be accepted**) and seek justice....

The next verse confirms that there is atonement abiding in the Sabbath, as he states though your sins (not keeping the law) are scarlet you will be innocent -- white as snow.

'Come now and let us settle the matter,' saith Jahwah. 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they will be as wool,

**IF** you are willing and **OBEDIENT** (in keeping His customs -- His **Sabbaths** -- **His appointed times for meeting with Him**), you will *then* eat the good of the land.

**But if you refuse** and rebel (by not keeping his Sabbaths and Appointments), you will be devoured by the sword. Jahwah himself has spoken.

## **The House Of Judah Worships The Babylonian Sacred Hebdomad -- The Sun, The Moon And The Five Planets!**

Jeremiah doesn't mince any words. He tells it like it is. The House of Judah was worshipping the Hosts of Heaven. Jeremiah 7:22-8:9 describes it in this way:

It wasn't offerings and sacrifices I wanted from your fathers when I led them out of Egypt. That was not the point of my command.

But this is what I told them: 'Obey my voice then I will be your Elohim, and you will be my people. Walk in **ALL** the **customs** that I command/appoint you, so that you may prosper.

Yet they wouldn't listen or obey, but walked in their **own counsels**, and in the **imagination/lust/stubbornness** of their evil heart/mind/wisdom/understanding.

From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day;

Yet instead of listening and paying heed to me, they in their stubbornness proved even more wicked than their forefathers.

So you must speak all these words to them, **but they will not listen to you** **Cry out your warnings, but don't expect them to respond**.

They did not listen to the warnings as predicted by Jahwah himself. Are you going to follow after the Jews or will you listen to what the **Ruwach ha'qodesh** is saying to the Churches of today? Just remember many are called, but few are chosen.

You must say to them 'This is the nation (the House of Judah) that **refuses to obey the voice of Jahwah** their Elohim, and **refuses to accept correction**/refuses to be taught. **Truth has perished. The word itself is banished from their speech**

O Jerusalem, shave your head in shame and weep along upon the mountains; for Jahwah has **rejected** and forsaken this people of his wrath;

The hair denotes **glory**, therefore, removing her hair brings her down from her glorious position -- brings her to shame. The mountains -- the high places where she erected her idols -- are to be the sites of her lamentation. Verse 30 is addressed to **all** the people of Judah:

For the **people of Judah** have done evil in my sight, says Jahwah. They have set up their **abominations** in the house, which is called by My name, to defile it....

They have built the high places of **Topheth (place of fire)** in the Valley of Ben-Hinnom, and there they burn to death their young sons and daughters as sacrifices to their gods. That was no command of mine; indeed it never entered my mind.

The time is coming, says Jahwah, when that valley's name will be changed from 'Topheth,' or the Valley of Ben-Hinnom,' to the 'Valley of Slaughter.' Topheth will become a burial ground, for lack of other space.

The corpses of this people will be food for the birds of the sky and for the beasts of the field, with none to scare them away.

From the **cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem** **REMOVE** all sounds of joy and gladness, **the voices of bridegroom and bride** for the whole land will become desert.

Take a moment and reflect very carefully on what this verse is saying. Jahwah states very plainly that **THE VOICES OF THE BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM JUDAH and JERUSALEM.**

Jeremiah 8:1 At that time, says Jahwah, the bones of the kings and princes of Judah, the bones of the **PRIESTS** and the **PROPHETS**, and the bones of the citizens of Jerusalem will be brought out from their graves.

They will be spread **BEFORE THE SUN AND THE MOON AND ALL THE HOST OF HEAVEN** which they have **loved** and **served**, which they have **followed**, **consulted**, and **worshipped**. (The Babylonian Sacred Hebdomad) They will not be gathered up for re-burial but will be left lying on the ground like dung.

Come on people! Look and listen! **The Jews** -- the House of Judah **loved**, **served**, **followed after**, **consulted** and **worshipped** the Sun and The Moon and the Five planets of Babel. It is written out in black and white for all to see. Don't let Satan blind your eyes. Wake up! Wake up before it is too late. Come out of Babel! Flee for your lives!

Death will be preferred to life by all of the survivors of **THIS WICKED RACE** (the Jews), in all the places where I have driven them, declares Jahwah Sebaoth. You must say to them: "Thus says Jahwah: 'When men fall, do they not rise again? If one turns away, does he not come back?'"

Why then **HAS THIS PEOPLE TURNED AWAY IN PERPETUAL BACKSLIDING** **They hold fast to deceit, refusing to return**

The Jews are a race of people that hold fast to deceit and lies. They are perpetual in their backsliding, refusing to hear the truth and return to Jahwah.

I have listened closely to them but **they speak not one word of truth**. No one repents of his wickedness, saying 'What have I done!' Every one turns to his own course, like a horse plunging headlong into battle.

Even the stork in the heavens knows her **appointed times**/her appointments/the time to migrate (**moadim**); the turtledove, swallow and crane know/mark/observe the time of their return/migration. But my people do not know the **customs/ordinances** of Jahwah.

How can you say, 'We are wise, and the Torah of Jahwah is with us'? Look how **it (the Torah) has been falsified by the lying pen of the scribes**

How has the pen of the scribes falsified the Torah? -- By declaring the Traditions of the Fathers be higher law than Jahwah's Scriptures. The Mishnah, the Talmud, the Gemara, and the Kabbalah do away with the Scriptures and declare that the Jews live by these **traditions**. As Christ says, "*You have made Jahwah's Torah null and void for the sake of your tradition...they worship me in vain, for they teach as doctrines the commandments of men.*"

The **wise** are put to shame, they are dumbfounded and **trapped**. Since they **have rejected the word of Jahwah**, what kind of wisdom is there in them?

Bill Dankenbring comments on the above scriptures --

This Scripture is warning us that even migratory birds know the appointed times for their migrations, but god's people have **FORGOTTEN AND REJECTED THEIR OWN "APPOINTED TIMES"** to meet with God on **HIS** Holy Days, and New Moons!

Why? **Because their religious leaders have led them astray! Christian ministers have led Christians astray -- and Jewish rabbis and leaders have led the Jewish people astray!**

There you have it in **BLACK AND WHITE**. The House of Judah (The Jews) followed after the House of Israel. They kept the false feasts -- the false set-time ordinances that Israel introduced -- the false feasts of Baal -- false feasts set aside for the worship of the Sun, the Moon, and the five planets of Venus, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn -- the Sacred Hebdomad of the Babylonians.

Those that continue to follow after the false Sabbaths of the House of Judah, i.e. the Jews, better wake up and smell the flowers. The Jews were worshipping in the Tabernacle of Saturn, even then. Saturday is named after the star god Saturn -- the **Hidden One**. SATURDAY IS NOT THE SEVENTH DAY OF CREATION. **IT IS THE DAY SET ASIDE TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF SATURN -- THE FALSE MESSIAH, NIMROD!**

### **The House Of Judah (The Jews) Are Carried Away To Babylon For Abolishing Jahwah's Sabbath!**

In the **land of Babel**/land of the Chaldeans, Ezekiel summarizes the charges against the House of Judah - the reasons for their Babylonian captivity. They had **dissolved Jahwah's Holy Sabbath**. Ezekiel 1:3; 21:1, 2; 22:1-5, 8, and 26 says:

...the word of Jahwah came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest...in the **land of the Chaldeans** (astrologers).

The Word of Jahwah came to me:

Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem and preach against the sanctuaries; prophesy against the **LAND OF ISRAEL**.

And say to the land of Israel, "Thus says Jahwah: 'Behold, I am **AGAINST YOU**...'

The Word of Jahwah was addressed to me as follows:

Son of man, are you ready to bring charges against her (Jerusalem)? Are you ready to judge the bloodstained city and declare **all her abominable deeds?**

Say to her: Sovereign Jahwah has said: 'Woe to the city which sheds blood within her walls to hasten her doom, making idols for her own defilement.

You are guilty because of the blood you have shed, you **are defiled because of the idols you have made** You have shortened your days by this and hastened your end. Therefore I have made you a disgrace before the nations, and a mockery to all foreign lands.

Countries near and far away mock you because of your lawlessness...

You have regarded my sanctuary with contempt, and **dissolved my Sabbaths**

How did they show contempt to Jahwah's sanctuary? -- By dissolving His Sabbaths. Jahwah's Sabbaths are His Sanctuary:

Her priests have violated/**have violently taken away My Torah** and have **dissolved my sanctuary** (qodesh). They have made no distinction between sacred and **profane** (2455), they have not taught people the difference between clean and unclean; they **have dissolved my Sabbaths** and I am dishonored among them.

Jeremiah talks about Jahwah Sebaoth, the creator of heaven and earth, and how His people had erected places of worship for Baal. He finally gives them over to the Chaldeans (the astrologers). Jeremiah 32:17-34 again explains Jahwah's reason for their being taken away captive to Babylon.

Ah Sovereign Jahwah! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you....

...Jahwah Sebaoth is His name...

You (Jahwah Sebaoth -- Jahwah of Hosts -- Jahwah of Appointed Times) brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with **signs** and wonders, with a strong hand and outstretched arm, and with great terror;

And you gave them this land, which you swore to their ancestors to give them a land flowing with milk and honey;

And they entered and took possession of it. But they did not obey your voice or follow your **TORAH**; they did not perform all you commanded them to do; Therefore you have caused all this evil to come upon them.

Therefore thus saith Jahwah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the **CHALDEANS** (the astrologers), and into the hand of **Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon and he will take it.

And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, will come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses upon whose roofs they have offered **INCENSE UNTO BAAL**, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

For the children of Israel and the **children of Judah** have done nothing but evil in my sight from their youth; the people of Israel have done nothing but provoke me to anger by the work of their hands, says Jahwah.

This city has aroused my anger and wrath, from the day it was built until this day, so that I will remove it from my sight.

The people of Israel and Judah have provoked me by all the evil they have done -- they, their kings and officials, their priests and prophets, the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem.

They turned their backs to me and not their faces; though I taught them again and again, they would not listen or respond to correction.

But they set up their abominations in the house which is called by My Name, to defile it.

## **Why Did Jahwah Deliver The House Of Judah Into The Hands Of King Nebuchadnezzar?**

Jahwah uses names throughout the Scriptures to describe people and circumstances surrounding events taking place. It always helps to thoroughly examine each and every name when analyzing the Scriptures. The name "Nebuchadnezzar" supplies great wisdom into this event.

Nebuchadnezzar contains the name of the god Nebo. Such definitions as "**treasure of Nebo**," "**Nebo-prince of gods**," "**Nebo-defend the boundary**," and "**confusion of the abode of treasure**" have been assigned to this name, all of which include the name of the god Nebo.

Nebo's name was frequently used in Chaldean proper names. He was a Chaldean deity, who was identified with the planet **MERCURY**. He was also popular in other countries such as Greece and Egypt, where he was known as **Hermes** and **Thoth**. Nebo is derived from the word **nabu** meaning '**the prophet**.' *The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopædia* describes Nebo in this way:

The interpreter of the **WILL OF BEL-MERODACH OF BABYLON** He had a shrine at E-saggilla, the great temple of **Bel** at **Babylon**. But his own temple was E-Zida (now **Birs-I-Nimrud**), in Borsippa, the suburb of Babylon...In later days he was identified with Nusku, a solar deity of fire. He is mentioned in Is. xlvi:1, and supposed to have been the symbol of the **PLANET MERCURY**, the **CELESTIAL SCRIBE** and **INTERPRETER OF THE GODS**, answering to the Hermes and Anubis of the Egyptians. He was likewise worshipped by the Sabians in Arabia...Gesenius traces the name in the Hebrew word **prophet**, an interpreter of the divine will. The divine worship paid to this idol by the Chaldeans and Assyrians is attested by many compound proper names of which it forms a part...

The *Dictionary of the Bible* depicts him as:

Nebo was the **interpreter of the will of Bel-Merodach of Babylon**..He presides over literature and science, and the cuneiform system of writing was regarded as his creation. Hence, in the pre-Semitic Sumerian language of Chaldaea, he is termed *dim-sar*, 'the scribe.' Among his titles are those of 'the wise' 'the intelligent,' 'the creator of the oracle,' 'the maker of writing,' 'the opener,' and 'enlarger of the ear.'...In later days Nebo was identified with Nusku, a solar deity of fire, who was the messenger of Bel of Nippur, just as Nebo was the messenger of Bel-Merodac of Babylon. In the period of Babylonian influence in Western Asia (B.C. 3800-1400) the name and worship of Nebo were carried into Syria with those of their Babylonian deities. Hence we find a Mount Nebo in Moab (Dt.32:49)...In Is 46:1 Bel-Merodach and Nebo represent the city of Babylon, over which they presided.

There you have it. Nebo was the planet **Mercury** -- he was the Babylonian messenger of Bel -- he was the interpreter of the gods. In other words, he brought the will of the seven planetary gods to the people.

What does this have to do with the House of Judah and their captivity? Isaiah 66:4 tells us why:

I also will appoint/choose their **DELUSIONS/FALSE BELIEFS/ERRORS**, and will bring their **FEARS** upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not.

What were their **Delusions/FALSE BELIEFS**? They were keeping the **appointed times** and **Sabbaths** of the Babylonian planetary gods, of whom Nebo was the messenger of their will to the people. **The House of Judah (the Jews) were not keeping Jahwah's set-time ordinances.**

What did the Jews fear? "Fear" as defined in the dictionary is *reverence for constituted authority, especially when accompanied by OBEDIENCE THERETO*. The Jews did not fear Jahwah, as they did not obey his will; instead they feared and obeyed the planetary gods of Babylon. Thus Jahwah sent Nebo (Nebuchadnezzar), the messenger of their delusion to bring judgment upon them.

### **We Cannot Discern The Times Of The Sabbath! There Is No Longer A Prophet Among Us Who Knows When They Are.**

Psalms 74:1-9 sums up the problem regarding the loss of the true Creation Sabbath and why Jahwah is angry with His people:

Elohim, why have you cast us off forever? Why does your anger burn against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember the **assembly** of your people, which you took to yourself long ago -- the tribe which you redeemed (brought out of Egypt) to be your own. Remember Mount Zion where you dwell.

(You) Lift up thine hand against their pride continually; because of all that the **ENEMY HAS DONE WICKEDLY IN THY HOLY PLACES/thy sanctuary**

Thine enemies **EXALT THEMSELVES** in the midst of thy appointed times/appointed festivals. They appoint/ordain/set up their own **signs** for **signs**.

Avi Ben Mordechai states in no uncertain terms that the word "**SIGN**" -- "*owth*" in Hebrew -- refers to Jahwah's Sabbath:

Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate day from night; they shall serve as **SIGNS for the SET TIMES**, the **days** and **years**." I call this the divine **APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE**..His Jewish alarm clock in the sky!

"**SIGNS**" was another Hebrew way of saying **SHABBATS** as it is written:

*The Israelites are to observe the **SABBATH**, celebrating it for the generations to come as lasting covenant. It will be a **SIGN** between me and the Israelites **FOREVER**, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and earth, and on the seventh day he abstained from work and rested.*

Thus this verse could read: "Thine enemies **EXALT THEMSELVES** in the midst of thy appointed times/appointed festivals and appoint/ordain/set up their own **Sabbaths** for **Sabbaths**."

They have cast **Thy HOLY PLACE** into the fire. They have **dissolved**/profaned the dwelling place of your name.

They have said in their heart, even **ALL THEIR KINDRED TOGETHER** 'Come, let's **ABOLISH THE FEASTS OF JAHWAH FROM THE EARTH**'

We cannot/we do not **perceive/understand/observe/discern/learn about** our **signs** (our Sabbaths), as there is no longer a prophet among us nor anyone who knows **WHEN** (i.e. when the Sabbaths are), therefore, **God will not know us** (will not have intercourse with us) *any more*.

## **Nehemiah Restores The Sabbath After The Babylonian Captivity!**

The Sabbath Day had been dissolved in Judah even before the captivity to Babylon, but immediately upon his return to the Holy Land, Nehemiah takes great steps to **reestablish the true Sabbath**. He entreats Jahwah to remember how he had restored the Sabbath Day upon the return of the Jews from the 70-year captivity in Babylon. The Jews were buying and selling on the Sabbath just like their fathers before them and this was the major reason for their captivity -- they had dissolved the Sabbath. Nehemiah 13:14-22 relates the story:

Remember me for this, my Elohim! Let not the devotion which I showed for the Temple of my Elohim and its observances be forgotten!

In those days I saw men in **Judah** treading winepresses on the **SABBATH**, collecting quantities of produce and loading it on donkeys -- wine, grapes, figs, and every kind of load which they brought into Jerusalem on the **SABBATH**. I warned them against the selling of food on that day.

Also merchants of Tyre were staying there, having brought in fish and other wares and were selling them on the **Sabbath** in Jerusalem to the people of Judah.

So I reprimanded the leaders of **JUDAH** and said to them, 'What is this evil which you are committing in **dissolving the Sabbath day?**

**Did not your fathers act in this way** and did not our Elohim bring all this evil on us and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath upon Israel by **dissolving the Sabbath.**

Take special note that their forefathers had also **dissolved the Sabbath**, which was the major reason for their captivity.

When it began to be dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the **SABBATH**, I commanded that the gates be shut and gave orders that they not be opened until after the **SABBATH**. I also stationed some of my servants at the gates to see that no burdens were brought in on the Sabbath day.

Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodge outside Jerusalem once or twice.

But I warned them and said to them 'Why are you remaining here outside the wall? If you do so again I will arrest you.' From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath.

Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and take up duty as guards at the gates, to ensure that the Sabbath day was kept holy. Remember this also to my credit, Elohim, and spare me according to the greatness of your mercy.

By his very name -- Nehemiah -- we understand why he was chosen to reestablish the Sabbath. The Sabbath is the time and place where Jahwah meets and tabernacles with His people -- a place in which He comforts His people. By reestablishing His Sabbath, He was bringing **COMFORT TO THIS PEOPLE**. Nehemiah means "**Jahwah Comforts.**"

This article will conclude with the re-establishment of the Sabbath by Nehemiah. The article was deliberately based primarily from quotes directly from the Scriptures, in order to establish **firmly** with the reader that Israel right from the beginning did away with her precious Sabbaths and Set-time Ordinances that were ordained by Jahwah in the wilderness. To summarize:

There is an appointed time for everything under the sun including appointments to meet with Jahwah.

The Tabernacle of Saturn denotes **TIME**, a place where the "Hidden Ones," i.e. those hiding from Jahwah, are meeting -- false appointed times to worship Jahwah.

The Kingdom of Israel **abolished the Sabbath** in the wilderness.

Israel refused to enter the Land of Promise at Jahwah's appointed time and was condemned to wander in the wilderness for 40 years.

The Church duplicated Israel's sin of dissolving the Sabbath and was condemned to wander in the wilderness for Forty Jubilees -- 2,000 years.

Under King Solomon's reign, the kingdom of Israel once again does not keep Jahwah's Set-Time Ordinances and is divided into **TWO HOUSES**.

After the division, the House of Israel establishes two golden calves of Apis, which involves **FALSE FEASTS**.

Due to its continual refusal to keep Jahwah's feasts, the House of Israel is condemned to worship in **NIMROD'S TABERNACLE OF SATURN** which they had erected -- false Sabbaths and appointed feasts.

The House of Israel is carried away to Assyria because of keeping the **SET-TIME ORDINANCES OF THE HEATHEN**.

The King of Assyria exports people from Babylon to replace the House of Israel in Samaria -- **they bring the worship of the seven planets with them** .

The House of Judah (**the Jews**) erects the exact same **SET-TIME ORDINANCES THAT WERE INTRODUCED BY THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL** .

Even the donkey knows who his master is and where he is fed and the birds know their appointed times for migration, but the **HOUSE OF JUDAH DOES NOT KNOW THE APPOINTED TIMES OF JAHWAH** .

The House of Judah (the Jews) worship the Babylonian Sacred Hebdomad -- the Sun, the Moon, and the five planets.

The House of Judah (the Jews) are carried away captive to Babylon **because they abolished Jahwah's Sabbath** .

After 70 years of captivity in Babylon, the Jews return to the Land of Promise and Nehemiah **AGAIN REESTABLISHES JAHWAH'S SABBATH** .

The next article will trace historically and biblically how the Covenant of Levi was established with the Tribe of Levi and was eventually taken over by the Tribe of Judah shortly after the death of Nehemiah -- with no authority from Jahwah. It will also include how the Kabalah and the Traditions of the Fathers entered and corrupted the Religion of the Jews.

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# The House of Israel

## Iceland and Its Origins

Iceland is the second largest island in Europe and the third largest in the Atlantic Ocean and lies against the Arctic Circle in the North Atlantic. Being somewhat larger than Ireland, it has a total area of 103,100 square kilometers. Secular history describes the original settlers of Iceland as Irish Culdees, later arrivals coming from Ireland, Scandinavia and the Western Isles. The Icelanders, therefore, are clearly of Celto-Saxon descent, and there is now little doubt that the country was among the first outposts to be discovered and settled by the vanguard of the Israel dispersion.

Although its remoteness has tended to keep Iceland in obscurity, the island was certainly under ordered government at a time when Europe was the unsettled scene of conflicting interests. Indeed, the Icelandic Parliament, or *Althing*, claims to be one of the oldest of its kind in the world dating from A.D. 930. The political system followed is essentially democratic. Iceland has a written constitution laying down the fundamental rules of the state structure. The country has been acknowledged as a sovereign state since 1st December, 1918. It was united with Denmark only through the common sovereign until it was proclaimed an independent republic on 17th June, 1944.

Prior to becoming a republic, Iceland was, in fact, comparable in status to a British Dominion or an American Commonwealth, being an independent state linked only by a common loyalty to the same throne. The national church, and the only one endowed by the State is Evangelical Lutheran. But there is complete religious liberty, and no civil disabilities are attached to those not of the national religion.

Iceland is world famous for her medieval literature, especially the so-called *Sagas of Icelanders*, realistic and secular prose novels written in the native language in the 12th and 13th centuries, constituting the sole contribution of the Nordic countries to world literature. They are amazingly modern in style, approach and subject matter.

The Sagas have been read very much by the Icelanders themselves through the ages and they have so taken them in with the milk of their mothers that without

doubt there is understanding of the true facts of their history and origins. At least, there is still no reason to believe otherwise.

However, a thorough research of the Sagas, especially *Landnamobok (The Book of Settlements)*, has been made by some who have come to the conclusion that important information and facts have been omitted. The reason for this omission is not known, although it has been hinted that it may have been done to please certain authorities, either of the Roman Catholic Church of the One World Movement. Perhaps both?

The admitted fact is, that in the Age of Settlement, which was between A.D. 874-930, the majority of the immigrants came to Iceland from western Norway and other parts of Scandinavia and also from the Celtic areas of the British Isles. In *The Book of Settlements*, there is mention made of Christian hermits of Irish descent and who were residing in Iceland when the Vikings came. It is not customary to look upon them as settlers in Iceland, but while they appear to be lost to Icelandic history, there is no record of them going elsewhere.

About A.D. 930 a legal code for the whole of Iceland was accepted and a state organization was established, marking the beginning of the Free State Period and the Icelandic Parliament. It is doubtful if the Nordic immigrants at that time were great in number and capable of establishing a state, considering the fact that they were scattered throughout a large country with many isolated areas. This would in any case have been very difficult, unless there had been a considerable population already thriving in the country prior to the Age of Settlement beginning A.D. 874. There are written sources which tell that Irish hermits resided in a few places in Iceland for some decades before the first wave of immigration took place.

Support for the earlier establishment of the Celtic civilization is given by the fact that Icelanders were the first of the Nordic peoples to become Christian as a nation, Christianity being taken up as the state religion in the year A.D. 1000. Considering the fact that the vast majority of the immigrants, according to *The Book of Settlements*, were heathen, it seems strange that the whole

nation could suddenly become Christian, unless Christianity was already widespread in the country.

It is surprising how little attention has been drawn to the man-made caves in the south of Iceland. These caves are known to be considerably older than the Age of Settlements and some of them have crosses cut into their walls -- some being of a type which have only been found in the British Isles. *Islendingabok* (The Book of Icelanders), another ancient source, tells of the Irish hermits and that they did not want to live among the heathen and thus went away and that, among other things, they left books behind. This indicates that when the Nordic settlers arrived in Iceland, there were educated Christians of Celtic origin established in the land.

It seems that archaeologists have applied all their efforts only to verify the Sagas and the fact that most of the settlers came from the Scandinavian countries, which of course is only partly true. Many now feel that they should dig somewhat deeper into Icelandic history and that there are a number of places of import that have not been investigated at all by archaeologists. While this is due in part to a lack of financial support, it is also the fact of course that people do not want history to be changed to any major extent.

In terms of the Christian Israel heritage of Icelanders, it is interesting to note that a period of important legal reforms started in A.D. 1096 with the introduction of *the tith*e for the payment of tax -- the number of farmers at that time who were liable to pay being about 4,500.

Furthermore, while there are traces further back of Celtic influence on Icelandic language and culture, recent blood group investigations show close similarity between those of the Irish, Scottish and Icelandic peoples, while the Norwegians have a different blood group distribution. This has had some effect on peoples attitudes of where to look for our origins in Iceland and the influence on our culture and there are a growing number who are not satisfied with the singular Viking-view of our heritage.

One is also given to wonder how it was that the Vikings only started to write their vellum manuscripts *after* they had settled in Iceland. Why did they not write the story of their own kings, themselves, instead of letting the Icelanders do so? Could it be because there already existed the required technique and knowledge in Iceland for preparing those manuscripts? We have been told that the Icelandic manuscripts are quite similar to those of the island of Iona.

Many Icelanders can trace their ancestral line back to Norwegian and other Nordic kings, but it is also worth mentioning that the Vikings brought a number of slaves, or servants, from the British Isles with them to Iceland. Some of these servants were of noble origin and in *The Book of Settlements*, there is mention of an Irish king's daughter called Melkorka, who, bought by one of the settlers (Hoskuldur), was then brought to Iceland and bore him at least two sons. And there were other settlers who also traced their line back to Irish kings. These kind of people are always careful to preserve the facts of their origin and it is for this reason and because of the thorough mixture of such a small and isolated nation for many centuries, that such statements can be made and based on the available evidence.

The subject of the *Sagas of Icelanders* and the origins of these people has been the life study of some men and they are continually finding something new. Perhaps Icelanders are yet to find in the Sagas a hidden key to where they came from settling in this northern "gate" of the sea? They have a destiny that is certain -- and perhaps a vital role to play in the days ahead.

When the Battle of the Atlantic assumed serious proportions in World War II, Iceland was occupied by British and later, jointly, by United States forces. It thus emerged, not merely as a stepping-stone between the two great branches of English-speaking people, but as a common meeting-place, a joint bastion of defense for the Israel civilization.

-- Margret Eggertsdottir (*Wake Up!* Magazine).

## Belgium -- An Israel Motherland

The Belgian people had to pass through many vicissitudes before they achieved their political independence as an Israel nation. And since they achieved that independence there have been at least three dramatic changes which have affected Belgium's relationship to the other Israel nations. Her ethnic make-up has been altered significantly; also a majority of her people are now members of the Roman Catholic church; and she has become very deeply involved -- some would say ensnared -- in the EEC. Whether these comparatively recent changes in her political development will alter her

eventual status as an Israel nation is not at present quite clear. There is the possibility that Belgium, nationally, may be lost to the world-wide Israel confederation.

It comes as something of a surprise to learn that Belgium, with a land area of 11,750 square miles (or nearly twice the area of Yorkshire, England) and a population of more than ten millions -- as well as being the power base of the European Economic Community -- is a sovereign State of comparatively recent origin, having been formed as a Kingdom as recently as 1831.

The Belgian people, however, are of very ancient lineage. Although little is known about the original *Belgae* who appeared on the fringes of the English Channel and the Atlantic Ocean some centuries before the birth of Christ, it is known that some of these early Belgians were chief priests and therefore of Aaronic descent. Indeed, it has been suggested by Belgian historians that *Belgae*, the ancient name of the Belgians, is a contraction of *Bilgah*, the name of a priestly family of Aaronic descent (*I Chronicles 24:14; Nehemiah 12:5 and 18 and Nehemiah 10:8*). Julius Caesar mentions the *Belgae* in his *De Bello Gallico* as being the bravest (some have translated this as the most ferocious!). It is quite certain, however, that some of these *Belgae* crossed the Channel to England at a very early date and established powerful "British" kingdoms in Hertfordshire -- controlled from St. Albans, and in Essex -- controlled from Chelmsford. Eventually, the *Belgae* controlled the whole of southern and western Britain where, according to Myles Dillon and Nora Chadwick in *The Celtic Realms*, they became known to the Romans as the *Catuvellauni*.

Roman historians describe the *Catuvellauni* as pioneers and explorers, religious and, above all, lovers of liberty. It was apparently this latter trait which prompted such large numbers of Belgian Celts to cross the Channel and to establish so many free communities in Britain. However, Britain was not the only land to receive the freedom-loving Celts from the Low Countries. Later, during the Reformation which caught up the Scripturally-orientated Celts in its warm embrace, they suffered the violently hostile reaction of Roman Catholic Spain which had tightened its political grip on the Low Countries, persecuting with a violent fanaticism the Bible-loving Celts who occupied the lands which we today identify as The Netherlands and Belgium.

Many of these early Belgium and Dutch Protestants were compelled to seek refuge in neighbouring countries. Some took to the sea in a desperate effort to find

sanctuary outside the Low Countries. One such migration was to have a dramatic influence on the development of the New World for it was a Belgian party which bought the southern tip of Manhattan Island from the American Indians who controlled it. This party built and occupied the first log cabins and re-named the area "New Belgium." New Belgium was soon to become known as New Amsterdam and, later, as New York. Under threat of oppression, those early Belgians would thus play an important part in founding the latter-day Ephraim and Manasseh -- the headship tribes which would provide a sanctuary for the Throne of Judah and the other, the "Great People": the so-called thirteenth tribe who would play a dominant role in the latter days of the Christian Dispensation.



### Belgium's National Arms

Many of the skilled craftsmen and artisans who migrated to other Israel nations were profoundly to influence the development of new industries in the countries of their adoption. The now famous Swedish Steel, for example, is a direct result of the migration to Sweden of the brilliant Belgian metallurgists of Liege who, under the protection of the Swedish monarchy, were able to develop the Swedish steel industry to a position of world eminence.

Belgian scholars were also to have a profound influence upon the intellectual life of other Israel nations. Afrikaans, the language evolved by the Dutch-speaking, German-speaking and French-speaking South Africans, owes much to the Flemish-speaking Belgians whose language was also influenced by that of the Dutch, German and French peoples who lived along the borders of their country. Indeed, the Afrikaans military orders used in the South African Army are said to have been identical with those employed by Flemish-speaking

regiments of the Belgian Army!

The Belgian people exhibit so many of the "marks" of ancient Israel that it might be asked if they have an identity movement in any way comparable to that in Britain, the United States and the English-speaking nations of the Commonwealth. So far as we have been able to discover, however, there is no nationally organized Identity movement in Belgium in any way similar to that in the United States and the other English-speaking countries. But the country has not been without its leaders of thought on Belgium's hidden identity of whom the most successful and influential was undoubtedly the late Charles Henri Lagrange (1851-1932), a brilliant scholar and a member of an old Huguenot family of French origin which had been settled near Ghent, the capital of East Flanders, for many centuries.



**The Flag of Belgium**

Charles Lagrange followed his father, Colonel Lagrange, as a tutor at the Belgian Military Academy in Brussels where he lectured in a number of conventional military subjects. However, in order properly to understand the Bible, he taught himself Greek and Latin. And this was to lead to his discovery of the identity of latter-day Israel, a discovery he was to pass on to his military students, one of whom, Captain Galet, was to become, in 1912, a close friend and adviser to King Albert. The King of the Belgians was, through his grandfather, King Leopold, related to Queen Victoria and had, at least nominally, become a Roman Catholic. But he remained a convinced Christian-Israelite to the end of his days.

The growing influence of the Italianate Church is a significant reflection of the population changes which have altered the ethnic make-up of the people of Belgium to which we have referred above. The Celtic or Nordic emigrants from Belgium have been replaced by

Germanic and Central European elements. As a result, the Roman Catholics now outnumber the Protestants. Indeed, Belgium is now, officially, a Roman Catholic country.

In the coming conflagration the Israel element in Belgium will be at some risk and should therefore be in our prayers and supplications.

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### **The Behistun Rock -- Firm Evidence of Westward Moving Israel**

This link with Israel's ancient past consists of an inscription which appears on a precipitous rock, 1,700 feet high, near the village of Behistun, in Iran, on the important road which connected the highlands of Media with the city of Babylon. The inscription; by order of Darius I, records the manner in which he suppressed a serious rebellion in the area.

There is a life-size figure of the monarch receiving the submission of the rebel chiefs of the Saka or Sacae. But in the year 516 B.C., this vital record is given in three languages: Babylonian, Median and Old Persian. The Persian version mentions the *Sacae*, whilst the Babylonian text refers to the same people as *Gimira* -- equivalent to the Assyrian name *Khumri* (Omri) by which the ten-tribed Israelites are described in the Black Obelisk of the Assyrian king Shamameser.

The late Sir Henry Rawlinson who was the first to copy and decipher the inscription, in his *Origin of the Nations*, stated: 'We have reasonable grounds for regarding the Gimiri, or Cimmerians, who first appeared on the confines of Assyria and Media in the seventh century B.C., and the Sacae of the Behistun Rock is identical with Israel.'

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### **Hope of Israel Ministries -- Taking the Lead in the Search for Truth!**

# Yehovah's Shekinah Glory in History

John D. Keyser

YEHOVAH'S Shekinah Glory is defined as *the visible manifestation of the presence of God* -- often showing up in the form of a cloud, light, fire or combinations of these. It is the majestic presence or manifestation of YEHOVAH in which He descends from Heaven to  *dwell* (shakan) among men.

The Jewish rabbis coined this extrabiblical expression. Shekinah is a form of a Hebrew word that literally means "he caused to dwell," and comes from the root *shakan*, meaning "dwelling" and signifying that when Yehovah's glory appeared in this way it was a divine visitation of the presence or dwelling of God the Father. The Greek word *Skeinei*, which is derived from the Hebrew "Shekinah" (Greek has no "sh" sound), means to *tabernacle*.

The usual title found in the Bible for the Shekinah Glory is *the glory of the LORD* (YEHOVAH, YHVH). The Hebrew form is *Kvod Adonai*, which means "the glory of the LORD" and describes what the Shekinah Glory *is*. The Greek title, *Doxa Kurion*, is also translated as "the glory of the LORD." However, *doxa* means brightness, brilliance or splendor -- and it depicts how the Shekinah Glory *appears*.

To repeat, the Shekinah Glory is the visible manifestation of the presence of God the Father -- YEHOVAH or YHVH. In the Old Testament most of these visible manifestations took the form of light, fire, cloud or combinations of these, while in the New Testament a new form appears. At times it is closely associated with one or more of four elements: (1) the angel of YEHOVAH, (2) the holy spirit, (3) the cherubim, and (4) the motif of thick darkness.

When we study the Bible, the following events are believed to be manifestations of the Shekinah Glory in history:

## The Primeval Light

In Genesis 1:3-4, the word or utterance of YEHOVAH God is as magnificent as it is simple in expressing how God the Father began to form our world. The moment YEHOVAH spoke, a metamorphosis of universal proportions was set into motion. However, as you read and examine the entire account of Creation, an undeniable question arises. Genesis 1:3 states that YEHOVAH created light on the First Day of creation, yet the sun, moon and stars (which provide light to our planet) were not created until the Fourth Day (Genesis 1:14-19). The question is: How could there be light before the sun existed?

Many feel that the answer is simply a mystery beyond the comprehension of mankind, and will be left a mystery until YEHOVAH decides to reveal it. This is a mystery that has baffled both Christian and Jewish scholars alike. For the believer, it is one of those mysteries accepted as truth, yet remaining incomprehensible.

The light that was revealed on Day One of creation was completely unlike any other light in its brilliance and qualities. Rabbi Michael L. Munk in *The Wisdom of the Hebrew Alphabet* (p.174), refers to it as the "**Primeval Light**" -- and that it was *spiritual* in nature. One opinion states that the intensity of the Primeval Light was seven times brighter than the sun. In this regard, it is interesting to note that Isaiah 30:26 refers to a light seven times brighter than that of the sun that will illuminate the world when YEHOVAH God returns:

Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun  
And the light of the sun will be SEVENFOLD,  
As the light of seven days,  
In the day that YEHOVAH binds up the bruise of His people  
And heals the stroke of their wound.

It is certain that this "light" was spectacular in its illuminating qualities -- vastly exceeding any other source of light in the universe. What was the nature of this light? Let us delve into the Hebrew language for a deeper insight. First, let us consider the light spoken of in verses 3-5 of Genesis 1:

**Verse 3:** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

**Verse 4:** And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

**Verse 5:** God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and morning were the first day.

The Hebrew word, *or*, is translated "light" in the above verses. However, the literal meaning of this word is "illumination" or luminary." Its root means "*to be, cause, or make luminous and enlighten*" -- and may be used literally and/or metaphorically.

In the metaphorical sense, it refers to light of a SPIRITUAL NATURE. Just as the true believer is referred to in Matthew 5:14 and Phillipians 2:15 as a "light" in the world, so too YEHOVAH God is referred to as "**The Light**" of creation. Therefore, the light referred to in verses 3-5 is a direct reference to God the Father's Shekinah Glory -- which He calls "good" and sets apart from the "darkness."

The darkness referred to is not merely the absence of physical light, but is also used in the metaphorical sense to mean SPIRITUAL darkness, According to *The Torah Anthology*, the Hebrew word translated "darkness" in this passage also alludes to the "Death Angel," implying a SPIRITUAL significance. In essence, this conveys a picture of a *spiritual void and darkness* enveloping the world at this time.

Interestingly, YEHOVAH God formed the light out of the darkness, meaning that on account of the darkness, light had to be revealed. As light overcame darkness in the spiritual realm, so too this pattern became mirrored in the physical realm. That is why day follows night and why night and day are considered "one day." The Jewish timetable embodies this concept with each new day beginning at sunset -- followed by daylight -- and ending just before the following sunset.

In Genesis 1:16 an entirely different Hebrew word, *meorah*, is also translated as "light." It refers to a "luminous body" or "luminary," and is derived from the same Hebrew root word -- *or* -- discussed above. In this case, however, it refers to the sun and the moon.

**Verse 16:** Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.

As a result, a CLEAR DISTINCTION can be made between the *nature* of the light in verse 16, as compared to the light referred to in verses 3-5. One of the most brilliant Jewish sages -- Rabbenu Mallin -- raised a profound question when he said: "Why is light of day one called '*or*' -- and of day four: '*meoroth*'?" (Mallin: *Beginning and Upheaval*, p. 52). Translated by Zvi Faier). The answer is to be found in the realization that the Shekinah Glory of YEHOVAH God the Father on Day One *preceded* the light of the sun, and the reflected light of the moon, on Day Four!

In Psalm 104 David wrote of the Shekinah Glory of God when he described YEHOVAH as the Creator --

**Verse 1:** Bless YEHOVAH, O my soul! O YEHOVAH my God,  
Thou art very great; Thou art CLOTHED WITH SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY,  
COVERING THYSELF WITH *LIGHT* AS WITH A CLOAK,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent curtain.

If we delve deeper into the Hebrew of Genesis 1:3, we will find that there are *two* Hebrew words translated "let there be light." The word meaning "light" has already been discussed. The other Hebrew word literally means "let be." The word "there" does not appear in the original Hebrew but has been added by the translators for clarification. In fact, the Hebrew word that means "let be" is a masculine form and therefore refers to "him" rather than "it." Therefore, the Hebrew can be validly translated as "Let *Him* be Light." In this way, YEHOVAH God the Father is revealed in the original Hebrew words!

An expanded translation of Genesis 1:3-5, including its metaphorical meaning, is as follows --

**Verse 3:** Then God said, "Let Him be light"; and He was light [Shekinah Glory].

**Verse 4:** And God saw the Light [Shekinah Glory] that He was good; and God divided the Light from the darkness [spiritual darkness, spiritual ignorance, spiritual deception].

**Verse 5:** God called the Light [Shekinah Glory], Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

YEHOVAH God expressed Himself through this Primeval Light when He commanded His Shekinah Glory to be revealed. By His word (utterance), God the Father's knowledge, wisdom and purpose for this world *burst forth* across the chaotic waters in a BLINDING REVELATION of His Shekinah Glory.

In the first verses of the gospel of John in the New Testament we can find confirmation of this revelation. Since the publication of the KJV of the Bible in 1611 this, and almost all versions that have stemmed from it, refer to a *masculine* "word" as being present at the Creation. As a result most Christians, due to an abysmal lack of understanding of the idiom of John's day, think that the "word" refers to a pre-existence of Jesus Christ -- when in fact it refers to no such thing!

Any one of the eight English translations of the Bible prior to 1611 (the Tyndale Bible (1535), the Matthew Bible (1535), the Taverner Bible (1539), the Great (Cranmer's) Bible (1539), the Whittingham Bible (1557), the Geneva Bible (1560) and Bishop's Bible (1568)) assign no gender to the "word" and simply call it "it," such as in John 1:3: "By ***IT*** all things were made. Without ***IT*** nothing was made." The Coverdale Bible (1550) has "the same" rather than "it." This seems like a strange way of referring to Jesus Christ!

Not only that, but if you read the Aramaic version of the Bible you will discover an even clearer rendition of these critical verses. Notice!

**Verse 1:** In the beginning [of creation] there was the MANIFESTATION; And that MANIFESTATION was with God [YEHOVAH]; and God [YEHOVAH] was [the embodiment of] that MANIFESTATION.

**Verse 2:** This [the MANIFESTATION] was in the beginning with God [YEHOVAH].

**Verse 3:** Everything was within his [more correctly, IT'S] power, [otherwise] nothing would ever exist.

**Verse 4:** Through him [it, the MANIFESTATION] was life and life became the spark of humanity.

**Verse 5:** And that [ensuing] fire [the MANIFESTATION] lights the darkness and darkness does not overshadow it [the MANIFESTATION].

We have just learned, at the beginning of this article, that the Shekinah Glory was the manifestation of YEHOVAH God the Father. If we replace the word "Manifestation" with the words "Shekinah Glory" in these verses of John, then the first few verses of Genesis agree perfectly with the first few verses of John in revealing the Shekinah Glory of God at work at Creation -- NOT some pre-existent form of Jesus Christ!

**Verse 1:** In the beginning [of creation] there was the SHEKINAH GLORY; And that SHEKINAH GLORY was with God [YEHOVAH]; and God [YEHOVAH] was [the embodiment of] that SHEKINAH GLORY.

**Verse 2:** This [the SHEKINAH GLORY] was in the beginning with God [YEHOVAH].

**Verse 3:** Everything was within his [the SHEKINAH GLORY'S] power, [otherwise] nothing would ever exist.

**Verse 4:** Through him [it, the SHEKINAH GLORY] was life and life became the spark of humanity.

**Verse 5:** And that [ensuing] fire [the SHEKINAH GLORY] lights the darkness and darkness does not overshadow it [the SHEKINAH GLORY].

This is not to say that the translation of the book of John in the King James Version of the Bible, and those that are based on it, are wrong -- it just means that we don't understand the idiom of John's day and we get all confused with the Greek concept of the Logos that John uses to get his point across. John nowhere indicates that this "Logos" is Christ when you fully understand his use of this concept.

## The Garden of Eden

The next appearance of the Shekinah Glory is found in Genesis 3:8:

And they heard the sound of YEHOVAH God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the PRESENCE OF YEHOVAH GOD among the trees of the garden.

According to this verse Adam and Eve experienced the personal presence of God. This was a daily manifestation of God's presence or Shekinah fellowship with them. No details are given, but the indication is that this was a manifestation of the glory of God. Later, in Genesis 3:23-24, YEHOVAH'S Shekinah Glory appears again --

Therefore YEHOVAH God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and A FLAMING SWORD which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

The phrase "and He placed" reads in Hebrew *vayashkhein*, which has the same root as "Shekinah," and literally means "and He caused to dwell." This was a visible dwelling of the presence of God, and the visible form it took was the flame of a sword. The definite article makes it specific -- "*the* flame" of the sword. Here was a visible manifestation of the glory of God where the Shekinah appeared as fire.

We should also note that in this passage the Shekinah is associated with the cherubim, one of four such associations.

## **The Abrahamic Covenant**

While the context of the Abrahamic Covenant is found in several parts of Genesis, the actual sealing and signing of the covenant is recorded in 15:12-18:

Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and GREAT DARKNESS fell upon him. Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there was A SMOKING OVEN AND A BURNING TORCH that passed between those pieces. On that same day YEHOVAH made a covenant with Abram saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates --

In verse 12 we find the motif of an unusual darkness in association with the Shekinah Glory appears for the first time. After summarizing the context of the Abrahamic Covenant in verses 13-16, it was signed in verse 17. YEHOVAH then appeared in a visible form: that of a smoking oven (furnace) and a burning (flaming) torch. Thus, it was by means of the Shekinah Glory that YEHOVAH signed the Abrahamic Covenant, which in turn became the basis of the three other unconditional covenants God made with Israel: the Palestinian, the Davidic, and the New Covenant.

As well as in Genesis, the Shekinah Glory is also found in the books of Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers. In the book of *Exodus* the Shekinah Glory resided with Israel and authenticated the Aaronic priesthood. In *Numbers* the Shekinah Glory rendered judgment for sin and disobedience.

## **YEHOVAH and Sarah**

In Genesis 18 we read about YEHOVAH God the Father appearing to Abraham and Sarah in a human form -- along with two angels. Notice --

Then YEHOVAH appeared to him [Abraham] by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, THREE MEN were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground (verses 1-2).

After talking to Abraham's wife Sarah, YEHOVAH blesses Abraham in verses 18 and 19 and then says that He is going down to Sodom and Gomorrah. "Then the MEN turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before YEHOVAH" (verse 22). Abraham argues with YEHOVAH about the number of righteous people, and finally "YEHOVAH went

His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place" (verse 33).

In the next chapter (19) we read: "Now the TWO ANGELS came to Sodom in the evening...(19:1). At this point YEHOVAH (in His Shekinah form) is no longer with the two angels and has probably, in all likelihood, returned to His place in heaven. The two angels accompanying YEHOVAH'S Shekinah Glory in this instance were probably the archangels Gabriel and Michael.

## **The Burning Bush**

YEHOVAH'S Shekinah Glory is found next in Exodus 3:1-5 --

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of YEHOVAH appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, THE BUSH BURNED WITH FIRE, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." So when YEHOVAH saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him FROM THE MIDST OF THE [BURNING] BUSH and said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near [to] this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

In this passage YEHOVAH God the Father manifested Himself to Moses in a very visible way. Verses 2-3 state what was visible -- a flame of fire **and** a bush burning with fire. Once again, the fire motif is found in relationship to the visibility of the Shekinah Glory. Also note that the Shekinah Glory is here associated with the angel of Yehovah.

That the burning bush was a manifestation of YEHOVAH'S Shekinah Glory becomes evident from Deuteronomy 3:16 --

And for the precious things of the earth and the fullness thereof, and the good will OF HIM THAT DWELT IN THE BUSH: Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

The phrase "of him that dwelt in the bush," found in the above passage, reads in Hebrew *shochni sneh*, with the first word meaning "dwelling." This word is from the same root that is found in the word "Shekinah." It is, therefore, the Shekinah Glory of YEHOVAH God that commissioned Moses to bring Israel from the land of Egypt.

## **The Exodus**

During the Exodus YEHOVAH'S Shekinah Glory appeared as the Pillar of Cloud by day and the Pillar of Fire by night. In Exodus 13:21-22 we read how the Shekinah led Israel out of Egypt and into the wilderness --

And YEHOVAH went before them by day in a PILLAR OF CLOUD to lead the way, and by night in a PILLAR OF FIRE to give them light, so as to go by day and night. He did not take away the PILLAR OF CLOUD by day or the PILLAR OF FIRE by night from before the people.

Exodus 14:19-20 adds that the angel of YEHOVAH was also present at the Exodus, along with the Shekinah Glory --

And the ANGEL OF GOD, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the PILLAR OF CLOUD went from before them and stood behind them. So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a CLOUD and DARKNESS to the one, and it gave LIGHT by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

In this passage we clearly see that the Shekinah Glory protected the Israelite camp from the Egyptians all night, because it separated the Egyptian army from the Israelites. Once again, as we have seen before, the Shekinah Glory is associated with the angel of YEHOVAH. Furthermore, it is associated with THICK DARKNESS -- yet giving light within the thick darkness for the Israelites.

Dropping down a few verses we see where the Shekinah Glory destroyed the Egyptian army:

Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that YEHOVAH *looked down* upon the army of the Egyptians **THROUGH** THE PILLAR OF FIRE AND CLOUD, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians (Exodus 14:24).

After bringing the Israelites out of Egypt and into the wilderness, the Shekinah Glory provided them with the quail and the manna --

Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that YEHOVAH has brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you shall see the GLORY OF YEHOVAH; for He hears your murmurings against YEHOVAH. But what are we, that you murmur against us?" Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when YEHOVAH gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for YEHOVAH hears your murmurings which you make against Him. And what are we? Your murmurings are not against us but against YEHOVAH." Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before YEHOVAH, for He has heard your murmurings.'" Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold the GLORY OF YEHOVAH appeared in the cloud. And YEHOVAH spoke to Moses, saying, "I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am YEHOVAH your God.'"

In verse seven of this passage the first occurrence of the actual title for the Shekinah Glory appears as it is found in the scriptures -- "the glory of YEHOVAH." In verse ten the Glory appeared and was revealed in the cloud, and this is yet another form of the visible Shekinah Glory.

## **Mount Sinai**

Without a doubt, the greatest manifestation of the Shekinah Glory during the time of the Exodus was at Mount Sinai itself in Midian (Saudi Arabia). Its initial appearance is in Exodus 19:16-20 -- at the time of the giving of the Ten Words or Commandments:

Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a THICK CLOUD on the mountain; and THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was completely in SMOKE, because YEHOVAH DESCENDED UPON IT IN FIRE. Its smoke ascended like the SMOKE OF A FURNACE, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. And when the BLAST OF THE TRUMPET sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. Then YEHOVAH CAME DOWN UPON MOUNT SINAI, on the top of the mountain. And YEHOVAH called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

In verse 16 we find the appearance of thunderings, lightnings and a thick cloud. Then, in verse 18, YEHOVAH descended upon Mount Sinai in fire, and verse 20 shows that this was a visible manifestation of God's presence, for it clearly states that YEHOVAH God came down on Mount Sinai. However, such a manifestation of God's glory put fear into the hearts of the people -- they saw the Shekinah Glory of YEHOVAH and requested to hear the voice of God no more:

Now all the people witnessed the THUNDERINGS, the LIGHTNING FLASHES, the SOUND OF THE TRUMPET, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin. So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the THICK DARKNESS where God was (Exodus 20:18-21).

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