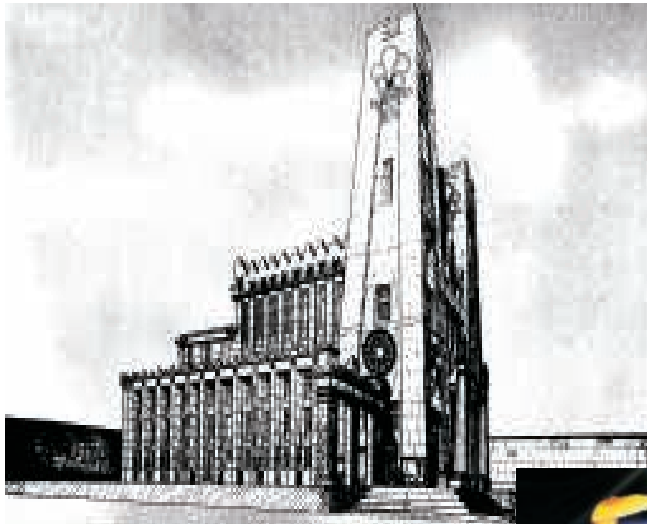


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May YEHOVAH God help you HEED THE MESSAGES revealed in these annual Festivals.



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A Few Words Before You Start...

HAVE YOU ever heard of a church called, "THE DEVIL'S CONGREGATION"? Have you ever seen a sign labeling a building, "SATAN'S SYNAGOGUE"? Have you ever heard a radio program called, "THE DEVIL'S ENDEAVOR"?

OF COURSE NOT!

The god of this present evil world who holds sway over deceived mankind is not so ignorant as to label his churches with their true names!

But does Satan have a religion? Does he have churches? And if he does not call them by his name, how can you tell where they are? What would the doctrines of these churches be -- what does Satan believe -- or at least what does he try to palm off on others for them to believe?

Does the Bible have anything to say about Satan's religion?

The only, real source of truth to which we can go to find the answers to these questions is YEHOVAH's own Word -- the Bible. Many people today consider the concept of a Devil as ignorant and mythological. They consider Satan to be a mere CONCEPT held by primitive people to explain away the presence of evil in the world.

But then THESE SAME PEOPLE also believe YEHOVAH God is a mere concept -- a myth to explain away the presence of creation and good!

Surprisingly enough there is a great deal of information concerning Satan the Devil, his religion, his way of thinking, his way of doing -- and also the sure prophecy of YEHOVAH God of what will become of his efforts. And there is more information concerning this very real evil spirit being in the last book of the Bible than there is in the first.

Just before Yeshua the Messiah was crucified, referring to Satan the Devil, he said, "I won't be talking with you much longer, because the RULER OF THIS WORLD is coming. He has no claim on me" (John 14:30, JNT). Yeshua

went on to explain to his disciples that if the world persecuted him (which it certainly had), it would persecute them also (John 15:19-21). He explained to his disciples that they and all those after them would be REJECTED BY the churches of this world: "in fact, the time will come when anyone who kills you will think he is serving God!" (John 16:2, JNT).

Yeshua explained to his followers that they would be a LITTLE flock, disparaged and despised by the majority of the peoples of the world, downtrodden and persecuted right up until the time of YEHOVAH God the Father's RETURN as KING of kings and LORD of lords. BUT HE also ENCOURAGED THEM by letting THEM know that they were not to FEAR this persecution because it was YEHOVAH's will to GIVE these persecuted few HIS Kingdom. "Have no fear, LITTLE FLOCK, for your Father has resolved to give you the Kingdom!" (Luke 12:32, JNT).

When Yeshua's disciples asked him concerning future events and what would happen between their time and the coming of the end of the world, Yeshua's first and continued warning was about individuals who would come claiming to be his representatives, using his NAME, but deceiving the world because they were actually the servants of Satan the Devil! "Yeshua replied: 'WATCH OUT! DON'T LET ANYONE FOOL YOU! For MANY WILL COME IN MY NAME (using the name of the Messiah, calling themselves Christian), SAYING, "I am the Messiah!" and THEY WILL LEAD MANY ASTRAY" (Matthew 24:4-5, JNT). He repeated his warning concerning false prophets saying, "MANY false prophets will appear and FOOL MANY PEOPLE" (Matthew 24:11, JNT).

Yeshua the Messiah continued HIS warning. HE showed that BECAUSE OF THIS DECEPTION the whole world OF HIS DAY would be thrown into such chaotic confusion and war that "except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved" (Matthew 24:22).

Yes, Yeshua's warning to HIS disciples of ALL TIMES was that HIS Church -- the Church of YEHOVAH God -- would always be a little flock, a despised congregation -- a persecuted church -- not the generally accepted organizations of the masses which merely appropriated His name, CALLING themselves "Christian."

We are told to *choose* life (**Deuteronomy 30:19**), *choose* whom we will serve (**Joshua 24:15**), *choose* good and refuse evil (**Isaiah 7:15**). If there had been only evil in the world, we would not have known good. If there had been only good, we would not have known evil. In order for us to "choose," *both good and evil had to exist on this planet at the same time.*

If YEHOVAH God planned that the system of good and the system of evil function in this world, it is not unreasonable to conclude that each system needed a leader. Since YEHOVAH God is the leader of that which is good, another power, an OPPOSITE of YEHOVAH God (as it were), was required. It is not impossible, therefore, that Satan was created *as such* from the beginning.

Yeshua the Messiah once said that Satan "was a murderer *from the beginning*" (**John 8:44**). This does not fit very well with the concept that he was in the beginning a holy angel and then, later -- perhaps *thousands* of years later BECAME the devil. We also read that a person who commits sin "is of the devil; for the devil SINNETH FROM THE BEGINNING" (**I John 3:8**). This could not be rightly said of Adam. According to **Genesis 2 and 3**, it was not until AFTER Adam was created, after he was placed in the garden, after he named all the animals, after the woman was taken from his side, and after she listened to the serpent that Adam sinned. In a very definite sense Adam was NOT a sinner from the beginning. But, we are told that Satan was a sinner FROM THE BEGINNING. Instead of him being an angel that became the devil, if anything, the REVERSE would come closer to the truth: Satan seeks to transform himself INTO an angel of light to deceive (**II**

Corinthians 11:14).

YEHOVAH allowed him to hold the office of rulership over this earth originally given to him. In the temptation on the mount Yeshua the Messiah qualified to take over this rule from Satan the Devil. By his victory over death he is able to take over the rulership of this world at any time. But there is a PLAN being worked out here below, and as yet the God of heaven HAS NOT INTERVENED to strip Satan's authority from him. Notice that SATAN IS STILL THE RULING "GOD" OF THIS WORLD: "In whom the GOD OF THIS WORLD hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (**II Corinthians 4:4**).

Satan does not appear to this world in the clothing that he has deceived this world into thinking Satan would appear in. He does not appear with a pitchfork and horns and an evil look on his face.

Just as Yeshua the Messiah prophesied in **Matthew 24**, Satan claims his converts are spiritual Judahites -- Christians. But the Messiah, in a series of personal letters to his Church in all of its eras, warns about these congregations -- "and I know the blasphemy of them which SAY they are Jews (claim to be spiritual Judahites, or Christians), AND ARE NOT, but are the SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN" (**Revelation 2:9**). And again "... the SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN, which SAY they are Jews, and are not, but DO LIE!" (**Revelation 3:9**.)

Satan looks like a lightbringer to the deceived eyes of a deceived world. His ministers look like and sound like what deceived people think the ministers of the Messiah should look and sound like -- that's the very meaning of THE WORD DECEPTION! "For such are FALSE apostles, DECEITFUL workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS (Satan the Devil does have ministers) also be transformed (apparently

changed from what they really are) as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works (even though these ministers preach that there are no works, they are going to be judged by the Creator according to their evil works)" (**II Corinthians 11:13-15**).

Notice how well Satan has done his job: "The great dragon was thrown out, that ancient serpent, also known as the Devil and Satan [the Adversary], the DECEIVER OF THE WHOLE WORLD" (**Revelation 12:9**, JNT.) This great deceiver has sent out his messengers with soft and oily words to soothe this world's inhabitants into thinking that they can do as they wish and still escape YEHOVAH God's punishment for sin -- death. Yeshua the Messiah warned about this when he said, "Go in through the narrow gate; for the gate that leads to destruction is wide and the road broad, and many travel it....Beware of the false prophets! They come to you wearing sheep's clothing, but underneath they are HUNGRY WOLVES!" (**Matthew 7:13-15**, JNT).

In order to deceive the WHOLE WORLD, Satan has used every means available to him. There are many areas on this earth where deceived and ignorant human beings OPENLY WORSHIP THE DEVIL: Other hundreds of millions ignorantly worship pieces of rock and wood -- big-bellied Buddhas in the Oriental East and dead men's bones in deepest Africa. Satan has founded false religions on demonic leaders such as Mohammed, and today Islam perverts the minds of billions of people!

Satan has deceived by the millions other individuals who are perhaps a LITTLE more educated, leading them to believe that there is no God at all and that one of his own (Satan's) political systems -- Communism -- is the answer to mankind's problems. Satan can easily keep these great numbers of people in subjection because of long-standing ignorance, and the fact that Yeshua the Messiah and his true Gospel have never been preached to them. The Messiah's NAME has not even so much as been mentioned to many millions of this world's

inhabitants!

But in the areas of the world where the name of the Messiah has been mentioned, where the Bible is circulated, and where from time to time people even READ that Bible, Satan is very hard pressed and has to be very subtle and clever in using THE NAME OF the Messiah -- even to use the Bible in order to DECEIVE people!

Since Satan feels that HE has been unjustly judged by YEHOVAH God, he wants the people of this world to feel that they are unjustly judged by YEHOVAH also. So he has his ministers tell them that they do not need to obey YEHOVAH God -- that the "harsh cruel God of the Old Testament" has now been superseded by the new, loving and kind God of the New Testament. Yet YEHOVAH's Word says, "They (Satan's ministers) PROMISE THEM (their converts) FREEDOM, but they themselves are SLAVES OF CORRUPTION; for whatever overcomes a man, to that he is enslaved" (**II Peter 2:19**, RSV). Satan deceives people into thinking that they can continue to do as they please and get away with it.

Did you know that Satan believes in YEHOVAH God? "Thou believes" that there is one God; thou doest well: THE DEVILS ALSO BELIEVE, AND TREMBLE" (**James 2:19**). Isn't that amazing? Satan himself is not even as deceived as some of those whom he has blinded into thinking that there is no God!

We can plainly see from this scripture that believing in YEHOVAH God is not enough. SATAN HIMSELF BELIEVES IN YEHOVAH. Using the name of the Messiah is not enough either, because Yeshua the Messiah himself prophesied that many would USE his name, but that they would be false prophets -- servants of the Devil!

Satan has many doctrines (**I Timothy 4:1-4**), but his CHIEF DOCTRINE IS that of REBELLION -- DISOBEDIENCE TO THE LAWS OF YEHOVAH GOD -- because he IS A REBEL! His is a system of confusion. He has caused this so-called Christian world to be so CONFUSED that there are over 400 different

interpretations of what Christianity is supposed to be. Obviously all cannot be YEHOVAH'S Christianity.

It may come as a surprise to you that Satan the Devil is not opposed to quoting Scripture. He even had the gall to quote Scripture to Yeshua the Messiah, the first-born son of YEHOVAH God. YEHOVAH is the author of scripture! "Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: FOR IT IS WRITTEN he shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone" (**Matthew 4:5-6; Luke 4:9-11**).

Satan is EAGER TO quote Scripture -- but TWISTS and TURNS it in order to apply it in his way. Let's notice the first example in the Bible of how Satan twists the Word of YEHOVAH God, showing how Satan's ministers ALSO TWIST THE SCRIPTURES TODAY.

"Now the SERPENT was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman (Eve), Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (**Genesis 3:1**.) Notice how he begins by asking a CLEVER and SUBTLE question, stressing the NEGATIVE side, trying to put YEHOVAH God in a BAD LIGHT.

"And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, GOD HATH SAID (this is YEHOVAH'S Word quoted from **Genesis 2:17**), Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, LEST YE DIE" (**Genesis 3:2-3**.) Eve knew YEHOVAH God had very plainly said that if she ate of the fruit of this tree she would die -- a very simple statement that YEHOVAH makes all the way through the Bible, explaining that if a man commits sin, DEATH IS the automatic penalty (**Romans 6:23**). When YEHOVAH God SAYS death, He MEANS D-E-A-T-H, NOT ETERNAL LIFE in hellfire!

"And the SERPENT said unto the woman, YE SHALL NOT SURELY DIE." (**Genesis 3:4**.)

In effect Satan was saying: "I know that God SAID 'thou shalt surely die' -- but He didn't really MEAN that you would die. What God meant when He said 'thou SHALT surely die' was 'thou shalt NOT surely die.'"

To this day Satan's ministers preach this same doctrine of error.

The only way that Satan is able to deceive people is to make them believe that YEHOVAH God does NOT mean what He says. He offers to mankind what the carnal mind WANTS instead of what YEHOVAH God knows is best for man. Then in order to give it a "Godly" and "Christian" flavor he quotes a few scriptures OUT OF CONTEXT, explaining that YEHOVAH doesn't mean what He says after all.

The pitiful thing about it is that mankind has GULLIBLY SWALLOWED the doctrines of Satan the Devil. Since creation, mankind has been hoodwinked into believing the Devil, despite the fact that he says EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE of what YEHOVAH God says! When YEHOVAH first told man "THOU SHALT SURELY DIE!" (**Genesis 2:17**), Satan said, "YE SHALL NOT SURELY DIE!" (**Genesis 3:4**.)

WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE TO BELIEVE?

The Devil has counterfeited much of YEHOVAH's Truth in order to deceive mankind into thinking HIS way is YEHOVAH's way. Satan has appropriated the TITLES of the servants of YEHOVAH God and called his chief leader (the pope) an apostle, when actually YEHOVAH God labels this individual as a FALSE apostle and prophet. And Satan has used, and WILL again use, MIRACLES TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE!

Since Yeshua the Messiah performed miracles, and since he prophesied that certain signs (miracles) would follow his believers (**Mark 16:15-18**), Satan the Devil has also

COUNTERFEITED MIRACLES! This need be no surprise to the true Christian because Yeshua the Messiah forewarned that this would happen! He said: "For there will appear FALSE Messiahs and FALSE prophets performing GREAT MIRACLES -- AMAZING THINGS! -- so as to FOOL even the chosen, if possible" (**Matthew 24:24**, JNT). The only ones who will not be deceived by the great miracles that Satan the Devil will perform through his false prophet will be those whom YEHOVAH God is calling out of this world NOW -- the "very elect"!

Satan knows that he now has just a short time before being deposed by the Messiah (**Revelation 12:12**). Therefore he is hard at work laying the groundwork for the greatest deceptions and miracles that mankind has ever seen in order to deceive the whole world! Let's read **II Thessalonians 2:9-10** again in the Moffatt Translation: "... One whose arrival is due to Satan's activity, with the full power, the miracles and portents of falsehood, and with the full deceitfulness of evil for those who are doomed to perish, since they refuse to love the truth that would save them."

Such outstanding REAL miracles will be performed through Satan's agents that the whole world will reel and gasp in open-mouthed wonder. These miracles would cause ANYONE to believe (except the very elect, **Matthew 24:24**).

The term "lying wonder" does not refer to the fact that the wonder itself is a lie. The miracle is REAL ENOUGH, but the miracle CAUSES THOSE WHO SEE IT TO BELIEVE A LIE -- that is, the miracle causes them to believe that the agent Satan the Devil uses is the agent of YEHOVAH God!

YEHOVAH God Almighty specifically warns us about one particularly OUTSTANDING MIRACLE that Satan's great false prophet will perform. "And he doeth GREAT WONDERS, SO that he MAKETH FIRE COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN on the earth in the sight of men, and DECEIVETH them that dwell on the earth BY THE MEANS of those

miracles" (**Revelation 13:13-14**). This is THE FALSE PROPHET -- the final leader of Satan's religious movement who will even defy YEHOVAH God at His return.

But how are YOU going to KNOW what is counterfeit and what is the Truth?

Will you be DECEIVED? We just read THAT ALL THEM THAT DWELL ON THE EARTH are going to be DECEIVED by these miracles.

Or will you REMEMBER what you have learned in the Correspondence Course, warning you of these very things to come?

Yeshua the Messiah not only prophesied through John in the book of Revelation that this will come to pass, but He also left a record of just such a thing having happened in the past.

In the **first chapter of Job**, we find Satan talking to YEHOVAH God. YEHOVAH brought up the subject of Job. He asked Satan if he didn't think that Job was quite a righteous man, and Satan answered YEHOVAH by saying that he was not righteous for nothing, that YEHOVAH God has blessed him with everything. So YEHOVAH ALLOWED Satan to take everything away from Job. Now let's notice exactly what happened.

As Satan began to destroy all of the things that Job possessed, he allowed one servant to escape from each devastation that he wrought. That servant would come and report to Job the horrible things that had happened.

Now when one of these servants saw a great BALL OF FIRE COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN and consuming the sheep, he AUTOMATICALLY ASSUMED that only YEHOVAH God could cause such a great miracle and so his report to Job was, "The FIRE OF GOD is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee" (**Job 1:16**).

Satan is the prince of the power of the air (**Ephesians 2:2**). He is still in the office of control over this world and its affairs insofar as YEHOVAH God allows him to exercise that

control. You will remember when Moses was calling the children of Israel out of Egypt under the direct supervision of YEHOVAH that the Egyptian sorcerers, the servants of the Devil of that day were able TO PERFORM GREAT MIRACLES by the power that Satan gave them.

MIRACLES ALONE ARE NOT A PROOF OF THE PRESENCE AND AUTHORITY OF YEHOVAH GOD!

Deuteronomy 13 explains this very plainly to any who would question this: "If there arises in your midst a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and if the sign or the wonder TAKES PLACE, concerning which he spoke to you; and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods -- which you have not known -- and let us serve them,' YOU SHALL NOT LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF THAT PROPHET or to that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. YOU SHALL WALK AFTER THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND YOU SHALL SERVE HIM, AND LISTEN TO HIS VOICE, AND CLING TO HIM, AND FEAR HIM, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. And that prophet or dreamer of dreams shall BE PUT TO DEATH, because he has spoken REBELLION against the LORD your God..." (**Deuteronomy 13:1-5**, The Dead Sea Scrolls Bible). Isaiah backs this up by saying, "TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONY: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is NO LIGHT IN THEM" (**Isaiah 8:20**).

YEHOVAH God warns all through His Bible that there have been, that there are and that there are going to be, lying, false, miracle-performing prophets deceiving mankind. But YEHOVAH gives us the KEY by which we can recognize the true servants of YEHOVAH God!

"Beloved, BELIEVE NOT every spirit, but TRY THE SPIRITS whether they are of God: because MANY false prophets are gone out into the world" (**I John 4:1**). YEHOVAH's

plain warning to you is not to be gullible. Don't ASSUME somebody is right because he has a pious face -- because he has a soft and smooth voice, or because he dresses differently from you!

Don't assume somebody is YEHOVAH's messenger even if he brings fire down from heaven! Don't assume somebody is YEHOVAH's messenger -- and Satan the Devil's tool -- because he says, "The Bible says."

Satan the Devil and all his henchmen have been quoting the Bible since time immemorial. They are still quoting it out of context and adding on Satan's favorite expression that YEHOVAH God does not really mean what He says -- and then adding THEIR OWN interpretation, THEIR OWN TRADITION, the commandments of men that have been inspired by Satan.

"Here is HOW you recognize the spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges that Yeshua the Messiah CAME AS A HUMAN BEING is from God, and every spirit which DOES NOT acknowledge Yeshua is NOT from God -- in fact, this is the spirit of the Anti-Messiah" (**I John 4:2-3**, JNT.) This is the ONE doctrine that Satan WILL NOT PROCLAIM!

Let's look at these verses in a more literal translation: "By THIS you will know the Spirit of YEHOVAH: Every spirit that CONFESSES that Yeshua the Messiah *STARTED IN THE FLESH* is OF YEHOVAH, and every spirit that DOES NOT CONFESS that Yeshua the Messiah started in the flesh IS NOT OF YEHOVAH. So THIS is the spirit of the ANTI-MESSIAH..."

This is the one doctrine that Satan the Devil will NOT ALLOW ANY OF HIS MINISTERS TO PREACH! This is the ONE doctrine that this Correspondence Course DOGMATICALLY AND ABSOLUTELY PREACHES!

The apostle John was explaining that those who confessed -- said the same thing, not to refuse, not to deny, declare openly and

voluntarily, to praise and celebrate -- that Yeshua the Messiah, the savior sent by YEHOVAH God, had an EXISTENCE BEGINNING IN THE FLESH, which was in the womb of Mary his mother, was OF YEHOVAH and OF THE TRUTH! In other words, Yeshua the Messiah was born as a *normal human being* as a result of intercourse between his father Joseph and his mother Mary! (**John 1:45; John 6:42**).

But on the other hand, everyone who DOES NOT CONFESS: *does not say the same thing, refuses, denies, does not declare openly and voluntarily, and does not praise and celebrate* -- that Yeshua's very EXISTENCE BEGAN, or ORIGINATED, IN THE FLESH as a result of intercourse between Joseph and Mary is *NOT OF YEHOVAH GOD!*

Those who preach and proclaim the doctrine of a "PRE-EXISTENT SAVIOR OR MESSIAH," most assuredly are proclaiming *ANOTHER* savior -- NOT the ONE proclaimed in the Bible! Therefore, THEY are ANTI-(or AGAINST) THE MESSIAH, just as **I John 4:3** says!

Don't just read this open letter and forget about it. Apply and obey the injunction that Yeshua the Messiah gives to you through his servant John to "try the spirits" (**I John 4:1**). FIND OUT, CHECK UP.

Do as the Bereans did in Paul's day when he was explaining to them the truths of the Gospel of YEHOVAH God (**Acts 17:11**). Receive this understanding with all readiness of mind, but CHECK EVERY LAST SCRIPTURE and find out if it's according to YEHOVAH's Word -- and do the same thing with any OTHER religious instruction you receive.

If you have been deceived, don't continue to be deceived. Those who continue to be deceived and remain deceived until the return of YEHOVAH God are going to suffer the plagues He pours out on the servants of Satan -- both religious and political!

YOU KNOW that this confused world standing on the brink of nuclear cosmocide

cannot be YEHOVAH's world. It is a world turned over to Satan the Devil. But YEHOVAH God Almighty is RETURNING SOON to restore order, to set up HIS KINGDOM, to bring PEACE and happiness and safety and TRUTH to this poor Satan-deceived world!

Elijah, the servant of YEHOVAH God, faced a similar situation in the world of his day. "And Elijah came unto all the people and said, How LONG HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS? IF THE LORD BE GOD, FOLLOW HIM: BUT IF BAAL, THEN FOLLOW HIM. And the people answered him not a word" (**I Kings 18:21**).

What is YOUR ANSWER TODAY?

1. Is there a battle for men's lives between YEHOVAH God and Satan?

- A. No, but there is a "Great Controversy."
- B. Yes, and Satan is winning.
- C. No! YEHOVAH God is not fighting Satan.
- D. No, the battle is over and YEHOVAH God was defeated!

2. Satan is –

- A. stronger than YEHOVAH God.
- B. doomed, and will be imprisoned at YEHOVAH's return.
- C. not the ruler of this present evil world.
- D. already in chains, having been deposed by YEHOVAH God.

Lesson 17

Judean Centralized Government

3. When the Israelites returned to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity, they set up a government patterned after –

- A. the Greek democratic system.
- B. the Assyrian form of theocracy.
- C. the Babylonian style of rulership.

D. YEHOVAH's government outlined in the Bible.

4. What was the source of Saul's (Paul's) authority to arrest Christians?

- A. The Roman government.
- B. Herod's government.
- C. The Judean government.
- D. The Essenes.

5. Who is the originator of man-made centralized power?

- A. Satan the Devil.
- B. YEHOVAH God.
- C. Nimrod.
- D. Alexander the Great.

6. What were the TWO separate types of authority Yeshua the Messiah possessed?

- A. Permission and force.
- B. Permission and jurisdiction; ability and force.
- C. Jurisdiction and ability.
- D. Ability and force.

7. Who (or what) is the true source of "all authority"?

- A. Satan the Devil.
- B. Yeshua the Messiah.
- C. Allah.
- D. YEHOVAH God.

8. The Babylonian-style central government has been used throughout history to do what?

- A. Control and subjugate people.
- B. Upgrade people's standard of living.
- C. Set a standard for efficient and caring government.
- D. To emphasize YEHOVAH's style of government.

9. Why did the Judean rulers decide to kill the Messiah?

- A. Because the Roman authorities ordered them to.
- B. Because he had blasphemed against YEHOVAH God.
- C. To protect their privileged positions of lordship over the people.
- D. Because Herod ordered them to.

10. When authority is delegated –

- A. the grantor does not give up his authority.
- B. the one the authority is extended to now becomes the sole authority.
- C. the grantor gives up his authority.
- D. the blame for wrong actions falls on the grantee alone.

11. What causes true freedom?

- A. Modern-style democracies.
- B. Lenin's style of Communism.
- C. Islam, where there is no separation between church and state.
- D. YEHOVAH God's government.

12. In Acts 5:38-39, Gamaliel advises the council to do what?

- A. To exercise their authority and kill the apostles.
- B. To frame the apostles as conspirators against the Romans.
- C. To leave the apostles alone and not risk further exposure..
- D. To turn the apostles over to Herod.

Lesson 18

Day of Atonement -- AT-ONE-MENT with YEHOVAH God!

13. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A. Satan has had a major part in causing worldwide misery.
- B. The Devil has invisibly swayed the nations.
- C. Satan the Devil has possessed many mighty world leaders.
- D. No responsibility for the plight of this world can be attributed to the Devil.

14. The purpose of fasting is –

- A. to humble yourself and draw closer to YEHOVAH God.
- B. simply to deny yourself food and water for 24 hours.
- C. to bend YEHOVAH God to your will.
- D. to increase your physical strength.

15. Why do YEHOVAH’s people keep the Day of Atonement?

- A. To MOURN the coming end of this world.
- B. To picture by fasting the horrible conditions the world will experience after YEHOVAH’s return.
- C. To observe a kind of Jewish “lent.”
- D. To be reminded of the events pictured by this day.

16. The “Azazel” goat –

- A. represented the complete removal of sin by Yeshua the Messiah.
- B. represented true Christians.
- C. represented Satan the Devil.
- D. has no meaning for us today.

17. Who did the High Priest represent on the Day of Atonement?

- A. Satan.
- B. Yeshua the Messiah.
- C. The apostle Paul who spoke of the “works of the law.”
- D. YEHOVAH’s congregation.

18. Why was the Azazel goat removed from ancient Israel on the Day of Atonement?

- A. To picture the complete removal of sin from Israel.
- B. To show that Satan must be removed from mankind.
- C. To show that Satan will be allowed to roam a desolate earth during the Millennium.
- D. To show that the Messiah was removed to heaven.

19. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE? The Day of Atonement foretells –

- A. the at-one-ment of YEHOVAH God and man.
- B. the deposing of Satan.
- C. the restitution of YEHOVAH’s absolute government on earth.
- D. the promised cleansing of YEHOVAH’s heavenly sanctuary by the Messiah our High Priest.

20. Why is the Day of Atonement called AT-ONE-MENT?

- A. Because it pictures man becoming AT ONE with YEHOVAH God.
- B. Because Satan will become at one with YEHOVAH God.
- C. Because man will remain “at odds” with YEHOVAH God.
- D. No such meaning as “at one” should be applied to the word “atone.”

21. The Day of Atonement –

- A. was faithfully kept by YEHOVAH’s early New Testament Church.
- B. was not kept by the apostle Paul.
- C. is to be observed only by orthodox “Jews” today.
- D. was not referred to by Luke when he wrote the history of Paul’s life in the book of Acts.

22. What does the “land not inhabited” represent?

- A. Ancient Israel.
- B. The grave.
- C. Idumea to the south of Israel.
- D. Israel’s new home in America.

Lesson 19 **Judean Central Government**

23. Where did the Sanhedrin usually meet?

- A. In the chief synagogue.
- B. On the Temple grounds.
- C. In the Roman Praetorium.
- D. In Bethlehem.

24. Where can the history of the synagogue be traced back to?

- A. The Babylonian captivity.
- B. The Egyptian bondage.
- C. The Assyrian captivity.
- D. The time before the flood.

25. Who led a remnant of Israelites back to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple?

- A. David and Jonathan.
- B. Moses and Joshua.
- C. Deborah and Samson.
- D. Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah.

26. What was one of the roles of the “ruler of the synagogue”?

- A. To set the dates for the New Moons.
- B. To check the content of the discourses given by the public speakers.
- C. To enter into the Holy of holies on the Day of Atonement.
- D. To interface with the Roman authorities regarding doctrine.

27. The chief synagogue was located in what city?

- A. Caesarea.
- B. Tiberius.
- C. Bethlehem.
- D. Jerusalem.

28. What dreaded fear was used by the Judean rulers to control the people?

- A. The calling in of the Roman legions housed on the so-called Temple mount.
- B. Excommunication from the synagogue.
- C. The brutality of Herod the “Great.”
- D. That YEHOVAH was a cruel and merciless god.

29. As well as excommunication, the synagogues had the power and authority to do what?

- A. Administer stripes and scourgings.
- B. Rule the country with little assistance from Herod.
- C. Put a man to death without Roman consent.
- D. Train men for the Judean army.

30. Following the conquest of Canaan under Joshua, Israel lived in FREEDOM with YEHOVAH God as her only King until –

- A. Samson was captured by the Philistines.
- B. YEHOVAH made David king.
- C. the time of the prophet Samuel and king Saul.
- D. the Babylonian conquest.

31. During the Millennium the Temple will become the center of –

- A. Judean government once more.
- B. Islamic rulership.
- C. YEHOVAH’s true government.
- D. Roman Catholic administration.

32. Who will dwell in a newly-built Temple in Jerusalem during the Millennium?

- A. YEHOVAH's Shekinah Glory.
- B. Yeshua the Messiah.
- C. The resurrected king David.
- D. The Aaronic high priest.

Lesson 20

Feast of Tabernacles -- THE WORLD TOMORROW!

33. YEHOVAH God's early New Testament Church taught –

- A. the meaning of the Millennium far and wide.
- B. that man's destiny was hidden -- a "mystery."
- C. that YEHOVAH's plan for this world was complete when the Church was established.
- D. nothing regarding the final 1000 years of YEHOVAH's Master Plan.

34. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE? The Roman Catholic Church –

- A. originally understood and acknowledged Biblical references to the future Millennium of peace and prosperity on this earth.
- B. later rejected what little truth of YEHOVAH's Kingdom it had.
- C. today claims that the Bible doesn't mention YEHOVAH's 1000-year rule on earth.
- D. teaches what the Bible plainly states about the Millennium.

35. Which ONE of these four statements is NOT a Bible requirement concerning YEHOVAH's Feast of Ingathering?"

- A. It is a commanded assembly.
- B. It is to be held in booths wherever you live.
- C. It is to be observed FOREVER by YEHOVAH's people.
- D. It is a time of sorrow, of afflicting the soul with fasting.

36. Why did YEHOVAH God choose the harvest cycle in Palestine as a pattern for His Holy Days?

- A. It aptly pictures YEHOVAH's spiritual harvest of human beings.
- B. He wanted to get people together at the most convenient times of the year.
- C. He chose times when little work needs to be done.
- D. He wanted to impress on man the need to work on His Holy Days.

37. How many High Sabbaths occur during the Feast of Tabernacles?

- A. One.
- B. Two.
- C. Seven.
- D. None.

38. On what day does the weekly Sabbath fall on during the Feast of Tabernacles?

- A. It can fall on any day.
- B. The 21st of Tishri.
- C. Always on a Saturday.
- D. The 15th of Tishri.

39. The Messiah set an example for us by –

- A. offering animal sacrifices.
- B. keeping the Feast of Tabernacles.
- C. condemning the Feast of Tabernacles as "Jewish."
- D. forgetting the Feast of Tabernacles.

40. The Messiah's disciples –

- A. never kept the Feast of Tabernacles.
- B. knew that the Feast of Tabernacles pictured the coming Millennial reign of YEHOVAH God and the Messiah on earth.
- C. didn't teach the early New Testament Church to keep the Feast.
- D. taught only "Jews" to keep the Feast.

41. What does “The Water-Drawing Ceremony” picture?

- A. A purification the High Priest had to undertake before entering the Holy of holies.
- B. The future outpouring of the holy spirit.
- C. The Old Testament baptism.
- D. A “Jewish” ritual that has no connection to the Bible.

42. What did the four, immense candelabrum in the Temple courtyard represent?

- A. The death of sinners in hell-fire.
- B. Satan’s fate at the return of YEHOVAH God and the Messiah.
- C. YEHOVAH’s throne in heaven.
- D. The Shekinah Glory of YEHOVAH God.

Articles to Read –

Who or What is the “Azazel” Goat of Leviticus 16?
 New Understanding About YOM KIPPUR!
 Secrets of the Sukkah!
 Mystery of the “Lulav”

Answers to Questions in Lesson 20:

1. No.
2. The 1000-year rule of YEHOVAH God and the Messiah on this earth.
3. No
4. In the fourth century.
5. On the 15th of Tishri.
6. The Shekinah Glory.
7. YEHOVAH’s holy spirit.
8. The future outpouring of the holy spirit.
9. The rulership of YEHOVAH God over all nations.
10. The last day of the Feast of Tabernacles.
11. By building or constructing booths to live in during the Feast.
12. Satan the Devil.
13. Yes.
14. Spiritual Israel.
15. YEHOVAH’s firstfruits.

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