

Warning! *This may be the most shocking and sobering study you have ever received, and may lead to significant changes in your circle of friends, spiritual affiliations, and connection with your Maker. Please pray for guidance before you begin reading, since what you are about to learn you will be unable to unlearn, and thus will be held accountable for.*

A life or death question for every Seventh-day Adventist:
WHEN will YOU

BEGIN

observing the seventh-day Sabbath???????

(Please note: this study does not involve or promote demonically inspired “lunar” or “daylight only” Sabbath teachings: contact the author for comprehensive refutations of either or both of these false doctrines if desired. Ron Buhler)

A foolish question? You might think so, since all Seventh-day Adventists rest and worship on the seventh-day Sabbath. However, as with many other things in life, there is more to understand about the seventh-day Sabbath than meets the eye at first glance. As Jewish Torah scholars know well, there are deeper levels of revelation and meaning underneath the surface level narrative of Scripture, and no where is this more important to realize than when dealing with the commandments, statutes, and judgements of Torah/the first five books of Scripture. On the surface, they appear to be a collection of stories and teachings, but under the surface a critical pattern of relationships appears. The 10 Words/Commandments clearly stand as bedrock foundational principles that reveal the Creators’ character and image to mankind, and the statutes and judgements explain how to live out these principles in our daily lives so that we conform to the image of our Creators. (plural – “Let US make man in OUR image ... after OUR likeness ... so Elohim/“God” created man in His own

image, in the image of Elohim created He him; MALE and FEMALE created He them.” Genesis 1:26,27)

Let’s consider the 7th Word/Commandment – “Thou shalt not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14) – to understand how this works. We may want to live in compliance with this commandment, but we can’t understand fully how to do so until we consult the statutes found in Leviticus 18, which explain and prohibit all the different ways adultery can be committed. On this list of prohibited relationships we find the following: “Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: it is abomination.” (Leviticus 18:22) Torah generally, and this prohibition in particular, is addressed to men, but exactly the same prohibition of same gender relationships applies to women as explained by Sha’ul/Paul in Romans 1:26. Please keep this prohibition in mind as we consider the following partly real and partly hypothetical scenario.

Here in Ontario, Canada, at the moment, the Premier is a woman by the name of Kathleen Wynne. In this “liberated” day and age it’s not that unusual to find a woman as head of government of a state or province, but what makes our current situation different is that Kathleen Wynne is a legally married lesbian. In this politically correct and morally bankrupt era, not even one of her political opponents mentioned her alternative lifestyle in a negative way, and she led her party to a majority government in the last election. Everything I’ve explained until this point is real, but what follows is a hypothetical conversation between Ms. Wynne and myself that I invite you to look at carefully and ponder the implications of.

RB – Ms. Wynne, I finally have an opportunity to meet you in person and ask you a question that’s been on my mind for some time.

Ms. Wynne – How can I help you?

RB – Are you in compliance with the 7th Commandment of the Decalogue, the one which says “Thou shalt not commit adultery?”

Ms. Wynne – Thanks for asking, and I want to assure you that I am in full compliance with the 7th Commandment; I have been totally faithful to my spouse since the day I married her.

RB – Are you aware that as Jews understand Scripture, the statutes in Leviticus 18 which prohibit various moral perversions are understood to be helper statutes to the 7th Commandment? This means that if you live in violation of any of the Leviticus 18 statutes, you are actually in violation of the 7th Commandment!

Ms. Wynne – I am aware of everything you just mentioned, but I look at this matter from a Christian perspective. Christian Scripture scholars and theologians have determined that the handwritten precepts of Torah/the Law of Moses, which would certainly include the statutes you mentioned, were nailed to the cross because they were contrary to us and against us. As a practicing lesbian myself and an outspoken advocate for gay rights, I would agree with the Christian scholars and theologians on this matter. I would absolutely consider any statutes that prohibited and condemned as an abomination the lifestyle which I and many of my friends have chosen, to be very much contrary to and against us.

RB – Thank you for your time and your very insightful comments. (end of conversation)

What do you think about Ms. Wynne’s (hypothetical) answers to my questions? Are she and the Christian scholars and theologians that she agrees with correct in their understanding regarding the statutes of the Law of Moses or do the Jews have the proper approach? Because the two different schools of thought lead to two diametrically opposite conclusions, they cannot both be valid.

Before you provide your final answer to this question (to your Creators, not to me), I would like you to come with me on a journey of exploration into uncharted territory on the Seventh-day Adventist map of truth. I specify the Seventh-day Adventist map of truth because, as providence would have it, this same territory is charted in detail on the Jewish map of truth. We, however, have been too spiritually conceited and proud, “boasting against the Jews/natural branches” (Romans 11:18) with our replacement theology, to acknowledge that there might be something missing in our understanding which the Jews could explain to us. In consequence, we have been wandering in uncharted wilderness for many years now, and unless we smarten up and confess FROM OUR HEARTS that “salvation is of the Jews ... we (they) know what we (they) worship” (John 4:22) we will wander there for many more.

As we begin our journey, I would remind you of what we learned in the first part of this teaching, namely, that the correct way to obey the 10 Commandments is revealed to us by the helper statutes of the Law of Moses. I used the 7th Commandment and the helper statutes of Leviticus 18 as an example, but this same principle applies with all 10 Commandments or does it? We can quite readily find helper statutes for 9 of the Commandments, but for the 4th Commandment it's a different story. While it is true that a few statutes, such as the ones that prohibit starting fires and cooking food on the Sabbath, do serve as helper statutes to the 4th Commandment, there seems to be a general lack of helper statutes that focus on this Commandment. This is particularly strange considering the extended length of this Commandment, the obvious great importance of its contents, and its location of prominence in the very heart of the 10 Words or Commandments. Did our Creators forget to include an appropriate number of helper statutes in the Torah or Law of Moses for this lengthy and significant Commandment or did They in fact include them, but have we had such dim, weak spiritual vision that we have been unable to see them? As we will shortly discover, it is sadly the latter scenario that accurately describes the situation.

Everyone knows that Jews observe the “Jewish” seventh-day Sabbath and the “Jewish” feast days or moedim/appointed times (actually the appointed times of Yahuah or the “LORD” as the KJV version of Leviticus 23:2 puts it). Seventh-day Adventists agree with resting and worshipping on the seventh-day Sabbath, of course, but that is where the agreement ends. Jewish observance of the yearly feast days is looked upon by Seventh-day Adventists generally with pity and disdain, an unnecessary and useless exercise occasioned by Jewish spiritual blindness caused by their rejection of the Messiah. In reality, however, this attitude is conceited boasting against the natural Jewish branches of the olive tree, and it has led to blindness in Seventh-day Adventism that is at least as bad, and maybe worse, than that being experienced by the Jewish people!

By now I'm sure you must be wondering exactly what critically important understanding Jews have regarding the weekly Sabbath and the yearly holy days that we Seventh-day Adventists do not have because of our self inflicted blindness? In a nutshell, it is this: the yearly “feast” days/holy days are helper statutes to the 4th Commandment, and their supportive role is so essential to the spiritual significance and revelation of the 4th Commandment that it is in fact IMPOSSIBLE to observe the 4th Commandment if you do not observe the yearly holy days. In the words of Rashi, one of the most revered Torah scholars in the entire history of the Jewish people, commenting on the inclusion of the seventh-day Sabbath with the yearly holy days in Vayikra/Leviticus 23: “The Sabbath is mentioned with the festivals to teach that **ANYONE WHO DESECRATES THE FESTIVALS IS REGARDED AS IF HE HAD DESECRATED THE SABBATH**, and anyone who observes the

festivals is regarded as if he had observed the Sabbath. The festivals, as days of rest, fall under the category of the Sabbath, because it is the holiest and primary day of rest.” (quoted from the Stone Edition of “The Chumash” p. 683)

At this point you’re probably saying to yourself: “What relationship do the yearly holy days have to the seventh-day Sabbath?” To understand this relationship, it is necessary to have at least a basic comprehension of the function of each of the days. Many large books have been written about these days, but I will include here only a very brief discussion of each, starting with:

Shabbat/the seventh day Sabbath: commemorates the Edenic perfection created on this earth by our Creators at the beginning, and foreshadows the Creators’ restoration of that Edenic perfection on this earth at the end of this age in the Kingdom of Heaven. Seventh-day Adventism teaches that the seventh-day Sabbath is wholly commemorative and not foreshadowing, but this view is completely wrong and is held due to a commonly accepted and completely wrong understanding of Colossians 2:13-17. Jewish Torah scholars have understood for thousands of years that Shabbat is the greatest prophetic foreshadowing institution in all of Scripture.

Pesach/Passover: originally observed to commemorate the night when blood from slain Passover lambs was put on the doorposts of the homes of the Hebrews in Egypt to protect them from the destroying angel and certain death of their first born sons. Now observed to commemorate the sacrificial death of our Messiah Yahuahshua, the lamb of Elohim/“God,” Who shed His blood and gave up His life for us on the day of Passover while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8), thus experiencing Himself the death we deserved and allowing us to continue living, with our undeserved life now to be lived for His honour and glory.

Chag ha Matzos/Feast of Unleavened Bread: seven days immediately following Pesach, during which all leaven is to be put out of the house and diet, and unleavened bread is to be eaten each day. Leaven represents sin, and putting leaven out of the house and diet represents putting sin out of the life. Eating unleavened bread represents living in the pure truth of unadulterated Torah, both through “hearing” (which in Hebrew thought includes DOING) what is written in the Word of Torah, and through acceptance of the Word/Torah made flesh, our Messiah Yahuahshua. What we do during this feast illustrates our response to our Messiah’s death at Pesach, and constitutes necessary preparation for the next feast day,

Shavuot/Pentecost: originally observed to commemorate the giving of the 10 Words/Commandments at Sinai which happened on this day, and now observed both to commemorate the event of Sinai and also to commemorate the early rain outpouring of the Ruach ha Kodesh/Holy Spirit on this day right after the Messiah’s first advent. Both of these things go together, because “the Holy Spirit is given to those who obey” (Acts 5:32), which is what we learned to do during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

At this point the spring feasts, which portray events around the Messiah’s first advent, come to a conclusion. After a summer break, the fall feasts of the seventh Scriptural month begin. These feasts portray events around the end of the age of man and the Messiah’s second advent, as follows:

Yom Teruah/Feast of Trumpets: (literally, Day of Blowing) the day which marks the end of the age of man, when the will of man controls the agenda, and the beginning of the Day of Yahuah/Day of the “LORD,” when the will of Yahuah assumes complete control of the agenda in every respect. You can think of the blowing of trumpets at this feast as the rough equivalent of what happens when a police constable overtakes a suspected criminal on the freeway and activates his siren. At this point the suspect knows that his control of the agenda going forward is over and the constable’s control of the agenda has begun. Jewish Torah scholars understand that on this day the books of record of the deeds of each person’s life are opened, and the examination of the records begins, i.e. the judgement of each soul commences and proceeds through the next few days (known as the Days of Awe/trembling) until the next feast day,

Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement: (literally, Day of Covering) the day when the books of record are finally and permanently closed, the irrevocable final verdict on each soul is announced – “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” (Revelation 22:11) – and the sins of the righteous are eternally covered or blotted out, to use the language of Scripture in Acts 3:19, preparing them to receive the Latter Rain outpouring of the Ruach ha Kodesh at the next and final feast,

Succot/Feast of Tabernacles: seven days originally observed by the Israelites to commemorate the divinely provided sustenance and protection they received while living in tents/temporary dwellings during their 40 years of wilderness wandering followed by their entrance into the Promised Land/ Israel/ Canaan. Now observed as a time when we praise our Messiah and the entire Royal Family of Heaven for their protection and blessings as we have sojourned in this wilderness of sin. The seven days of Succot lead directly into the eighth day, the

Last Great Day: foreshadowing final arrival at the real Promised Land, the Kingdom of Heaven, with full restoration of the Edenic perfection and face to face fellowship with the Lamb and His Bride (Revelation 22:14) that was lost at the fall, something we have been reminded of and have looked forward to the restoration of during every seventh-day Sabbath that has ever been observed since the fall of mankind and expulsion from the Garden of Eden in the beginning!

We can now see clearly how the yearly holy day statutes of Leviticus 23 serve as helper statutes to the seventh-day Sabbath of the fourth commandment, revealing Heaven’s plan to take us from a world of sin and rebellion all the way through to Eden restored, the Kingdom of Heaven, which the seventh day Sabbath portrays and foreshadows. What a glorious revelation, but it’s only visible when the weekly seventh-day Shabbat and the yearly holy days are observed together. As our Messiah reminded us, “What therefore Yahuah has joined together, let not man put asunder,” and nowhere is His admonition more applicable than with reference to the weekly and yearly holy days. We can now see that so-called “observance” of the seventh-day Shabbat without observance of the yearly holy days would be like:

-a penniless beggar receiving an invitation from a billionaire to live out the rest of his days at the billionaire’s magnificent mountainside estate in Maui, provided he agrees to clean up and change his speech and manners so as not to offend the billionaire’s family and friends but then telling the billionaire he’ll take him up on his offer of lifetime paid accommodation in paradise, but will not be

bothering with the lifestyle changes required because he's lived his whole life as a beggar and he's quite satisfied with himself the way he is after which the billionaire withdraws his offer, gets back in his limousine, and leaves the beggar to live out the rest of his days in squalor on the heat grate he's staked out as his territory on the street.

-a citizen receiving an invitation from the King to attend the marriage of his incredibly talented, generous, and handsome Son to the kindest, most loving, and most beautiful Bride that anyone has ever seen, a party for the ages, a marriage for the history books on condition that he wear a special wedding garment provided by the King but then showing up for the wedding wearing ordinary street clothes, and being unceremoniously ejected from the festivities.

-a drowning drunken cruise ship passenger who refuses to get into a lifeboat dispatched to bring him back to the cruise ship he fell off, who yells out just before he goes under for the last time, "I don't want anything to do with your lousy little lifeboat, I want my cruise ship or else!"

-or, since we now understand that the feast day statutes are helper statutes to the 4th Commandment, providing the only pathway for us to walk on leading to the eternal Kingdom of Elohim, Eden restored, which is what the 4th Commandment foreshadows we can also see that so-called "observance" of the seventh-day Shabbat without observance of the yearly holy days, would be like a legally "married" lesbian claiming to be in compliance with the 7th Commandment because she has been "faithful" to her same-sex "spouse" since she "married" her, even though she was in ongoing violation of one of the helper statutes which define and prohibit adultery in all its forms.

The American Dream vs. the Jewish Dream

As I write this study US President Elect Donald Trump is promising to bring back the American Dream, and bring it back bigger and better than ever before. Typically the American Dream involves life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness here on this earth, and while there are certainly some desirable things about aspects of that dream, there is another dream that has been experienced in the human condition that promises far greater reward and satisfaction. We might refer to this ultimate dream as the Jewish Dream, and it was first dreamt by Jacob while on the run from his offended and angry brother Esau as recorded in Genesis 28. His dream of a ladder extending from earth (specifically, the location on earth where the city of Jerusalem was later built) to Heaven, with messengers (commonly called angels) ascending and descending, has remained somewhat of a mystery and an enigma to many students of Scripture. Once the holy days of Yahuah are understood, however, the mystery is completely revealed. In spiritual reality, the ladder from earth to Heaven is simply a physical visual representation of Almighty Yahuah's appointed times. Passover at the base of the ladder is solidly grounded in this world of sin, Succot and the Last Great Day reach all the way up to and touch Heaven, and the appointed times in between them are all rungs on the ladder, with messengers continually ascending with prayers of praise and petition offered by True Worshipers to our Heavenly Father, and descending with messages of edification, encouragement, and reproof from our Heavenly Father for True Worshipers assembled in holy convocation on each of the yearly holy days in obedience to divine instruction in Torah. (Leviticus 23)

The “Seal of Elohim/God” and the “Mark of the Beast”

Does this truth have implications for our understanding of the “Seal of Elohim/God” and the “Mark of the Beast”? Most certainly – observing the yearly appointed times of Yahuah will now be seen as a pre-requisite to receiving the “Seal of Elohim/God” and observing the yearly days of pagan/satanic origin/authoring such as Christmas and Easter will now be seen as entitling the participant to receive the “Mark of the Beast.” Beyond the foregoing, since the practice of sorcery involves the mixture of good and evil, it will now be seen that church leaders, including Seventh-day Adventist church leaders, who insist on mixing seventh-day Sabbath “observance” with Christmas and Easter observance, are in reality sorcerers, practicing a particularly lethal form of sorcery on their unsuspecting flock. Your protection against this sorcery is the same as your protection against every other spiritual threat: prayer for the ongoing guidance of the Ruach ha Kodesh/Holy Spirit, and diligent study of the Scriptures carried on with a resolve to tremble with righteous fear before every word proceeding from the mouth of Elohim. (Isaiah 66:1,2; Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4)

If you’re like most of the people reading this study, you love and worship the Messiah of Israel, you’ve observed the seventh-day Shabbat and possibly Christmas and Easter as well for many years, and due to your own failure to diligently study the Word and your pastor’s failure to be a steward of the mysteries of Elohim (see next section for more comment on this matter), you have paid no attention to the Creators’ annual appointed times. You have had no idea just how offensive your incomplete and misguided worship program was to your omniscient Creators, and you are totally shocked and mortified by what you’ve read in this study. In light of the punishments and judgements promised to those who take away from and add to the Creators’ directions regarding acceptable True Worship (Deuteronomy 4:2), you are deeply worried regarding your spiritual welfare and ultimate destiny.

Thankfully your prognosis is excellent if you follow the instruction given in Scripture for those guilty of committing a “sin of ignorance.” If you confess your sin, claim the blood of the Messiah to cover your sin, and forsake your sin now that you understand its sinfulness the forgiveness you need is guaranteed. The Torah portion covering your situation explains it this way: “If a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of Yahuah; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wist it not, and it shall be forgiven him. It is a trespass offering: he hath certainly trespassed against Yahuah.” (Leviticus 5:17-19)

If, however, you intend to continue ignoring the yearly holy days of Yahuah, “observing” the seventh-day Shabbat, and possibly even adding some Christmas and Easter observance into your worship mix, you can know with a certainty, on the authority of an “It is written” in the Word of Yahuah, that your ultimate destiny is the Lake of Hellfire and Brimstone. (Revelation 21:8) The only conceivable way to avoid this destiny would be to have a genuine successful deathbed repentance, but don’t ask me how you could pull this one off, because if you’ve read this far in the study there is NO WAY you could plead ignorance! And what if you were killed instantly in an accident? or if you died in your sleep? you wouldn’t even have an opportunity to collect enough thoughts to put

together a deathbed repentance! Friend, why don't you rethink right now your participation in forbidden unscriptural "worship" protocols? Tremble at ALL the words of Yahuah for a change, and He will "look to you" (Isaiah 66:1,2) and impart His strength and presence to you. Learn to really live on and in accord with His words (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4, Luke 4:4) rather than the words of the "statutes of the fathers" which have no life in them. (Ezekiel 20) You will never regret it! And please don't forget to thank Almighty Yahuah for His graciousness in allowing you to receive this study – see bonus study "The Graciousness of Yahuah" attached.

Why Is Your Pastor Not Teaching You This Truth?

Doesn't it seem more than passing strange that you're having to learn a truth which LITERALLY determines whether you receive the "Seal of Elohim/God" or the "Mark of the Beast" ... from an author and ministry you may never have heard of, rather than from your degreed, ordained, tithe-supported pastor? A number of alternative scenarios could explain this disturbing situation, and none of them are even slightly reassuring:

(1) Your pastor was taught and now firmly believes that the Messiah's death on the stake/cross made observance of the annual holy days obsolete, and that in some way the observance of these days today would be tantamount to denying faith in the Messiah and the efficacy of His sacrifice (when in reality it is exactly the opposite – observing the annual holy days is an **EXPRESSION OF FAITH** in the Messiah and the efficacy of His sacrifice). A pastor with this mindset can become aggressively hostile towards those who teach the truth about Yahuah's/God's holy days, much like Sha'ul/Paul became aggressively hostile towards early followers of Yahuahshua the Messiah.

(A word of wisdom for pastors in this category: you must quickly learn to get your truth by revelation from the Messiah Yahuahshua directly, as Sha'ul/Paul received it, and not from men. (Galatians 1:11-24) You need a "road to Damascus" experience, and I will include a request in my prayers that you will receive one. Once you have that experience, you will never be the same again, but rather will be on fire with holy zeal for the very things that you strongly opposed in the days of your ignorance.)

(2) Your pastor may have learned the truth about yearly holy day observance some time after he completed his formal theological training, but may be unwilling to teach it to his congregation because he is afraid that if he does so he will face certain loss of employment that would put him, his wife, and his children out on the street with no way to earn a living.

(A word of wisdom for pastors in this category: "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Corinthians 4:2) and "the FEARFUL shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8) It's time for you to MAN UP, preach the truth that you know, and let the chips fall where they may! You should have NO FEAR of any consequences if you do so; all problems which may arise in the course of discharging your duty belong to the One Who gave you your marching orders, and He is well able to deal with them.)

(3) Your pastor may be very aware of the truth about yearly holy day observance and how that observance leads to the outpouring of the Ruach ha Kodesh/Holy Spirit but he may be a modern day Balaam whose intention is to remove Heaven's blessing from the congregation and block the outpouring of the Ruach ha Kodesh. Rome's Jesuit Order is institutionalized Balaam, and their modus operandi is to introduce wickedness and immorality into all spiritual groupings that are not

submitted to Rome, thus driving away Heaven's blessings, drawing down judgements and curses, and leaving those groups exposed and defenceless in the face of their enemies and ha satan himself. One of the most powerful forms of Balaam-style sorcery is practiced by combining the weekly holy day of Scripture with the yearly holy days of paganism such as Christmas, New Year's Day, and Easter. If your pastor combines these days in his "ministry" you should immediately be suspicious that your pastor is a Jesuit operative himself or a witting or unwitting tool of the Jesuit Order.

(A word of wisdom for pastors in this category: "To me [Yahuah] belongeth vengeance, and recompense; their/your foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their/your calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them/you make haste." (Deuteronomy 32:35) "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." (Exodus 22:18) "Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them." (Joshua 13:22) "...SORCERERS, and IDOLATERS, and ALL LIARS, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8)

Peter's admonition to "save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2:40) has never been more relevant or important than it is today. You have a duty to your Maker, your family, and yourself to prayerfully study Scripture FOR YOURSELF to determine the proper way to live and worship. Don't rely on your pastor, no matter how sincere and kindly he may be or may appear to be. You need to be like the noble Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11) You can use the graphic at the end of this article to remind yourself of your duty to PERSONALLY study and ingest the words of your Creator in Scripture.

The Conclusion Of The Whole Matter

We can now see that the answer to the title question for this study, "WHEN ... will YOU BEGIN observing the seventh-day Sabbath?????" is very clear – you will begin observing the seventh-day Sabbath when you begin observing the yearly holy days of Yahuah, and not a minute before. Please consider this teaching as your personal invitation from the Kingdom of Heaven to "Remember the Law of Moshe, my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, statutes and judgements" (Malachi 4:4), and to walk with your Messiah Yahuahshua in those statutes and judgements now, so that you may receive the outpouring of the Ruach ha Kodesh/Holy Spirit in Latter Rain/Reign abundance (see Acts 5:32) and be ready to walk on with Him forever in His eternal Kingdom.

Feel free to contact me or to go to my website www.truthdepot.net for more information on the yearly appointed times of Yahuah, and to learn where you may find opportunity to assemble with like-minded brothers and sisters and the Ruach ha Kodesh/Holy Spirit on these appointed times to receive the blessings promised to those who obey.

"I set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: that thou mayest love Yahuah thy Elohim, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for He is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which Yahuah swear unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them." (Deuteronomy 30:19,20)

- “And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of Yahuah doth man live.” (Deuteronomy 8:3)
- “Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.” (Leviticus 19:17)
- “Don’t ever think I came to set aside Moses’ Teachings or the Prophets. I didn’t come to set them aside but to make them come true. I can guarantee this truth: Until the earth and the heavens disappear, neither a period nor a comma will disappear from Moses’ Teachings before everything has come true. So whoever sets aside any command that seems unimportant and teaches others to do the same will be unimportant in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever does and teaches what the commands say will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 5:17-19 God’s Word Translation)
- and for the critics: “Then Yahuah asked Cain, Why are you angry, and why do you look disappointed? If you do well, won’t you be accepted? But if you don’t do well, sin is lying outside your door ready to attack. It wants to control you, but you must master it.” (Genesis 4:6,7 God’s Word Translation)
- “Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.” (I Chronicles 16:22; Psalm 105:15)
- “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of Yahuah, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify Yahuah in your body, and in your spirit, which are Yahuah’s.” (I Corinthians 6:19,20)
- “Know ye not that ye are the temple of Elohim, and that the spirit of Elohim dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of Elohim, him shall Elohim destroy, for the temple of Elohim is HOLY, which temple ye are.” (I Corinthians 3:16,17)
- “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matthew 10:28)
- “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For Elohim shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13,14)
- **“Yahuah bless thee, and keep thee. YAHUAH MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON THEE, and be gracious unto thee. YAHUAH LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON THEE, and give thee peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)**

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I’m sure you’ve all seen the popular wall plaque which has a picture of a handgun along with the words “WE DON’T CALL 911”. The message is obvious – we have and will use the means to deal with problems without getting institutional Big Brother involved.

In the spirit of True Protestantism, I have re-designed this plaque for use by True Worshipers. Thank Heaven, “the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through Elohim/God to the pulling down of strongholds” (II

Corinthians 10:4), and my new design portrays our superior weaponry. You can either cut the image out of this page or make a photocopy of it if you don't want to damage this booklet, and then frame it, laminate it, or plaque mount it (at your local photography store or Costco Warehouse). Display it prominently at your home or office, to remind yourself and others that we are each responsible to "work out (y)our own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12) and that, as this study has proven, it is very unwise to rely on institutional religion for your eternal salvation or spiritual security. "Study to show THYSELF approved unto Elohim/God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

Space has been left under "WE DON'T CALL THE PASTOR" in case you wish to customize the plaque and make it more relevant to your particular situation by adding designations for other representatives of institutional religion, such as: priest, rabbi, marriage counsellor, conference president, Biblical Research Institute, etc. BE BLESSED!



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The Graciousness of Yahuah

(Please note: this study utilizes what I currently understand to be the best pronunciations of the Sacred Names, specifically, “Yahuah” for the name of our Heavenly Father, and “Yahuahshua” for the name of His Son and our Messiah. The alternate spellings of “Yahuwah” and “Yahuwahshua” are used by some students for the same pronunciations.)

Every diligent Scripture student agrees that Yahuah is gracious. After all, He personally went out of His way to tell us that He is (Exodus 33:19), and no one would want to argue with Him (I John 5:10). There is less than unanimous agreement on what His graciousness looks like, however. Opinions on this matter are all over the map, leaving one wishing for some infallible, inspired way to know what His graciousness really involves.

Well, actually, there is such a way.

Other than the Messiah Yahuahshua Himself (“Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?” Matthew 23:33; “whited sepulchres full of dead men’s bones and of all uncleanness” Matthew 23:27; “children of your father the devil” John 8:44), John the Baptist probably set the benchmark for clarity and freedom from ambiguity in spiritual communication. He preached with such power and unction of the Spirit that if you walk today through the Judean wilderness along the Jordan River where he lived and ministered, it seems like you can still (almost) hear the echoes of his stern rebukes and call for repentance and righteous living! The disciple Luke preserves for us the drama of that momentous hour in Israel’s history: “Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of Elohim/God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of Yahuah, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of Yahuah. Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That Elohim is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages. And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John,

whether he were the Messiah, or not; John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable” (Luke 3:1-17: also see Romans 12:19 “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith Yahuah”; Deuteronomy 32:39 “See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no Elohim/God with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand”; Matthew 10:28 “Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”; James 4:12 “There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy”; and Revelation 20:9 “{the wicked nations} went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from Elohim out of heaven, and devoured them”).

But aside from the history of John the Baptist’s Heaven-ordained ministry and always-relevant call for repentance and reformation, is there something else we should learn from this chapter in the plan of salvation? Indeed there is, as we shall see.

We live in a spiritually retarded society where names merely identify. In Israel, however, names not only identify, but they also describe and reveal prophetic destiny! The man we call “John” is really Yahuchanan (commonly shortened to Yochanan, pronounced Yo-ha-**nan**), and how he came by this name is a very fascinating and important story which is also recorded for us in the gospel of Luke: “There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before Elohim, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of Yahuah blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest’s office before Elohim in the order of his course, according to the custom of the priest’s office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of Yahuah. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of Yahuah standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name Yahuchanan (or “John” in our English MIS-translations!), and thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of Yahuah, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother’s womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to Yahuah their Elohim. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Eliyahu/Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just (cf Malachi 4:5,6); to make ready a people prepared for Yahuah. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of Yahuah; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after

those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath Yahuah dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.....Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how Yahuah had showed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called Yahuchanan. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is Yahuchanan. And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, and praised Elohim. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judea. And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of Yahuah was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be Yahuah the Elohim of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of Yahuah to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our Elohim; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel" (Luke 1:5-25, 57-80).

So now we see that so-called "John" the Baptist's actual divinely-inspired name, Yahuchanan, is so critically important that Gabriel, a heavenly messenger of such elevated status that he personally stands in the presence of Almighty Yahuah the King of the universe, was sent to give that name to Yahuchanan's father, Zacharias! Certainly, then, we must conclude that embedded in Yahuchanan's name is a critically significant spiritual revelation.

To get at this revelation, however, we need to make a short visit to the politically incorrect school of Scripture interpretation.....which is the reason why few "scholars" and ear-tickling preachers (whose messages are as smooth as their de-bearded faces! Leviticus 19:27) ever get close to the essential truth in this experience. To make a long story short, when we see that divinely-inspired names in Israel describe and reveal prophetic destiny as well as identify, and when we see that Yahuchanan's life work and ministry was to call for repentance and reformation in Israel to prepare the way for the Messiah's arrival.....AND WHEN WE LEARN THAT YAHUCHANAN'S NAME MEANS "YAHUAH HAS BEEN/IS GRACIOUS".....we arrive at a very simple and obvious conclusion: Yahuchanan's uncompromising and fearless call for repentance and reformation, was in fact the graciousness of Yahuah, Who sent this call so that those who heard could set their houses in order and be included with the wheat that the Messiah will gather into His garner, and not with the chaff that He will burn with unquenchable fire (Luke 3:17)! Truly the graciousness of Yahuah, by divinely-inspired definition!

Have YOU heard a call for repentance and reformation recently, possibly even a call for repentance and reformation that touched a rather sensitive nerve? If so, instead of ignoring it, griping, complaining, shrieking, howling, demanding someone's head on a charger, or shooting the messenger with accusations of harshness, lack of love, fanaticism, extremism, misogyny, imbalance, lack of sympathy and/or compassion, or even murder (cf "Ye have killed the people of the Lord" Numbers 16:41).....try offering a sincere prayer of thanks for the graciousness of Yahuah, Who is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). How YOU respond to Yahuah's graciousness will determine YOUR eternal destiny!

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"Salvation is of the Yahudim (Jews)....we know what we worship."
Yahuahshua ha Mashiach (Yahuchanan/John 4:22)

Playing With (Strange) Fire

What makes "strange fire"....strange? We could guess, of course, but in order to obtain an authoritative answer to this important question, we need to consult the passage in Torah/Scripture which introduces us to the concept. In Leviticus 10:1,2,8-11 we read as follows: "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before Yahuah, which he COMMANDED THEM NOT. And there went out fire from Yahuah, and devoured them, and they died before Yahuah....And Yahuah spake unto Aaron, saying, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations; And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which Yahuah hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses".

So we see that "strange fire" is strange for one reason, and one reason only: Almighty Yahuah has NOT COMMANDED IT! And if Nadab and Abihu had refrained from drowning their higher mental and spiritual powers in alcohol, they undoubtedly would have been able to "put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean" and thus have avoided their sad fate.

In summary form, then, we might state the lesson to be learned from this experience as follows: worship of Almighty Yahuah is acceptable only if it conforms to the instructions for worship which He has provided....and we need to keep our wits about us (i.e. avoid intoxication) so that we can receive the guidance of the Ruach ha Kodesh (the Holy Spirit) to help us to properly understand and carry out His instructions.

Which brings us to the matter of....Christmas, probably the most anticipated and celebrated "worship" service and date on the Christian calendar! I have yet to find, however, a "believer" who contends that the celebration of Christmas has been commanded by Almighty Yahuah. Tragically, I have found many "believers" who openly admit to the multiple pagan roots of

Christmas even as they go about their personal preparations for this disgusting “worship” institution, which clearly indicates they are a few statutes short of a full Torah!

And why so, we might ask? Revelation 18 brings to view a fiendishly treacherous whore with wine on offer to her patrons, and a mighty angel from heaven who warns Yahuah’s people to come out of her, lest they partake of her sins and receive of her plagues. Very regrettably, some “believers” have taken a little sip of this whore’s wine, and have found it to be so captivating and tantalizing that they’ve gone back for more....and more....until finally they openly flaunt their participation in “worship” which they freely acknowledge to be of pagan (i.e. demonic) origin, and lacking any commandment from Yahuah!

Brothers and sisters, this is not good! In the rotten court system of our land the plea of “intoxication” may spare you from some of the more severe penalties for serious crimes committed while drunk....but when the Righteous Judge of all the earth holds court, His people, to whom He has given His Holy Torah, will not get a break or be cut any slack if they offer the plea of “worshipping while under the influence”. This we learn, or ought to learn, from the experience of Nadab and Abihu.

The celebration of Yahuah’s appointed times (referred to in Scripture as the feast days) is done according to Yahuah’s command, and brings blessings rather than curses and judgments, the outpouring/infilling of the fire of the Holy Spirit rather than the consuming fire of Yahuah’s wrath! If you need teaching about these appointed times, please contact me. And remember: don’t play with (strange) fire....or you’ll get burned!

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What Is A COMPLETED Seventh-day Adventist?

As I visit Seventh-day Adventist churches to share present truth from the Torah (the first five books of Scripture, also known as the “Law of God” or the “Law of Moses”), I am frequently asked essentially one question in many different ways. The essence of that question is “We’re Seventh-day Adventists here; what are you?” My answer to that question – “I am a **COMPLETED Seventh-day**

Adventist” – tends to raise eyebrows and call for more comment than many worshippers have time to receive as they hurry home to prepare Shabbat/“Sabbath” lunch, so for that reason I have written this brief explanation that can be reviewed whenever time permits.

For millennia Jewish worshippers have been champions of the Torah and the

rest of what is commonly called the Old Testament, and well they should have been – it's their story, after all! They have been, are, and always will be the Chosen People, irrevocably called to be a living witness to the sovereignty of Almighty Yahuah/"God" and His righteousness as taught in that Torah. (Malachi 4:4-6. Romans 11:28,29) Their witness has been handicapped, however, by a certain form of blindness which has generally affected Jewish people for the last 2,000 years (Romans 11:7-10), and which has prevented them from recognizing Yahuahshua (the Saviour's HEBREW name) as the Messiah of Israel. In recent years, however, by the providence of our Heavenly Father Yahuah, the eyes of some Jewish people have been opened to behold wondrous things in their holy Torah (Psalm 119:18), and specifically the most wondrous thing of all, their Messiah Yahuahshua! As they have rejoiced in the Heavenly Vision, many of these Messiah-accepting Jews have been led by the Holy Spirit to call themselves **COMPLETED Jews**. They have then been further blessed to recognize that their acceptance of Yahuahshua in no way nullifies their walk in Torah, but rather that it magnifies and makes honourable that walk, and that both the Torah and the Messiah Yahuahshua (the WORD of Torah made flesh – John 1:14, 5:39) must work together in the life of a Jewish worshipper to develop what has always been Heaven's ultimate goal, a **COMPLETED Jew**.

We Seventh-day Adventists, on the other hand, have had a different but yet strangely similar experience. We have always recognized Yahuahshua as the Messiah and our personal Saviour, and we understand that we have been raised

up by Heaven to tell the world of His Second Advent and to prepare sincere souls to meet Him when He returns. Sadly, however, we have been blind to many wondrous things in Yahuah's holy Torah; we have taught that it was something different than the "Law of God," that it was a "ceremonial" law with "ceremonial" sabbaths, that it was contrary to us and against us, and that it was taken out of the way by nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-17, tragically mistranslated and misunderstood) Because of this perverse teaching, we have forfeited many blessings that would have been ours had we walked in Torah, and, in horrifying reality, we have crucified our Messiah afresh by teaching that His holy Torah, the very transcript of His character, was nailed to the cross. In recent years, however, by the grace of Almighty Yahuah, some of us have begun to realize that something was missing in our spiritual experience, and have gone on to uncover the demonic theological skulduggery that has totally distorted the original meaning of several key Scripture passages. As truly wondrous things in Yahuah's holy Torah have opened to our view, we have also come to see that its precepts are not in some way "contrary" to our faith in the Messiah, but rather that they are an indispensable and irreplaceable aid to sustaining and building that faith. We have come to see that it is by walking in the precepts of Torah that we show our faith in the Messiah, and that both the Torah and the Messiah (the WORD of Torah made flesh) must work together in the life of the Seventh-day Adventist worshipper to develop what has always been Heaven's ultimate goal, a **COMPLETED Seventh-day Adventist**. And, as I'm sure you will realize by now, spiritually speaking a

COMPLETED Jew and a **COMPLETED Seventh-day Adventist** are identical, the “one new man” which has always been the goal of our Heavenly Father Yahuah. (Ephesians 2:15)

If you would like more information on the beliefs and practices of **COMPLETED Seventh-day Adventists**, please go to my website www.truthdepot.net along with the following websites:

www.Yah-Tube.com
www.TotalRestitution.com
www.LawInColossians.com
www.ChristmasTruth.info
www.EasterTruth.info

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