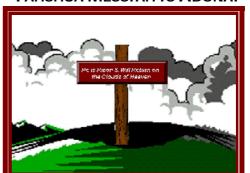
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THE USE OF HEBREW WORDS AND THE NAMES OF THE CREATOR

In recent years we have become increasingly aware that in certain instances the traditional English words applied to certain Scriptural concepts and also to the names of the Creator do not adequately succeed in communicating the full depth of meaning contained in scripture. This is one of the factors behind the Amplified Bible.

In addressing this issue, we have progressively felt impressed to make use of the Anglicization of the Hebrew words or names in preference to the traditional English words and names in order to bring a more relevant understanding of the Scriptures and associated concepts. Some of the terms used in our documents are defined in this section for convenience.

We were also shown clearly by Yahweh {generally incorrectly translated "the LORD"} some years ago that the scriptures written from the time of Yahshua Messiah {generally incorrectly translated Jesus Christ} were originally written in Aramaic, a dialect of Hebrew and NOT in Greek as commonly supposed. While in most cases this has little or no impact on translation, there are certain instances where the impact is material. For this reason, we are increasingly resorting to Hebrew words in cases where we are aware of problems.

We have recently adopted the convention of placing words which we believe to have negative translation implications in curly brackets after the word we understand to be more appropriate such as Yahshua {Jesus}.

It must be stressed that we understand the use of these words to be firstly a courtesy intended to please our Heavenly Father and secondly as a means to ensuring the spiritual technical correctness of our understanding thereby removing potential footholds for Satan to attack us.

YAHWEH {THE LORD}

YAHWEH is the proper name for our Creator and occurs 6,828 times in the Pre-Messianic Scriptures {Old Testament}. Vines states:

"LORD: The divine name YHWH appears only in the Bible. Its precise meaning is much debated. **God chose it as His personal name by which He related specifically to His chosen or covenant people.**" (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, (Copyright (C) 1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

By way of analogy, my proper name is "James" and i have the designation of "husband" to my wife, it would not be indicative of a meaningful marriage relationship if my wife were to constantly refer to me as "husband" rather than "James". In the same way, it is not indicative of a meaningful relationship with our Creator to refer to Him as "Lord" rather than "YAHWEH" when He has given us His name to use and uses it throughout scripture.

For more information refer to the book "The Sacred Name" published by Qadesh La Yahweh Press, available on the internet at:

http://www.yahweh.org/publications/pdf1/sacrednm.pdf

THE LORD (Baal)

In contrast, the word "Baal" in English translations could more accurately be translated "lord" or "the lord". Thus by a quirk of the early translations, the word Baal which could easily be translated "the lord" is used to represent a pagan deity and the word Yahweh, which is not capable of translation, is translated "THE LORD". It therefore seems important that we progressively accustom ourselves to using the correct name for our Creator.

YAHSHUA {JESUS} AND MESSIAH {CHRIST}

By the same token, our Saviour was a Jew and He spoke Aramaic or Hebrew, as evidenced by the various scriptures which quote his direct words, as in Matthew 27:46 "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (NKJ)

In His darkest hour, our Saviour spoke His language and the Greek translators saw fit to preserve His words. "Jesus" and "Christ" are both Greek words which are a legacy of the intermediate translation from Aramaic to English. Accordingly, in the absence of valid English words, it seems more respectful to use the Hebrew words which are, in a sense, also too deep to translate.

Accordingly, the word "YAHSHUA" is used in all recent document's issued by this ministry, in place of "Jesus", and "MESSIAH" is used for "Christ". Older documents may still use the more widely used words.

I am aware that there are disputes regarding the correct spelling and pronunciation of the Name of the Saviour but, at this time, after seeking Yahweh on the matter for about two years, these are the spellings and usages with which i feel comfortable. If you hold a different view on spellings and the like, i ask you at this time to give me the space for YAHWEH, Himself, to correct me if correction is, indeed, needed. But, at the same time, please ask Him to speak to you directly concerning the spelling that you are accustomed to.

In particular, please note the commonality between YAHweh and YAHshua in terms of the use of "Yah" as the first part of both names. Furthermore,

note that the Hebrew word for deliverance and salvation is "yeshua" and there are strong indications that "Yahshua" means "the deliverance of Yah", for me this removes all doubt as to whether the Name of the Saviour is "Yahshua" or some other spelling.

ANOINTED { MESSIAH / CHRIST }

The word translated Messiah frequently occurs in the pre-Messianic Scriptures translated as "the anointed one" or "My anointed" or similar. Since both "Christ" and "Messiah" have come to take on meanings which go FAR beyond "Yahshua the anointed one" or "anointed with the set apart Spirit of Yahweh", we are increasingly adopting the convention of using "anointed" or "anointed one" instead of "Messiah".

ADONAI {LORD}

The Hebrew phrase translated "Lord GOD" as distinct from "LORD God" and "the LORD" refers to Yahweh as Yahweh Adonai. In conventional English usage this is often rendered "THE LORD GOD". Yahweh Adonai is perhaps the deepest and most reverent form of address for our Creator.

ADONAI is the term most directly equivalent to the English word "Lord" when applied to YAHWEH as distinct to "baal" as a general term for an earthly lord.

Consider **2 Samuel 7:22** ""Therefore You are great, O YAHWEH ADONAI {Lord GOD}. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears." (NKJ)

By the same token, Yahshua Messiah is Adonai, that is, Jesus Christ is Lord. Adonai carries much deeper spiritual reverence and significance than "Lord".

ELOHIM / MIGHTY ONE {GOD}

The Hebrew word generally translated "God" is "Elohim" which means "Mighty One". "God" is in fact the name of a pagan deity and it therefore seem appropriate to avoid applying it to our creator.

In practical terms, "elohim", which can be applied to men, idols OR the Creator simply means "mighty one". Thus, when we refer to Yahweh Elohim, we are saying effectively, "Yahweh our Mighty One". Recently we have started to use "elohim" or "mighty one" instead of "God" or "god".

TORAH {LAW}

The five books of Moses (Genesis Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy), and most specifically the commandments given by YAHWEH through Moses which govern the entire fundamental relationship of man with YAHWEH.

In broader terms Torah includes the full body of so called "Old Testament" but it is fundamentally the essence of the Laws of YAHWEH that do not change and never will.

Recognize that insofar as the physical animal sacrifices and certain other aspects of Torah were FULFILLED by Yahshua Messiah, these Laws do not apply to us today in their PHYSICAL form although the **spiritual** laws and principles that they represent, REMAIN valid today.

IMMERSION {BAPTISM}

The word baptism is derived from the Greek word meaning "immersion". As with certain other words, "baptism" has taken on a particular religious significance which is materially different from the meaning of the word "mikvah" in the Hebrew. Immersion in Scripture is a routine part of the cleansing process from any defilement and NOT a once off procedure. There are also various immersions defined in Scripture including immersion for cleansing from sin and immersion in the set apart Spirit of Yahweh {baptism of the Holy Spirit}.

BODY / ASSEMBLY / CONGREGATION {CHURCH}

The word generally translated "church" also has a pagan connotation and has taken on a religious significance beyond a technical term simply referring to the assembly or congregation of believers. The concept of a "congregation" applies just as much to the "congregation" in the wilderness with Moses as it does to modern day congregations. However, in a sense, the term church as it is used today frequently is an alternative word for the "Body" of Messiah. The global congregation of ALL who believe.

BELIEVER / MESSIANIC {CHRISTIAN}

For the same reason that we use the term "Messiah" instead of "Christ", we prefer to use "Messianic" instead of "Christian". However, since our understanding is that "Messianic" applies to those who are LIKE Yahshua in their level of anointing and the works that Yahweh, we prefer to use the term "believer" in most cases.

CHESED { LOVE }

There are two concepts in Scripture both translated "love" in most English translations. The one is carnal love which can include lust, the other is the covenant "love" of YAHWEH. The Hebrew word for this is "chesed" and the Greek word is "agape". These words are translated "loving kindness" and "charity" in some translations.

However, the essence of the sense of this form of "love" is that which is depicted in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 which is most effectively interpreted in the Amplified Bible (in the passage that follows "CHESED {love}" has been inserted in place of "love").

¹ If I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not CHESED {love} (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual, devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers (...), and understand all the secret truths and mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not CHESED {love} (God's CHESED {love} in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody). ³ Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned or in order that I may glory, but have not CHESED {love} (God's CHESED {love} in me), I gain nothing.

⁴ CHESED {love} endures long and is patient and kind; CHESED {love} never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. CHESED {love} (God's CHESED {love} in us) does not insist on it's own rights or its own way,

for it is not self-seeking;

it is not touchy or fretful or resentful;

it takes no account of the evil done to it

[it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

- ⁶ It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.
- ⁷ CHESED {love} bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].
- ⁸ CHESED {love} never fails

[never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].

As for prophecy (...) it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth]. (AMP)

Clearly, Yahweh's Chesed {love} is far beyond the carnal, selfish emotion that we call "love" in this age. It is also important to understand that Yahweh's Chesed is robust, can be severe and was strong enough to send His only Son to the Cross to die the most horrible death for OUR sins. Chesed is selfless and without covetousness. Until we have a deep revelation of Yahweh's covenant Chesed {love} as distinct from "love" as we use the word today we are not likely to truly understand Yahweh, Yahshua, Messiah, The Set Apart (Holy) Spirit or His Word. A deep understanding of Chesed and covenant is VITAL to interpreting the issues of the end of the age!

SET APART (HOLY)

The word translated "Holy" in most English translations is, essentially, a technical term which means "set apart". The word translated "sanctified" also means "set apart" and the word translated "saint" ALSO means set apart.

Thus anything which is Holy is SET APART unto Yahweh. We have recently started to use the term "set apart" instead of holy for all the above cases in order to make visible the commonality of concept that flows through all that we refer to as "holiness". We also prefer "set apart" since "holy" tends to have a religious sense which is easily stated but not understood.

This also has an impact on understanding "the Set Apart Spirit of Yahweh", that is "The Holy Spirit". There is a tendency to assign a unique and separate identity to "The Holy Spirit" when, in fact, "the Set Apart Spirit of Yahweh" is the Spirit of Yahweh that is set apart to minister to His set apart people {saints} as distinct from the aspect of Yahweh "in whom we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

STAKE {CROSS}

The Greek word translated "cross" means "stake". There is mounting evidence that Yahshua was impaled or hung on a stake, that is suspended between ONE nail through both his hands and ONE nail through both his feet. There are strong Scriptural and mechanical reasons why this is more likely than a cross and certain spiritual reasons which indicate that Satan would benefit from having us use the term "cross" instead of "stake".

Accordingly, we have recently started to use the terms "stake" and "impaled" / "hung" or "executed" instead of "cross".

ISHSHAH {WOMAN / WOMEN / WIFE / WIVES}

According to Strong, Vines and other references the root word for woman, women, wife and wives in Hebrew is always "ishshah", Strong's number 802. As far as we have been able to determine the only way to determine the quantum and the marital status of an "ishshah" is through the context.

Strong defines 802 'ishshah (ish-shaw'); "feminine of 376 or 582; irregular plural, nashiym (naw-sheem'); a woman (used in the same wide sense as 582): KJV-- [adulter] ess, each, every, female, X many, + none, one, + together, wife, woman. Often unexpressed in English."

In translating ishshah it is also important to understand that research indicates that in Bible times it was virtually unheard of for a woman above the age of puberty to be unmarried. Therefore, all women before the age of puberty are referred to as "virgins" and since all adult women were either married, widows or harlots there was no requirement for a word to describe an adult "virgin". Thus, where ishshah is encountered, unless she is clearly either a widow or a harlot then it is almost certain that she was a "wife".

In addition, since throughout scripture it was common practice for more than one woman to marry a man and since Genesis 2:24 states that when a man marries a woman she becomes "one flesh" with him, there was frequently no need in Bible times to distinguish between one or many women if they were married to the same man they were all "ishshah" unless specifically otherwise specified.

We thus find that contextual interpretation filtered through modern practice can dramatically influence which English word is used and have therefore concluded that it is preferable to use "ishshah" in most instances.

Note also that the Greek word "gune" apparently has many of the same characteristics as "ishshah" although we have been told that the Greek is more specific than the Hebrew. Accordingly, we have elected to use "ishshah".

CONTENT

Content of articles is, to the best of our knowledge and belief an accurate reflection of the truth regarding the subject under discussion and in accordance with the Word and the Will of YAHWEH. However, we are fully aware of the fact that we are, like all human beings, susceptible to error. Accordingly we ask that you prayerfully consider all that we publish and trust the Holy Spirit of YAHWEH to guide you into all that is truth and to blow away all that may be leaven in what we publish.

Where we publish material from other ministries, we seek to avoid censoring the articles and therefore, while our decision to publish represents acceptance of the main message of the article, there may be components which do not necessarily accord fully with what we have published in other articles. In such cases we ask you to ask the Set Apart {Holy} Spirit to show you what the truth is. Publication of material from another ministry does not in any way represent a formal endorsement of this ministry by that ministry or vice versa, we simply seek to publish that which YAHWEH {the Lord} leads us to publish.

Insofar as we are all a long way from being like YAHSHUA {Jesus}, we ask you to bear with us where you really feel we have missed it. Please feel free to notify us of anything that you consider to be an error. In such cases, we ask you to focus on that which is of Yahweh in what is published and not to become focussed on that which you consider to be leaven. Our objective is to build bridges and NOT to enter into divisive disputes and trust the Set Apart {Holy} Spirit to lead all of us into the truth.

MESSAGES FROM OTHER MINISTRIES

Where we feel impressed to share a message from another source or ministry, we do not consider it appropriate to censor or edit and therefore present the message in full. Accordingly, if there are elements of the message which do not accord with what has been previously published by this ministry, as always, we leave it to the reader to discern what is of Yahweh and what is not, in what others write as much as in what is written by us. Likewise, the publication of a message does not necessarily imply endorsement of every jot and tittle of that message, only that we believe that the heart of the message IS from Yahweh.

By the same token, if we share one message, it does not imply that we hold a view, whether positive or negative towards the ministry as a whole or towards other works of that ministry. It is NOT for us to judge, it is for us to communicate that which we believe will assist those on our lists and leave them to draw their own conclusions.

As has been stated previously, we will all stand alone before the Judgment Seat! We at End Time Issues are messengers, who willingly acknowledge our fallibility and human frailty. Each person MUST discern the truths of Yahweh for themselves and NEVER come to a place where any human being is regarded as being infallible.

OUR PRAYER

It is our prayer ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:17-23 NKJ)

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(1A1.01.01) THE WRATH OF GOD FOR THE CHURCH: WHY JUDGMENT IS COMING ON THE CHURCH TODAY

31 December 2000

THE LORD has given me what certainly is the most difficult message I've ever given and it's quite possibly the most difficult message that you've ever heard but it's for the beginning of the year 2001.

So before we start, I would like to ask you to join with me in prayer.

Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus. Lord, I bring this word before you, I ask for your anointing and your unction on everything that is uttered, I ask that everything that is according to Your Will and according to Your Word will find deep roots in the hearts of those who hear this message but that if I utter anything that is not according to Your perfect Will and Your perfect Word You will blow it away, in Jesus name.

Father I ask that you will send your mighty angels to encamp around all who hear this message to bind and silence any spirit that would seek to interfere with the receiving of this message. I ask you to cover all who hear with the Blood of Jesus from the top of their heads to the soles of their feet. I ask you to cover everybody who is related to them with the Blood of Jesus. And Father, I ask that you will make the way, that you will speak to us through your Word today and that You will guide us and prepare us for that which is to come in the mighty Name of Jesus.

Amen.

No references in this document. Document with references available on request.

Just to give you a little bit of context to this message.

As you know, I shared with you a few weeks ago that THE LORD had given me this project. I've just brought it to show you. That's the project, it's 96 teaching tapes, including that set that I handed out here from this congregation, plus a set that I did a year ago on "Judgment in This Life". Plus 55 tapes on "Healing Marriage" and "How to Experience Heaven on Earth in Marriage" plus another 15 tapes from another ministry on deliverance which THE LORD led me to put all together on Thursday last week entitled "God's Plan for Healing Marriage in the Seventh Millennium".

However you look at it, we are now into the Seventh Millennium, the seventh thousand years from the creation of Adam and Eve. Whether it started, some people reckon it started on Tabernacles 1996, other people reckon it started on other dates, but the latest I've heard anybody say it's going to start is tomorrow. O.K. and there's no scriptural reason why it should be tomorrow because tomorrow is not significant in God's calendar as a day that God has appointed. It's not Tabernacles, it's not Passover, it's not any of the feasts in Scripture. But, however we look at it, we are now into the seventh Millennium and so those things which are prophesied for the seventh millennium are coming to pass.

And I'm here to tell you that God has been extending Grace and extending Grace and Grace is no more in terms of the sin that has to be dealt with. Now we've heard the messages that have been building up. That Neil has been preaching and I'm going to recap a couple of points out of that and then I'm going to take you further. I'm going to just take you through the headlines of what God has shown me. Why Wrath is going to be poured out on the church right now and thereafter on the world and what we need to do as believers to respond to the Judgment that is now upon the earth in order that we may overcome to the end.

Because, if we do not know why the judgment is coming and the tribulation and how to respond to it, we will be inadequately equipped. The reason this message is so significant and I was impressed that this thing had to be finished yesterday..... And what is significant is that the lead-in to that whole message is what has been preached here over the last three months.

The sense that I have, and I say this in all humility, is that there are not many people around the world who are listening attentively to what the Spirit of God is saying in this season. Because, the words that the Spirit is bringing now are very, very firm. Many people would say they are harsh. Many people would say "God can't speak that way" but we've seen repeatedly in the Words that have been brought over the last few months that God is calling us to Holiness and Sanctification. So the title of my message, given by the Spirit of God is:

THE WRATH OF GOD FOR THE CHURCH: WHY JUDGMENT IS COMING ON THE CHURCH TODAY

I want to start off, very briefly, by talking a little bit about how judgment comes and what tribulation is and I then want to go on the heart of the message. I've printed out all of the scriptures that apply to the message therefore I'm not going to read them all in detail you can take them away and, God willing, next Sunday I'll have copies of the tape for you.

So let me just take it from there.

HOW DOES JUDGMENT COME AND WHAT IS TRIBULATION?

1 Peter 4:17-18

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (NKJ)

Just focus on two points there:

Judgment begins at the house of God. It doesn't end with the House of God. God cannot judge the unGodly and the unrighteous and those who have never accepted Jesus Christ until He has judged those who believe. Those of us who accept that this is the Holy Spirit inspired Word of God must be subject to a harsher judgement than those who have never believed it. So God has to judge the church before He can judge the World. Before Satan can be cast into the pit, God must sanctify His church. He must sort out the wheat and the chaff, the goats and the sheep. The wheat and the tares. That is where we are at now. The sifting and the refining. We've been praying for years "Lord send your fire" and the fire is upon us.

YAHWEH

Before I go any further. I've mentioned the name here, YAHWEH and you've probably heard me use it before and I just want to read what's in this document in front of you.

The word "YAHWEH" is used (I'm going to use it throughout the rest of this teaching, as far as I remember, to reflect the fact that the correct translation of the Hebrew word generally translated "THE LORD", and you read it in your Bible's in little capitals. Is, in fact the word "YAHWEH". YAHWEH is the proper name for our God and occurs 6,828 times in the Old Testament. Vines, in his Expository Dictionary says:

"LORD The divine name YHWH appears only in the Bible. Its precise meaning is much debated. **God chose it as His personal name by which He related specifically to His chosen or covenant people.**"

In other words, by way of analogy, my name is "James" and my designation is "husband". For Ingrid to constantly call me "husband" rather than "James" is very impersonal and I guess most men would get pretty upset with their wives and wives vice versa if their husband's always said "wife this ...", "wife that ..." rather than "Anne" or "Jane" or whatever the case may be. So we don't get into the full relationship with The Lord God Almighty, with YAHWEH God if we only refer to Him as "THE LORD".

A bit of a sting in the tail there, is that the words "The Lord" is the correct English translation of the word "Baal". It's a bit of a sting. O.K? Satan, through his interference with what goes on in this world has got us to use the correct English translation of the Hebrew word "Baal" to reflect the Lord God. YAHWEH is His name, it is untranslatable. He is YAHWEH in every language and in all times and in all seasons.

And, just as a matter of interest. The correct word for Jesus, bearing in mind for those of you who don't know it, the New Testament was not written in Greek, it was written in Aramaic. It was then translated into Greek. The Aramaic scripts still exist in the Far East. But most people have been led to believe that it's Greek. Jesus is the Greek rendition of **Yah**shua and **Yah**shua is a derivative of **Yah**weh.

O.K? so we see the relationship between the Lord God, YAHWEH and His Son, Yahshua. So I just wanted to make that point because the season is coming where God will no longer wink at our ignorance. We need to start to know His name. If we want to come, and my hearts desire today, and my cry is to come into that place where THE LORD GOD and Yahshua are so real to me that nothing else is more real than them. And we can't come into that place unless we can speak to Him with His personal name that He's given us.

.... CONTINUING WITH UNDERSTANDING JUDGMENT

Revelation 12:9-11

- 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.
- 11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, ... (NKJ)

The broad context of that is that this is where we are heading. We are heading for the day when Satan is going to be finally cast into the pit and locked away for a thousand years and I think that is in Revelation chapter 19. But I want you to see two things about that verse of scripture.

It is written present tense. O.K? It's not something that happens previously, it's something that's going to happen in a couple of years time as I best understand it. Now, he is before the Throne of God night and day accusing, or if you want to put it into terms that we understand, "prosecuting" the brethren.

I want you to get that because I want to paint the picture of a court room because. We are talking about judgment and we need to understand how judgment works.

I take you then to 1 Peter 5:8-9:

- Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he **May** devour.
- 9 **Resist him, steadfast in the faith**, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. (NKJ)

Now we hear a lot about "Satan's <u>like</u> a roaring Lion, he's not a roaring lion" -- he's a darn sight more dangerous than a roaring lion let me tell you. But the key word in that scripture for today is "whom he may". It's permissive. He can't touch a hair on your head without it be the Father's will. We read in Matthew, not one sparrow falls to the ground apart from the Father's will. Satan cannot steal from you, he cannot do anything in your life, he cannot cause you to become ill, he cannot cause you to become poor, he cannot cause you to do anything, save the Father permits it.

Now we don't necessarily want to get our teeth into that but we need to get our teeth into it with what is ahead.

1 John 2:1-7:

- 1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an **Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.
- 3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.
- 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
- 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.
- 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

7 Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. (NKJ)

There are a couple of points in that passage which I want you to see.

First of all, Jesus is the Advocate. So now we are painting a picture of Judgment and I have a prosecutor, which is Satan and I have an Advocate.

What does an Advocate do in a court room? He pleads the defendants case. He pleads his client's case. In a criminal case, the prosecutor acts for the State in bringing the accusation and appealing for judgment against the offender and the Advocate pleads either to prove innocence or in mitigation of sentence.

So we have Jesus, the Advocate, who brings the Cross and brings the Sacrifice at Calvary and the Blood of the Cross in mitigation of sentence. However, we read elsewhere in Hebrews Six and Hebrews Ten that we cannot rely on that if we sin wilfully. O.K?

The other thing we see is that we know we love God IF we keep His commandments. And also, that the word that John was bringing there is an old commandment, it's the Word that we've heard from the beginning. O.K?

It's the Word we've heard from the beginning of Genesis. Not just the Word that we've heard from the beginning of Matthew. O.K? And that's very important because the message I'm in the process of bringing you is that the church today is breaking every one of the ten commandments wilfully and knowledgably because they have had their eyes closed to the Word of God. And that is at the heart of the Judgment that is now upon this earth.

So we now see, and I want you to have a picture of the Judgment Room or the Throne Room.

And I want to give you a couple of cameos out of scripture to help you to understand what happens before the Judgment seat. What's happening right now as we speak. Before the Judgment seat of God.

.... IN THE THRONE ROOM

1 Kings 22:19-23: This is the situation just before Ahab was killed in battle:

- 19 Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of Yahweh: I saw Yahweh sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left.
- 20 "And Yahweh said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.

- 21 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before Yahweh, and said, 'I will persuade him.'
- "Yahweh said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And Yahweh said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.'
- 23 "Therefore look! Yahweh has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and Yahweh has declared disaster against you." (NKJ)

Now that is happening in fulfilment of an earlier prophesy in terms of which it was said that Jezebel..., the dog's would lick the blood of Ahab and they would eat Jezebel and there would be nothing left of her. So we see God bringing judgment on Jezebel and Ahab through an intervention where he opens the door for certain of Satan's demons to actually intervene in the life of Ahab and Jezebel, because of their continuous wilful sin.

If you read the whole of Ahab and Jezebel's story behind this, you will see that Elijah called down fire from heaven to devour the sacrifice. Four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal were slain. Jezebel then sought to destroy Elijah. Ahab in between all of this, repented in Sackcloth and ashes. God repented of his prophesy to destroy Ahab. Ahab went back into his sinful ways. We see the whole life of Jezebel and Ahab.

And Jezebel is a type and a shadow of the Jezebel spirit which is very, very dominant in the Western world. It's been dominant in the church that has come out of Rome. It is very dominant and very assertive, particularly in the modern Charismatic churches. And Jezebel is, if you like, a shadow and a type of, almost the wife of Satan. And you can see that also, to a point, in Revelation where Jezebel is referred to as a harlot.

So we need to look at that in the context of what's happening in this age.

THE THRONE ROOM AGAIN

If we go into the Throne room again in Job 1:6-12:

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yahweh, and **Satan also came among them.**

Now the "sons of God" I think is a poor translation. I think it refers to the spirit creation and that includes all the angels and angelic beings and the demons, etc.

7 And Yahweh said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered Yahweh and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

Now I must take you back to 1 Peter 5:8 where we read that Satan roams around like a roaring Lion. And here we see it. He goes to and fro on the earth.

- 8 Then Yahweh said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"
- 9 So Satan answered Yahweh and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 "Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.
- 11 "But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"
- 12 So Yahweh said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has **is** in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh. (NKJ)

Now I draw your attention, because this ties back to the first message that's on that series of tapes that Neil preached about Job. And it's important that you see, because this package of teachings, from that teaching at the beginning of, I think it was October, through to this teaching today represents a package that God has given us and it's a package that He wants given to the church as a whole.

So we see there the Judgment seat again. We see Satan involved in a discussion with God before anything can happen to Job. Satan goes out and he takes everything. Job's children, his possessions, his cattle, his sheep, his camels, the whole shooting match. Job is left destitute. And then in Job 2:1-9:

1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan came also among them to present himself before Yahweh.

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- 7 So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.
- 8 And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes.
- 9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!" (NKJ)

What we see there, is that before Satan could touch Job physically, he had to go back before the throne of God.

But what I also want you to see. And this is really important in terms of the teachings that are prevalent in the church today. Is that Job's wife was unscathed throughout this whole process. She was under her husband's covering and notwithstanding the fact that she got fairly close to being blasphemous at that point, she was under his covering. She did not get touched personally throughout the entire episode. And women need to understand that if they submit to their husbands. If they are in complete submission to their husbands, "in everything" Ephesians 5:24, says. And

they are told in 1 Peter 3:1 to submit like Christ submitted to those who crucified him. In absolutely everything. A woman who's in complete submission to her husband will not be touched by the devil unless she get's out from under her husband's covering or unless the sin in her life is of such a magnitude that God has disciplined her husband to a point where he then has to discipline his wife. And we need to understand that, because the power of marriage lies in that hierarchy of accountability.

A woman who is in complete submission to her husband in <u>everything</u> will be completely sheltered and she can intercede for her husband and lift him up. And do all sorts of things. And this is part of the revelation that God's been giving us on these tapes that I've been recording.

Why was Satan permitted to attack Job?

We must understand, Satan's also been learning. Job is supposedly the oldest book in the Bible. It's the oldest account. So what we are actually reading about there was before Satan knew a whole lot of the stuff that I'm talking about today.

Satan was still learning. He didn't know what his boundaries were. He thought he couldn't touch Job until the Father said to him "have you considered my servant Job?" "he IS in your hand". Why was Job in Satan's hand? Job 3:25 is part of the answer:

25 For the thing **I greatly feared** has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me. (NKJ)

If we read in the first two chapters of Job, we read that Job was offering sacrifices <u>in case</u> his children had sinned. So, out of fear, reactive, preventative, lack of faith, fear, which is faith in the Devil, Job was sinning. Because he wasn't coming to God in faith and saying "I know I've sinned, please forgive me" he was saying "maybe my son's have sinned and I'm scared that they might have" and here we've read that he actually "greatly feared" that he would lose everything. So that gave Satan a legal right to attack him.

Job 29:18-22 very specifically, but the whole of Job 29, which Neil picked up in his message:

18 "Then said, shall die in my nest, and multiply my days as the sand.

Job has forgotten at that point, before the Judgment came on him, that he was actually completely dependant on God. He was exalting himself and he was foretelling, in his opinion, where he would stand. So fear and pride. Two of the biggest things that will open the door to Satan to kill, steal and destroy. O.K.

WHAT IS THE BASIS OF JUDGMENT?

The whole of the Torah is Judgment. But if you read, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, there's a whole lot of historical account. The crux of the matter is there are some limited passages in those five books which actually set out the Torah - the fundamentals of God's Law. And those are the Ten Commandments plus certain passages in Leviticus 18 and 20 which deal with sexual sin and things like that and certain other passages which deal with uncleanness which are a shadow and type of what we have today and a whole lot of sacrifices.

And we have to understand that Jesus came as the spotless lamb in fulfilment of the animal sacrifices which are set out, particularly in Leviticus. We need to get to the basis on which Satan can come before the throne for Judgment. It's important to understand that the critical components of Torah all appear twice. So you get the Ten Commandments in Exodus chapter 20 and almost verbatim again in Deuteronomy chapter 5. You get the laws concerning sexual sin in Leviticus 18 and you get them almost verbatim again in Leviticus chapter 20 and some of them are repeated, I think it is in Deuteronomy 31 or 32?

THE COMMANDMENTS - THE BASIS OF JUDGMENT

So here's the first occurrence, this is Exodus 20:1-23 is the account of what was on those tablets of stone that God gave to Moses. But I'm not going to read those. I'm going to flip straight over to the next sheet. Which is Deuteronomy chapter 5 and I want to read that to you because I want to lift out some key points there. Moses is recapping what happened on the Mount:

1 And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and **judgments**

so hear we find the judgments again.

which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them.

- 2 "Yahweh our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.
- 3 "Yahweh did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive.
- 4 "Yahweh talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.
- "I stood between Yahweh and you at that time, to declare to you the word of Yahweh; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain.

Now the first thing is this is the only account in the whole of scripture barring a couple of incidents in Jesus' life where the Father spoke from a cloud, this is the only instance in which YAHWEH GOD has appeared to a mass of people in the flame of fire. So this is a pretty significant passage of

scripture and we need to recognize that what is said here is profoundly important in the sight of God.

I've inserted here two passages from Matthew chapter 22 and here verse 37:

Jesus said to him," 'You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 "This is the first and great commandment.

the way I see it, the first four of the ten commandments are summed up in "you shall love YAHWEH your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind" O.K?

If I carry on:

- 6 'I am Yahweh your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- 'You shall have no other gods before Me.(the first commandment)
- 8 'You shall not make for yourself any carved image (the second commandment)

I'm not going to read all the bit's in between, you can read that up yourself.

11 'You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain, (the third commandment)
12 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, (the fourth commandment)

and He goes into a lot of detail about the Sabbath day:

- 13 Six days you shall labour and do all your work,
- 14 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of Yahweh your God. In it you shall not do any work:

now I just want to bring out another of these little pieces that we need to know to understand what is going on in the age today. Sunday is the first day of the week, it always has been the first day of the week. Saturday is the seventh day of the week. Saturday always has been and always will be God's Sabbath. Sunday is the day of the Sun, it is the day of the worship

of the Sun and it was introduced into the Christian church in about 315 AD by the council of Trent in order to distance the Christian, Gentile church from it's Jewish heritage. And a whole lot of other heresies were introduced between 300 and 600 AD by the Roman church through the Pope -- well this is even before the Pope, when the so-called "Holy Roman Emperor" was the emperor of the Roman Empire and ALSO the head of the church in a titular and, in fact, in a legislative capacity.

And I profoundly believe -- I am in contact with more and more people who are observing the true Sabbath as Saturday. Sabbath observing Christians, and there is a greater and greater groundswell where the Spirit is saying, keep the Sabbath. It's not a legalistic thing but it's a case that the Lord is saying, "if you truly love me, honour my day".

And that's another area where the church is in many areas not in line with what God is saying.

I then want to go on and I want to introduce Matthew 22:39:

'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

and the remaining six of the ten commandments all deal with our relationship with our neighbours and that came through very strongly in the praise and worship just now. "Love your neighbour as Jesus has loved you".

The fifth commandment 'Honour your father and your mother,

six 'You shall not murder.

seven 'You shall not commit adultery.

eight 'You shall not steal.

nine 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

ten 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbour's house, his field, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.'

"These words Yahweh spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and \underline{He}

added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of Stone and gave them to me.

Now I ask you to observe two things about that passage. Firstly, he says, this is Moses speaking, "He added no more" and secondly He wrote them on "tablets of Stone". Stone is unchanging, stone speaks of things which don't change. O.K? So the ten commandments have never ever been modified or changed. They remain just as profoundly important today as they were when Moses received them from God on the tablets of stone. As God saw fit to come down on the mount at Horeb and speak them to the people of Israel.

And it goes on (this is Yahweh speaking):

'Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

There is no limit on those ten commandments. But what is important to understand is that if we observe those ten commandments it will go well with us and our children forever and what I want you to see in the context of what I have shared earlier about the judgment seat. Insofar as it's not going well with us, it's because we are breaking to a greater or a lesser extent one or more of those commandments and therefore Satan is able to obtain judgment against us. So, if we are ill, if we have lack, if there is anything wrong in our lives, we need to see it in this context because if we were fully honouring and obeying and keeping the ten commandments there could be no judgment and it would go well with us.

And it's important that you understand, and I wrote this about a year ago, it's called "Poverty in the Church of Jesus Christ, a Discourse on Contributory Factors, Towards Holiness and Sanctification and Circumcision of the Heart" [ring bound book]. And that's a digest of things that God's been showing me over the last about six - seven years. But the important thing about it is that God has given us judgment in order to enable us to come to a place of holiness and sanctification. So, if something goes wrong in your life... I'm an Engineer and I kind of got into this by accident because when I came back to The Lord in 1993 after being terribly backslidden and on the point of physical and spiritual death and well on my way to Hell. And since then my life hasn't been my own because I should have been in Hell seven years ago and He reached down and pulled me out of it.

As an Engineer -- and I really threw myself into the Word and things kept going wrong, and I kept saying "Lord, Why?", and He kept giving me

answers and a lot of the answers were in conflict with what the church was telling me, I was going for counselling, I was trying to save my marriage, which didn't happen, eventually I had to "say goodbye" -- not in that sense but the woman that I had loved for twenty five years turned her back on Jesus and went to Hell. And I have to tell you, that is a shocking experience, to see somebody that you have loved for twenty five years LOSE their salvation. So don't tell me people can't lose their salvation, I've seen people lose their salvation, it's a horrible experience.

But, in that process, as I was asking God, I kept getting answers. And that's the digest, what's in that document but there's not time to go through all of that today.

I want to take you then to Matthew 5:17-20, this is Jesus speaking:

- "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to <u>fulfil</u>.
- 18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

This is speaking about Torah, there's about five or seven Hebrew words translated "law" in the English, there's the Torah, which is the written Word of God which is the five books of Moses, then there's the Psalms, there's the Proverbs, which are all part of the law. There's the Prophet's which would include, I assume, the New Testament and then there's the Oral Law. This is speaking as I understand it, Jesus is speaking about the Torah, He's not speaking about the Oral Law and so forth, He is speaking about these ten commandments and certain other passages of the Books of Moses:

- "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- 20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. (NKJ)

And I will, God willing, in a couple of minutes, get to a point of sharing with you a few other headlines where we are breaking these laws today, in ignorance, because that's what we've been taught and our fathers were taught before us.

Matthew 7:12-15

12 "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

- 13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.
- 14 "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are **feW** who find it.

We need to really be aware that Jesus, Himself, said that few would find life.

The ten commandments are the key to life.

Matthew 22:36-40:

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

- Jesus said to him," 'You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
- 38 "This is the first and great commandment.
- 39 "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'
- 40 "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (NKJ)

Finally, Luke 24:42-45 we see that Jesus speaks of Himself as fulfilling the Law of Moses and the Prophets.

So Jesus in a very real sense IS the Law.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

I now want to pose the question, to you, where are we now? And I want to read to you Isaiah chapter 4, verses 6 to 2 in reverse order and it will become evident to you in a minute why I read it in reverse order. It's all speaking about the same period of time. O.K? It's a progression:

verse 6: And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

So that's the end result. This is now when the New Jerusalem returns.

Verse 5, preceding that: then Yahweh will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering.

verse 4: When Yahweh has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning,

And I say to you today, before the Throne of God, by the Spirit of God, that we are now coming into that time. The spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning is come upon the earth and we will see this more and more.

I had an instance recently where I was ministering telephonically to somebody, who had been having a lot of problems. He had a vision in which the Lord Jesus appeared to him and He showed him his marital bed and there was a lump under the sheets and the Lord said "take away the cover" and under the cover, was a rotting carcase of a woman. It was his wife. She was spiritually dead. She'd lost her salvation, she'd blasphemed the Holy Spirit and she'd got into complete rebellion against the Word of God.

The Lord said to me today. The day is at hand where people will wake up and find that their husband or their wife has died -- is spiritually dead and they will be joined to somebody who no longer has the hope of life in them. Because of what is coming. And I made this point a couple of weeks ago and I am now profoundly convinced of it. The Word of God says, "lean not to your own understanding", "look not to the things that are seen but look to the things that are unseen".

Six thousand years ago, we dealt with things that were seen. In Moses day, everything was seen, everything was an animal, uncleanness was an animal, it was given to us as a shadow and a type so that as mankind grew to maturity in this age, we would have the metaphors with which to see in the spirit realm.

I profoundly submit to you today that the Great Tribulation and the Judgment that is at hand is spiritual. If we run around looking for physical marks of Beasts. If we run around looking for physical manifestations of Judgment. We will be missing it. It will be like that man that I spoke to on the phone the other day. If we look with the eye's of our spirit, we will see rotting, stinking, spiritual corpses, all around the World.

Revelation says, "a third of mankind" is slain here and a third is slain there. Spiritual death is come upon the World and it is about to come upon the World far more severely than we can comprehend being possible.

At the dinner here I was chatting to Norman and we were talking about a few of these things. And you know, the Bosman family have been in the ministry, I don't know -- three generations? And Norman was saying, in the entire period they've seen more tribulation, more loss, more illness, within

the Body of Christ in the last two years than in all the previous years. We're in that period! And we're going to see much more in the days ahead.

We're coming into a situation and I was chatting to somebody else, also he's been serving the Lord for thirty, forty, fifty? years, a man in his seventies, and he said, he's seen more really prominent people who've moved strongly with God throughout their lives backslide into extravagant sin in the last couple of years than he's ever seen. We are in a process where people who are complacent, people who think they stand, are going to fall because -- that's the age we're in. If we look behind us and see the slackness which God has tolerated in the church, before, and we extrapolate that into the future, we will go horribly, horribly wrong.

Verse 3 And it shall come to pass that **he who is left in Zion** and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy-- everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem.

Verse 2, and remember, I'm working backwards, but this is all dealing with essentially the same period of time: In that day the Branch of Yahweh shall be beautiful and glorious; and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing for those of Israel who have escaped.

Now Israel, we know, is a shadow and a type of the church. Many people claim, and I believe this to be the case, that Zion and Jerusalem speak of the true spiritual church and Babylon in Revelation speaks of the carnal church, the church that is, if you like, in bed with the World. There are other interpretations, but I believe that is -- and remember, the Jews say -- there is what I believe is a very profound statement, they refer to "the seventy facets of the Torah's Jewelled Words" -- in other words, there is not a passage of scripture which God cannot reveal to you in seventy different ways. Depending on what He is speaking to you about. So we take superficial interpretation of scripture at our peril.

But, I believe that one of the dimensions of Zion and Jerusalem, is those who will overcome to the end, those who will be part of the Bride of Christ, those who will dwell in the New Jerusalem. Those who will overcome to the end, those who will be sheep and not goats, those who will be wheat and not tares, those who will be wise virgins and not foolish virgins. The Bible is full of injunctions that the vast majority of the men who have ever walked this earth will spend eternity, not in heaven, but in Hell. And this is speaking about that Remnant who will overcome.

My time is running out. I just want to go very briefly through the headlines and, God willing, maybe on another occasion we can go into some more of these in a bit more detail.

Let's just run through the ten commandments:

1 'You shall have no other gods before Me.

I'm just going to share things that are on my heart. Most of which are going to rock your socks and rattle your cages and shake your paradigm but that's the message that God has told me to give you today. I'm not going to say anything today lightly, I'm not going to say anything that God has not been dealing with me about, in most instances for years -- at the very least months.

I'm finishing today my eighth three day fast in three and a half, four months. And something, I can't tell you what, but I can just tell you that I have an immense awareness that something is about to break. My sense is very strongly that Judgment should have started in real, grand measure, at the Feast of Tabernacles this year but because the church is so ignorant of God's time and God's feasts, He's given us until the end of 2000. The first of January 2001, because that is a day that even mankind in their ignorance knows has to be the beginning of a new Millennium. Even if you want to get into an argument was 2000 the last year of the sixth millennium or the first year of the seventh millennium.

I truly believe something of immense magnitude is about to break on the earth.

Maybe even tonight. But it's NOT going to be visible. What the Spirit of Yahweh showed me as I was reading in Matthew and Mark and Luke over the last few weeks -- the number of times Jesus said "go and tell no man". Have you ever thought about that? Jesus healed the lepers and the blind man and He said, "don't tell anybody I've healed you", don't tell them, don't tell them. He never publicised. And it's like that today. Out there in the World God is not telling anybody, He's only telling those who have ears to listen and eyes to see. But I really, really believe that if you were to stand on the Mountain of God at midnight tonight and to look around this earth, by the Spirit of God, I'm telling you, all Hell is going to break loose. You're going to see spiritual carnage of a magnitude that right now we can't believe is possible.

Those of us who survive the next couple of years are going to look back and say "my God, how did I survive, how did I get through" and we're going to see people that we knew, that we loved, have fallen by the wayside, have lost their salvation. I really say that to you with great sincerity.

'You shall have no other gods before Me.

Well, let's just work through this. Now I'm tackling this purely from the point of view, how is the church today breaking the ten commandments and why is judgment coming on the church. And I'm just going to give you headlines. I could talk for a day on each one of these points probably.

You shall have no other God's before me. Most Christians today have their pastor or their denomination as a god before Yahweh. How many people, when you tell them you're a Christian, the first thing they ask you is "where

do you fellowship" and if you don't give you the right answer they kind of write you off. So if you're a Seventh Day Adventist or a Mormon or a Jehovah's Witness or whatever, and I'm picking those deliberately and you happen to be a true believer. And I have to say to you -- in the last three years, God has rattled my cage on this thing like you can't believe because there are true believers in every one of those groupings.

Whether they are predominant or whether they are a minority, it doesn't matter. There are people there who have personal relationships with God. But because we put a label on them and we don't look to see if they have a relationship with Jesus -- I received a severe rebuke from the Lord about five years ago - He arranged for a divine appointment with a Moslem woman who started telling me about the love of her God. And I thought, "my God" she's talking to me about my God!

Now I'm not talking about the Moslem's who are into serious idol worship and all the rest of it, I'm talking about a specific woman who has a deep personal relationship with the same God that I have.

She doesn't know His name and because of what the Christian church has done over the centuries she has a great difficulty in believing that Yahshua, Jesus, could possibly be He who is foretold in the five books of Moses. Which the Moslems, I have to tell you, hold in much greater reverence than the average Christian does.

People are getting stoned to death by Moslems and lynched in Cape Town for breaking what's in the first five books of the Bible. And then the Christians are going and persecuting them!

They are just doing what the Torah tells them to do.
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The church idolizes it's prominent World leaders. God's before God.

I've got to a point where if somebody asks me "what church do you belong to?" I say "I belong to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ" because that's the point.

2 'You shall not make for yourself any carved image

Maybe a bit of a debateable one in this age. But we've got photographs, we've got videos, we've got all sorts of things and the vast majority of people are sucked into one or other form of idolatry.

There are very few people that I know of in this age who have not got a burning desire for something which, and the Lord's been dealing... I'm preaching to myself here, please understand me. The Lord has been dealing

with me on a number of issues recently and one of them is this thing about I can't get my mind totally focused on Jesus in Praise and Worship. I do sometimes, but sometimes I don't. Sometimes I'm thinking about other things.

And the Lord has been saying to me "you've been into all sorts of things, you've lusted after all sorts of things, why can't you think about Jesus with the passion and the desire that you've lusted after the things of the World?"

And I have to say to you, if we can't come to praise and worship and be completely lost in our worship of God, without any other thought intruding. About the catering afterwards or anything. We have to ask ourselves whether we have a carved image. Remembering that we're talking about spiritual types and shadows of things here.

3 'You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain,

I kind of opened with that. If you're using the name... and please, I'm trying to be gentle with this one... because it's a really rough one. But if you using the name "The Lord" which is Baal to speak about God, I think we are not actually honouring that commandment. And we can go into other things but I'm just trying to give you headlines.

4 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,

Well, that's a no starter. Now we can get into a whole debate, and I've got into debates with various people about why we're under grace and we're not under law and why we can't just keep Sunday instead of Saturday and there's a passage in Corinthians dealing with new believers in the Gentile church which relaxes that commandment. So I'm not saying this from a legalistic point of view. I'm just saying what's on my heart -- and that is, if we truly want to observe the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy, we should. And it goes beyond that, we have in the Bible a whole lot of Holy Days O.K? and we're right now -- you know the thing that struck me this week -- I've been engaged in some correspondence with a major ministry on email, and they should have responded to me this week and they didn't. Because the matter was quite pressing, because everybody is closed and they've all gone away. But now, the Feast of Tabernacles or the Feast of Passover and the other Holy Days in God's calendar, everybody's working.

I'm just presenting to you from the perspective of -- we celebrate the day of the birth of the Sun god which is the 25th of December and we don't celebrate the Great Day of the Feast of Tabernacles which by broad consensus of those who understand scripture, is the day that Jesus was born.

In the process, we lose sight of God's calendar and the things that affect us.

So those are the things about "You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind".

The SECOND 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

5 'Honour your father and your mother,

And again, this is something that The Lord really convicted me of a month or two ago.

In Bible times, families lived together as an extended family. The young boy child grew up. As a teenager, he was involved around the business of the family. When he got to about the age of twenty, he would marry. He would bring his bride to live in his father's house. From the age of twenty to thirty he would progressively take over the running of the family business or the family farm or whatever it was. At about the age of thirty his father, who now would be about fifty to sixty years old, would retire from the day to day running of the family business leaving his son to run the family business while the father became an elder in the gate. And concerned himself with the affairs of the community and of state and with judging.

And he would also be a mentor and a guide to his son as his son grew. And the grandparents would help with the raising of the children. The man would marry a girl and the word "narah" - virgin, in Deuteronomy 22 refers specifically to a girl of twelve and a half years old. Mary was by most accounts somewhere between twelve and a half and fourteen years old when she gave birth to Jesus. That girl would come into her father-in-law's house, still immature, and she would be schooled by her husbands mother in the ways of being a housewife, in the ways of raising the children. The children would be raised by the parents AND the grand parents collectively.

But the thing about that, in the context of the fifth commandment, honour your father and your mother, is, we take our elderly, and we shunt them off. And I'm guilty of this and I actually don't know how to fix this particular one because my mother's in a frail care environment where she now needs constant nursing and I don't have the infrastructure to substitute for that.

But we ship our elderly off to die out of our hair, if you want to put it crudely. We don't honour our mother and our father by pushing them off there. And it goes through all the generations with rebellion. We see with teenagers, the vast majority of children, don't know other than to be rebellious and to answer back. They're encouraged by most people to answer back and to give snappy replies.

There's a whole bunch of scriptures which say that if you curse your mother or your father your lamp will be put out.

6 'You shall not murder.

Well abortion is rife in the world today and a fair portion of the church is condoning it.

And we are not applying the Word of God with regard to murderers. God said to Noah, long before Moses, "if man shed's the blood of man by the hand of man shall his life be taken". Yet we let them live and they carry on and they murder and they murder and they rape and they murder. Nowhere, ever has God done away with the death penalty. In fact, Paul, himself, before the Judgment seat, I think it's in Ceasarea, says "if I have done anything worthy of death I do not refuse to die". So Jesus didn't do away with the death penalty for capital sins in the Torah.

8 'You shall not steal.

Well I don't think we even need to go into that one. I mean stealing is absolutely rife. But stealing is taking anything that doesn't belong to you. Just picking up something on the side of the road that somebody has dropped. If you don't seek to restore it to the person that's lost it.

Through the more overt things. Through to the way many churches take up the offering. There's nothing in the Bible. And please, I'm not getting at anybody here. The way Neil takes up the offering is very circumspect compared to most churches which read you a bunch of scripture and basically beat you until you feel absolutely guilty to put into the offering.

The only thing you'll find in the scripture with regard to an offering is a box next to the door with a hole drilled in it.

Anything else, reading scripture and getting somebody to come up here and in innocence beat the congregation over the head. And if you're not telling them all the truth and they're all in lack and what have you because you're not preaching the truth to them... I think you could call that stealing?

9 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

And that comes to this whole thing of words. It comes down to lying. It comes down to "white lies", it comes down to jokes. It comes down to a whole bunch of things. How many people can honestly say that in the last twelve months they have not said something which was untrue and which if somebody had acted on it could have been prejudicial?

I'm guilty, I keep finding myself cracking little jokes and then I realize, Gee Wizz, if I really have a revelation of what words mean. I wouldn't want that to happen.

10 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbour's house, his field, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.'

Very difficult in this age because just about everything that's in advertising is about instilling a culture of covetousness. And our youth today in particular are driven by this thing of the bigger and the better and the glossier and what have you.

But I have to say to you again, a large portion of the church, is also driven by the bigger and the better meeting place, assembly, car for the head pastor or whatever the case may be.

As I say. There are some of these that I could go into in a lot more detail.

I just want to bring one last sting in the tail and then I'm done.

I deliberately left out the first verse of Isaiah 4 but it has immense bearing on what I said earlier about people dying. I'm just going to read a couple of translations of Isaiah 4:1:

New King James:

And in that day seven women

and I want you to recognize, I read you the other five verses of Isaiah 4 first. We're talking about this age.

And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, "We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach." (NKJ)

The NIV:

In that day seven women will take hold of one man and say, "We will eat our own food and provide our own clothes; only let us be called by your name. Take away our disgrace!" (NIV)

King James:

And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. (KJV)

And The Living Bible, which normally I wouldn't use because it's really got an enormous amount of inaccuracy but I just felt impressed this morning to look at it:

At that time <u>so few men will be left alive</u> that seven women will fight over each of them and say, "Let us all marry you! We will furnish our own food and clothing; only let us be called by your name so that we won't be mocked as old maids." (TLB)

What I'm saying to you. And this is a particular caution to the men. On two fronts. Isaiah 4:1 tells us that there will be seven times the number of women as men in Zion, Jerusalem, that body of believers at the end of the age. Men are very much more likely to fall away in what is about to happen and what is already happening, than women.

Rick Joyner, in the book The Final Quest, in his visions reports that there are far more women engaged in the Battle than there are men. He reports that there are far more women in heaven on thrones than there are men. Men, for the most part, are so caught up in the carnality of the world, the competition, the lusts and so forth. We read there that seven times more women will qualify to be part of Zion than men.

We need to be aware of that. The converse of that is that women are going to have a hard time finding a Godly husband.

And what you see as a consequence of that leads into a whole discussion about 'we don't understand the full holiness and sanctification of marriage' we're talking about Jesus returning for a spotless bride and that's why this set of tapes that the Lord led me to prepare is so paramount because it deals with preparing the bride and what we're talking about now, is the beginning, maybe not quite the beginning but an intensification of the preparation of the bride. Yahweh God the Father is not going to permit His Son to return to marry the church in it's present form.

It has to be sanctified and we need to understand that until marriage in this age is sanctified the church will not be sanctified. Yahweh showed me at Passover this year in a series of messages that every man... firstly, Deuteronomy 22 is absolutely explicit... the Act of marriage in the Bible is sexual intercourse with a virgin. Anything else, except with a widow is adultery unless that woman has clearly and explicitly been permitted to divorce by God. And generally that will only happen if her husband is going to Hell without a return ticket. In other words he is beyond redemption, beyond salvation. Everything else is adultery.

Somewhere between sixty and seventy percent of all marriages in the body of Christ today will end in divorce and in remarriage. And I say to you, by the Spirit of God, the vast majority of those people are living in adultery. We know recently of an instance, a man who married a divorced woman, he was an elder in the church. Apparently a lovely man of God. He was dead within six months and the Word of God was that he had been in adultery.

I ministered to somebody else a year or two ago who had lost everything, and gone bankrupt in six months after marrying a divorced woman.

Those were people who were really called and anointed of God. So they've been in the forefront of judgment in that area but I need to say to you it is coming like a flood on the earth. The judgment for adultery.

God said to me in March / April, just before Passover. Every man and every woman who has sexually joined themselves to somebody who is not living with them today as husband or wife and who in turn has gone and sexually joined themselves to somebody who is not living with them as husband or wife is spiritually... because the one flesh bond, Genesis 2:24 says "for this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife and the two shall become one flesh" it's a spiritual bond... and I say that to you from profound personal experience -- I had to break a one flesh bond that nearly destroyed me six years ago... every man and woman in that state is spiritually one with every Satanist, every witch, every warlock every wizard on this planet. So Satan has a spiritual hotline into the heart of the Body of Christ of every person who is living in adultery or who has been in adultery and has not cut those things off. Which is the vast majority of the church today.

And so God is calling us to a level of Holiness and Sanctification which in our current understanding of the practice of the Word of God we can't really comprehend. But I say to you, that we're going to have to comprehend that in the days ahead. I have no doubt that those who will lay aside every weight that besets them and seek Holiness and Sanctification, to do right in the sight of God, no matter what the cost. Will overcome and endure to the end, but those who just stick their little toe in the river of God and continue to play footsie, footsie and hold hands with the Devil and hold on to those things which are in defiance of the Word of God. Hold on to the traditions of the elders. We don't, for the most part, understand how far the church consciously and deliberately departed from the ordinances from the ordinances of Torah between 300 and 600 AD when they were deliberately distancing themselves from the Jewish heritage.

We need to return to our roots.

We need to return to the vine that we are grafted into. If we do not, we will be burned with fire.

That's the end of my message.

James Robertson at Foundation for Living Christian Fellowship, 31 December 2000.

SOME SCRIPTURES RELATING TO "THE PEOPLE"

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Greetings

Following is a discussion on some aspects of how we should evaluate how our interaction with people is to influence our relationship with God and our overall conduct.

God bless

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SOME SCRIPTURES ON "THE PEOPLE"

1 Samuel 15:21-23

21 "But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

22 Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he also has rejected you from being king." (NKJ)

by James Robertson

To all who call themselves by the name of Christ and truly seek to serve Him with all their hearts, all their souls, all their minds and all their strength.

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,

i: INTRODUCTION

Following the recent message "The Wrath of God for the Church: Why Judgment is Coming on The Church Today", I have encountered a number of situations where decisions have been taken in ministry situations based on "the people".

In several instances, discussion of certain topics has been suspended because people were offended. In another instance, a message was rejected on the grounds that "the people" would not accept it because the person giving the message was not regarded as having established credibility with "the people".

In response to these situations I have been impressed by the Spirit of YAHWEH¹ to set out some scriptures regarding this.

ii: IS YAHWEH CONCERNED ABOUT OFFENDING PEOPLE?

The first question we need to answer is whether YAHWEH is concerned about what people think in the sense of seeking to avoid offending them?

Consider Isaiah 8:13-15:

- 13 The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.
- 14 He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 15 And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken." (NKJ)

Romans 9:33:

33 As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a **stumbling stone and rock of offense**, and whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." (NKJ)

1 Peter 2:7-8:

- 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,"
- and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. (NKJ)

YAHWEH refers to Himself and to Jesus (Yahshua) as a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense. In other words, He warns people that He will offend them and that they will stumble at His Words IF they do not love Him and put Him first in their lives!

So we must immediately conclude that if someone is offended by something, that is not necessarily grounds to conclude it is not of YAHWEH.

iii: DOES YAHWEH CONSIDER THE OPINION OF PEOPLE TO BE SIGNIFICANT?

Please consider carefully 1 Samuel 15:1-23:

- 1 Samuel also said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD.
- 2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt.

- 3 'Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"
- 4 So Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men of Judah.
- 5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley.
- 6 Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.
- 7 And Saul attacked the Amalekites, from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is east of Egypt.
- 8 He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.
- 9 **But Saul and the people** spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and **all that was good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy** them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.
- 10 Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying,
- "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night.
- 12 So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul went to Carmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself; and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal."
- 13 Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD."
- 14 But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"
- 15 And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; **for the people** spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."
- 16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak on."
- 17 So Samuel said, "When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel?
- 18 "Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.'

- 19 "Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?"
- 20 And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.
- 21 "**But the people** took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."
- 22 Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.
- 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he also has rejected you from being king." (NKJ)

Here Saul repeatedly seeks to justify his disobedience by blaming "the people". YAHWEH responds by calling Saul's action **REBELLION** which He likens to witchcraft and **STUBBORNNESS** which He likens to iniquity and idolatry. YAHWEH then rejects Saul from being king.

Clearly, any person who does not do what the Word of God or the Spirit of God tells them to do, will be likely to experience the same judgment.

iv: SOME "NEW TESTAMENT" EXAMPLES

Some might suggest that Jesus in some way ushered in a new dispensation of grace where people who rejected YAHWEH'S Word might be less harshly treated. Consider the following scriptures:

Matthew 10:14 (Jesus speaking)

14 "And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. (NKJ)

Mark 6:11 (Jesus speaking)

"And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!" (NKJ)

Luke 9:5 (Jesus speaking)

5 "And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." (NKJ)

Acts 13:50-51

- 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.
- But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. (NKJ)

Acts 18:5-6

- When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ.
- 6 But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook his garments and said to them, "Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." (NKJ)

In all these cases the reference is to an initial reception. YAHWEH will allow some time for people to receive those He sends to them but, after a while, they will shake the dust from off their feet or shake out their garments as a sign that they have given the message that they were required to give and the blood of those who have rejected the message will be on their own heads or hands (Ezekial 3 and Ezekial 33).

v: ONCE ONE HAS BEEN WARNED, THE BLOOD IS ON THEIR HANDS

Ezekial 3:18-21

- "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.
- 19 "Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.
- "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not

be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

"Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul." (NKJ)

The above is confirmed in Ezekial 33. Those who know the truth are required to communicate that truth to others. If they do not, the blood of the person who sins will be upon the hands of the person who failed to communicate the message. If they do communicate the message and it is rejected, then the blood of the person who sins will be upon their own hands.

Clearly there is a requirement for each person who has truth to share that truth with others in order to turn the others from their sin. However, if that person does not turn, there is no further obligation on the person who is given the message. People who fail to communicate a message because of fear of the people are guilty of witchcraft and idolatry!

At the same time, there is no onus to ensure the person repents or to force them to repent. The onus is to give the message clearly, concisely and unambiguously in a manner that gives them a reasonable prospect of receiving, and then the job is done!

vi: THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DISCERN CORRECTLY

Matthew 10:40-41

40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41 "He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. (NKJ)

By implication, if someone comes to you in the name of a prophet and he is a prophet and you reject him, then you reject the One who sent him. In other words, you reject YAHWEH. In such a case you will be judged accordingly.

Each of us must accept the responsibility to discern the truth and to discern those who are sent by YAHWEH. We cannot rely on a person who applies the label "pastor" or something similar to themselves. We must MAKE THE CHOICE OURSELVES!

The same applies if someone claims that something is "in the Word of God". We must discern for ourselves. We can be guided by the

opinions of others but, in the end, we must make our own decision and we must expect to be judged for that decision.

vii: CAUSING OTHERS TO STUMBLE

Luke 17:1-2

- 1 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!
- 2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. (NKJ)

At the same time, WE are commanded NOT to cause others to stumble. There is a BIG difference between presenting the truths of the Word of God or presenting a Word from God through a prophet in a manner which causes offense and therefore causes another to stumble and presenting that same word in a manner which is acceptable.

If we permit pride or our own feelings to interfere with doing what YAHWEH has told us to do, we will potentially find ourselves with much blood on our hands on the day of judgment.

It is vital to draw a clear distinction between causing others to stumble because of our attitude or own sin and those same people stumbling because of the truths in God's Word.

If they stumble because of our conduct, the blood is on our hands, if they stumble at the Word of God, the blood is on their hands.

VIII: THE TERROR OF YAHWEH

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. (NKJ)

We must all know the terror of YAHWEH on the day of Judgment and we must all have a Holy and reverent fear of the Judgment Seat. If we do, we will be less likely to be moved by what people say and do and more likely to speak the truth without fear or favour.

ix: YAHWEH IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

Acts 10:34

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: (KJV)

YAHWEH IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS. This does NOT mean that He treats persons in a disrespectful fashion, it means that He does not alter His conduct to accommodate our whims and fancies. We are required to be the same.

x: CONCLUSION

There is NO onus on any person to make decisions based on "the people", TO THE CONTRARY, those WHO DO, are practising witchcraft and idolatry. All decisions MUST be based on the Word of God and the Spirit of God and each must accept that they must one day stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ -- ALONE! We dare no longer use the reactions and opinions of people to determine and regulate our conduct. The opinion of YAHWEH on the Day of Judgment IS THE ONLY OPINION THAT MATTERS.

May YAHWEH¹ bless you and keep you; YAHWEH¹ make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; YAHWEH¹ lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

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NOTE (1): The word "YAHWEH¹" is used in this document to reflect the fact that the correct translation of the Hebrew word generally translated "THE LORD" in the King James Version and many others is, in fact, "YAHWEH". YAHWEH is the proper name for our God and occurs 6,828 times in the Old Testament. Vines states:

"LORD

The divine name YHWH appears only in the Bible. Its precise meaning is much debated. **God chose it as His personal name by which He related specifically to His chosen or covenant people.**" (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, (Copyright (C) 1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

By way of analogy, my proper name is "James" and I have the designation of "husband" to my wife, it would not be indicative of a meaningful marriage relationship if my wife were to constantly refer to me as "husband" rather than "James". In the same way, it is not indicative of a meaningful

relationship with our God to refer to Him as "Lord" rather than "YAHWEH" when He has given us His name to use and uses it throughout scripture.

For more information refer to the book "The Sacred Name" published by Qadesh La Yahweh Press, available on the internet at:

http://www.yahweh.org/publications/pdf1/sacrednm.pdf

Furthermore, the word "Baal" can reasonably be translated "the Lord".

Brown-Driver-Brigg's defines 1167 ba al-

an owner, a husband, a lord

- a) an owner
- b) a husband
- c) citizens, inhabitants
- d) rulers, lords
- e) (noun of relationship used to characterize, that is, master of dreams)
- f) lord (used of foreign gods)

Strong's defines 1167 ba al (bah'-al);

from 1166; a master; hence, a husband, or (figuratively) owner (often used with another noun in modifications of this latter sense):

Strong's defines 1168 Ba al (bah'-al);

the same as 1167; Baal, a Phoenician deity: -Baal, (plural) Baalim.

Brown-Driver-Brigg's defines 1168 Ba al-

Baal = "lord";

as a proper noun, masculine:

1) the supreme male divinity of the Phoenicians or Canaanites

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We therefore see that the words "the lord" are more correctly a translation of "baal" than they are of YAHWEH. Accordingly, there are strong grounds to seek to minimize the use of the term THE LORD to refer to YAHWEH.

ISLAM'S END TIME TEACHINGS

Greetings

I read this earlier today.

It provides an interesting and striking additional perspective of events in the Middle East.

God bless

James Robertson

Ariel Sharon: Messenger of Abrahamic Apocalypse?

Consider his controversial visit to a contested Jerusalem holy site from a Muslim end-times perspective

By Gershom Gorenberg

Fa'iq Da'ud was expecting trouble at Jerusalem's Temple Mount in 2000-or as he'd say, at al-Haram al-Sharif.

In fact, the violence that exploded at the world's most contested holy site this fall, and which ignited ongoing battles between Israelis and Palestinians, is only a pale glimmer next to Da'ud's apocalyptic visions--visions that shed light on a dangerous, often- ignored side of the Mount's place in the religious imagination of three faiths.

For Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, the 36-acre hilltop plaza is not only at the center of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, it is also center stage for the Last Days.

Da'ud's book, "The Great Events Preceding the Appearance of the Mahdi," was on sale at Islamic bookstores around the West Bank last year. The cover of the Arabic tract shows an aerial photo of the Haram--Dome of the Rock mosque at the center, Al-Aqsa mosque to one side.

Next to it is a picture of a model of the Jewish Temple, superimposed on the same site, replacing both mosques. Inside, Da'ud portrays a vast conspiracy of Jews and Christians that, he says, intends to build the Third Temple to prepare the way for the arrival of their shared messiah, who he says is the Antichrist. Yet he finds hope in the threat to Islam's shrines: It heralds history's final battles and the coming of the Mahdi, the true redeemer.

It's a dark fantasy but hardly unique. Moreover, Da'ud is just one of the writers who, in recent years, have produced a new, popular genre of Islamic works on impending apocalypse.

The books look forward to Islam's victory over the West. Ironically, though, they draw directly on the end-times literature of conservative Christians-including dispensationalists' expectation that the Third Temple will soon be

built on its ancient site, ushering in the Last Days and Jesus' return to earth.

Underlying this strange symbiosis is a shared view of history: As a grand drama, scripted in advance by the Divine Playwright, and due to reach its denouement any day--in beleaguered Jerusalem.

This view of the future has a long past. The monotheistic religions' idea of the End of Days dates back to the prophets of ancient Israel, for whom Jerusalem was the center not only of their world but of God's. When the Romans razed the Second Temple in 70 C.E., Judaism assigned rebuilding it to the unknown time of the messiah, thereby making the Temple a symbol of the End of Days.

Meanwhile, Christianity wove its vision of the end out of Jewish materials and the New Testament's promise that Jesus would return to the city of his crucifixion.

Most strikingly, Islam reworked the traditions of its older sisters to also promise that Jerusalem would be the capital of the messianic age.

The idea of the End need not--and, I'd argue, should not--be read with blind literalism. It is better seen as providing an image of the perfected world to which we must aspire without expecting to get there. But the temptation to treat end-time prophecies literally is particularly seductive when a great drama is played out on the stage of the Holy Land.

For a century, the return of Jews to their homeland and the Arab-Israeli conflict has presented just such a drama. And so, one segment of Orthodox Jewry regards the Jewish state as the "first flowering" of redemption. For those Jews, Israel's stunning victory in the 1967 Six-Day War--symbolized by a colonel's battlefield announcement that "the Temple Mount is in our hands"--turned expectations into ecstasy. At the extreme edge of this camp are the impatient activists who want to build the Temple.

Christians of the dispensationalist school have likewise seen Israel's establishment and the 1967 victory as fulfilling biblical promises--but look forward to a very different denouement:

The Antichrist helps the Jews build the Temple, then desecrates it. Catastrophes shake the world; Jews either accept Christianity or die; Jesus returns. In books, videos, and internet pages, dispensationalists often magnify the importance of Jewish Temple activists a thousandfold--as "proof" that the next act of the prophetic pageant is about to begin.

Out of fear rather than hope, Muslims have also overestimated Jewish interest in the Temple. Israel's conquest of Jerusalem's Old City (where the Mount is located) turned up the anxiety--even though the Jewish state left the Islamic shrines untouched and under Muslim administration. Events such as the 1984 arrest of a Jewish underground that had plotted to blow up the Dome of the Rock fueled the fears.

Thus, the Haram has become an icon of Palestinian nationalism, and the

trauma of the conflict with Israel has helped produce a new Islamic apocalyptic vision, first portrayed in Egyptian writer Sa'id Ayyub's 1987 book, "Al-Masih Al-Dajjal--The Antichrist."

Ayyub, says David Cook, who has researched this literature deeply, uses "the Christian messianic fantasy...that Israel's existence is a sign of the End" for his own purposes. Ayyub portrays a Jewish Antichrist at the center of a conspiracy seeking world domination.

And as the apocalyptic scenario unfolds, he says, "The dwelling place of the Jewish prophet"--the Antichrist--will be in the Temple in Jerusalem."

Ayyub's book, says Cook, was a "runaway hit," and other writers followed his lead, producing hundreds of tracts. One of those disciples is Fa'iq Da'ud, whose puts Christians and Jews together in the plot against Al-Agsa.

Estimating the impact of Muslim apocalyptic writers isn't easy, since their followers haven't established separate movements. But the popularity of Ayyub's original work, followed by the other tracts in the same genre, suggests a degree of grass-roots influence. One book, "The End of Israel 2022" by Sheikh Bassam Jirrar, has sold 30,000 copies in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and among Israeli Arabs--equivalent to 2 million copies in the U.S.

That hardly means there's a copy on every Muslim's shelf. Jamil Hamami, an east Jerusalem graduate of Cairo's Al-Azhar University, foremost center of religious study for Sunni Muslims, has never heard of Ayyub and rejects Jirrar's theories. Yet he doesn't deny that apocalypse is in the air. Interest among Palestinians in signs of the Hour can't be measured, he says, but "people are talking about it, in universities, in schools."

To make sense of all this, picture apocalyptic believers seated in a triangular theater around the stage of Jerusalem. All agree that history's last act is being played out, but they hold different programs. Jewish Temple activists-bit players in real life--have starring roles in the Christian play; Jews and Christians alike unknowingly play in the Muslim script. Hope and fear are the sound system, wildly amplifying every word, every footstep. Small actions at the Temple Mount take on significance that nonbelievers--such as secular politicians and analysts--neither expect nor understand.

Now consider how Israeli hardliner Ariel Sharon's late-September visit to the Mount would have looked to anyone who'd read Ayyub or Da'ud. Consider as well how it might appear now that polls show Sharon way ahead of Ehud Barak in the race to become Israel's prime minister.

What's more, the ideas of those expecting the End have impact beyond their own ranks. Last year, Sheikh Ekrima Sa'id Sabri, the grand mufti of Jerusalem and Palestine, appointed by Yasser Arafat, told me he rejected setting a date for the Hour, as Muslims call the End.

But he said Da'ud's book had value because "it makes clear the dangers to

Al-Aqsa mosque."

Viewing Jerusalem as the stage of the End warps perception of political events, creates expectations of absolute victories, makes battles glorious instead of tragic. But it is certainly not the only religious view of Jerusalem's sorrows.

Those who regard life as more sacred than soil, who believe that God commands us "to seek peace and pursue it," must reject the apocalyptic vision and insist that the faiths can live together in the Holy City.

FORWARDED BY:

James Robertson

ASAP: A MORE LIGHT HEARTED MESSAGE

Greetings

On a lighter note, I received this today and it seemed worth forwarding.

God bless

James

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives.

Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

"There's work to do, deadlines to meet; You've got no time to spare, But as you hurry and scurry-

ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos, "Quality time" is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest-

ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

It may seem like your worries Are more than you can bare. Slow down and take a breather-

ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our cares, And He'll respond

A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

Today I'm saying a little prayer that GOD will smile on you and send you all the special blessings you need.

Pass it on ASAP

THOUGHTS ON THE MAIL REGARDING "ISLAM'S END TIME TEACHINGS"

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

The mail on "Islam's End Time Teachings" a few days ago highlights a really important point.

Yahweh (The Lord) has progressively challenged me on many of my preconceived ideas over the years, not least of which was when about five years ago He led me to a divine appointment with a Moslem woman who started to witness to me about the love of her God until I realized that she had a personal relationship with the same God I did.

Later that same year, I found myself in Malawi and was asked to preach at a crusade in a Moslem area. As I knew almost nothing about Islam, except my one encounter with the woman mentioned above, and all sorts of prejudice, I was at a loss as to where to start.

But as I prayed, the Holy Spirit opened my eyes to see that there are many Moslems who are FAR MORE devoted to the Tawratt (their name for the Torah) and Psalms and Proverbs than most Christians. Prior to this He had also shown me how far "christianity" had deviated from the true faith over the centuries and also the atrocities committed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Finally, He gave me a four part message, which saw me standing with my Bible under a light in the middle of the bush giving a Bible teaching to 400 people who had been lured to watch the "Jesus" movie because they had never seen a movie before.

Yahweh opened the way for me to show them from their OWN scriptures (which are also our scriptures but most don't recognize it) that Jesus was the Messiah.

Final outcome? about 200 first time decisions for Christ (about 50%) where previously 15% would have been a lot if the preacher were not barraked down to a point where no call for salvation was possible (I'm talking about an area where a few weeks earlier a new convert and two pastors were poisoned, the new convert died!!)

On the same trip, we went to a village where the head man, a devout Moslem, who lived next to the Mosque, welcomed us, declared that he knew we were sent by God and asked me to pray for him!!!

The bottom line?

As with all the other groups that have been demonized, there IS truth, there ARE devout people seeking God and serving Him and who ARE hearing His voice and awaiting the return or coming of Messiah!!

But 'churchianity' as I recently heard it called, is so far away from the truth of Yashua Messiah that these people cannot recognize it.

Yahweh did a similar thing with me the same year in Israel where He required me at two secular business conferences to confess the wrongs done to the Jewish people in the name of Jesus Christ, to declare that Jesus was a Jew and to repent and ask for forgiveness!! Afterwards, elderly Jewish men came up to me with tears in their eyes and thanked me!!

The challenge in all of this for all who seek to be part of the remnant is to URGENTLY SEEK all those who also seek to be part of the remnant, whether they are Moslems, Jews, Jehova's Witnesses, Mormons, Catholics or any of the other groups that so many love to hate. Each group has preserved truths the others lack, if we fail to recognize this we fail to recognize our DEEP NEED TO LEARN no matter what the cost.

Returning to the mail on Islam, reference was made to a triangle - the tragedy is that in the middle of that triangle is Yeshua Messiah / Jesus the Christ (or whatever semantic derivative one may prefer) who IS King of Kings and Lord of Lord and who WILL return to judge the living and the dead and to catch up a spotless bride to reign with Him for eternity.

The people on the three sides of the triangle referred to in the posting are all awaiting the same event with the same God. They are all filled with fear, distrust and hatred for those on the other two sides of the triangle because of the errors that the people on those sides have perpetrated through the centuries.

YET, if they all looked for the common ground - the Messiah - and His coming and His love and His judgment, they would all find that they are sitting on the same side of the table!!!

Satan has tricked the devout in every grouping into distrusting the devout in every other group, whether we talk Judaism (Israel) or Islam or "christianity" - the most fragmented of the lot. Or whether we talk Seventh Day Adventists, or Catholics, or Jehova's Witnesses, or Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, or Anglicans, or Presbyterians, or Lutherans, or..., or..., or... etc.

Nearly everyone is so busy fighting over the specks in one another eyes that they cannot see the massive sheets of shutterboard in their own eyes.

If all those who love Yahweh in His infinitely many faceted form were to only seek the truths that our brothers and sisters around the world have and were to be so humble that we would refuse to ram the truths we think we have down their throats, the remnant would take shape much faster.

AND if we who call ourselves by the name of Jesus Christ were all humbly to admit the gross atrocities that have been done in that name and were to humble ourselves and seek forgiveness before our Jewish and Moslem brethren, they might even come to recognize that Yashua Messiah has indeed come and died on the Cross and been resurrected and is soon to return.

If those of us who presume to seek to apply the exalted term "believer" to ourselves do nothing else this year, may I challenge each of you to seek to find the good in your brother and sister, to find the truth that they have and NOT to be offended by their error - let us see how many Jews, Moslems and

members of other groupings we can win to Messiah by letting the love of God in Christ Jesus (Messiah Yahshua) be manifest and by walking in such unity that they will KNOW that He is who we say He is BECAUSE they can see it:

John 17:20-23 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (NKJ)

May Yahweh bless you and keep you and make His fact to shine upon you.

In the name of Yahshua, the Messiah.

James Robertson

LETTER IN THE NIGHT

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ

I received the following mail a few minutes ago and am deeply convicted to send this to as many people as possible without delay.

God bless

James

LETTER IN THE NIGHT

One day a woman named Louise fell asleep in her bed and dreamed a very fitful dream. She dreamed that someone in Hell wrote a letter to her and it was to be delivered to her by a messenger.

The messenger passed between the lakes of burning fire and brimstone that occupies Hell and found his way to the door that would lead him to the outside world. Louise dreamed that the messenger walked to her house, came inside and gently but firmly woke her up. He gave her the message, saying only that a friend had wrote it to her from Hell.

Louise, in her dream, with trembling hands took the letter and read:

My friend, I stand in Judgement now, And feel that you're to blame somehow. You knew exactly what to say, And never did you point the way. You knew the Lord in truth and glory, But never did you tell the story. My knowledge then was very dim; You could have led me safe to Him. Though we lived together on the earth, You never told me of the second birth And now I stand this day condemned, Because you failed to mention Him. You taught me many things, that's true, I called you "friend" and trusted you, But I learn now that it's too late, You could have kept me from this fate. We walked by day and talked by night And yet you showed me not the Light.

You let me live and love and die, You knew I'd never live on high. Yes, I called you a "friend" in life,

And trusted you through joy and strife. And yet on coming to the end, I cannot now, call you "My Friend".

Marsha

After reading the letter, Louise awoke. The dream was still so real in her mind and sweat dropped from her body in pools. She swore she could still smell the acrid smell of brimstone and smoke in her room. As she contemplated the meaning of her dream, she realized that as a Christian, she had failed in her duty to "go out to all the world and preach the gospel".

As she thought of that, the next day, she would call Marsha and invite her to church with her. The next morning she called Marsha and this was the conversation:

Yes, Bill, is Marsha there?

Louise, you don't know?

No, Bill, know what?

Marsha, WAS KILLED LAST NIGHT IN A CAR ACCIDENT. I thought you had known.

Fellow Christian, is this your testimony? Are you witnessing to your friends that you are with everyday? Or will there be a friend of yours in hell, asking you why you did not tell them about JESUS?

As your friend If you don't know Jesus, here's how: If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

(Romans 10:9-10) If you have not done so, just pray this prayer:

"Dear God, I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that Jesus is your son and that He died on the cross for my sins. Jesus, forgive me of my sins and come into my heart and become my personal Lord and Savior.

Forwarded by James Robertson

WHO OR WHAT IS THE "REMNANT"

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Today I'm going to discuss the subject, "Who or What is the Remnant". It's the 27th of January, the year 2001.

In recent months I have become increasingly aware of scriptures which indicate that at the end of the age a "remnant" will be preserved. Romans 9:27 states: "Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved. (NKJ) Recognizing that there are various dimensions in the original all of which are translated "saved" in the English, it seems to me that while all "who call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved," (Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13) the remnant are those who "overcome to the end" and will rule and reign with Christ (the Messiah) (Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21, 11:7, 13:7, 17:14 and 21:7 all refer to those who "overcome").

I cannot expressly right now put my finger on a specific passage of scripture which succinctly defines the remnant but, a quick search on the word "remnant" produces a list of scriptures many of which relate to a very small remnant surviving in different ages and which seem to indicate that the same will apply in this age. These are listed in the appendix.

As indicated a few weeks ago in the teaching on "The Wrath of God for the Church: Why Judgment is Coming on the Church Today", Isaiah chapter 4 verses 2 to 6 provides a useful summary of the events that are now unfolding on the earth:

- In that day the Branch of YAHWEH shall be beautiful and glorious; and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing for those of Israel who have escaped.
- 3 And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy-- everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem.
- When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning,
- then YAHWEH will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering.
- And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain. (NKJ)

Verses 2 and 3 refer to "those of Israel who have escaped" and to "he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem" while verse 4 tells us that this will follow after YAHWEH¹ has "washed away the filth" and "purged the blood" from Zion and Jerusalem "by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of

burning". Verses 5 and 6 then seem to speak of the New Jerusalem. As noted in the previous teaching, verse 1 tells us that seven times as many women as men will survive.

So we see a period of intense judgment or tribulation purging the church of her uncleanness with a remnant escaping.

As I have pondered this in recent weeks, since the message at New Year, I have wondered about the characteristics of this "remnant". I have not undertaken an in depth scriptural analysis and do not feel impressed to do so, but I do feel impressed to try and summarize what I have on my heart in terms of characterizing the "remnant".

In what follows, I will cite many scriptures but not by chapter and verse. My belief is that those who listen to this message will generally be familiar with the scriptures that are cited.

So, I would now like to catalogue what I believe YAHWEH (THE LORD) has laid on <u>my</u> heart in terms of <u>beginning to understand</u> what this remnant will look like, who will comprise the remnant, what the attributes of the remnant shall be and, in particular, what God expects of us should we desire to be part of the remnant that is saved.

i: THE REMNANT WILL LOVE THE TRUTH MORE THAN LIFE

Firstly, and it seems to me perhaps most importantly of ALL the points that have come to my attention as I have considered this subject is that the remnant will love the truth more than life. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 states:

- 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,
- and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (NKJ)

The implication is that those who DO have the love of the truth WILL be saved.

This essentially sums up the message on The Wrath of God for the Church - there is so little love of truth that most can argue at length over completely opposite interpretations of scripture with no apparent fear that they could be wrong, only a dogged insistence that they are right.

Until we have a Godly fear of believing and acting on lies instead of the truths of God and are prepared to turn to Him through the Holy Spirit for revelation and to set aside our preconceived ideas and doctrines to receive what He gives us, NO MATTER how contrary to our beliefs, we will not truly serve God rather than man.

The remnant will recognize that in this life they will never understand "every jot and tittle" of God's Word. They will also recognize the truth of the "Seventy Facets of the Torah's Jewelled Words" of Jewish

tradition. They will therefore understand that, were they to live for a thousand years, they would still not know all there was to know about the Holy Scriptures. Accordingly, they will accept the fallibility of man and, instead of preaching against error, they will have compassion on those in error and CONSTANTLY SEEK TRUTH! They WILL NOT JUDGE.

ii: THE REMNANT WILL LOVE GOD AND SO WILL KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

The second principle that comes to mind is that the remnant will Love Yahshua² so much that it will be impossible for them to think of not keeping His commandments. This will not be a legalistic thing, simply that they will be so in tune with the Spirit of God that they will want to do what He indicates to them is pleasing to Him.

It is essentially a different facet of the previous point, Jesus is THE TRUTH, we cannot love the truth without loving Jesus and we cannot love Jesus without loving the truth.

iii: THE REMNANT WILL HAVE A REVELATION OF THE COMING JUDGMENT AND WILL KNOW THE TERROR OF THE LORD 2 Corinthians 5:10-11:

- 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
- 11 **Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord,** we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. (NKJ)

It becomes increasingly apparent to me that until we have a revelation of the coming judgment and have a Godly fear of being found wanting on THAT DAY, we cannot truly love the truth, we cannot truly love God. We must honour Him, respect Him, reverence Him and fear His judgments if we are to serve Him faithfully -- if we are to be part of this remnant.

iv: THE REMNANT WILL BE PASSIONATE IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Their praise and worship will be without inhibition and without holding back. They will be lost in His presence and in His Glory.

This is a desperately important point and one that is extremely difficult to articulate. If we are truly completely and utterly in love with Jesus, we WILL lose ourselves totally in that love when we come to praise Him and to worship Him.

v: THE REMNANT WILL SEEK HOLINESS AND SANCTIFICATION AT ALL COSTS

They will come out and be separate. They will have no difficulty in choosing who they will serve.

vi: THE UNITY OF THE REMNANT WILL BE SO REMARKABLE THAT THE WORLD WILL BELIEVE IN JESUS AND THAT GOD SENT HIM

John 17 verses 20 to 23, Jesus speaking:

- 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;
- 21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- 22 "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:
- "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and **that the world may know that You have sent**Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (NKJ)

The remnant will come into such unity and harmony and oneness of thought, word and deed with YAHWEH and YAHSHUA and therefore with one another that the WORLD will know that YAHSHUA is indeed the Messiah. The world will never have seen unity like it before.

vii: THE REMNANT WILL LOVE LIKE JESUS LOVES

The remnant will walk in the love spelt out in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8:

- 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
- 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;
- 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
- 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. (NKJ)

The remnant will love their enemies, do good to those who hate them, pray for those who despitefully use them, turn the other cheek, when reviled will not revile in return, will go the extra mile, will not judge, will love their neighbours as themselves.

The remnant will lay down their lives for their friends. They will give and not count the cost. They will not seek to save their lives but will willingly give their lives in service and in death.

viii: THE REMNANT WILL KEEP THEIR EYES ON YAHSHUA MESSIAH (JESUS THE CHRIST)

The remnant will know that Yahshua is "the way, the truth and the life" and that no man comes to the Father but by Him. They will keep their eyes on Yahshua and seek to be imitators of Him in every way.

ix: THE REMNANT WILL DEPEND ON YAHWEH COMPLETELY FOR DIRECTION AND PROVISION

They will give no thought to the morrow. They will seek only His guiding by His Spirit.

x: THE REMNANT WILL BE QUICK TO REPENT AND QUICK TO FORGIVE, THEY WILL SEEK A BROKEN SPIRIT AND A CONTRITE HEART

The remnant will constantly examine themselves in the Word of God. They will judge themselves, and recognizing their inability to judge themselves, they will ask YAHWEH to judge them severely and correct them harshly that they may serve Him more perfectly. They will be quick to repent and, in repentance, will seek a broken spirit and a contrite heart with true turning around and walking away from sin.

They will be quick to change when they are shown error in their lives or in what they believe.

They will be quick to forgive and their forgiveness will be total and absolute no matter what the atrocity is that has been committed against them.

I am reminded of a story I read recently of an elderly woman whose son and then subsequently her husband had been brutally murdered by oppressive police activity in a police state situation. The oppression was so bad that after her husband had been away from home without trace for two years the persecutors brought him back to her. They took her to a wooded area. Bound her husband on a pile of timber. Poured petrol over him and set him alight as she watched. And as he died he said "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing".

Some years later, after a change of regime, the murderers were brought to court. And, after they had been found guilty, the elderly woman was asked if she had anything to say to the judge concerning their sentence. And she said "your honour, I forgive him. I no longer have a son and I no longer have a husband and I am old. And I am blind, and I ask only that you will rule that he will visit me in the ghetto twice a month that I may pour out the little love that I have left that I have no one else to give it to."

"And your honour, I ask further, that someone will lead me to him now. That I may take him in my arms that he may know that I have forgiven him. That he may know that Jesus Christ died on the Cross that he might be forgiven and that he may receive that forgiveness now." -- the convicted murderer FAINTED!

THAT LOVE, I submit to you, is the love of Christ. That is the love that the true remnant will demonstrate towards those who persecute them.

xi: THE REMNANT WILL LOOK TO THE THINGS WHICH ARE UNSEEN

The remnant will not look to "the things which are seen but to the things which are unseen". They will not lean to their own understanding. They will look to the things of the Spirit and they will seek "the Mind of Christ".

The remnant will be moved by the Spirit, and will shun the things of the flesh.

xii: THE REMNANT WILL SHUN THE THINGS OF THE WORLD

They will not compromise with Satan. They will not partake of the things of unrighteousness. They will be sanctified and set apart for the service of YAHWEH and YAHSHUA.

They will, in relative terms, "hate" their families, friends and employers compared to their LOVE for YAHSHUA. It will never enter their heads to compromise their commitment to YAHSHUA in order to please a relative, a friend, an employer, a customer or anyone else. They will be willing to be prevented from buying and selling rather than compromise their beloved Saviour.

They will gladly accept poverty, persecution and all kinds of suffering rather than compromise their love or their testimony. They will truly COUNT IT ALL JOY!

The Joy of the Lord will indeed be their strength and the love of God shall indeed be shed abroad in their hearts.

xiii: THE REMNANT WILL NOT BE MOVED BY "PEOPLE"

The remnant will not be moved by or fear the people. They will fearlessly do what YAHWEH commands them to do with no thought for their comfort or safety and particularly with no thought for what man might think.

They will hide themselves when men seek to praise them or promote them.

They will take the lowest place and they will serve and not seek to rule. They will look to honour in the life to come as their hope and their reward. They will not seek honour in the present life.

In this regard, I was impressed last week to read the biography of Thèrèse of Lisieux written by Michael Hollings, published by Fount Classics. It is a small book which tells the story of a French girl who went into a convent at the age of 15 and died a terrible and painful death at the age of twenty four. She was regarded as being of absolutely no report in the community of the convent in which she lived until, after her death, some notes that she had written at the instruction of the Mother Superior about her experience of the things of the Spirit were finally read. A level of humility and a level of intimacy with the Saviour was revealed which stunned and startled all who read it. Within months of her death, her notes were being published. Within thirty years she was canonized by the Catholic

Church as a Saint and fifty thousand people attended the exhumation of her coffin for reburial in more auspicious surroundings.

And, subsequently, her writings have touched the lives of millions who have come to understand the truths about the walk of humility and hidden love of the Saviour which she so simply but so powerfully, articulated.

xiv: THE REMNANT WILL DO WHAT THEY SEE THE FATHER DO AND THEY WILL BE MOVED BY COMPASSION

Like Yahshua, the remnant will be so filled with the Holy Spirit and so close to the Father and to Yahshua that they will only do what they see the Father do. They will be moved by the Spirit and will be led by the Spirit of God. They WILL be sons of God. They will not be moved by what they see or what they hear or what they feel with the natural eye.

They will experience deep compassion for the lost, the homeless, the broken, the widow and the orphan. And that compassion will move them in intercession and acts of ministry.

XV: THE REMNANT WILL BE MEEK, HUMBLE, GENTLE, PATIENT, KIND; THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT WILL BE MANIFEST IN THEM

Galatians 5:22-25:

- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.
- 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (NKJ)

The remnant will seek to be weak that Jesus may be found strong in them.

xvi: THE REMNANT WILL BE CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST (THE MESSIAH)

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (NKJ)

The remnant will be entirely dead to self, dead to the flesh and to all soulish things at a level that will be self evident to those who meet them. They will LIVE FOR CHRIST and be dead to self. It will no longer be they that live but Christ (the Messiah) who lives in them.

They will take up their cross daily and serve Him, no matter what the cost.

xvii: THE REMNANT WILL KNOW THE WEAPONS OF THEIR WARFARE AND THEY WILL USE THEM EFFECTIVELY

They will know that these weapons are spiritual for the tearing down of strongholds and everything that exalts itself above the knowledge of God. They will know, nurture, cherish and effectively use the Belt of Truth, the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Helmet of Salvation, the Shield of Faith and the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

They will pray at all times in the Spirit without ceasing.

They will constantly seek revelation in the Word of God and will regard the original Word of God as infallible and the final source of Revelation and guidance in all things. And, where things are not clear to them, they will turn to the Holy Spirit to guide and teach them.

The remnant will call no man teacher and no man lord.

xviii: THE REMNANT WILL DO GREATER WORKS THAN JESUS (YAHSHUA) DID

John 14:12: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (NKJ)

The dead will be raised, the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the bound will be set free, the lame will walk, the storms will be calmed, fire will be called from heaven and greater works than these will be done by this remnant.

xix: THERE WILL BE SEVEN TIMES AS MANY WOMEN AS MEN IN THE REMNANT

Isaiah 4:1 appears to clearly indicate, and casual observation in most congregations of the world confirms, that there will be many times more women than men in the remnant. The translation in the Living Bible makes this particularly clear, referring to the passages of Isaiah that we've read previously, the partial translation of Isaiah 4:1 says "At that time so few men will be left alive that seven women ..." (TLB)

This speaks NOT of physical death, as we saw in the teaching on the Wrath of God for the Church. It speaks of spiritual death. Most men are, and will be, so caught up in the things of the world that they will not endure and overcome to the end.

XX: THE MARRIAGES OF THE REMNANT WILL BE "HEAVEN ON EARTH"

Because they put the Word of God first, the marriages of those in the remnant who are married to believers, will be "heaven on earth". Wives will submit to their husbands in "everything" and husbands will love their wives as Christ loves the church.

XXI: THE REMNANT WILL ONLY BE VISIBLE TO THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR THEM

In the same way that many were looking for the coming of the Messiah, including the Chief Priests and the Pharisees, many that were

looking the hardest did not see Him when He came. YAHSHUA repeatedly told those whom He had healed to "tell no one". Even when He healed publicly, many of those who were looking for the Messiah did not believe.

Those who did believe were people who, for the most part were not looking, for example, they were fishing when He got into their boat.

In the same way, when Yahshua moves by and through the remnant, He will not move in publicly spectacular ways. The remnant will largely comprise ordinary men and women who serve Yahweh quietly and without fanfare. They will be former whores and pimps, longshoremen and fishermen, secretaries and tax collectors. They may include some members of the "Sanhedrin", the acknowledged leaders of the church today, but even these will be afraid of the people and will frequently not declare their allegiance publicly. And, therefore, will not be part of the "inner circle", the remnant of the remnant (analogous to the twelve).

XXII: THE REMNANT WILL OVERCOME TO THE END AND HAVE NO PART IN THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH

The remnant will overcome to the end and they will have no part in the Lake of Fire and Brimstone which is the Second Death (Revelation 21:8) and will "rule and reign" with Christ. They will be seated on thrones for eternity.

Others will be saved but many will be saved having been cleansed by fire:

Jude 1:22-23:

- 22 And on some have compassion, making a distinction;
- 23 but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. (NKJ)

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

- 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,
- 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.
- 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.
- 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. (NKJ)

And so we see that many will be saved as though through fire. In other words, they will have a part in the Lake of Fire and Brimstone which is the Second Death, but they will, indeed, inherit the Kingdom of God but in a place of relative lack of Glory. They will NOT rule and reign, they will serve in the Kingdom for eternity.

This contrast is made very clear in the visions of Joyner described in the book The Final Quest. If you've not read that book, I would urge you to do so in order to better understand the implications of the different rewards which are given to different believers in heaven.

A CRITICAL QUESTION: AM I PART OF THE REMNANT?

All of this brings me to a CRITICAL QUESTION: "Am I part of the Remnant"? It seems to me that the above teaching adequately defines the remnant. But that then forces me to ask MYSELF the question: "Are you part of the remnant today? Am I part of the remnant today?".

Am I a wise virgin or a foolish virgin?

Am I a sheep or a goat?

Am I wheat or tares?

As I give this message, I have to say that I cannot conceive that I could be part of the remnant and I cannot think of a single person that I personally have contact with or have ever had contact with, or know of, who satisfies the above criteria or even some of them. On the first point alone, love of the truth, there is so much disparity and strife. If one considers all the groupings who profess the Bible as given by God and if one accepts that EVERYONE of those groups have some truth which the others lack, one has to accept that we do not even begin to know all truth.

I refer you to the recent writing on "Islam's End Time Teachings" which was circulated from this ministry to consider the full import of what I'm saying here. Islam, Judaism, Catholics, Lutherans, Greek Orthodox, Church of the East, Jehovah's Witnesses, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (or, if you like, Mormons), Seventh Day Adventists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Church of Christ, Baptist, Pentecostal Charismatic, etc, etc, etc ALL claim to accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God. All are looking or claim to be looking for the coming of the Messiah and the end of the age. Many of these groups regard some or all of the others as "The AntiChrist" and Satan Personified. Many will not invite the other groups into their houses or sit down with them to find out what they really believe. Very few indeed will measure what the other groups have to say against what they, themselves believe, AND QUESTION CRITICALLY WHETHER THE OTHER GROUP COULD BE CORRECT!

The remnant WILL be made up of people from ALL of these groups AND many others. The remnant WILL come to love the truths they lack that the others have preserved and the remnant will come to LOVE AND TO KNOW ALL TRUTH! They will also reach out to LOVE those who have preserved those truths, frequently in the face of vilification and abuse and persecution.

The remnant will truly know the terror of the Lord and will fear His judgment seat and fear His judgments and fear being found wanting on THAT DAY. They will cease completely from seeking to force their opinions on others and will constantly seek to understand the beliefs of others they meet lest they reject the truth that others have which they lack. Where

they have complete certainty about a truth, they will share it out of love and compassion for those who lack that truth and who will accordingly suffer on the Day of Judgment.

Right now, it appears to me that the remnant is so small as to be almost non-existent and those who may be considered by God to be part of the remnant today find themselves there ONLY by His Grace. Many will be saved by faith in the Name of Jesus (YAHSHUA) but they will be purged by fire on the day of judgment, but these are not part of the "remnant".

CONCLUSION

My conclusion?

Love YAHWEH your God with ALL your heart, with ALL your mind, with ALL your soul and ALL your strength.

Urgently seek a deep personal relationship with Him beyond anything that you have ever previously thought possible.

Measure yourself CONSTANTLY against YAHSHUA the Messiah.

Seek His Truth NO MATTER WHAT THE COST.

Depart from ALL denominational labels. If you are first and foremost part of the Church of Yahshua Messiah it seems increasingly to me that you cannot then apply any denominational label to yourself. Yahshua, Himself, said that a man cannot serve two masters. Therefore to apply a label to oneself other than simply to say you seek to serve the Lord Jesus Christ / the Lord Yahshua Messiah (irrespective of language, spelling or similar variation) must create division. If, when we meet, we label ourselves as different, we start from a point of difference, NOT from a point of unity.

Urgently reach out across denominational barriers to those who have truths that you lack and become desperately aware of how little you know of the things of YAHWEH relative to what YAHSHUA knows.

Fast and pray for the bridegroom is coming soon and there is not much time to fill your lamps with His Oil and His Love and be prepared for His return.

There may be as little as three years left!

May YAHWEH bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you. In the name of YAHSHUA Messiah of Nazareth, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

As a closing remark, it is my ardent desire to be found to be part of the remnant at the end. And, for this reason, it is my hearts desire to communicate with any other person who truly shares that desire. And so, I would ask you, if you hear this message or read the transcript and you truly desire to be part of the remnant that you will contact me that we may share what we have in common and learn from one another where we have different understandings of the Word of God.

My name is James Robertson and I can be contacted at james@end-time-issues.org.za on the internet by email. If for any reason you have difficulty contacting me on that address, you can also try jamesr@infodoor.co.za.

In closing -- Father I pray that if there is anything that I have uttered in this teaching which is not according to your Word and according to your will that by Your Spirit You will blow it away and it will find no root in the hearts of the hearers.

Likewise, I ask that all that is of you. All that is your truth, all that is according to your Word and Your will in this season will find deep root in the hearts of the hearers and grow and produce abundant fruit to the glory of your name.

In the Name of Yahshua Messiah, Amen.

James Robertson 27 January 2001

POSTSCRIPT:

Two days after recording this message, I met with someone who had just returned from a visit to Nigeria. From this report, it appears that there is at least one man who is moving under an anointing which is close to being as powerful as that of Yahshua. Apparently, there are reports of similar individuals elsewhere in the World. If this is, indeed the case, which I currently have no reason to doubt, then this message is in the process of being confirmed before our very eyes if we have eyes to see. The significance of this report is that if, indeed, men are starting to walk under a comparable anointing to Yahshua, then the anointing of Yahshua -- the Christ or Messiah -- may have ALREADY RETURNED!

PARTIAL LIST OF SCRIPTURES CONTAINING THE WORD "REMNANT"

When I extracted these scriptures I initially thought to examine them specifically, but then I realized that they speak of a deeper matter. In every age, in every judgment, there have been a small number who survive. So it will be in this age.

2 Kings 19:4

'It may be that the LORD your God will hear all the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.'" (NKJ)

2 Kings 19:30

And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. (NKJ)

2 Kings 19:31

For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.' (NKJ)

2 Kings 21:14

14 `So I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become victims of plunder to all their enemies, (NKJ)

2 Chronicles 30:6

Then the runners went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the king and his leaders, and spoke according to the command of the king: "Children of Israel, return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. (NKJ)

2 Chronicles 34:9

9 When they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites who kept the doors had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, from all the remnant of Israel, from all Judah and Benjamin, and which they had brought back to Jerusalem. (NKJ)

Ezra 9:8

8 "And now for a little while grace has been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage. (NKJ)

Ezra 9:14

14 "should we again break Your commandments, and join in marriage with the people committing these abominations? Would You not be angry

with us until You had consumed us, so that there would be no remnant or survivor? (NKJ)

Ezra 9:15

15 "O LORD God of Israel, You are righteous, for we are left as a remnant, as it is this day. Here we are before You, in our guilt, though no one can stand before You because of this!" (NKJ)

Job 22:20

20 `Surely our adversaries are cut down, and the fire consumes their remnant.' (NKJ)

Isaiah 1:9

9 Unless the LORD of hosts had left to us a very small remnant, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been made like Gomorrah. (NKJ)

Isaiah 10:20

And it shall come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, and such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, will never again depend on him who defeated them, but will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. (NKJ)

Isaiah 10:21

The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God. (NKJ)

Isaiah 10:22

22 For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, a remnant of them will return; the destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness. (NKJ)

Isaiah 11:11

It shall come to pass in that day that the LORD shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea. (NKJ)

Isaiah 11:16

16 There will be a highway for the remnant of His people who will be left from Assyria, as it was for Israel in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt. (NKJ)

Isaiah 14:22

"For I will rise up against them," says the LORD of hosts, "And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, and offspring and posterity," says the LORD. (NKJ)

Isaiah 14:30

The firstborn of the poor will feed, and the needy will lie down in safety; I will kill your roots with famine, and it will slay your remnant. (NKJ)

Isaiah 15:9

9 For the waters of Dimon will be full of blood; because I will bring more upon Dimon, Lions upon him who escapes from Moab, and on the remnant of the land." (NKJ)

Isaiah 16:14

14 But now the LORD has spoken, saying, "Within three years, as the years of a hired man, the glory of Moab will be despised with all that great multitude, and the remnant will be very small and feeble." (NKJ)

Isaiah 17:3

3 The fortress also will cease from Ephraim, the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria; they will be as the glory of the children of Israel," says the LORD of hosts. (NKJ)

Isaiah 28:5

In that day the LORD of hosts will be for a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the remnant of His people, (NKJ)

Isaiah 37:4

1 'It may be that the LORD your God will hear the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.'" (NKJ)

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Isaiah 46:3

3 "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been upheld by Me from birth, who have been carried from the womb: (NKJ)

Jeremiah 6:9

9 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "They shall thoroughly glean as a vine the remnant of Israel; as a grape-gatherer, put your hand back into the branches." (NKJ)

Jeremiah 11:23

and there shall be no remnant of them, for I will bring catastrophe on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their punishment.'" (NKJ)

Jeremiah 15:9

"She languishes who has borne seven; she has breathed her last; her sun has gone down while it was yet day; she has been ashamed and confounded. And the remnant of them I will deliver to the sword before their enemies," says the LORD. (NKJ)

Jeremiah 15:11

11 The LORD said: "Surely it will be well with your remnant; surely I will cause the enemy to intercede with you in the time of adversity and in the time of affliction. (NKJ)

Jeremiah 23:3

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

Jeremiah 25:20

all the mixed multitude, all the kings of the land of Uz, all the kings of the land of the Philistines (namely, Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod); (NKJ)

Jeremiah 31:7

7 For thus says the LORD: "Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, `O LORD, save Your people, the remnant of Israel!' (NKJ)

Jeremiah 39:9

9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive to Babylon the remnant of the people who remained in the city and those who defected to him, with the rest of the people who remained. (NKJ)

Jeremiah 40:11

Likewise, when all the Jews who were in Moab, among the Ammonites, in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, (NKJ)

Jeremiah 40:15

Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke secretly to Gedaliah in Mizpah, saying, "Let me go, please, and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no one will know it. Why should he murder you, so that all the Jews who are gathered to you would be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?" (NKJ)

Jeremiah 40:11

Likewise, when all the Jews who were in Moab, among the Ammonites, in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, (NKJ)

Jeremiah 42:2

and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please, let our petition be acceptable to you, and pray for us to the LORD your God, for all this remnant (since we are left but a few of many, as you can see), (NKJ)

Jeremiah 42:15

"Then hear now the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah! Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: `If you wholly set your faces to enter Egypt, and go to sojourn there, (NKJ)

Jeremiah 42:19

19 "The LORD has said concerning you, O remnant of Judah, `Do not go to Egypt!' Know certainly that I have admonished you this day. (NKJ)

Jeremiah 43:5

But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces took all the remnant of Judah who had returned to dwell in the land of Judah, from all nations where they had been driven-- (NKJ)

Jeremiah 44:12

`And I will take the remnant of Judah who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to dwell there, and they shall all be consumed and fall in the land of Egypt. They shall be consumed by the sword and by famine. They shall die, from the least to the greatest, by the sword and by famine; and they shall be an oath, an astonishment, a curse and a reproach! (NKJ)

Jeremiah 44:14

`so that none of the remnant of Judah who have gone into the land of Egypt to dwell there shall escape or survive, lest they return to the land of Judah, to which they desire to return and dwell. For none shall return except those who escape.'" (NKJ)

Jeremiah 44:28

Yet a small number who escape the sword shall return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone to the land of Egypt to dwell there, shall know whose words will stand, Mine or theirs. (NKJ)

Jeremiah 47:4

4 Because of the day that comes to plunder all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains; for the LORD shall plunder the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caphtor. (NKJ)

Jeremiah 47:5

5 Baldness has come upon Gaza, Ashkelon is cut off with the remnant of their valley. How long will you cut yourself? (NKJ)

Ezekial 6:8

8 "Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you may have some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries. (NKJ)

Ezekial 9:8

So it was, that while they were killing them, I was left alone; and I fell on my face and cried out, and said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in pouring out Your fury on Jerusalem?" (NKJ)

Ezekial 11:13

Now it happened, while I was prophesying, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell on my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Will You make a complete end of the remnant of Israel?" (NKJ)

Ezekial 14:22

"Yet behold, there shall be left in it a remnant who will be brought out, both sons and daughters; surely they will come out to you, and you will see their ways and their doings. Then you will be comforted concerning the disaster that I have brought upon Jerusalem, indeed all that I have brought upon it. (NKJ)

Ezekial 23:25

I will set My jealousy against you, and they shall deal furiously with you; they shall remove your nose and your ears, and your remnant shall fall by the sword; they shall take your sons and your daughters, and your remnant shall be devoured by fire. (NKJ)

Ezekial 25:16

16 `therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast. (NKJ)

Joel 2:32

And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls. (NKJ)

Amos 1:8

8 I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon; I will turn My hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish," says the Lord GOD. (NKJ)

Amos 5:15

Hate evil, love good; establish justice in the gate. It may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. (NKJ)

Amos 9:12

That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name," says the LORD who does this thing. (NKJ)

Micah 2:12

"I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture; they shall make a loud noise because of so many people. (NKJ)

Micah 4:7

I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation; so the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, even forever. (NKJ)

Micah 5:3

3 Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel. (NKJ)

Micah 5:7

7 Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, that tarry for no man nor wait for the sons of men. (NKJ)

Micah 5:8

And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, who, if he passes through, both treads down and tears in pieces, and none can deliver. (NKJ)

Micah 7:18

18 Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. (NKJ)

Habakuk 2:8

Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the people shall plunder you, because of men's blood and the violence of the land and the city, and of all who dwell in it. (NKJ)

Zepheniah 2:7

The coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed their flocks there; in the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening. For the LORD their God will intervene for them, and return their captives. (NKJ)

Zephaniah 2:9

9 Therefore, as I live," says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, and the people of Ammon like Gomorrah-Overrun with weeds and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation; the residue of My people shall plunder them, and the remnant of My people shall possess them." (NKJ)

Zephaniah 3:13

13 The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness and speak no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed their flocks and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid." (NKJ)

Haggai 1:12

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the presence of the LORD. (NKJ)

Haggai 1:14

So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, (NKJ)

Haggai 2:2

2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying: (NKJ)

Zechariah 8:6

6 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: `If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, will it also be marvelous in My eyes?' Says the LORD of hosts. (NKJ)

Zechariah 8:11

11 `But now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the former days,' says the LORD of hosts. (NKJ)

Zechariah 8:12

12 `For the seed shall be prosperous, the vine shall give its fruit, the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew-- I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these. (NKJ)

Zechariah 14:2

For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (NKJ)

Malachi 2:15

But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. (NKJ)

Romans 9:27

Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved. (NKJ)

Romans 11:5

5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. (NKJ)

Isaiah 4:1-6

And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, "We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by your name, to take away our reproach."

- In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious; and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing for those of Israel who have escaped.
- 3 And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy-- everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem.
- When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning,
- then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering.
- And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain. (NKJ)

END OF VOLUME