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# MIRACLE OF PENTECOST

LAW | FIRE | SPIRIT



by Alan Mansager

Great dramas often have a captivating beginning, and the Feast of Weeks is no different. This high holy day marks Yahweh's plan to "harvest" a people from this earth and ultimately to headquarter His rulership of the universe at Jerusalem.

People from 16 nations were gathered for the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost in Acts 2. All of a sudden it sounded like a tornado lifting the roof off—a rushing, mighty wind.

We once came close to a similar event. I was giving a message on Pentecost day when a tornado hit two miles south of our meeting hall. We were unaware until we saw the aftermath. Back then no cell phones were giving instant weather updates. We heard

no tornado sirens. We had no safety shelter, just Yahweh's providence.

This feast is also called Firstfruits, a time when the saints as the initial "harvest" from the earth join Yahweh's plan of salvation. Pentecost provides the tools and the means by which Yahweh's message is taken to all the world. A key to the Kingdom is the selection of the elect who will receive the best positions.

A firstfruit believer is a trail blazer on the cutting edge, teaching what most have never heard.

### **Yahshua Himself is a Trail Blazer**

No better example of that is Yahshua, who was the first of the firstfruits, the "wave sheaf" offered during Days of

Unleavened Bread, symbolized by the firstfruits of the barley harvest that ripens at Passover time.

The Apostle Paul writes of this in 1 Corinthians 15:22-23: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits [wavesheaf]; afterward they that are Messiah's at His coming."

Fifty days later the second firstfruits offering is presented, represented by the first of the wheat harvest. This harvest symbolizes the saints who have been specially chosen for a prominent place in His priesthood. Finally, the general harvest occurs in the autumn, at the Feast of Tabernacles, also called Ingathering.

Let's go to the New Testament account of Pentecost, detailed in Acts 2: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them." It was the power of the Holy Spirit come on the disciples.

This Pentecost came 10 days after His ascension to heaven and was the fulfillment of Yahshua's promise to send His Spirit.

Had they left Jerusalem or had they not come for the Feast of Firstfruits, or Shabuoth, they would not have been there to receive the Holy Spirit. This should tell us something about the critical nature of the Feast days in the New Testament.

We will not be raised in the resurrection unless we have the Holy Spirit, Romans 8:11: "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Yahshua from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Messiah from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

Paul in 2Corinthians 3:18 said it's the Holy Spirit that turns us from flesh into spirit beings.

Paul makes it clear that without the Spirit, which we get at baptism, we are separated from Yahweh. Romans 8:9 reads, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Messiah, he is none of his."

The Holy Spirit causes us to walk in Yahweh's laws, Ezekiel 36:27.

### Yahshua's Return at a Feast

The same lesson can be applied to us. If we are not assembled with the brethren on Yahweh's Feasts, we could miss out on a real blessing that comes with obedience at the very time Yahshua returns.

All indications are that Yahshua will return at a Feast, a "time appointed" or *Moed*, as Daniel 8:19 indicates.

When the woman (assembly) is

carried on eagle's wings into the wilderness, it's for her protection; but when does it happen?

The first time such a thing happened, ancient Israel was taken into the wilderness to keep a Feast to Yahweh, as Moses told Pharaoh. Yahweh protected Israel from Pharaoh's pursuing army.

Exodus 19:4 reads, "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself."

Compare with Revelation 12:6: "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of Elohim, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."

Therefore spiritual Israel is:

- Taken to the wilderness (just as Israel was).
- To a place prepared of Yahweh. We are to keep a Feast where Yahweh places His Name; just as Israel did. (Your own private backyard is not a place prepared of Yahweh).
- The Assembly is fed for a period of time, 3½ years, just as we feed on Yahweh's Word at His Feasts and as Israel fed on the manna.

Suppose you are gathered with the brethren at a Feast, either Trumpets, Unleavened Bread or Pentecost—the three main times that have been cited as a possible time when Yahshua returns. There you will find protection while others who are not obedient are left in the world to suffer from His wrath unleashed on the wicked.

The Bible is such a complex collection of books that virtually everything in it has a parallel to something else or to another place or time.

Its depth is so astounding that computers are just now starting to tap into its secrets and unravelling many of its hidden messages.

We see through a glass darkly, 1Corinthians 13:12. As with an iceberg we see only the tip, while the rest lies submerged and out of sight.

Back to Acts 1. Yahshua

continues advising the disciples in verse 5, showing that there would be an improvement, between John's baptism and New Testament immersion, which would begin with Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Notice in verse 6 that they were looking for Yahshua to restore the



## Yahweh's Spirit is given to accomplish a work, its the power of dynamite, the word used in Acts 1:8.

kingdom to Israel. In verse 7 He doesn't say, brothers, you have it all wrong, the Kingdom will be made with the newly established church.

Now in verse 8 they learn they will receive power, *dunamis*—from the word *dunamis* we get our word dynamite. In verse 7 the word "power" is authority.

In verse 8 He tells them what the power of *dunamis* is for: to be witness to Yahshua throughout all the earth.

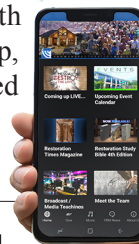
John in 1:7 came to bear witness, meaning a bearing witness, the Greek word is *marturia* and means an active witness, not just a display.

Too often the idea is that I must get baptized and receive the Holy Spirit for the sake of my salvation, while a whole other aspect of personal giving of the Spirit is overlooked.

### Holy Spirit Is More Than Pizzazz

The Spirit is given for a reason—to accomplish a purpose, just as we are saved for a purpose not just to do nothing.

Not just to sit back and say, "Well, I'm saved," and then just enter into His rest. That concept is totally foreign



to the Scriptures.

Yahweh doesn't function that way. Yahweh is a Mighty One of work, of labor, of activity and creativity, and power and function. He expects nothing less of His people than to get out there and get the job done of teaching the truth to the world, and also living it.

When you save money you save it from being wasted. Same goes for Yahweh's people. Salvation is to keep us from being wasted. To employ us in His service.

The Holy Spirit is not just for show like fireworks—something pretty to watch—something to dazzle the eyes and excite the imagination or to draw attention to oneself in charismatic displays.

Yahweh's Spirit is given to accomplish a work, its the power of dynamite, the word used in Acts 1:8.

Looking at the whole plan of Yahweh's Feast days, you see dynamics operating on an individual level:

- Passover is Yahweh separating a people out from the Egypt of sin.
- This follows with the eating of unleavened bread, rooting out the falsity from our lives and hearts and replacing it with truth.
- Then comes the Feast of Weeks, where we are empowered with the Holy Spirit to tell others the truth of Yahweh.

So now Yahshua prepares the disciples, telling them not to go anywhere, to be at Jerusalem, where they must wait for the promise of Yahweh. That promise was the power of *dunamis*—active force—to be used to actively bring a forceful witness to the world through communication and miracles.

We are a witness of the greatest power in the universe. The danger is in allowing this gift to become a show to others of our own greatness.

The Holy Spirit force is manifest by the many number of gifts it bestows, detailed in 1Corinthians 12: like wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy, even just the stamina to keep on going.

Each of us is given one or more of the Holy Spirit gifts when we are

immersed into Yahshua's Name. So let's see how that promise is fulfilled in the next chapter.

### Talk About Your Languages

Peter and the rest had been waiting in that upper room, a large hall just below the roof. In verse 1 they were in one accord—of one mind.

Remember that in John 20:22 after Yahshua had resurrected, He stood in the room with the disciples and breathed on those who were with them and gave them the firstfruits of the Holy Spirit?

That same breath of life made Adam a living man.

The Holy Spirit is the energy force of Yahweh. They spoke different kinds of languages and dialects.

Tongue is from a root *dialegomai*: to dispute, to preach, to reason, to speak—a known language.

How can those gathered be speaking gibberish or nonsense? In verse 12 they asked, what does this imply—not how they said it but what they said.

No doubt the foreigners heard the wonderful works of Yahweh that verse 11 speaks of. In verse 37 they were pricked in their hearts and asked, what should we do?

Peter's words were so powerful that 3,000 were convicted. To my knowledge that has never been duplicated since.

That Feast of Weeks was unique. It marked the starting point of a work to bring the truth to the world. Yahweh is accomplishing His ends with dyna-

mite, not fireworks. Work is getting accomplished.

The earth is being moved. People are being shaken from their malaise.

Some may not like to hear the Truth. That is only because our world is so firmly entrenched in error that most believe it's the truth.

Only dynamite of the Holy Spirit will loosen them from it.

Israel was released from Egypt at Passover, to be purged of their error during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

At the Feast of Firstfruits they received Yahweh's law, His blueprint for the Kingdom. Then in the Acts 2 Feast, the Holy Spirit was given to take this message to the world immediately at that time.

Pentecost is a time for action. To let His Spirit in us who were immersed to bear fruit by telling others of the truth of salvation that they have never heard.

When they left that Feast, they worked. The rest of Acts is a testimony to all that they did.

### What Does It Mean for Us?

Should we not do the same? To resolve to get out and make things happen for the sake of Almighty Yahweh?

May we see nothing but active elbows and knees among the brethren. Let's get down and work, while time remains.

Pentecost is the one biblical Feast day that churchianity has not been able to deny or abolish. There are at

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- Passover Memorial:** April 1 (evening)
- Feast of Unleavened Bread:** April 3-9
- Feast of Weeks (Pentecost):** May 24
- Feast of Trumpets:** September 13
- Day of Atonement:** September 22
- Feast of Tabernacles:** September 27 - October 3
- Last Great Day:** October 4

least two reasons for this: at the center of the Feast of Firstfruits or Pentecost is the Holy Spirit, which was sent by Yahweh on this day to those desiring to follow the Truth. Yahweh's Spirit is an essential aspect of a True Worshiper's life and his or her salvation.

The other reason is that churchianity teaches that it was on this Feast day when the "New Testament church" was born in Acts 2. To deny this day is to deny their own existence as a collective body of worshipers.

To throw out or change this day,

the Feasts of Yahweh (not just Feasts of Jews), Leviticus 23:4. To claim that these special days are "Mosaic Law" and therefore are done away is to ignore many statements in Scripture telling us that these are Yahweh's observances, not observances of Moses.

John wrote, "Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the Word which you have heard from the beginning," 1John 2:7.

The only Word they had at that

to follow Him, John 15:10. He did so perfectly, without fail, 1Peter 2:21-22.

A command for the Feast of Weeks is found in Deuteronomy 16:9-11: "Seven weeks shall you number unto you: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as you begin to put the sickle to the corn. And you shall keep the feast of weeks unto Yahweh your Elohim with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give unto Yahweh your Elohim, according as Yahweh your Elohim has blessed you: And you shall rejoice

before Yahweh your Elohim, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite that is within your gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the Yahweh your Elohim has chosen to place His name there."

Pentecost is marked by offerings and rejoicing. It was at the time of the Feast of Firstfruits that Israel received the law at Sinai, which can be determined by paralleling the timing of their journey in the wilderness with the timing of the

Feast. The biblical Feasts are a type of the spiritual trek we make as we come out of the world and follow the ways of Yahweh. Seeking Truth is also a wilderness adventure at times as we travel a path not well-traveled!

Understand the spiritual plan to this point: We accept the shed blood of the Lamb at the Passover. We then cleanse our worship of the error of false doctrines



Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **ACTS 2:41**

therefore, is to deny these two essential aspects of New Covenant worship.

Does Yahweh allow us to decide which Feast days we choose to keep and which to ignore? If we accept one, then scripturally we must accept them all.

All of Yahweh's Holy Days are presented as a package to observe, with the admonition that these are

time was the Old Testament. Verse 24 continues, "Let that therefore abide in you, which you have heard from the beginning. If that which you have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, you also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father."

Yahshua kept every one of the Feast days. He said He had kept His Father's commandments and we are

and teachings, symbolized by the leavening that is removed at the Feast of Unleavened Bread. At the same time we take in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, 1Corinthians 5:8. Then at the Feast of Weeks, after counting seven complete Sabbaths, we receive the true will and worship of Yahweh, represented by His laws, along with the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant that empowers us to be obedient to those laws and helps us overcome the temptations and pulls of the world.

The significance of the Feast of Firstfruits centers on teaching of the Truth. In Acts 2, after the 120 received the power of the Holy Spirit, they began to teach the truth boldly and powerfully. Peter gave such a stirring message that 3,000 people sought and received baptism in the Name of Yahshua.

Peter and John spoke with uncommon power and boldness, Acts 4:13. Miracles began happening, and these disciples had powers they never had before in their ministry.

The Feast of Firstfruits shows us that Yahweh's laws exist more than in the physical sphere. Now the spiritual intent of obedience must be emphasized. The real purpose for obedience becomes clear and a righteous attitude is made manifest.

Hebrews 8:10 says that Yahweh's laws would be put into our minds and written on our hearts.

Some may claim that this means we obey only spiritually and don't actually follow lawkeeping like Sabbath or Feast observance. However, in biblical terms, writing something on a heart means to obey closely. Ezekiel 11:19-20: 19 reads:

“And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their Elohim.”

We “take to heart” Yahweh's laws when those laws are on our hearts.

# 5 FACTS ABOUT PENTECOST

**1** PENTECOST MUST ALWAYS FALL ON A SUNDAY.



**2** IT IS CALCULATED BY COUNTING 50 DAYS

from the weekly Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.



**3** ON THIS DAY, YAHWEH ENTERED INTO A COVENANT WITH ISRAEL AT SINAI.



**4** IT COMMEMORATES THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (ACTS 2).



**5** IT REPRESENTS THE SPIRITUAL FIRSTFRUITS (THE SAINTS)

AND PROVIDES POWER TO OBEY.



# Key Insights

by Alan Mansager

from

## the SEVEN ASSEMBLIES

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*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.*

REVELATION 2-3



**EPHESUS**

Love that left its first passion



**SMYRNA**

Faithful in suffering



**PERGAMUM**

Remaining faithful in a compromising world



**THYATIRA**

Love, faith, service, and perseverance



**SARDIS**

A call to wake up and strengthen what remains



**PHILADELPHIA**

Faithfulness that opens doors



**LAODICEA**

A call to true spiritual riches

Recently, my old office laser printer suddenly went dead. I tried to resuscitate it with button-pushing and off-on switching. I suspected the motor was shot.

Then it occurred to me to check the wall plug. The power cord had become unplugged even though I had not touched it. Something so basic had escaped me.

That sparked a simple question: how did today's worship become unplugged from the Scriptures? Why do today's ministers avoid teaching the Bible's laws and obedience to them, which lie at the heart of Scripture?

Most everything Yahshua taught was hinged on, pointed to, or reflected obedience to His Father's law and will. Yahweh also taught Israel to obey

Him and not follow the ways of the sinful world. The consequences of not adhering to His mandates were severe.

All through the Old and New testaments are mandates for obedience and the blessings that follow, along with the consequences when Yahweh's statutes are ignored.

At what point did obedience become universally detestable? Today's milquetoast preaching is filled with sweet nothings – empty calories and hollow centers.

Why did modern, mainstream denominations stop Bible studying? Even way back in the church we were almost never admonished to conform to Yahweh's standards and commands. Once we did get serious it was a result of our own convictions rather than the

cajoling of a minister.

The commandments were being downplayed many years ago, especially the truth about the Sabbath and the need to keep annual feasts, which are found 34 times in the New Testament and observed by the very same Savior and judge who rewards salvation.

Even after years of denominational worship we were never exposed to the Feast days except for one of them, Pentecost. Man-made church holidays took center stage instead.

Shouldn't the goal of Bible teaching and doctrine be to turn from this world of sin and follow Yahshua's example of obedience as His Father commanded?

We were never taught about the coming Kingdom, our potential role in it, and the need to prepare for it, which

is the very core of Yahshua's "gospel."

The minister taught heaven as our goal for eternity, not rulership in a Kingdom established by Yahshua right here on earth. I was clueless about what the Kingdom was, even though the words "Kingdom of Elohim" occur 65 times in the New Testament, often pointing to Yahweh's coming kingdom to earth.

Instead, I was taught a false destination of heaven following death, without knowing why I would even be going there.

I concluded that modern church-going was really only for socializing and hearing cute inspirational from the pulpit.

Conformity to the Word is the last thing most want to hear today, even though it's the first thing they need to hear.

They want their beliefs their own way, not His way. Worship has been sterilized more than a hospital surgical room.

The common reaction to the way of truth as Yahshua taught has always been one of resistance. They murdered our Savior because of the Truth. The genesis of this rebelliousness is found in Satan's own defiance of Yahweh's commands at creation.

### What 'Church' Should Be

In His wisdom, Yahweh has shown us seven assemblies in Revelation as object lessons to teach what He expects in His worship as well as to avoid what He hates.

In Revelation chapters 2-3, John assesses these assemblies in a message given to him by Yahshua. These were real assemblies that show us the good the bad and even the ugly. We find in verse 7 why we need to read and heed:

"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the assemblies; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Elohim."

"Overcome" is the verb *nikao*, "to conquer." Verbs are action words, the

opposite of inaction. This action word occurs 17 times in Revelation. It tells us to overcome our natural self and live a new and better life of following Yahshua.

### The Good, Bad, and Ugly

Let's now review each of the seven assemblies to see what was good and what was seriously wrong with them.

The first one listed is:

• Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7) – It's the assembly that forsook its first love (2:4).

"Unto the angel of the assembly of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted." These are noble qualities.

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate."

His approach to each of these seven assemblies follows a pattern: First, He commends them for doing right; then He follows with a complaint for what they are failing to do; and finally He shows the corrective action needed.

This is an effective approach with anyone who needs counsel for improvement. Disarm them first by pointing out their good qualities, then explain the problem that needs to be fixed, then show how to address it – positive-negative-positive.

After having chided them in verses 4 and 5, John compliments them again. They are not entirely washed up. He gives them a final commendation. They hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans

which Yahshua also hates.

### Nicolas Scorned the Physical

Roman church historian Eusebius in his Ecclesiastical History writes that Nicolas, the founder of the Nicolaitan movement was sincere and devout. But he came to believe that the only way to grow spiritually was to consider the physical world unimportant. In this way he could focus entirely on spiritual pursuits.

His fundamental doctrine appears to have been "flesh must be treated with contempt." He was an ascetic and early gnostic. Nicolaitan doctrine said that because the flesh is unimportant, even contemptible, the flesh is of no consequence.

It sounds credible at first. But then it then takes a left turn. Because it didn't matter what you did physically, his teachings led to open licentiousness and many other sins committed with brazen impunity.

The Nicolaitans thought that spiritual life, growth and even salvation occur in the soul, so what does it matter if you indulge in fleshly sins? At some point Nicolaitanism evolved from an ascetic movement to a licentious one—and Yahshua hated it.

Could this teaching lie at the root of churchianty's mantra that obedience to Yahweh's law is works righteousness, and that works don't matter?

Their first love was their agape, their fervency. They were initially resolute in their walk. They couldn't take evilness, they had worked long and hard for the Truth. But then they started to drift. It happens when an assembly stops teaching the Word and compromise sets in. That's why major false doctrine exists today. It all began with the Roman church's compromise with the pagans they hoped to attract. And it backfired mightily.

• Smyrna (Rev. 2:8-11) – The persecuted assembly.

"And unto the angel of the assembly in Smyrna write; These things saith

the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive. I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the assemblies; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”

Smyrna means “myrrh,” from *myrron*, an aromatic gum that must be crushed to give off its fragrance. This assembly had to live under the iron rod of Roman rule and persecution. Excellence under pressure. We find nothing they were doing scripturally wrong. Theirs is a letter of encouragement.

- Pergamos (Rev. 2:12-17) – The assembly needing repentance from many false doctrines.

“And to the angel of the assembly in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

“But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”

Most of Pergamos was good, but they had bad elements as well,

including immorality along with those who followed paganism and Nicolaitan beliefs.

Pergamos means “marriage” – This is an Assembly of worldly alliance.

In the era of Constantine the church entertained all kinds of pagan rites and beliefs. Even with the majority of the Pergamos assembly holding on to Truth, we still see some gravitating to false, even heinous teachings. How could that happen? Mostly from bad leadership. Compromisers of truth.



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- Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29) – The assembly with a false prophetess.

“I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee [specifically a woman preacher], because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols...But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.”

Woman in Scripture represents a religion or religious system. This could be more than a single woman preaching and teaching falsity. It could also refer

to a false church infiltrating with its false doctrines and teachings.

Pergamos and Thyatira both had bad elements in their assemblies. Both, as well as Ephesus, are told to repent or else. Revelation 2:23 reads: “... all the assemblies shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.”

Kingdom rewards are based on worthiness. We can't earn salvation, but we must be deserving of its promises.

- Sardis (Rev. 3:1-6) – The sleepy assembly.

“And unto the angel of the assembly in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of Elohim, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before Elohim. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.”

Worthiness is the key to Kingdom rewards. We can't earn salvation, but we must be deserving of it. We can be undeserving of the Kingdom if we live in opposition to biblical principles and mandates.

- Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7-13) – The prized assembly.

“And to the angel of the assembly in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth. I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast

kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. [That promise carries over to us today in Luke 21:36, “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”] “Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my Elohim, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my Elohim, and the name of the city of my Elohim, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my Elohim: and I will write upon him my new name.”

• Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22) – The lukewarm assembly.

“And unto the angel of the assembly of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of Elohim; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”

In Luke 22:32 Yahshua said to Peter and to all believers, “But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and

when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.” All of us are given that responsibility. It is our job to help and guide others in the Assembly.

### Be a Force for Truth

From these seven Assemblies we see how those in the body can inspire as well as bring down others.

Sitting at home in your La-Z-Boy Sabbath after Sabbath doing nothing is not how to be an influence for good. Are we not commanded to assemble each Sabbath with the brethren? Hebrews 10:25 reads:

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching.”

Clearly the day is approaching. We will be held responsible if we hide our light under a bushel and waste our time and talents.

If distance separates us, that’s one

thing. But that also means pilgrimage feast gatherings three times a year are especially consequential.

It’s not only the responsibility of the ministry, but it’s also every one’s duty to aid and inspire the brethren. That’s why He give gifts of the Spirit to enable a work among the Body of Messiah, 1Corinthians 12.

It boggles the mind when we get a new visitor from nearby who has been watching us for years on TV or the Web and it’s the first time they made a personal appearance.

How do those hundreds of hours spent alone profit the Body? Isn’t that hiding your talents as in Yahshua’s lesson in the parable of the talents? How do we build the with an AWOL membership? Does Yahweh bless the chronic MIA (“Missing in Assembly”?)

Philadelphia was the one assembly that got it totally right and therefore they have an open door to Yahweh’s

# YAHWEH

## THE NAME OF ETERNAL EXISTENCE

<p><b>היה</b> (<i>hayah</i>)</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>to be, to exist, to become</p>	<p><b>1</b> The name Yahweh is closely connected to the Hebrew verb <i>היה</i> (<i>hayah</i>), meaning “to be,” “to exist,” or “to become.” In Exodus 3:14, Yahweh tells Moses, “<b>I AM THAT I AM</b>” (<i>Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh</i>), linking His Name with eternal self-existence and active presence.</p>	 <p>EXODUS 3:14</p>
<p><b>יהוה</b> YAHWEH</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/>	<p><b>2</b> Many Hebrew scholars understand Yahweh (יהוה) to mean “<b>He exists,</b>” “<b>He causes to exist,</b>” or “<b>The Eternal One.</b>” The Name reflects not only existence itself, but Yahweh as the One who gives life and sustains all creation.</p>	
<p><i>Ehyeh</i> (<i>אֶהְיֶה</i>)</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p><b>Yahweh</b> (<i>יהוה</i>)</p>	<p><b>3</b> The Hebrew form <i>Ehyeh</i> (“<b>I AM</b>” / “<b>I WILL BE</b>”) in Exodus 3:14 is first person, while Yahweh (יהוה) is understood as a related third-person form — essentially expressing, “<b>He is</b>” or “<b>He will be.</b>” This connects the divine Name to Yahweh’s unchanging, eternal nature.</p>	 <p>UNCHANGING. ETERNAL. ALWAYS.</p>

blessings. Smyrna was runnerup in the category of outstanding.

The most blistering rebuke is leveled at the Laodicean assembly. Each of these other assemblies had some redeeming value, but nothing positive is said about Laodicea. They are tares without wheat, lukewarm fence sitters who don't take a firm stand on anything.

I believe Laodicea is mentioned last at the summation of this listing because lukewarm is at the center of most of the defects found in these assemblies. Lukewarm is what often happens when we just go through the motions but with an unchanged heart.

### The Vanishing Word

Today we see solid Bible teaching becoming extinct. It's incredible that churches who exist to proclaim the Word are so unplugged from it. The result is ignorant, weak compromisers who won't take a stand and teach obedience to the Word for fear of offending the congregation.

That's not YRM, even if we are the last ones standing. Stand now or not, but rest assured that we will ALL stand in judgment and be held accountable for what we do here and now.

Paul wrote in 2Corinthians 5:10: "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or

bad. Knowing therefore the terror of Yahweh, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto Elohim; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

Unless more have the courage to preach the uncompromised Word, and not just cotton candy in order to fill their pews, the Word will lose its impact on lives and will virtually vanish in the mist of ignorance as it did in the first few hundred years of the New Testament.

Yahshua saw it coming again when He issued a stark warning about the state of Truth before His return: Luke 18:8: "Nevertheless when the Son of man comes, shall he find faith on the earth?"

While the Apostle Paul was busy building an assembly at Ephesus, his fellow servant Epaphras was evangelizing the Lycus valley, including Laodicea, a hundred miles to the east. There is an important link between them.

Ephesus was a tough place to start. It was the home of the worship of Diana of the Ephesians.

### Diana, Mother 'Goddess' of Earth

In mythology Diana was the daughter of Jupiter, and was the mother 'goddess' of the earth. Her equivalent today is the Roman church's veneration of Mary as the "mother of G-d."

The parallel of the vestal virgins is the order of nuns. Vestal virgins had to commit to maintaining their virginity for the duration of their posts – at least 30 years. They had no family and were

totally on their own.

Diana worship involved the most evil, diabolical of veneration. According to Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, what they did in her worship even an animal would not do, as even dogs do not mutilate each other. The people there were fit only to be drowned, he said.

More and more as our deteriorating culture sinks into the muck, many would not think that is all bad. When I see what some do to their bodies today I envision them coming out of a pagan temple of Diana. Where did propriety, decorum, and decency go, let alone Truth?

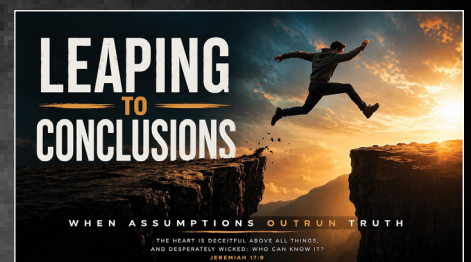
Ephesus was the cultural center of the Roman province of Asia. It was also a major center of paganism.

Despite all the pagan idolatry in Ephesus, there were some amazing successes in this daunting and difficult environment. Some were repenting of their evil, demonic practices.

The spiritual zeal of the assembly was at first overpowering and its pushback threw the idolatrous city into chaos. We read in Acts 19 that many who practiced magical arts brought their occult books to a huge book burning. In an effort to stop it, the authorities arrested two of Paul's companions, Gaius and Aristarchus.

This was a remarkable assembly, facing almost crushing opposition, and still they had some with an uncommon resolve to follow truth because of their love for Yahweh.

By this time Paul was gone. In fact, it's been about 40 years since he wrote



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his letter to these Ephesians. Paul had told them in Ephesians 4:27, “Neither give place to the devil.”

He warned the elders at Ephesus in Acts 20:29, “For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.” Paul was so concerned for the Ephesus assembly that for three years he warned them every night and day with tears, Acts 20:31.

Things deteriorate when you separate your spiritual life from your everyday life. You can indulge the natural pulls and still think you are righteous because you live two lives. And truth to tell, that fits a lot of church-goers today.

The indictment in Revelation 2 was that the Ephesus assembly had lost their first love. Their passion and fervor was becoming a cold, orthodox function. Their first love was about how they were when they started out.

### **How Different Are Most Today?**

Let’s pull this down to us. Your first love was literally the love of the Truth you had at the beginning. It showed in your passion and how you couldn’t get enough. Over time it may have lost some luster.

Here was an entire assembly that still held to the fundamentals but their fervor waned through time.

The Ephesians, for all their vim and vigor at the start, were now heading for the lukewarm, passionless, and tepid attitude that sours Yahshua. He will spew anyone having it out of His mouth, as He warned the Laodiceans.

### **Once the Honeymoon Is Over**

It happened to the nation of Israel. In Jeremiah chapter 2 Yahweh tells Israel, I remember the way you used to be and it isn’t that way anymore. I found you and I took you and I embraced you and I married you. I remember the time of your beauty, I remember the time of your love. I remember the time of your betrothal. This is exactly what He’s

saying here. The honeymoon ended in Israel, and the honeymoon ended in Ephesus.

The love cooled in Ephesus, which is the forerunner of spiritual apathy. Indifference to Truth decays into a love for the world, then compromise with sin, corruption, death and ...judgment. Were they still doctrinal? Yes. Disciplined? Yes. Hard-working? Yes. But their hearts were no longer in it.

The Ephesus Assembly was born out of a sewer of pagan idolatry. They had an intense love of Yahweh at the start.

We see Yahweh dispirited with the five assemblies here and warns of bad things to come unless they change. But the last one, Laodicea, is different. He says He will cast them out. Their passive, lifeless, lukewarm, compromising attitude sickens Him.

Revelation 3:15 explains, “I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue you out of my mouth.”

What an indictment! Playing both sides doesn’t work with Yahweh. You either take a resolute stand or face His wrath.

If you are on fire, wonderful. If you are cold you have some serious changes to make. But if you are lukewarm all is blurred. The dividing walls have disintegrated and its easy to pass from one to the other. You try to passify unconvinced family members by compromising the Sabbath occasionally but mostly keep it. You hope Yahweh will accept that. Partly obeying Him while still finding ways that please the world is Laodicean.

### **Commitment Not Compromise**

You either do or you don’t with Yahweh. In court an attorney will ask a witness a question that sparks a narrative. “Just answer yes or no,” the lawyer demands.

We had a man early on who was a nurse at a hospital that required him to

work every other Sabbath. He thought he was justified doing that, and offered some creative excuses such as doing good on the Sabbath, and something from the Talmud that gave him the green light.

Compromise doesn’t come close to the level of commitment. I told him you either keep the Sabbath or you don’t. Yahweh doesn’t accept partial obedience and anemic effort. We don’t bend His laws to conform to our world or it’s lifestyle.

The man in Numbers 15 who was gathering sticks on the Sabbath likely had some creative explanation for doing it. Still, Yahweh’s response was to stone him.


Works reveal one’s character. What you do shows the world what’s in your heart. Yahshua said in Matthew 7:20: “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”

Romans 2:6-8 flies in the face of Nicolaitan doctrine and modern-day church doctrine as well: Yahshua “will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath.”

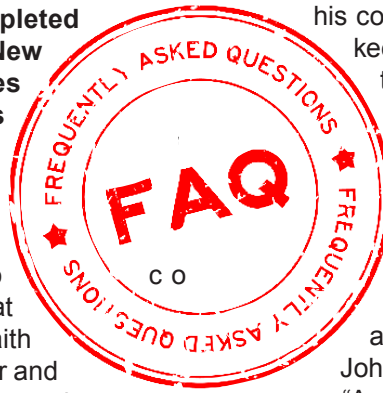
At the end of the address to each of the seven assemblies Yahweh says to listen to what the Spirit is saying. Even to Laodicea He promises that the elect who overcome will sit with Yahshua at His throne.

To Ephesus it’s a little different but the same message: “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Elohim.”

The Tree of Life was in the Garden of Eden and so long as they ate of it they had continual life. Just like eating, obedience is a seven-day-a-week routine, not a “once and done” thing.

Yahshua gave up His life on a tree so that we can have life. It is the greatest gift He could give us. 

**Q** Hasn't the Old Covenant been completed and put away (Heb. 8)? We have a New Covenant based upon better promises as [Yahshua] fulfilled all the demands of the Old and gave us a New, which is faith in Him, not law.



**A** Ask yourself, if Yahshua abolished the first covenant, why did He bother to continue keeping and teaching it? What does faith in Him mean, exactly? If I have faith in you it means I trust that you will deliver and do what you say. Our faith in Yahshua means that when He said He did not come to destroy the commands of the law, we trust Him in what He said, Matthew 5:17.

Yahweh specifically defined the transition from the Old to the New Covenant: "But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith Yahweh, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know Yahweh: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Yahweh: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more," Jeremiah 31:33-34. See also Hebrews 8:10-11.

The New Covenant is still in transition as these characteristics have not all been accomplished yet.

Although the Old Covenant is old, it's not dead. Hebrews 8:13 states, "In that he saith a new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." If something is only ready to vanish, it has not yet vanished. This is clear in many New Testament passages.

If the desire to do away with the Old Covenant is to eliminate obedience to the law, then why is lawkeeping still found in the New Covenant (Testament)? Here are just some New Testament verses that testify to this fact, showing how critical obedience still is:

- "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven," Matthew 5:17-19.
- "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not: yea, we establish the law," Romans 3:31.
- "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law), how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good," Romans 7:1, 12.
- "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep

his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of Elohim perfected: hereby know we that we are in him," John 2:3-5.

- "By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Elohim, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous," John 5:2-3.
- "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of Yahweh, and have the testimony of Yahshua Messiah," Revelation 12:17.
- "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua," Revelation 14:12.
- "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie," Revelation 22:14-15.

**Q** "Why does it matter whether I say Jesus or Yahshua? To me those are just translational issues and they mean the same thing."

**A** If I called you Sandy instead of Barbara, would it make any difference to you or anyone? Most names in the Bible have a specific meaning, and are not just for identification purposes. They come with definitions, an important biblical convention that has become lost in our culture. Names also express Truth. Being that Yahshua is our future Judge, it is extremely important to get His Name right.

"Jesus" is not a translation of any name, contemporary or ancient. It is a Latinized Greek blend that morphed over time into a hybrid that lacks etymological meaning.

Names are not translated but transliterated. His personal name, Yahshua, means "Yah is salvation." Yah is short for Yahweh, His Father and the family Name. When we use His Son's Name, Yahshua, we are calling on our own salvation. Can any name be more important than that? Why does Acts 4:12 say there is salvation in no other Name if names don't matter? We can't use the argument, "To me it means," or "It's what I have always used or believed." Truth must come from the Word and is not based on personal preference. Paul wrote to Timothy: "All scripture is given by inspiration of Yahweh, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" 2Timothy 3:16.

The note on Matthew 1:21 in the *Restoration Study Bible* says: "The Savior's name in the Hebrew is 'Yahshua,' composed of five Hebrew letters, *yod-hey-waw-shin-ayin*, incorporating the designation 'Yah' of the Father, 'Yah'(weh), and 'shua,' from a Hebrew word meaning 'salvation.' Hence its meaning: 'Salvation of Yah.' The name 'Jesus' lacks any etymological connotation, being a combination of several

disparate elements. 'Jesus' is Latinized Greek, employing the letter J, the newest letter in the English alphabet [or ANY alphabet]. The 'J' was nonexistent in any language until the 14th century. The 'e' may have resulted from either a deliberate or a natural shift from 'yah to 'ye.' Although 'ye' is common within the prefixes of Jewish names in Masoretic manuscripts (9 CE and later), Akkadian cuneiform tablets, a Semitic language cognate to Hebrew dating to the Persian period (5-6 BCE), confirm the use of 'Yah' or 'Yahu' within the prefixes of several Jewish names. The Greek has no 'sh' sound and employs the simple 's' in rendering the Hebrew 'sh' of Yahshua. The 'us' ending is the nominative masculine singular ending in the Greek. No scriptural authority allows changing the saving Name Yahshua into a designation that lacks even a semblance of the original pronunciation and meaning. Companion Bible note: 'Jesus is the same as the Hebrew Hoshea (Num. 13:16) with Jah prefixed.'"

Yahweh's Name and His Son's Name are indelibly linked. He is very particular about His Name, not just as an identity but as an essential part of True Worship. Paul clearly says, "There are gods many and lords many" (1Cor. 8:5). How can we say that "god" and "lord" are proper for True Worship when they refer to graven images in other worship? These are mere titles, not names that are not sanctioned in the Word as are the sacred Names are. Yahweh Himself says, "I am Yahweh: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

His Name and His Son's Name identify true worshipers.

**Q** "I really enjoy YRM sermons and have been listening to YRM for many years now but I've noticed a trend where we frequently hear sermons about the importance of observing Shabbat and Feast Days, as well as in-depth discussion between faith and obedience, and that the law has not been done away. While these are very important topics, those who have been following YRM for a while are already very familiar with them, making it feel like preaching to the converted choir. There are numerous other aspects and themes in the Bible that we could address. Instead of focusing solely on faith and obedience, Shabbat, and Feast Days, shouldn't we explore a wider range of other topics to preach on? If we keep repeating the same subjects, we risk appearing as a one-topic ministry to outsiders, as if we lack knowledge in other areas."

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**Q** Passover is on the 14th of Abib, the month of greening of barley ears. So where on earth do you look for the ripening barley, as it can vary by weeks depending on which latitude you look for them?

**A** The Bible does not have different calendars for different climates. The singular law was given to and for Israel. Others may join the promise under the New Covenant by becoming partakers with Israel, Romans 9 and 11.

In the Millennial Kingdom the law "shall go forth of Zion, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem," Micah 4:2. If the law is to emanate from the Holy Land, then we must look to the land of Israel for the starting point of our calendar. ✓

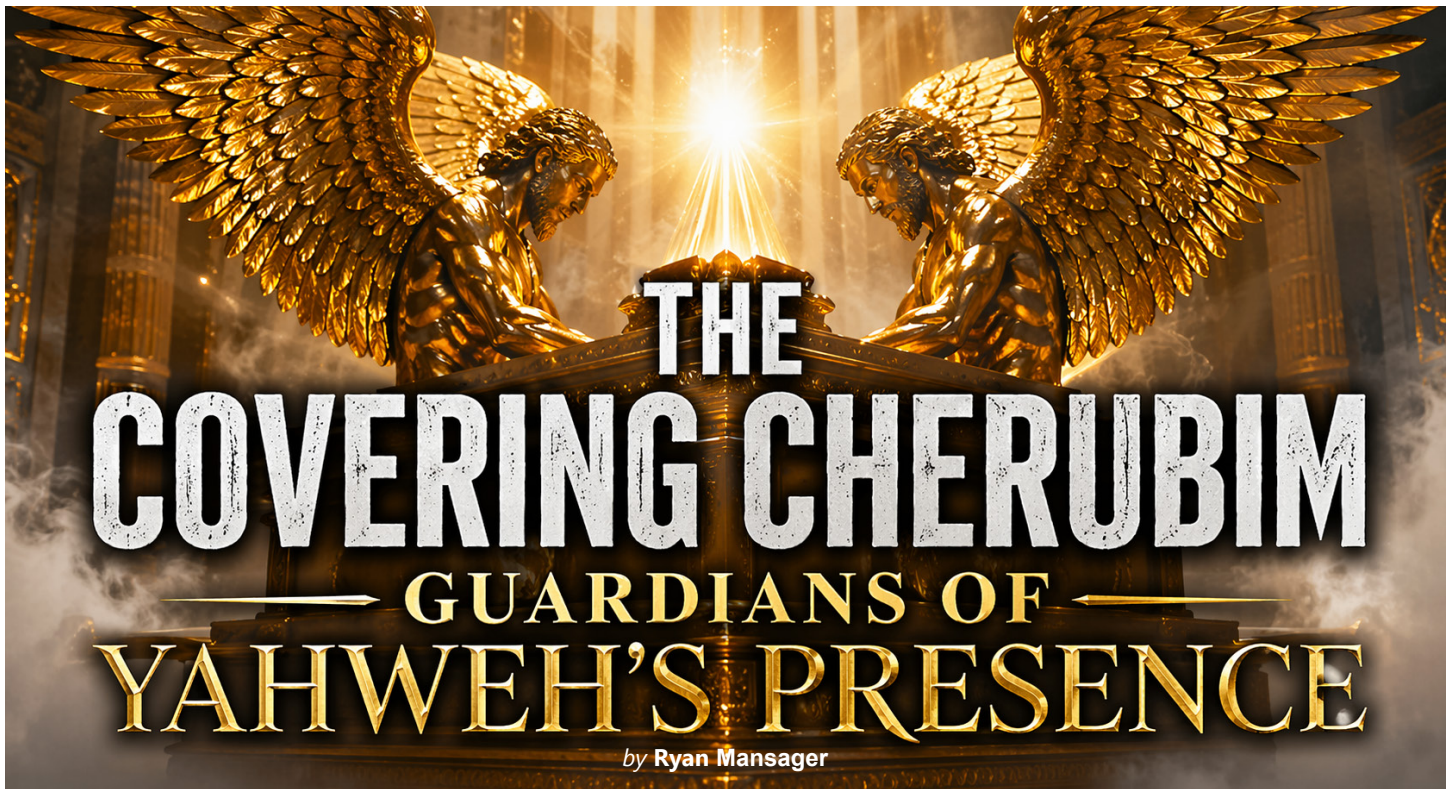


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There is a type of creature in Scripture so strange, so fearsome, and so far beyond the ordinary that it forces us to confront the overwhelming power of Yahweh's presence. Though often misunderstood today, these beings, called Cherubim, are woven into the most sacred spaces of Scripture, especially where Yahweh's presence dwells.

### Nature of These Guardians

What are Cherubim? In Hebrew, *Cherub* (plura *Cherubim*) refers to powerful, throne-guarding beings closely associated with Yahweh's holiness, His presence, and His glory. Unlike angels (*Malakim*), who serve as messengers, Cherubim function as guardians and protectors, stationed where access must be restricted.

They are never described as soft or childlike—as later art suggests—but instead as awe-inspiring, otherworldly beings tied directly to Yahweh's throne.

Edenic Cherubim first appear after the fall of man: "So Yahweh Elohim banished him... After He drove the man out, He placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life" (Gen. 3:23–24).

Here, their role is clear; where Yahweh places something sacred, Cherubim guard it.

At the Throne and the presence of Yahweh, Cherubim are consistently linked to Yahweh's throne:

- In Revelation 4 they appear as the "four living creatures" surrounding His throne.
- In Ezekiel chapter 1 they are seen carrying a mobile throne, showing that Yahweh's presence is not confined to

a single location.

This was especially significant when Ezekiel saw this vision in Babylon—far from Jerusalem—revealing that Yahweh is present even in exile and chaos.

- Two Cherubim sit on the mercy seat
- Their wings cover and protect it
- Yahweh's presence dwells between them

### Cherubim in the Temple

Cherubim were not only on the Ark—they filled the Temple:

- They appeared as massive carved figures in the inner sanctuary (1 Kings 6).
- Their wings spanned wall to wall
- Their images were carved into walls, doors, and structures
- Covered in gold

This imagery communicated:

- Yahweh's holiness
- The sacredness of the space
- Protection from anything profane

The Temple itself became a symbolic extension of Yahweh's throne room.

### Their Deeper Significance


Throughout Scripture, Cherubim consistently represent:

- Covering – overshadowing Yahweh's presence
- Authority – stationed around His throne
- Separation – between the holy and the profane

Cherubim are not passive figures but are active protectors of divine space.

The Cherubim have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover. “There on the mercy seat between the two cherubim I will meet with you” (Exodus 25:20–22).

### A Final Thought

The Cherubim remind us that Yahweh’s presence is not casual but is holy, powerful, and protected. From Eden, to the Ark, to the Temple, to the heavenly throne—they stand as a constant watch. Access to Yahweh is sacred and guarded. 



## 10 FACTS ABOUT ANGELS

-  1. Angels were created: Colossians 1:16.
-  2. They are immortal and do not marry: Luke 20:36, Matthew 22:30.
-  3. They have spirit bodies not physical bodies: Hebrews 1:14.
-  4. They worship Yahweh constantly: Revelation 7:11.
-  5. They protect and assist humans: Psalm 91:11.
-  6. They are extremely powerful: Psalm 103:20.
-  7. They are not omniscient; they do not know everything: Matthew 24:36.
-  8. They have a hierarchy among them: 1 Thessalonians 4:16.
-  9. They are not to be worshipped: Revelation 19:10.
-  10. Humans who enter the Kingdom will judge angels: 1 Corinthians 6:3.

# Biblical Hebrew Word Lesson

מַלְאָךְ

## Malak mal-lahk

Composition: mem, hateph Pathach, lamed, shewa, aleph, qamets, Kaf, shewa

The Hebrew word **Malak** (H4397) is a masculine noun that means: messenger, angel, ambassador, envoy

When the **angel** stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem, Yahweh relented concerning the disaster and said to the **angel** who was afflicting the people, “Enough! Withdraw your hand.”  
2 Samuel 24:16

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### *Time to Get Serious*

Over the years many have enthusiastically joined us in the truth and teachings of the Bible. Sadly, we've also seen some who couldn't maintain their walk with Yahweh and His Word.

Yahshua described in His well-known parable of the sower how some seed will take root but will then die for lack of depth or from the choking effects of trials, worldliness, or human concerns.

The question is, how serious are you about your commitment to Yahweh? When prophecy is transformed from pages in Scripture to actual events happening right on your doorstep, how will you react and bear up under the strain? The time of Jacob's trouble is getting closer, Jeremiah 30:7.

Will you have the spiritual strength, built from many years of overcoming and faithful obedience, to stand firm against the severest tests anyone could ever undergo? It if means you must stand alone as a voice in the wilderness, with no one but Yahshua standing unseen by your side, will you be able or will you become disillusioned and take an easier tack like the world does?

We live in the blinding mist of our daily existence. We get caught up in the busyness of this world, all the while prophetic events are sliding under the

creaky patchwork scaffolding of our lives, ready to pull it all out from under us.

Ours is as Noah's day when few realized what was really happening until the flood came and took them all away. Ignored are the realities of an Adversary who is right now marshalling all his spirit armies for a great end-time invasion.

Paul wrote, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed the son of perdition," 2Thess 2:3.

How many will one day realize just how little man's entire world means in the context of everlasting life about to be put forever out of their reach?

Are you doing all you can to be obedient? Are you keeping the Sabbath as Yahweh commands? Are you worshiping with the saints whenever possible? Are you willingly obeying Him by keeping His Feast days, and not man's holidays?

If not, are you making plans now to change? Are you training your children in the right way of Yahweh, or are you too busy trying to get ahead in a world heading for collapse? Will you soon wish you had had more time to put your spiritual life in order? In short, are you serious about following Yahweh and entering into His salvation?

### Will there be Kingdom Sacrifices?

"Ezekiel 45:22 says that the prince will offer a sin offering for himself and for the people. If this is referring to the Messiah, as many believe, how can that be, since Yahshua is sinless? Why would He need to offer a sin offering for Himself? And if this figure is not the Messiah, then who is it referring to, and what Scripture supports that interpretation? Also, Ezekiel 43 speaks of seven days of sin offerings. How should we understand that in light of Yahshua's perfect atonement?"

*In prophecy the "prince" is a reference to David. Ezekiel 34:24 and 37:25 call David "prince," Restoration Study Bible footnote.*

*Many are surprised that animal sacrifices will again be in effect in the millennial Kingdom. Ezekiel 43-46 detail the sacrifices that will be done at that time. Other references include Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 33:18: "Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually."*

*Yahshua is our sacrifice today, but His role will change in the Kingdom. Hebrews 10:14 tells us that Yahshua by His one sacrifice perfected forever them that are sanctified now. Those who are not sanctified by His blood in the Millennium will need to go through animal sacrifices as did Israel before Yahshua came. – ED*

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