



(All scripture quotes are taken from the King James Bible unless otherwise stated.)

Prologue.

This study is as the title suggests a close examination of Christianity and it is aimed at those who truly seek to avail themselves of the promise made to Abraham. That promise made by the creator who, by His word, spoke the universe into existence. This promise was made, not just for a certain group of privileged people but people of all nations but there are certain conditions that we must observe if we are to qualify for entry into that wonderful kingdom that Yeshua (Jesus) spoke of in the model prayer.

To those who have a Christian background there will be some things that will be quite controversial to what you have been told by your particular church or denomination. I was brought up in the Anglican (Church of England) denomination but my family only went to church on rare occasions, my father was a member of a Masonic Lodge and I was generally left to my own devices however, I did have a belief in God but, until I was in my early 20's I didn't pursue any form of religious conviction in a formal sense.

In my later 20's things started to change and I started to become more conscious of my spirituality, I wanted to know the reasons how certain doctrines of the churches developed but, like most Christians, I relied upon the clergy with "more knowledge" to fill me in on the reasons instead of picking up a Bible and reading it for myself. As my interest grew I was staggered by the many denominations and sects existed at the time, it seemed quite difficult to understand how a religion that was started by just one man could grow into so many opposing belief systems, surely, if the Christian religion was started by one man with one set of rules it would mean that there would only be one set of rules for all Christians, it seemed quite overwhelming however, in my naivety, I omitted to consider the eisegetical approach to the translation of the scriptures. I had many meetings with both Protestant and Catholic clergy because I had so many questions that needed answering which, as expected the answers were based on the theology of the denomination that I was questioning which made the truth even more distant.

In the mid 1980's a knock came to my door, it was two of Jehovah's Witnesses, I had heard about their antics and I decided to have it out with them once and for all but things didn't quite go to plan for, instead of quoting a particular doctrinal viewpoints from their denominational handbook as did the other religions, they opened their Bible, I was impressed because they always answered my questions by saying "let's see what the Bible has to say on that..." and I started to study with them and was baptised as a Jehovah's Witness in Northenden, Manchester, UK in 1989.

I remained with the witnesses until 2016 when things started to happen in my life that didn't quite fit into their belief system which caused me to question certain things in their teachings and I started to study the Bible for myself. I felt that the Holy Spirit (Ruach ha'Kodesh) was drawing me to a closer and more spiritually healthy form of worship, this is the one I want to share with you in the hope that you too will feel the Ruach ha'Kodesh as I did but is certainly wasn't easy, it's hard when you lose brothers and sisters in faith that had been your close family for many years but, there comes a time when you have to ask yourself "who do I put first in my life? God or men?" Although I am now shunned by all my former brothers and sisters, I am convinced that I made the right choice and I have been blessed so much since I decided to become a follower of Yeshua.

I am aware that there are many in Christendom, like the Jehovah's Witnesses that are most sincere in their belief, even atheists are sincere in what they believe, but you must realise that you can be sincerely wrong, that's the difficult part to recognise and come to terms with, believe me, I know, I have been there!

Yeshua (Jesus) told us that we must be meek, meekness is essentially an attitude or quality of heart whereby a person is willing to accept and submit without resistance to the will

and desire of someone else, that someone else being Almighty God Y^eH^oV^aH in this case. (I will explain the Name later in Appendix D).

I know that some readers will take offense at some of the expositions that are highlighted in this publication but please remember there can be many false doctrines but there can only ever be one truth and one road to that leads to the kingdom that Yeshua spoke of in Matthew 6:10. This is the road that I desire and pray that you find for yourselves because I can't make that decision for you, I can only provide some information that I have found helpful in my quest to find Almighty God. I love to follow my Master Yeshua, it doesn't cost anything, only time, study, effort and obedience. Please do not misunderstand the motive for this little booklet, like my Master I love my neighbour as myself (more in most circumstances), my intention is not to ridicule, diminish or insult anyone but, like my Master I vehemently attack false doctrine and teachings that lead honest hearted children of Almighty God away from the truth that is contained in God's word the Bible after all, God's word IS truth! (Psalm 119:160). The ways of mankind can only lead to complete and utter annihilation in the fires of Gehenna. (The second death for which there is no escape).

As in all things concerning your faith in standing with Almighty God it is of the utmost importance that you use your Bible to prove any teaching as truth for yourself, just like the honourable Bereans did when Sha'ul (Paul) taught them, they checked the scriptures to see if it were so. (Acts 17:11). It is worthy of note that Yeshua and all the Apostles taught from the TaNaKh (Hebrew Scriptures) as they didn't have the Brit ha'Dashah (Greek Scriptures) at that time.

Christianity teaches that Christians are no longer obligated to be obedient to the Torah of Moses as Christ fulfilled the law so perfectly that all we have to do is believe in Jesus. Is this correct? I have found, in my studies over many years this statement to be incorrect. It is right that the Torah cannot bring righteousness, righteousness is the result of faith however, by keeping the Torah we receive justification. We know that "...every one of us shall give account of himself to God". (Romans 14:12) I don't know about you but, if I were to appear before a judge in a matter of my life or death, I would appreciate all the help I could possibly get, if it is that the Judge says to me that I didn't need to keep the Torah then it is of no detriment to me however, if the Judge asked me why I didn't keep the Torah, and find out that I should have done then I would have to accept the consequences for it would be too late to make amends. Its always better to err on the side of safety don't you think?

I hope that this little booklet will give you the blueprint to follow which will set you on the right path in your walk with Yeshua without being tied to any manmade doctrine or tradition but, at the end of the day, the choice is yours to make.

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Numbers 6:24-26.

Please note that when I mention the Torah, I am referring to the **written** Torah that was given to Moshe on Mt Sinai and not the "Oral" torah of the Pharisees and rabbinic Judaism.

Section 1

The Apostolic Era (33 – 100 C.E.)

The period that is known as the “Apostolic Era” began when Yeshua had finished his 70-week ministry and gave his life for the atonement of sins for all nations. The Apostles remembered what Yeshua had told them in Matthew 28:19 in what has become known as the “great commission”. There were no “Christians” at that time and most, if not all followers of Yeshua were Jewish, after all, Yeshua himself was a Pharisaic Jewish man from the town of Nazareth likewise all his disciples were Pharisaic Jewish men that had been taught how to read and write in both Hebrew and Greek from a very early age in the yeshiva that by the Jewish tradition they would have attended. Most of Yeshua’s followers were fishermen from various small villages that bordered the sea of Kineret (sea of Galilee).

The Bible they would have used in the Synagogue would have comprised of a Torah scroll along with the Prophets (Nevi'im) and the Writings (Ketuvim). This is where the Hebrew bible is referred to as the “TaNaKh”. The Brit ha'Dashah (NT) was not available to them at this time for obvious reasons.

In these early years the “Nazarenes” or people of “The Way” as the followers of rabbi Yeshua were identified, attended the Synagogues every shabbat where they heard the written torah being read and all of them were obedient to the written torah, just as Yeshua was obedient, there existed no separation between them and other Jews as they all worshipped the God of Avraham, Isaac and Jacob, just as Yeshua did however, the division between the followers of Yeshua and the pharisaic rabbis was caused by the adherence of the rabbis to the fabricated “oral” torah that is based on the traditions of men as Yeshua had pointed out and is recorded in Mark 7:7.

Have you ever wondered why Yeshua was hated so much as to be rejected by the religious leaders of his day? What was the reason for their visceral hatred? Could there be a Biblical reason for their opposition? Those religious leaders, like many of the religious leaders of today in all the major religions were men of the world and not men of God, although they thought they were pious in many cases.

Yeshua was sent by His Father Y_eH^oV_aH, not to the gentiles but to the “sheep of Israel” as is recorded in Matthew 10:5, 6. This means that Yeshua was to bring back God’s chosen people that had strayed so much from the Aaronic Levitical worship, the type of worship that Y_eH^oV_aH ordained and was instructed by Moshe and the prophets and turned to the adherence of laws that had been invented by men such as contained in the fictitious “oral” torah. The actual reason why Yeshua, and all the disciples were rejected is that they rejected this oral torah, not the written torah that was given to Moshe on Mt Sinai. You see, Yeshua called them out repeatedly for their adherence to this oral law that added so many burdens on the people, burdens that had no scriptural support, things like the washing of hands before eating bread (not any other food) and the lighting of candles prior to shabbat, these things are not commanded in the Torah of Almighty God, you will find them and hundreds more only in the oral torah of the rabbis.

This is the real reason why rabbinic Judaism rejected their Mashiach Yeshua and it is the same reason why they reject Him today however, YeHoVaH has not abandoned them and it is prophesied that, in the days to come their eyes will be opened and their ears unstopped so they too will recognise their Jewish Yeshua as their Mashiach. Hallelu Yah!!!!

The Brit ha'Dashah commences.

The events of Shavuot (Pentecost) of 33C.E. marked the beginning of the Brit ha'Dashah (New [or Renewed] Covenant) which was prophesied by Jeremiah (31:31-40) This is when the Apostles and many other disciples of Yeshua received the Ruach ha'Kodesh. It marked the beginning of the new marriage vows between Y_eH^oV_aH and His people the children of Jacob (Israel). It replaced the original Mosaic covenant, the one which the bride (Israel) dishonoured by harlotry in the form of worshipping other gods.

Yeshua did not come to introduce another religion, he came to bring the Brit ha'Dashah to Israel, God's chosen people. Remember, Yeshua was not a "Christian" and neither were any His followers, in fact the term "Christian" was originally used as a derogatory term for the followers of Yeshua and was first used in Syrian Antioch.

The followers of Yeshua continued to be persecuted throughout the first and right up to the middle of the 4th century C.E. during this time the Brit ha'Dashah was spread from the Western Mediterranean as far as India and possibly beyond and even to Rome itself by the work of the Apostles. This is indeed a witness to the actions of the Ruach ha'Kodesh.

The rejection of the rabbinic Jews did have a positive note however, it allowed the people of the gentile (pagan) nations to accept the God of Avraham and be "grafted in" to the house of Israel, but more on that subject later.

Amongst these Apostles arose a man that was particularly zealous for the God of Avraham, Yitzhak and Yaakov... enter Sha'ul of Tarsus.

The Real Sha'ul (Paul) of Tarsus.

There is no doubt that Sha'ul of Tarsus became one of the most prolific and zealous followers of Yeshua, his letters constitute over 60% of the Brit ha'Dashah and he was a fearless purveyor of the Mashiach Yeshua in all his travels. It is my belief that he was hand-picked by Yeshua himself as the replacement for Judas who betrayed Yeshua to the Sanhedrin. He was martyred in Rome in the reign of Nero in c64/65C.E. by beheading.

Although Sha'ul (Paul as he is known in Christianity) was such a zealous follower of Yeshua in his later life, he didn't start that way.

In this study I will concentrate mostly on Sha'ul, not in a sense that his statute is greater than any of the other Apostles, but due to the fact that he is the most prolific writer

"Christian"

In Antioch, they probably first used the term Christians to mock the followers of Jesus. "Antioch was famous for its readiness to jeer and call names; it was known by its witty epigrams." (Gaebelein) But as the people of Antioch called the followers of Jesus the "Jesus People," the believers appreciated the title so much that it stuck.

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of the majority of the Brit ha'Dashah. In many rabbinic and secular circles Sha'ul is said to have invented Christianity and if you look on social media you will find similar ideas. Most, if not all things that have been written about Sha'ul find their basis on this theoretical concept which is unfortunate as it leads people to a false view of the real Sha'ul of Tarsus. Let us now look a little deeper into who Sha'ul really was and the evidence that is readily available to us in order to find the real Sha'ul of Tarsus. Throughout this study I will refer to him with his Hebrew name Sha'ul rather than his Latin name of Paul for it helps to understand him better as he was a Benjaminite Pharisee.

Evidence shows that Sha'ul was born in the city of Tarsus in Cilicia which, at the time was a Roman province in around 5C.E. Some records of his early life are recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Although the Bible reveals little about Sha'ul's early life we gather that his family were workers in leather and probably tent makers. We also know that his family were respected Jews, we can be sure of this because, at a very early age Sha'ul was sent to the Yeshiva (Torah school) of the renowned and respected rabbi Gamaliel which, in those days was like gaining entry onto the most prestigious university.

By the accounts we know that Sha'ul grew in zeal for the oral torah and the rabbinic Jewish religion. (Galatians 1:14). Through the years in Jerusalem, he progressed to the profession of a high-ranking lawyer and was destined to have an honorary position in the prestigious Sanhedrin Council. With this evidence we can see that Sha'ul was a highly educated man who spoke Kone Greek, Hebrew and Latin fluently. The account in Acts 8:1-3 indicates the zealous nature that Sha'ul possessed against the followers of Yeshua, although Sha'ul was present at the stoning of Stephen he showed his approval of the stoning and he went on to viciously persecute the followers of Yeshua and the name of Sha'ul spread fear through the early congregations that were springing up all over the area.

Sha'ul zealously opposed the followers of Yeshua because of their rejection of the rabbinic oral torah and, to him, this was blasphemy. You have to understand that rabbinic Judaism holds the oral torah in higher regard than the written torah of Moshe and this is still prevalent in rabbinic Judaism today. Sha'ul embarked on his own holy war against Yeshua and His followers and he considered it to be a righteous war until something happened that was so profound that it immediately caused a paradigm shift in the mind of the man once so zealous for the oral torah of rabbinic Judaism and it happened, as the records tell us, when Sha'ul was on his way to Damascus in Syria. The full account of this can be found in Acts 9:1-22.

Yeshua appeared to Sha'ul on the road to Damascus and the event was so profound that it can be the only explanation of Sha'ul's change of heart. It would take an event of this magnitude to unseat the zealous Sha'ul from his position of absolute surety that the oral torah was the highest authority to a position of humility and t'shuvah (repentance) for his error. As a result of this apocalypse Sha'ul entered Damascus a blind and frightened man until his sight was restored by a believer named Ananias and Sha'ul was baptised in the name of Yeshua and disappeared for 3 years having gone to Arabia (possibly Mt Sinai) to be taught by Yeshua Himself before returning to Damascus. It is an important fact that we should understand that Sha'ul was not "converted" what on earth would he be converted too since Christianity did not exist at the time that Yeshua appeared to him on the road to Damascus. Sha'ul received clarity and his eyes were opened to the truth about

Yeshua, that is exactly what happened when Yeshua appeared to him. Although Sha'ul was a zealous Pharisee Yeshua could see that his heart condition was right in that he held close to the God of Avraham, Yitzhak and Yaakov and he was meek enough to accept the counsel of correction. This is a quality that should be present in all of us, it is gratifying to know that, whatever we did in the past in ignorance there is always hope that, if our heart condition is right, we can also avail ourselves of God's grace, even if we think we have the correct standing with Almighty God, we should remember Sha'ul and how it affected him when he was confronted with the truth, do you think that we should display similar humility and be ready to change our belief systems if we are in Biblical error? There can only be one answer if you wish to live... YES!

Sha'ul and the Torah.

Contrary to popular belief Sha'ul, like his Master Yeshua taught the written Torah and he never deviated to the right or to the left throughout his entire ministry. All Sha'ul's teachings were in total accord with the TaNaKh (Hebrew Scriptures). Just like Yeshua and all the Apostles and disciples of Yeshua, everything he taught was supported by scripture, he constantly quoted from the written Torah in his teachings. And scripture was what Sha'ul was good at as he was probably the most learned member of the Apostles when it came to both the written and oral torah's and, when confronted with the rabbis along the way he would have used his prowess when discussing and comparing torah topics which would have led to some pretty interesting debates. At the time there was no Brit ha'Dashah, Mishnah Gemara or Talmud's available, the oral torah was not written down until after the destruction of the second temple by Titus around 70C.E. when the rabbis were concerned that the oral traditions were in danger of being forgotten. The version of the Mishnah was completed in its final form about 220 CE by Judah haNasi and was called the Mishnah Gemara.

It is of absolute vital importance that, to understand the writings of Sha'ul we MUST know two absolutely vital pieces of information, the first being that, in the 1st century C.E. there were TWO TORAH's the ORAL TORAH and the WRITTEN TORAH,

2 Peter 3:15-16 And consider the long-suffering of our Master as salvation, as also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him; 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them concerning these things, in which some things are hard to understand, which those that are ignorant and unstable pervert there meaning, as also they do the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

secondly, Sha'ul was an extremely educated individual and this showed in his writings, this caused Kefa (Peter) to highlight his advanced writing style when he acknowledged that *"...some things are hard to understand, which those that are ignorant and unstable pervert there meaning, as also they do the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction"*. Sha'ul was a lawyer and, as such he was accustomed to writing legal documents and he sometimes struggled with recording things in what we consider to be laymen's terms thus prompting Peter to include this fact in the prophesy of what was about to happen when the last Apostle had fallen

asleep in death.

One thing is for certain concerning Sha'ul, he would never disagree with his master Yeshua, Sha'ul was a character that, when something was proven to him by scripture he

would defend the truth to his last breath, this he indeed did when, in c64/65C.E. Sha'ul of Tarsus was martyred by beheading and he died faithful to the last breath to his and our master Yeshua.

Did Sha'ul invent Christianity?

It is a popular belief that Sha'ul of Tarsus started a new religion called Christianity, is this correct? There are many theories concerning this but the truth will always be found in Biblical facts and not hearsay. Let us start our fact-finding mission by examining the scriptures that Sha'ul wrote himself, which is always a good start, the scripture we should look at first is Galatians 1:7-10...

Galatians 1:7-10 a good news which does not even exist; howbeit, there are men who have stirred you up and want to pervert the good news of Messiah. ⁸But even if we, or a cherub out of Heaven, should preach a good news to you beside the good news we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we have said before, and now I say again: If anyone preaches a good news beside what you received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰For do I now persuade men or Elohim? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I would not be a slave of Messiah.

Here Sha'ul is talking about what has happened in Galatia, apparently someone, possibly Judaiser's that were teaching that, unless you are circumcised you cannot be saved, in other words you must convert to rabbinic Judaism. This has quite obviously angered Sha'ul and caused him to write to the Galatians to set matters straight. In a nutshell, Sha'ul is telling the Galatians that if anyone or anything deviates from what Yeshua taught and have learned from any of the Apostles then they should be accursed, this includes heavenly beings and Sha'ul himself, that's pretty strong instructions for someone who is accused of starting a new religion.

From his extensive writings there is not the slightest hint that Sha'ul's teaching was nay different than Yeshua and all the other Apostles taught, Sha'ul followed the Master Yeshua from the event that day on the road to Damascus to his martyrdom in Rome at the hands of Nero. Like Yeshua and all the Apostles, he was and remained a Jew in religion all his life and never changed.

Sha'ul, Gentiles and Torah

When you become mature in scripture and aided by the Ruach ha'Kodesh you acquire the ability to study the TaNaKh with a Hebrew mindset being blessed that we can see scriptures in a completely different light. The Hebrew language is beautiful beyond words and it sharpens one's discernment in scriptural matters, after all, it was in the Hebrew language that Y_eH^oV_aH spoke to His people.

Things we know about Sha'ul...

- He would never disagree with his Master Yeshua.
- He was born Jewish and he remained a (written) Torah observant Jew all his life.
- He was exceedingly well educated.
- He was extremely zealous for the TaNaKh.
- He taught the observance of the seven biblical feast days.
- He observed the 7th day shabbat. (Evening of the 6th day to evening of the 7th day.)

- He suffered greatly for the Gospel message.

These are the qualities that Sha'ul of Tarsus displayed and taught others to observe just as all the other Apostles did. When you examine the writings of Sha'ul you will find that they are in complete unity with all the scriptures in the TaNaKh.

Although the Brit ha'Dashah had not yet been compiled, Sha'ul would have known all there was to know about Yeshua and his mission, that's the kind of guy Sha'ul was, we know how tenacious he was in opposition to the "the Way" and how he persecuted the followers of Yeshua, there is no reason to doubt that he would not have the same zealous attitude in publishing the Gospel, perhaps with even more zeal. He would have been aware of what Yeshua had said at Matthew 5:17 *"Do not think that I came to annul the Torah or the Prophets; I did not come to annul, but to fulfil"*. Sha'ul knew exactly what Yeshua meant by the word πληρόω (*play-ro'-o* fulfil - to make replete, that is, (literally) to cram (a net)). Sha'ul knows that Yeshua made the written torah complete for example... if I instruct my son to always close the door when he enters or leaves the room, he will fulfil my instruction if he complies with the rule, the rule still stands for when he uses the door again, it is not abolished because he has obeyed the rule just once, that is a foolish way to think.

The truth is that, rather than abolishing the Torah Yeshua actually toughened it up, take for example Matthew 5:27-28 *"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: ²⁸But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart"*.

What about Matthew 5:21-22 *"You have heard it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever commits murder shall be subject to judgment.' ²²But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be subject to judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca' shall be subject to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be subject to fiery Gehenna"*.

Do those scriptures indicate that Yeshua will abolish or strengthen the torah? I think the latter is more likely, don't you?

There is also much debate with reference to Acts 15 and the outcome of the first Jerusalem council, let us examine why the council was called starting in Acts 15:1

Acts 15:1-4 And certain ones who came down from Judea taught the brothers, saying, unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved. ²Therefore dissension and not a little disputation occurring by Paul and Barnabas, they appointed Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question. ³And indeed being set forward by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the nations. And they caused great joy to all the brothers. ⁴And arriving in Jerusalem, they were received by the church, and by the apostles and elders. And they declared all things that God had done with them.

The question concerns the pagan converts and whether they need to be subjected to the brit Millah (circumcision). There were also some Pharisee believers that thought that, in order to keep the law (Torah) of Moshe a male believer must be circumcised.

Acts 15:13-21 And after they were silent, James answered, saying, Men, brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴Even as Simon has declared how God at the first visited the nations to take out of them a people for His name. ¹⁵And the words of the Prophets agree to this; as it is written, ¹⁶"After this I will return and will build again the tabernacle of David which has fallen down; and I will build again its ruins, and I will set it up, ¹⁷so those men who are left might seek after the Lord, and all the nations on whom My name has been called, says the Lord, who does all these things." ¹⁸All His works are known to God from eternity. ¹⁹Therefore my judgment is that we do not trouble those who have turned to God from among the nations, ²⁰but that we write to them that **they should abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.** ²¹For Moses from ages past has those in every city proclaiming him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

The outcome of the council is recorded in Acts 15:13-21.

So, the outcome of the council placed no further burden upon them (the non Jews), this was a reference to the oral torah of the Pharisees that placed extra burdens on the people, who were unable to bare themselves.

If it is a fact that the command to circumcise every male child on the 8th day Sha'ul argued that, if the gentiles were doing what was right in God's eyes there is no need for the outward fleshly commitment, this is where Sha'ul's expert handling of the scriptures comes to the fore, for his reasoning was in line with the scripture. Let us look into what circumcision is in context with the Bible.

Circumcision is first mentioned in the Bible when Y_eH^oV_aH makes a covenant with Avraham. The command to circumcise all Hebrew male children can be found at Leviticus 12:3. However, Sha'ul points out that there is another circumcision that is mentioned in the Bible, that of the circumcision of the heart found at Deuteronomy 30:6 *"And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live"*.

This scripture concerns the identity of those that belong to the Mosaic covenant, the covenant which the children of Israel broke when they acted as a harlot and flirted with the gods of the nations. Their husband Y_eH^oV_aH divorced the people of the Northern kingdom for their unfaithfulness thereby the covenant between those ten Northern tribes ceased to be effective. The Southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin were soon to follow their brothers 100 years later and they were sent into captivity for their rejection of the One True God and spent 70 years in Babylonian but, they were not divorced like their brothers in the North so the Mosaic covenant was still effective for them. (Note: do not confuse "law" with "covenant" they are two entirely separate entities, a covenant is upheld by the law).

The renewed covenant came into force at Shavuot 33C.E. and this covenant was a little different than the original in terms of circumcision, Sha'ul puts it much better than I in Romans 2:25-29 *"For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision."* ²⁶Therefore if the

uncircumcision keeps the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? ²⁷And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfils the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? ²⁸For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: ²⁹But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God”.

In other words, Sha’ul is telling us that gentiles, when they accept the God of Avraham and keep His commandments and mitzvot they become as circumcised Jews, their circumcision is of the heart and not of the flesh. Those Jews that broke the covenant although they were circumcised their circumcision meant nothing to them, by breaking the covenant they became as uncircumcised gentiles.

The people of the nations, when they accept Yeshua as their mashiach and keep the laws and mitzvot of Y_eH^oV_aH they become as those circumcised for theirs is a circumcision of the heart for all those in the Brit ha’Dashah.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ³²Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: ³³But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 8:8-11 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: ⁹Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. ¹⁰For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: ¹¹And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

When you have the laws written on your heart you truly become a child of Israel, this is spoken of in Romans 11:11 to 24 and is an important item that we shall discuss later in this study. There is no such person that can be identified as a gentile believer in Yeshua, that would be like saying a pagan observer of the torah, one is either gentile or Israelite, you cannot be both this would be an oxymoron.

The outcome of the first council of Jerusalem was that the former non-Jewish believers in Yeshua should abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood, these activities they once did but do not do any more.

Most in Christendom believe that this is all the new believers had to do but they are wrong. Remember, these ex-gentile believers in Yeshua were to love Almighty God and how do we show this love? 1 John 5:2-3 *“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous”*.

The instruction that was given to the new non-Jewish believers in Yeshua are in addition to the keeping of the written Torah and not instead of. If we didn't have the Torah then we would not know what sin is because sin is breaking the Torah. The law (Torah) has certainly not been abolished by any means. As the scripture says, if anyone rejects the written Torah, they cannot love Yeshua and Almighty God. It is not difficult to work out, if you don't have the law what are you? You are LAWLESS and you will not inherit the kingdom of Almighty God and that is the truth.

If anyone tells you that Sha'ul opposed the Torah and started a new religion they are false teachers and should be avoided, remember what Sha'ul told is in Galatians 1:7-10? That anyone or anything teaches another Gospel other than what Yeshua taught is to be cursed. That threat still stands like they will stand in front of the righteous judge on judgement day to account for their actions.

In this first section we have seen how the early followers of Yeshua listened to the teachings, how they understood that there were two sets of Torah, one written by Y_eH^oV_aH Himself with Moshe at Mt Sinai and the other torah, the oral torah that was written by the sages in their midrash's which formed the traditions of rabbinic (Pharisaic) Judaism and it was this “Oral” torah that Yeshua, Sha'ul and all the other disciples and followers of Yeshua were so set against. We will now expose the new religion called Christianity that claims Sole ownership of the Son of the Eternal Almighty God Y_eH^oV_aH. And how it justifies itself in front of the Almighty God that it claims to worship.



Section 2

The Post-Apostolic Era 100C.E. to 400C.E.

The time period between the death of the last Apostle (John) and spanning the second, third and fourth centuries of our common era are the most interesting and enlightening periods in the history of Jewish-Christian relations. It is the transitional period in which the teachings of Yeshua slowly metamorphosed from their Hebraic roots into what we now call Christianity. As we have learned in the previous section, Yeshua the Mashiach was a torah observant Pharisee by religion and so were all His disciples and followers in those early days up until the baptism of Cornelius by Peter after the sheet vision recorded in Acts 10:9-33.

The Ante-Nicene Fathers.

After the death of John, the great commission was now claimed by the Ante-Nicene Fathers, of which there are four that are said to have known or been taught by the Apostles personally, these are Clement, Polycarp, Ignatius and Papias of Hierapolis. All these men were gentile converts to the Hebrew God of Avraham, Yitzak and Yaakov, unlike their Hebrew teachers they had not received any in-depth Hebrew training so as to be recognised as a definitive and reliable source relating to the Hebrew mindset that is displayed in the TaNaKh. Having said that, even the disciples of Yeshua found the Masters words difficult to understand, even with their knowledge of the Hebrew TaNaKh and, many times Yeshua had to explain the meaning to them so it is hardly surprising that these “outsiders” were prone to making mistakes. The golden rule is, if you even think that something is not 100% truth then don’t do it until it is proven by other scriptures. One of the worst things you can possibly do is rely on another human to supply a seemingly correct answer as they, like me, can be wrong, this is why I would encourage you, the reader, to check the scriptures to see if it is so, just like the Bereans did in Sha’ul’s time. There is only one inerrant source when spiritual matters are concerned and that source is the infallible word of Almighty God Y_eH^oV_aH and it is always the best course if you desire to find the truth, even if the truth conflicts with your current belief system, take note from Sha’ul and how zealous he was for rabbinic Judaism but, by his meek heart condition he was ready to swallow his pride, leave behind a lucrative career in the Sanhedrin and take upon himself the yoke of Yeshua, Sha’ul is the finest example to us all whether Jew, Christian or Muslim.

When a house is built, if it is founded on a sturdy and secure foundation you can be sure that it will prove sturdy and secure and fit for purpose however, if it is based on a foundation that contains impurities then you cannot expect the building to stand in its original form for very long as the impurities will not allow the building to maintain the use that it was originally designed for and cracks will appear. This is what slowly started to seep into the once pure teaching of the Apostles, the leaven of the world started to infiltrate the dough of the gospel which eventually spread through the whole lump. (Galatians 5:9).

It is fair to say that not all the early Ante-Nicene leaders were anti-Jewish in their theology however, as time passed even these succumbed to outside secular pressures as the

younger and more cosmopolitan agendas of the later Ante-Nicene leaders brought some extra baggage with them in the form of Greek philosophical ideas and theories such as Neoplatonism and Gnosticism which doesn't sit at all well with God's word in the TaNaKh and there were few available with sufficient knowledge in order to correct them and those that stood up and disagreed were soon silenced, usually by violent means.

As the second century moved into the third century Greek philosophy and Gnosticism was starting to gather momentum already making its mark on the theology of the early ecclesia. If we stand back and examine the demographic of the times, the original Apostles were absent from guiding the ecclesia and the guidance was now left in the hands of these ignorant (by no fault of their own) gentile converts and we now have, what is in effect are converts attempting to teach converts in a Hebrew way of life, this is a panacea for disaster. One wonders how the Apostles would have thought if they were witness to what was happening, especially the zealous Sha'ul.

When the Apostles were removed from the scene it was then that things started to go even more pear-shaped, rather than holding fast the teachings of the Master Yeshua through the Apostles, the Anti-Nicene leaders when they encountered things they didn't understand they did what all humans do, they relied on their own understanding and they made things up to fit their theology.

In my youth I was taught that, if I saw a button and I didn't know what it did, don't push it. These self-appointed leaders were pushing buttons left, right and centre and were oblivious to what was happening. They perceived the taste of the Hebrew TaNaKh like a fork perceives the taste of food. (don't forget, the Brit ha'Dashah [New Testament] was not yet available as it is for us today).

It is a Biblical fact that no human being, however they venerate their stature has the authority to edit any jot or title of the scriptures from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21. Nore does any human being, irrespective of their stature have the authority to alter times and dates as recorded in the Bible. No matter what the excuse is, the sabbath day is ALWAYS from sundown on the 6th day to sundown on the 7th day and that is when Almighty God Himself commanded those who love Him to celebrate shabbat. (Exodus 20:8).

The End of Persecution.

The beginning of the 4th century CE saw an increase in the persecution of those who chose to follow the rabbi Yeshua, under the direction of the Roman emperors, who saw themselves as being divine in nature namely Diocletian, Maximian, Constantius, Galerius, Severus and Maxentius which placed those loyal to rabbi Yeshua in constant threat for their lives until Constantine I was victorious against his rival Maxentius at the battle of Milvian Bridge in 312 where Constantine the Great defeated Maxentius and reunited the Roman empire. It is of general opinion that Constantine's mother Hellena had heard the gospel which had affected her in some way, it is unclear that she had been baptised but never the less, she had an influence on the young Constantine that would guide his actions when he became the Sole emperor. This influence no doubt had a great bearing on the decision of Constantine to issue the "Edict of Milan" in February 313CE the effect of which was to give the followers of rabbi Yeshua legal status and a reprieve from

persecution which must have been such a relief for those early believers who were ready to die for their uncompromising loyalty to the gospel, we do well to remember what these early brothers and sisters endured in order to bring us the gospel message today.



Constantine the Great.

Whatever is said about Constantine the Great will never detract from his true character. He was one of the most politically shrewd emperors that had ever sat on the throne of Rome. Born Flavius Valerius Constantinus on the 27 February c. 272 in Naissus, Moesia, a city in modern day Serbia, he remained a polytheistic pagan until he was baptised on his death bed at the age of 65 on 22nd May 335 in Achyron, Nicomedia, Bithynia in the Roman empire. Until this time Constantine worshipped the divine sun, in the form of Sol Invictus as shown on his coinage.

In religious terms Constantine the Great has been hailed as the one God chose to free his people from persecution but, it doesn't take much digging in history to find the truth about this powerful but fickle emperor who had his eldest son Crispus seized and put to death by "cold poison" at Pola (Pula, Croatia) sometime between 15 May and 17 June 326. In July of that year, he also had his wife Empress Fausta (stepmother of Crispus) killed in an overheated bath, not something for which a professed "Christian" emperor would be expected to undertake in order to demonstrate his piety and submission to Almighty God.



Constantine depicting his union with Sol Invictus on a gold coin.

Returning briefly to the battle of Milvian Bridge, it is said that, prior to the battle Constantine had a vision supposedly from Almighty God to display the chi roh✠ on the shields of his army and win the battle, the vision read "In hoc signo vinces" meaning "In this sign you will conquer". In recent years permission has been granted for archaeologists in Rome to examine the Arch of Constantine more closely and what is quite surprising is the lack of any chi roh symbols on the shields of Constantine's army.



You would think that such a worthy vision would have been recorded on such a prestigious artifact, there are many pagan symbols and god's depicted but nothing about what is considered to be a key element in Constantine's conversion and ensuing victory yet the evidence is silent which means either that the stone masons that carved the images simply forgot to put the chi roh on the shields in the freeze or that it is simply a myth

orchestrated to enhance the idea that Constantine was divinely inspired. With the evidence presented I am inclined to the latter.

It is a fact that, after the victory in the battle Constantine sacrificed to his god Mithras (Sol Invictus), this is shown in a freeze on his triumphal arch and, just like the shield freeze there are no shields or standards that are bearing the Chi Roh symbol like you would expect there to be if we are to believe Constantine's biographer Eusebius. The freeze depicts a bull, sheep and a pig ready for the sacrifice, hardly a Biblical collection of animals that would satisfy the God of the Bible who sent His son into the world. It is quite clear that Constantine saw the followers of Yeshua in a synchronistic manner and this would be played out in his actions in the future.



Constantine the Great making sacrifice to Mithras after the battle of Milvian Bridge.

The Birth of Christianity.

It is unfortunate that, from the beginning of the second century there was a tendency to forget that Yeshua taught from the TaNaKh, the Brit ha'Dashah did not come onto the scene until the late 4th century from around 367CE when the 27 "books" were accepted into the canon of scripture. Yeshua taught and quoted constantly from the Torah, the quotes he used against the Satan were directly from the Torah of Moses. Yeshua did not start a new religion but to reenforce the original Hebrew/Levitical faith as instructed by Almighty God Himself.

In the late 3rd century CE, the gradual increase in Neo-Platonism and Gnosticism increased while the Bible truth became less important unless it could be used to eisegesically validate the use of the pagan rituals in terms of the Bible, this is synchronism and is expressly forbidden in the TaNaKh. Deuteronomy 12:1-4; 30-32.

The year 325CE can be identified as the true birth of what we now call Christianity although this new religion did not become the official religion of the Roman empire until 380CE with the Edict of Thessalonica. Now the shackles were off and the leaders of this "new" religion were free to make their own decisions and to formulate their own version of their Latin "Christ" that was to destined to become so far removed from the Hebrew Yeshua and His instructions.

Deuteronomy 12:1-4 ESV "These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. ²You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. ³You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. ⁴You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way.

Deuteronomy 12:30-32 ESV take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? —that I also may do the same.' ³¹You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. ³²"Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

It is an ironic fact that what the leaders of this new Christianity religion had done was to incorporate the traditions of men, just like the Pharisees in rabbinic Judaism had done, they were actually opposing the Son of Almighty God and setting themselves up for disobedience to the Almighty God who they professed to worship.

Throughout the millennia Christianity has sunk into the realms of depravity that are difficult to comprehend and it is getting worse as time passes. I do not have room to describe all the blasphemous heresies that have been committed in the name of “Jesus” that are against humanity.

In the early years the followers of Yeshua fellowshiped together in small groups in houses and attending the Synagogue on the Shabbat (7th) day as commanded in the Torah where they heard Almighty God’s written torah read and explained. These early followers shared everything they had. Although they suffered unimaginable persecution from both gentiles and rabbinic Jewish leaders, they proved to have with them the Ruach ha’Kodesh (Holy Spirit) and were able to produce the fruitage of the spirit even through such diabolical treatment. To the Roman authorities of the time these followers of The Way were just another sect of Judaism.

With the influx of the self-appointed Ante-Nicene fathers, especially from the beginning of the 3rd century CE onwards the infiltration of extrabiblical information that was starting to influence the original simple teachings of the Apostles, this contamination continued to grow as these *“unlearned and unstable”* [2Peter 3:16] gentile ‘fathers’ tried to examine the Hebrew scriptures and explain them with their Hellenistic mindsets, in reality this task is destined to fail from the start, it is like trying to describe a colour to a blind person that has been blind from birth.

Constantine... Christian or Pagan?

We have briefly looked into Constantine the Great to get a general flavour of a man who is arguably the most influential man in all Christian history with the exception of Yeshua the Mashiach, it would be wrong indeed to leave out the scope of his influence in a time when it was needed the most.

Many Christians hale Constantine I as a hero who was responsible for the religion of Christianity becoming the state religion of the Roman empire, is this true? Was Constantine I as zealous for “The Way” as Sha’ul and the Apostles were? Let us now dig a little deeper into the life of this enigmatic Roman emperor to arrive at the truth about Constantine I and his motives.

From our history books we learn that Constantine the Great was born in Naissus, Dacia Mediterranea, he was the son of Flavius Constantius, a Roman army officer of Illyrian origin who had been one of the four rulers of the Tetrarchy. As a Roman officer in the army Constantius had persecuted the followers of Yeshua during the reign of Diocletian. The empire had grown considerably and became increasingly difficult to manage by the central government in Rome so Diocletian split the empire into four areas thus Rome became a tetrarchy governed by Diocletian (Egypt, Arabia, Palestine and Turkey), Maximian (Italy, Spain and Nort Africa), Constantius (Britania and Gaul) and Galerius (Macedonia and Dalmatia).

When, in 305, the 20-year term of Diocletian and Maximian ended, both abdicated. Their Caesars, Galerius and Constantius Chlorus, were both raised to the rank of Augustus, and two new Caesars were appointed: Maximinus (Caesar to Galerius) and Flavius Valerius Severus (Caesar to Constantius). These four formed the second tetrarchy.

However, the system broke down very quickly thereafter. When Constantius died in 306, Galerius promoted Severus to Augustus while Constantine, Constantius' son, was proclaimed Augustus by his father's troops. At the same time, Maxentius, the son of Maximian, who also resented being left out of the new arrangements, defeated Severus before forcing him to abdicate and then arranging his murder in 307. Maxentius and Maximian both then declared themselves Augusti. By 308, there were therefore no fewer than four claimants to the rank of Augustus (Galerius, Constantine, Maximian and Maxentius), and only one to that of Caesar (Maximinus).

In 308, Galerius, together with the retired emperor Diocletian and the supposedly retired Maximian, called an imperial "conference" at Carnuntum on the River Danube. The council agreed that Licinius would become Augustus in the West, with Constantine as his Caesar. In the East, Galerius remained Augustus, and Maximinus remained his Caesar. Maximian was to retire, and Maxentius was declared a usurper. This agreement proved disastrous: by 308 Maxentius had become de facto ruler of Italy and Africa even without any imperial rank, and neither Constantine nor Maximinus—who had both been Caesars since 306 and 305, respectively—were prepared to tolerate the promotion of the Augustus Licinius as their superior.

After an abortive attempt to placate both Constantine and Maximinus with the meaningless title *filius Augusti* ("son of the Augustus," essentially an alternative title for Caesar), they both had to be recognized as Augusti in 309. However, four full Augusti all at odds with each other did not bode well for the tetrarchic system.

Between 309 and 313, most of the claimants to the imperial office died or were killed in various civil wars. Constantine forced Maximian's suicide in 310. Galerius died naturally in 311. Maxentius was defeated by Constantine at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312, and subsequently killed. Maximinus committed suicide at Tarsus in 313, after being defeated in battle by Licinius.

By 313, therefore, there remained only two emperors: Constantine in the west and Licinius in the east. The tetrarchic system was at an end, although it took until 324 for Constantine to finally defeat Licinius, reunite the two halves of the Roman Empire, and declare himself Sole Augustus.

This is how Constantine the Great rose to power, not by divine inspiration but by chance occurrence and manipulation. It is worthy of note that, during the great persecution Constantine was unusually quiet, this is not the fruit of a believer in Yeshua, sometimes silence speaks volumes concerning a persons character don't you think?

A United Roman Empire.

Constantine the Great now realised his ambition, he now sat on the throne of an undivided empire and he was determined to make his mark but, to do so he knew wouldn't be easy, he would have to rely on all his political prowess if he was to make a success of his endeavours. We have to understand that Rome, since its founding, has been a

theocratic power, most if not all decisions that were made would have first been passed through the oracles of whichever god had the domain of the issue for instance, if it were a matter of war then Mars would be consulted, if good news was sought then Fortuna the goddess of fortune would be consulted, and the religious demographic was almost unimaginably complex with temples to a plethora of gods and goddesses that had been imported from the Roman conquest of near and distant lands, it would require a politician with extraordinary skills to unite the Roman citizens.



*Pillar of Sol Invictus in
Constantinople*

There were also other religions to contend with, and from history we have quite convincing evidence that Constantine himself continued to venerate Sol Invictus (the invincible sun) the sun god. This is proven when he erected a statue to Sol Invictus in his new city of Constantinople. Constantine founded the city of Constantinople but it was not a new city, it was built on the former city of Byzantium and inaugurated on Sunday 8th November 324. Several Christian officials were present, but the job was done by the usual team of pagan priests, astrologers, and augurs. The city was not meant to be a capital, nor was it a Christian city by any standards.

At the time there were many troubles in Rome, which caused Constantine to move the capital of the empire to his new city Constantinople and on Monday 4 November 328 new rituals were performed in Constantinople, now to dedicate the city as capital. Among the attendants were the Neoplatonist philosopher Sopater and pontifex maximus Praetextus.

When we look at the evidence, does Constantine sound to you like a candidate destined to become the first Christian emperor in Rome? I think you can answer that one for yourselves. (Matthew 7:16).

It was Constantine's desire to unite the people of the Roman empire after the tetrarchy that was introduced by Dometian fell apart and left the empire in chaos. Constantine, now Sole emperor of the Roman empire, was going to leave no stone unturned in the fulfilment of his ambition. Having spent his childhood in the reign of Diocletian he would have witnessed the pogroms of persecution which fell upon the followers of Yeshua, which was then regarded as a small sect of the larger Judaism, this had obviously influenced Constantine in his later life. Although Constantine did show a certain knowledge of this new religion that was forming, don't forget that he would have been kept well informed by his ministers as to the movements of this new religion that was becoming increasingly known as "Christian" and, being a shrewd army tactician it didn't take Constantine long to figure out that this "Christian" religion would be the perfect vehicle to carry his plans for the unity of the empire.

It is important not to forget that Constantine was not a Christian, he worshipped Sol Invictus and when he reportedly saw the "Christian" vision in the sky the day before he defeated his brother in law Maxentius at Milvian Bridge he did not see it as a Christian of the day would see it, he would have seen the vision through his Sol Invictus filters. He knew that the new religion regarded the sun as the light giver which, in his mind, Sol

Invictus and Christianity shared the same theology. This syncretic thought process was to remain with him for the rest of his life, one of the highlights being when in 321 he made the first day of the week a holiday, calling it 'the venerable day of the sun' (Sunday) which replaced the Biblical 7th day sabbath and ordained by Pope Silvester in 325CE. In 338CE Eusebius, the court bishop of Constantine, wrote, "*All things whatsoever that it was the duty to do on the Sabbath (the seventh day of the week) we (Constantine, Eusebius, and other bishops) have transferred to the Lord's Day (the first day of the week) as more appropriately belonging to it.*"

A New Religion, A New Theology.

Although Constantine the Great exerted his influence on the new religion of Christianity he cannot be blamed for all the errors in the formulation of its doctrines, as we have seen, this contamination of the gospel started to occur soon after the death of John, the Apostle which Yeshua loved. There had been minor incursions at the beginning of the second century but the first Christian 'leader' to officially begin to teach extrabiblical theology can be identified as the neo-platonic Justin Martyr who introduced the idea that the one (echad) God of the children of Israel (Jacob) was a triune godhead comprising of the Father (Almighty God, Creator of the universe), Son (Only begotten of the Father) and The Ruach ha'Kodesh (Holy Spirit). It is a fact that the triune god theory is not taught in the TaNaKh, irrespective of Christian hermeneutic gymnastics no one can exegetically produce the trinity doctrine theory from scripture, it is not found in the Torah, Prophets or Writings, neither does it appear anywhere in the Brit ha'Dashah.

The Greek doctrine of the immortal soul posited by philosophers like Socrates and Plato during the 6th and 5th centuries BCE had a large impact on Western philosophies and Judeo-Christian religious ideas about the soul leading to the misunderstanding of life after death, this also cannot be found anywhere in the TaNaKh. (Compare Ezekiel 18:20).

There is a list of Catholic doctrines that have been introduced in the post Apostolic era in Appendix A. Although they are identified as "Catholic" they are in the most part representative of the whole of Christendom as all denominations have a common denominator, the Catholic "mother" church.

When the new Christian religion became the official religion of the Roman empire in 380CE with the Edict of Thessalonica, the influx of people that registered as Christian further increased the ranks and to entice more new recruits the clergy began to change the name of certain pagan festivals in order to give them more appeal to these new Christians who didn't have to change their religious festival dates, only the names changed to vindicate their adherence to Christendom rather than their worldly pagan origins.

There is no doubt that in the early 4th century this new Latin religion fully hijacked the Jewish Yeshua, twisting and adapting his Bible based teachings into the existing pagan abominations. It is easy for those with eyes to see and ears to hear, the process did not stop, in fact it is still ongoing today. Instead of standing in defence of Bible principles Christendom has adopted all manner of practices that are condemned in the Bible such as homosexual relations, same sex marriage, gender fluidity, murder of unborn children, lascivious lifestyles, women priests and a plethora of other God dishonouring acts that dishonour Almighty God and disobey His Torah. There seems to be no limits to what

Christendom will accept as gospel. Y_eH^oV_aH is indeed a God of love, but only to the ones that love Him and keep his commandments. (1John 5:3).

When Constantine the Great came to power the “Christian” church began to leave its Jewish roots and looked more to Greek and Latin parallelism as they attempted to associate and explain the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob with a Greko-Latin mindset, attempting to reconcile the Hebrew Almighty God Y_eH^oV_aH in a manner that they saw Zeus/Jupiter, this way of thinking led to all sorts of erroneous theological debates as the full import of Peters words became more and more true when talking about Sha’ul’s epistles he said “... *There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures*”. (2Peter 3:16 ESV).

One of the most significant doctrines that the Christian church adopted is the veneration of the sun. This is hardly surprising as Constantine was an avid disciple of Sol Invictus and his hermeneutics were based on this parallelistic mindset. In his thinking he saw the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob the same as he saw Sol Invictus and, to him they were one and the same so it meant nothing to him than to promote this erroneous theory in the circles of the church leaders of the time and most of them were only too happy to oblige if it meant uniting the church and gaining more ‘converts’ not to mention the obvious power and wealth that came in its wake.

In order to demonstrate the gullibility of the those with blind faith there is a statue



Statue of Jupiter in the Vatican.

of Jupiter in the Vatican that was renamed Peter, the foot of the statue has been touched and kissed for hundreds of years, so much that the foot has worn smooth. The people that believe this statue to be of the Apostle Peter are to be pitied for their lack of discernment and Biblical knowledge, they have been led to believe that this statue is Peter by their religious leaders and it is with blind faith that they act in this manner. They have been misled in violation of what would be the second commandment to most observers of the ten moral laws but we mustn’t forget that the Catholic church has a different version of the moral laws than that which is written in the TaNaKh.

the second commandment reads:

לא תעשה־לך פסל וכל־תמונה אשר בשמים
ממעל ואשר בארץ מתחת ואשר במים
Exodus 20:4 מתחת לארץ:

Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

If we examine the Hebrew TaNaKh we find that

We can compare this text from the King James version which we now know reflects the Hebrew TaNaKh with the Catholic version which has been edited. With this comparison you will notice that the second commandment concerning making graven (a carved idol or representation of a god used as an object of worship) image has miraculously disappeared and has been replaced

by the third commandment concerning taking the Lord's name in vain. I have studied this issue most thoroughly, listening to both sides of the argument and I must admit that it is sometimes painful to hear the Catholic apologists perform their verbal acrobatics in an attempt to explain why the Catholic church's rendition of Exodus 20:3-17 differs from the Hebrew translation. They go off on a tangent of the numbering systems of the verses. We know that when the books of the Bible were originally written, they did not contain chapter or verse references. The Bible was divided into chapters and verses to help us find Scriptures quickly and easily. It is much easier to find "John chapter 3, verse 16" than it is to find "for God so loved the world..." In a few places, chapter breaks are poorly placed and as a result divide content that should flow together. Overall, though, the chapter and verse divisions are very helpful.

The chapter divisions commonly used today were developed by Stephen Langton, an Archbishop of Canterbury. Langton put the modern chapter divisions into place in around 1227CE. The Wycliffe English Bible of 1382CE was the first Bible to use this chapter pattern. Since the Wycliffe Bible, nearly all Bible translations have followed Langton's chapter divisions. The Hebrew Old Testament was divided into verses by a Jewish rabbi by the name of Nathan in 1448CE. Robert Estienne, who was also known as Stephanus, was the first to divide the New Testament into standard numbered verses, in 1555CE. Stephanus essentially used Nathan's verse divisions for the Old Testament. Since that time, beginning with the Geneva Bible, the chapter and verse divisions employed by Stephanus have been accepted into most the Bible versions.

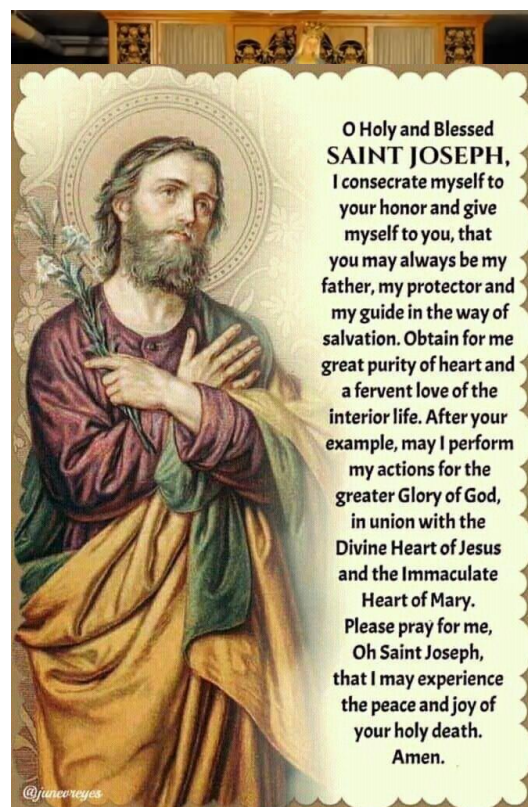
Further evidence of this is from Yeshua himself, when he was being executed, he is reported to cry out "*... Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*" Matthew 27:46. Yeshua was not crying out in anguish to the Father as some assume, but he was telling the people to read Psalm 22, he was telling them who he was, remember, there were no chapter or verse structure in the time of Yeshua.

Their explanation is made even more painful when we know the real reason for the commandment change. You have probably noticed that the Catholic



church rely heavily on statues and images in their worship however, they will fight tooth and nail to explain to you that they do not worship anything else but God. Once again, they exercise their verbal gymnastics by attempting to baffle the laity by the use of words like "adoration" and "veneration", they say that

they give God the adoration that only He deserves but they venerate (honour/idolise) the saints such as



Miriam (Mary), Joseph and a plethora of other men and women in history that were, in their eyes, faithful to God. This is, quite frankly a smoke screen, there are “patron” saints (protectors) for most human activities, people pray to St Christopher before setting out on a voyage, Naval Officers don’t forget to pray to St Francis of Paola before you undertake your duties or if you have problems with Moles in your garden a quick prayer to St Ulric should help. If this is not dishonouring to Almighty God who created the universe, I don’t know what could ever be. There are over 1,776 patron saints for virtually everything you can possibly imagine, but the real shocking thing is that so many people in Christianity are praying to people that are DEAD!!!! They cannot help you; they cannot hear you or act for you... it’s time to wake up! Contrast John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5.

We all know why the Catholic church removed the idol and image clause from the Hebrew moral laws, it was done in order to fit their traditions

The Catholic 10 Commandments

1. I am the Lord thy God: thou shalt not have strange gods before me.
2. **You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God in vain.**
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour’s goods.

and to deceive people, drawing them away from the God that they claim to worship, this is proven by the witness and purity of scripture, there is no argument... look what happened...

Do you see what they did in order to change the commandments of Almighty God to fit their theology? They removed the second commandment and renumbered commandment 3 making it now command number 2. But, by doing this there are now only nine commandments instead of 10, they got round this problem by

The Hebrew 10 Commandments

- 1 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 2 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- 3 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 4 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 5 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- 6 Thou shalt not kill.
- 7 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 8 Thou shalt not steal.
- 9 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 10 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

splitting commandment 10 into two by extracting the text “thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife” and making that commandment 9. The tenth commandment now concerns your neighbours’ goods. How crafty and deceitful, I wonder who else would do that?

I mean no malice in this expose, I am just bringing you the truth from what God’s word really says, after all, it is God’s word rather than men and their traditions that we should be following, would you not agree?

Changing of Times and Laws.

There can be no doubt that the first real controversy concerning a major alteration of the word of Almighty God.

No serious student of the Scriptures can deny that God instituted the Sabbath at creation and designated the **seventh day to be kept holy**. *“And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made”* (Genesis 2:2–3). It was later codified as the Fourth Commandment (Exodus 20:8–11).

The Word of God makes it expressly clear that Sabbath observance is a special sign or “mark” between God and His people. There is also no uncertainty that Yeshua, His disciples, and all the first-century Christians kept the seventh-day Sabbath as commanded—from sundown “Friday” to sundown “Saturday”. (Mark 2:28; Luke 4:16).

The New Testament plainly shows we are to continue keeping the commandments (Mathew 5:17–18; 19:17; 28:20)—all ten of them as written. Where then, does man get the “authority” to change the Fourth Commandment by substituting Sunday for the original Sabbath that Christ and the apostles kept?

The Bible prophesied many centuries earlier that the time would come when men would think to change times and laws *“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time”* Daniel 7:25.

The Christians during the apostolic era, from about 35CE to 100CE, kept Sabbath on the designated seventh day of the week. For the first 300 years of history, when the Roman emperors regarded themselves as gods, “The Way” became an “illegal body,” and God’s people were scattered abroad (Acts 8:1). Judaism, however, was regarded at that time as “legal,” as long as they obeyed Roman laws. Thus, during the apostolic era, the followers of Yeshua found it convenient to let the Roman authorities think of them as Jews, which gained them legitimacy with the Roman government. However, when the Jews rebelled against Rome, the Romans put down their rebellion by destroying Jerusalem in c.70CE and again in 135CE in the Bar Kokhba revolt. Obviously, the Roman government’s suppression of the Jews made it increasingly uncomfortable for the followers of Yeshua to be thought of as Jewish. At that time, Sunday was the rest day of the Roman Empire, whose religion was Mithraism, a form of sun worship. Since Sabbath observance is visible to others, some Christians in the early second century sought to

distance themselves from Judaism by observing sabbath on a different day, thus “blending in” to the society around them.

During the Empire-wide Christian persecutions under Nero, Maximin, Diocletian, and Galerius, Sabbath-keeping followers of the Way were hunted down, tortured and, for sport, often used for entertainment in the Colosseum.

When Emperor Constantine the Great, a pagan sun-worshipper came to power in 313CE, he legalized Christianity by the issue of the edict of Milan he made his infamous Sunday enforcement law of March 7, 321CE, reads as follows: “On the venerable Day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed.” (Codex Justinianus 3.12.3, trans. Philip Schaff, History of the Christian Church, 5th ed. (New York, 1902), 3:380, note 1.)

The Sunday law was officially confirmed by the Roman Papacy. The Council of Laodicea in 364CE decreed, “*Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday but shall work on that day; but the Lord’s Day they shall especially honour, and, as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If, however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ*” (Strand, op. cit., citing Charles J. Hefele, A History of the Councils of the Church, 2 [Edinburgh, 1876] 316).

Cardinal Gibbons, in Faith of Our Fathers, 92nd ed., p. 89, freely admits, “*You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we [the Catholic Church] never sanctify.*”

Again, “*The Catholic Church, ... by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday*” (The Catholic Mirror, official publication of James Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893).

“*Protestants do not realize that by observing Sunday, they accept the authority of the spokesperson of the Church, the Pope*” (Our Sunday Visitor, February 5, 1950).

“*Of course, the Catholic Church claims that the change [Saturday Sabbath to Sunday] was her act... And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things*” (H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons).

The Catholic Church claims that “*the church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact*” (Catholic Record of London, Ontario Sept 1, 1923). **What a shocking admission!!!**

Your Bible says, “*But in vain [uselessness] they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*” (Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:7). Further, “*To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word [the Bible], it is because there is no light in them*” (Isaiah 8:20).

In 1870 the First Vatican Council declares the policy of Papal infallibility, although this subject had been debated for centuries it was finally added to the catechism of the catholic church.

“Prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the Bible. It is a law of the Catholic Church alone. The Catholic Church says,

by my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week. And lo! The entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the Holy Catholic Church” (Thomas Enright, CSSR, President, Redemptorist College [Roman Catholic], Kansas City, MO, Feb. 18, 1884).

“The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ. The Pope has authority and has often exercised it, to dispense with the command of Christ” (Decretal, de Tranlatic Episcop).

It is a matter of Biblical and secular history that God never changed His holy Sabbath or transferred its Solemnity to Sunday. Who did? Rome, in concert with the Roman Catholic Church, changed Sabbath to Sunday!

What will you believe? Whom will you follow? The God of your Bible—or the traditions of men?

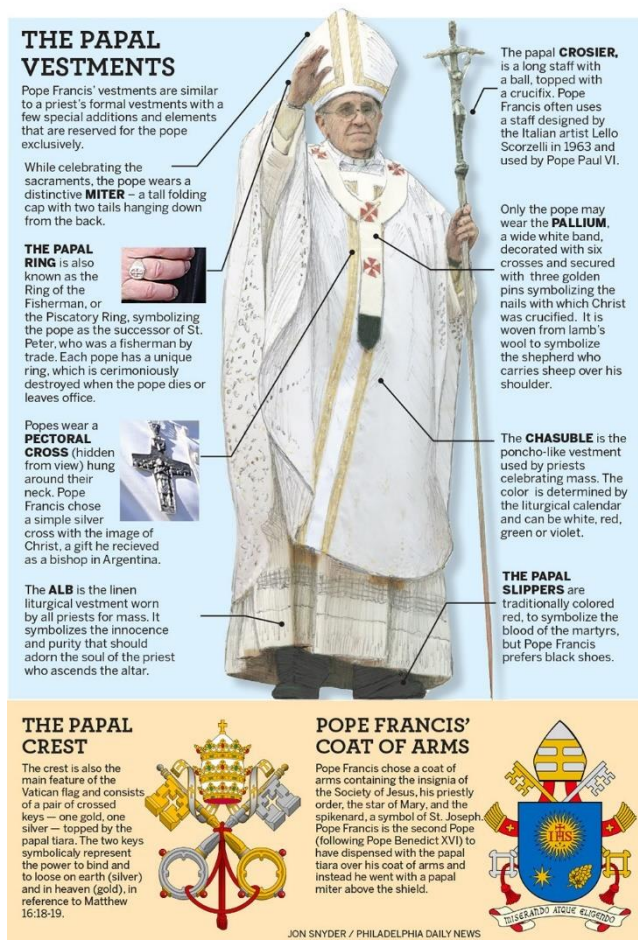
We see that history provides us with enough evidence concerning the increasingly blasphemous heresies committed in the name of “Jesus Christ”, there are many things I can say but I find it emotionally difficult so I will let my Master Yeshua explain...

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” Matthew 7:15-20.

The Catholic Halcion Era 4th to 16th Century

From the 4th to the 16th century the Catholic church increased its power, by the end of the 14th century they held extensive lands in many countries in Europe and the middle east from which they accrued great wealth, what a contrast to the early followers of Yeshua, including the Apostles. Christendom had become a major business and a means of extreme decadence to all that could afford to buy into the elite circles. The places of worship went from the humble homes of the faithful to lavish spatial palaces and basilicas decorated with all kinds of finery, idols of gold, silver, bronze and marble that embellished the opulence of these establishments at the expense of the orphans, widows and poor.

The clergy devised and bedecked themselves with the clothes fit to suit their office and rank. I wish to make it clear that none of the Apostles are recorded as having any special uniform to mark their authority, their mark of authority was displayed by the fruits that they produced unlike most of the popes in history they taught the written torah of Moshe from the TaNaKh and encouraged their flock to attend the local Synagogue every Shabbat to hear the torah parsha being



read. Those Apostles did not walk around with their Dagon hats (Mitres) wearing their "Pallium" and carrying their Croziers expecting the laity to kiss their hand or feet as they paraded themselves in their finery. What a contrast to the early followers of Yeshua who remained humble and considered themselves to be ministers (servants) of the people teaching them about the renewed covenant that Yeshua had instructed them to do. The example Sha'ul gave us should set the standard for the ministers. In order that he was not a burden on the communities that he was instructing he would seek employment for his income to sustain his needs, what an extraordinary man Sha'ul was, there is no wonder why Yeshua picked him, Sha'ul produced the right fruit that was plain to see, he didn't have to tell anyone that he was showing the fruitage of the spirit, it was evident by the way he lived.

An interesting feature concerning the hat that the clergy wear, it's called a 'Mitre', by examination it certainly looks like the hat worn by the priests of the pagan god Dagon, it certainly looks like the mouth of a fish to me, of course Catholics will deny that it has



anything to do with any pagan god and its shape is just by coincidence but the similarity is way too close to draw any other conclusion other than it is what it looks like.

Unless we are sure of its origin it's always better to err on the side of safety, we wouldn't want to stumble a brother or sister that is new in the faith by displaying something that can be



confusing. For example, the festival of Hannukah is celebrated in late December, it is not a Moedim festival and the motive to celebrate Hannukah is commendable however, for me it is too close to the pagan festival of Saturnalia which is observed on 25th December to honour the god Tamuz on his birthday so I do not celebrate Hannukah myself lest I stumble someone that is not yet mature in spirit to understand. I consider it to be easier on judgement day to explain to my Master Yeshua why I didn't celebrate Hannukah rather than why I stumbled a spiritually immature brother or sister and turned them away.

Most Christians usually turn a blind eye to these abominations but, be warned... Almighty God doesn't and He will ask you

to account for your actions yes, our Father is full of grace and loving kindness and is eager to forgive all His children but He is also a God of justice and righteousness, it will be extremely hard to give Him a reason why he should forgive you if you know that what you condone is an abomination against the Ruach ha'Kodesh. (Sinning against the holy spirit).

Christian Feasts and Festivals.

In the Bible we are commanded to observe eight special Moedim (Set-Apart days) which are recorded in the Torah. These are...

1. Shabbat. (Weekly on the 7th day of the week).
2. Pesach (Passover).
3. Unleavened Bread.
4. Yom Havikurim. (Firstfruits).
5. Shavuot. (Pentecost).
6. Yom Teruah. (Day of Trumpets).
7. Yom Kippur. (Day of Atonement).
8. Sukkot. (Tabernacles).

These days are the only holy convocations that we as followers of Yeshua are mandated to observe every year. There are certain feasts that we can celebrate such as weddings and wedding anniversaries, baptisms etc,. On deciding what to celebrate it is

good to prayerfully ask Almighty God through prayer, a good rule of thumb is that, if the planned celebration does not detract from the sovereignty of Almighty God and does not put anything above His worship which would mean that you can celebrate anything that He has ordained then it would be good to celebrate. Celebrating someone's birthday would not be in the 'safe to celebrate' category as it is a form of worship of the person whose birthday it is, this is a form of idolatry and is detestable to Almighty God.

Let us now look at the festivals that Christendom celebrates in the year and see how they match up to what Almighty God requires as instructed in the Bible. I will just take the major festivals out of the plethora of the feasts of the saints, if I were to include all these feasts this book would end up like the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Christmas/Yule



The first recorded Christmas celebration was in Rome on December 25, AD 336. Prior to that time the Romans celebrated a mixture of Saturnalia and Sol Invictus which lasted 12 days. This festival was a rowdy affair with drunkard brawling and lasciviousness. The Anglo-Saxons and Celtic populations of Britain and Northern Europe celebrated the pagan festival of Yule, a nature focussed festival that observed the shortest day of the year and the continuing life of nature even during the darkest and coldest months of the year.

Typical Yule traditions included lighting the Yule log in the family hearth, decorating the home with winter greenery like mistletoe, holly, and ivy, and gift-giving.

Valentine's Day/Lupercalia



More recognisable today as a holiday of chocolate and candy, sickly sweet greetings cards, and love hearts, the pagan origins of Valentine's Day were much less family-friendly.

Dedicated to the ancient Roman god Lupercus, protector of farmers and shepherds, Lupercalia was an ancient festival of fertility that travelled throughout the ancient roman empire. More than just a celebration of love between people, the ancient festival of Lupercalia was celebrated in mid-February to 'purify' cities and ensure a fruitful and fertile year for both agriculture and the townspeople.

Observances included feasting, ritualistic sacrifices of goats and dogs, and a naked run through the town where participants were flogged with strips of the flayed goats' skin.

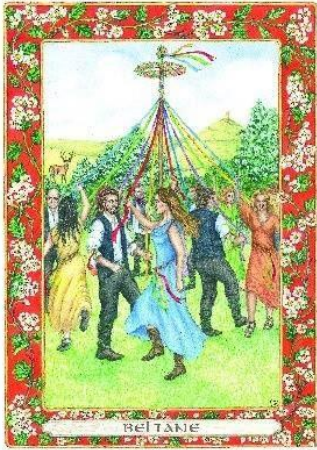
Easter/Ēostre



Like Christmas, Easter was adopted as the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus by Christianity around 300CE, but it has a far more ancient pagan origin. Named for the Anglo-Saxon goddess Ēostre, Easter was the time of the year when pagans would say goodbye to long nights of cold and darkness and hello to longer, brighter days when food would begin growing in abundance.

Much of the traditional iconography that we associate with Easter today comes from pagan celebrations, including the easter bunny (Ēostre was often symbolised by a hare) and hot cross buns that were baked in her honour (the cross symbolised the equal balance of the four seasons).

Mayday/Beltane



Falling midway between the Spring equinox and the summer Solstice, mayday celebrates the height of spring and its abundance. Ancient Romans celebrated with Floralia, a festival of flowers dedicated to the goddess flora, whose power to make the fruit trees blossom would mean a strong crop harvest later in the year.

In Celtic Britain, Beltane celebrated spring reaching its height and the anticipation of the summer to come. Bonfires would be lit in fields, and people and cattle would walk around them, sometimes jumping through or over the fires for luck. The home fires burning hearths would be put out and re-lit using flames from the Beltane bonfires to usher more luck into the home, and dwellings would be decorated with fresh flowers from the fields.

Halloween/Samhain



While Halloween has become synonymous with costume parties, excessive amounts of sweets, and all things horror, we can still very much find the origins of the pagan celebrations in how we celebrate today.

Many of our current Halloween traditions can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (Sa'wen). Once the final harvest of the year was complete, celebrations would begin that usher in the darkest season of the year. Ancient Celts also believed that on Samhain, the veil between the living and the dead was at its thinnest, allowing otherworldly creatures and dark spirits to break through into the world of the living. They would burn fires through the night to burn away the darkness, leave offerings of food and treats to appease the spirits and dress up as animals to confuse the fae folk that might try to cause them ill will. Wards were also used to keep angry spirits at bay, including turnips that were hollowed and carved into twisted and scary faces, lit from inside with a candle.

These are some of the more familiar festivals that are common in the west and supported by the Christian church. It doesn't take an expert to deduce that these are all festivals of pagan (gentile) origin and, according to God's word are abominations yet they are still celebrated with the blessings of the Christian church... is there any wonder why Christians are called "infidels" by the other two Abrahamic religions?

These pagan festivals have been adopted into the Christian church by the uneducated and unstable synchronistic idiots that perceive the scriptures as a fork would perceive the taste of food. Let us look at Easter for example. (I have highlighted errors in red).

Easter from a Christian perspective.

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter takes place three days after Jesus's death **on Good Friday**. This holiday concludes the "Passion of Christ" series of holidays that began with Ash Wednesday. The last

week of this series is called Holy Week, and it includes Holy Thursday (celebration of the Last Supper), Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

For Catholics, this day is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that Catholics must attend Mass at church. Easter is one of the two Christian holidays that most Christians attend at church. There are many Christian families who do not attend church regularly, but do attend “for Christmas and Easter.” Those two holidays are considered to be the two most important Christian holidays.

Some common traditions for families celebrating Easter are: decorating Easter eggs with paint or dye, hunting for Easter eggs, eating chocolate eggs & bunnies, and eating a traditional Easter meal. This meal often includes deviled eggs, ham or lamb, and carrots.

Some Easter traditions are not closely associated with the religious aspects of the holiday, but are common symbols of spring. One example is the Easter bunny. The origins of the Easter Bunny as a figure that delivers candy and chocolate eggs to children for Easter are unknown. However, rabbits are often associated with this time of year as many rabbits pop up during spring. In addition, many baby bunnies are born in spring. Some Protestant Christian denominations, including Lutherans and Quakers, do not observe many Easter traditions, since they have less to do with the religious aspects of the holiday.

Egg dyeing, a popular Easter activity, may have become a tradition due to its role in the Easter story.

According to legend, after Jesus was resurrected, Mary Magdalene, a devout follower, went to visit the Roman Emperor Tiberius Caesar in Rome. She brought with her, an egg, to illustrate that Jesus had been resurrected (like an egg hatching). She held out the egg in her hand and said, “Christ is risen!” The emperor replied that Christ has no more risen than the egg in her hand was red. Upon saying those words, the egg in Mary’s hand turned red as a sign from God that her message was true. This may be how the tradition of decorating eggs started.

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The above Christian description of Easter shows how much Christians enjoy their Easter celebrations, like Christmas, Easter is just another secular holiday in today’s society and Christians have no problems celebrating such a seemingly harmless festival but is it as harmless as you might think?

In all truth, although Easter has been redefined in Christian terms it remains a pagan festival. Changing names and redefining meanings doesn’t change what they originally stood for. For example... if I asked you “how many legs does a dog have?” you would rightly answer “four”, and you would be right, now... suppose I told you that we have redefined the tail as a leg, what would your answer be? Any sane person would still answer “four”, because they know that, by redefining or changing the name doesn’t actually change what it represents. Do you see how it works?

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There are some major flaws in this paragraph which are common to Christianity. Firstly, Jesus did not die on Friday, he died on the 9th hour on the 4th day (Wednesday) of the week. If Jesus died on the Friday like Christians are taught, how would we get Jesus in the grave for 3 days and 3 nights if he was resurrected on the Sunday? That would be impossible. You see, this is what happens when those of little understanding of the Bible cannot explain events so they make things up. When you know the Bible from a Hebrew perspective, this enigma becomes so easy to understand.

The Hebrew day starts at sunset and ends on the following sunset, this is important to understand.

Details of the crucifixion...

Luke 23:44-46 *"And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. ⁴⁶And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost".*

Luke tells us that Jesus died at the 9th hour on the 4th day, for us this would be 3pm on Wednesday.

As the 4th day on this account is the preparation day (John 19:31) all bodies of the executed were not to be left hanging and had to be removed before the high shabbat so the body of Yeshua had to be removed and in the tomb before sundown on the 4th day. The table below details the Biblical time period Yeshua spent in Sheol prior to His resurrection.

The Burial and Resurrection of Yeshua ha'Mashiach	
Night 1	Yeshua in the tomb by Sunset Wednesday to Sunrise Thursday
Day 1	High Shabbat. Yeshua in the tomb from Sunrise Thursday to Sunset Thursday.
Night 2	Yeshua in the tomb from Sunset Thursday to Sunrise Friday.
Day 2	Yeshua in the tomb Sunrise Friday to Sunset Saturday.
Night 3	Yeshua in the tomb Sunset Saturday to Sunrise Sunday.
Day 3	Yeshua is resurrected after sunrise on the first day of the week.

As you can see, there is quite a difference in the timing of the resurrection when we use the Bible account, this is the obviously not what we, as Christians are told by using the traditions of men. I don't know about you but I would prefer the Bible's account rather than follow the traditions of men.

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Don't you consider it ironic that the two “most important” Christian festivals that are here mentioned in this statement are not actually commanded in the bible? You will not find any passage in God's word that commands us to celebrate these pagan festivals however, you will find the command to celebrate Pesach (Passover), this is one of the three ‘pilgrimage’ festivals that were commanded in the Torah, the seven Moedim (holy convocations) mentioned in God's word are for ALL people who profess to know and love the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, they are not exclusive in nature and all people are invited to celebrate in a manner that Y_eH^oV_aH approves and not by the traditions of men.

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Where in the bible does it mention eggs and Rabbits in association with the celebration of the resurrection of Yeshua? In fact, where does the bible command us to celebrate the resurrection? Whilst the resurrection of Yeshua is a most joyous occasion it is fitting that we thank YeHoVaH for His righteous son's obedience to His will after all, he did give his life for us all so that, through him we can approach the creator of the universe without the annual blood sacrifice of animals. But where do eggs and Rabbits fit into this prophesy? The answer is simple... synchronism.

Eggs and Rabbits have been used in most forms of pagan fertility rites and has close ties with the Babylonian religious cults involving Nimrod, Semiramis and Tamuz. I explain in greater detail in my booklet “The Truth about Easter” how eggs and Rabbits were integrated into the non-biblical celebration of nature that falsely assumes to worship Almighty God. The gruesome practice of dyeing eggs red is so obnoxious when you know the truth... and why on earth does Semiramis, on her return to earth in an egg does she change a bird into an egg-laying Rabbit? How does this glorify the Almighty God who created all things?

It is time for all people to drop this and all the God dishonouring traditions of men and return to pure worship as instructed by the Master Yeshua! The golden rule is that, if it's not in the Bible then DON'T DO IT!

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In the case of Mary Magdalene visiting Tiberius Caesar, I can find no evidence that this meeting ever took place in fact, the whole notion that a Jewish woman would ever be in the presence of a pagan Roman emperor with an egg in her hand so ridiculous let alone impossible. Consider this, if you were attempting to convince such a powerful ruler such as a pagan Roman emperor that considered himself as a god on earth would you take an egg to substantiate your claim, I think you would choose something a little more convincing than an egg.

It was the first council of Nicaea in 325CE that the issue of the celebration of "Easter" was discussed and formalised. In essence they decided that "Easter" will fall on the first Sunday after the **full** Moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox. If the full Moon falls on a Sunday, then "Easter" is the next Sunday.

Passover falls on the 14th day of the first month of the Biblical year (Nisan). It is a day of preparation and a day to remember the sacrifice of the Passover lamb. A Biblical month (Rosh Chodesh) starts with the sighting of a **new** moon in Jerusalem so, from the sighting of the new moon we count 14 days (sundown to sundown remember) and we will arrive at the time to celebrate Passover. This date will be different to the secular Gregorian calendar that is in use today.

Passover or Easter?

I feel sure that you will agree that, however we choose to worship the creator of the universe we must base our worship, not on how we think we should worship Him but what He considers to be acceptable. We can only attain this knowledge by study of His word in the Bible. There is no other way. It is important that we do not follow the traditions and guidance of men in matters of the utmost importance such as this. Remember Proverbs 3:5-6 *"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths"*.

In order to make the decision to either celebrate Passover or Easter we should, as in all cases, research into what the meaning behind each option is, what does it mean to celebrate Easter, what is the story behind the name, how does it fit with the overall message of the Bible and what does it mean for us. The same is true for Pesach or Passover in English. If we fail to understand why we are celebrating we are likely to open ourselves to the influence of extrabiblical ideas, ideas which Almighty God disapproves and we tend to make things up. (See Jeremiah 17:9).

We have looked at the pagan origins of Easter but, people will probably say that the pagan festivals that Christianity adopted can be turned into festivals that, by changing the script, be approved by Almighty God, is this true? Can we worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel in a manner that the pagans do? The answer to that question is also in the pages of the Bible. One of the key warnings that we read in the Bible is found at Deuteronomy 12:30-31 *“Beware lest thou imitate them [pagans], after they are destroyed at thy coming in, and lest thou seek after their ceremonies, saying: As these nations have worshipped their gods, so will I also worship. ³¹Thou shalt not do in like manner to the Lord thy God. For they have done to their gods all the abominations which the Lord abhorreth, offering their sons and daughters, and burning them with fire”*. Whilst it is true that Christian festivals do not go as far as to physically ‘offering their sons and daughters, and burning them with fire’ the principle is the same.

Wasn’t it a similar situation when Moses spent longer on Mt Sinai than some of the people thought, the account is given in Exodus 32 where Aaron was approached by certain people that insisted he make them a god so Aaron fashioned a golden calf for the people to bow down to and worship, just like the Egyptians did to their god Apis and they would have witnessed this when they were in captivity in Egypt. One of the most insulting actions that a person could ever perform is to take the name of your enemy and call it your name yet, this is what those Israelites did to the one true God that brought them out of bondage in Egypt... what a gross insult!



The Egyptian god Apis

Exodus 32:5 ASV *“And when Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To-morrow shall be a feast to Jehovah”*. How do you think Almighty God would have reacted to this, do you think it would please him that the people that he freed from 400+ years of bondage had replaced the Divine name Y_eH^oV_aH with Apis?

God’s thoughts and actions are well recorded in scripture for those who want to see and it does not make easy reading. The Almighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel wanted to destroy all of the children of Israel and it was only by the intervention and pleas of Moses that He only destroyed around 3000 men. Exodus 32:28 ASV *“And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men”*.

You can be sure that Almighty God does not change His mind about such things as this gross blasphemy, He will surely act as He did against the children of Israel who sinned against Him in the desert at the foot of Mt Sinai. Do not be misled, what is written is what is true. Make no mistake, the festivals of Christendom are that Apis bull and, by going along with these pagan traditions in whatever capacity, you will not be innocent of their real meaning, even if you think it's just a bit of fun, it isn't to Almighty God I can assure you. There is no salvation for committing willing blasphemy against Almighty God. Repent and do what is right in Y_eH^oV_aH's eyes before it is too late! What Christendom has done is to turn a feast that is commanded by Almighty God into a pagan ritual that claims to celebrate the resurrection of Christ if this is not heresy, I don't know what is.

So, what would be the right thing to do to celebrate the resurrection of Christ in a manner that would be acceptable to the True God? Let us now find out...

Passover for All Nations.

In John 14:15 Yeshua said *"If ye love me, keep my commandments"*, what were Yeshua's commandments? They were the same commandments as recorded in the written Torah that was given to Moses on Mt Sinai, He kept them, his disciples kept them and all His followers kept them so it would stand to reason that we, as followers of the Master Yeshua (Jesus) should keep them too, nothing has changed.

The majority of Christians are not really familiar with the Biblical event called the Exodus, they may have seen Hollywood blockbuster films depicting the 10 plagues and how the Egyptians were cruel taskmasters that received their comeuppance when Moses led the people out of Egypt, the parting of the Reed Sea (Yom Suf) and were given the two tablets with the ten commandments written on them, it all makes a good film but many people think that it ends there, but they are so wrong. This way of thinking is the typical lateral thinking of western society, they do not realise that there is so much more to the story than just a group of people fleeing from a tyrannical political system. What most Christians fail to realise is that the TaNaKh (Latin: Old Testament) is full of stories that foreshadow the events of the future. By missing these vital points, it becomes impossible to know the future events and the purpose by which Almighty God reveals His method of freeing His people from captivity to sin and death through Yeshua the Mashiach.

The Biblical account of the Exodus is a mirror image of events that will happen when Yeshua returns to lead God's people out of bondage and slavery to sin and death. Egypt is the representation of the religious and political powers of this world we live in. the true followers of Yeshua are a 'set apart' people, a people for special possession. The promised land that the children of Israel (Jacob) were seeking was the land of Canaan, the ones that follow Yeshua, the greater Moses, out of this worldly kingdom are the children of Israel that are making their way to the New Kingdom, the Kingdom that Yeshua spoke of and that Christians pray for each time they speak the words found at Matthew 6:10 *"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"*.

When we celebrate the Passover (Pesach) on the 14th day of Nisan we remember the events that happened in Egypt just before the last plague struck the Egyptian first-born. Moses instructed the people to slaughter an unblemished lamb and smear its blood over the doorposts and lintels of their houses so that the destroyer would “pass over” their house and not bring about the death of their firstborn. This they did and it came about that none of the children of Israel who had heeded the words of Moses suffered the loss of their firstborn. This happened again in the first century of our common era when Yeshua, as the perfect, unblemished lamb gave His life so that all people who would be obedient to Almighty God have the opportunity to paint the doorposts and lintels of their hearts and Passover from death to life. This is the true meaning of the celebration of Passover, and it is a meaning that most, if not all Christians are oblivious to because of their adherence to the traditions of men which blinds them with tails of eggs and rabbits thus making the truth into a fairy tale. Listen (shema) to what the Bible tells you and act on its advice, it’s the best advice you could ever receive.

The same is true for all the Biblical Moedim, they are all precursors to the events of the Brit ha’Dashah (Re[New]ed Covenant).



Section 3

A People United in Almighty God

In the first two sections we have learned how, in the 4th century of the common era a new pagan religion was formed that hijacked the message of the Christ, twisting the scriptures by their ignorance or by their crafty design to lead the honest hearted ones away from the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They would have done better to follow rabbinic Judaism or Islam than sink to the depths of such depravity all in the name of Jesus, no wonder that the other two Abrahamic faiths call Christian's infidels and, in worldly mindset, this hatred is justified.

I am not implying that Judaism and Islam have it right, far from it, Judaism and Islam are just another two horns on the same goat but if we were to have a league table of the monotheistic religious organisations, Christianity would be the bottom of the pile.

People of this world must realise that, in this world there will never be shalom (peace) whilst confrontation, disaccord, enmity, strife, execration, hatred, hostilities, malevolence, repulsion, revulsion and nationalism exist. Whilst these things are in people's hearts true peace will never be achieved and the worst of it all is all these things belong in the human nature, a result of disobedience to Almighty God when the first couple disobeyed Almighty God and believed the original lie, and what was that lie? Many people think that it was eating the forbidden fruit but they would be only half right, when the Satan spoke through the serpent, he implied that our loving and caring Father, the one who spoke the universe and all contained in it into existence was a liar and, through their stupidity, they believed the Satan instead of being obedient to our pure and true Father Y_eH^oV_aH.

However, through the lovingkindness of the One who truly loves us, the one that even sent His beloved Son Yeshua into this depraved world in order to set things straight between Him and the ones He created He made a way out for us and this is what the message that Yeshua brought to everyone, we have come to know that message as the Gospel, just like the first human couple we can either accept or reject the offer, the choice is ours to make.

So, if Judaism, Islam or Christianity all fall short of the requirements of the Almighty Creator then we must ask ourselves how do we find the way to true salvation? The answer to that question, like all questions, can be found in the study of the Bible and it's really not all that hard at all to find, all it takes is humility and the willingness to unlearn the false teachings of religion, replace the doctrines of men and learn the truth from God's word the Bible, praying for the Ruach ha'Kodesh as the promised helper and submitting to the ultimate authority of Almighty God. You do not require religion to teach you what is right in God's eyes, there is an old saying that you might have heard... "God created man, man created religion" which is absolutely true and remember, all mankind are sinners, there is nothing good in us! (Psalm 14:3; Romans 3:10.)

Matthew 7:12-14 So in all things, do to others what you would want them to do to you—for this is the Torah and the Prophets. ¹³“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. ¹⁴How narrow is the gate and difficult the way that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

What exactly is Yeshua telling us here? He is telling us that the road and gate to destruction (Gehenna) is spacious and easy but keeping the Torah and the Prophets is narrow, cramped and difficult and, for this reason few will actually find it, which ties in

Zechariah 8:23 Thus says Adonai-Tzva'ot, “In those days it will come to pass that ten men from every language of the nations will grasp the corner of the garment of a Jew saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’”

We know that, from scripture, the children of Israel (Jacob) are God’s chosen people and no, God has not abandoned them as Christians are led to believe, the children of Israel are still and will remain God’s chosen people.

Numbers 23:19 ESV God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfil it?

Christendom would have us believe that Almighty God has abandoned the Israelite nation because they rejected the Mashiach Yeshua and put him to death on the Roman instrument of execution and that Christianity is now the Sole method in which all people must approach Almighty God, is this true? Has Almighty God turned his attention away from the Israelite nation when He promised them that they were His chosen people? Certainly not!

Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Hebrews 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

These two scriptures, one from the TaNaKh and one from the Brit ha'Dashah certainly heralds the death blow to Christendom’s replacement theology, ask yourself “would Almighty God who is righteously jealous select a religion that is steeped in pagan traditions and guilty of braking so many of His laws on a regular basis, changing times and

seasons to fit their blasphemous traditions, splitting His sovereignty into three as it the trinity doctrine and associating His most high name with that of pagan deities?”. No matter how we look at it the truth is the truth and the truth is that Christendom, Rabbinic Judaism and Islam, according to Y_eH^oV_aH’s word, are not the means by which the promise in Genesis 22:18 will come to fruition. These are religions that do not uphold the standards of Almighty God, rabbinic Judaism for their adherence to a false torah based on the traditions of men, Christendom for the syncretism with pagan gods and their rejection of the commandments of Almighty God and Islam for their rejection of the Mashiach and their misrepresentation of the TaNaKh. For more information on non-Biblical papal power see Appendix C: Gregory VII: Dictatus Papae 1090CE).

The German-born philosopher, economist, political theorist, historian, sociologist, journalist, and revolutionary socialist Karl Marx got one thing right when he said about religion being “the opium of the people” as most religious people are addicted to their form of religion. Let us be clear about the relationship with religion and Almighty God in that there is a vast and unbridgeable chasm between the two and this is where the people (laity) are often confused by the rulers (clergy). The former being guided by the latter become convinced that their way is the only way, that method of thinking becomes as an opiate as they start to nurture a dependence on their particular religion that is fast becoming a drug to them, they are led to believe whatever their clergy tell them, without question, in fact, in many religions, if they were to question their belief system, they could, and often do, experience punishment to the extreme, even to death in some instances. That is the way of religion. All religions of the world are man-made and all are based on the finite minds of those who write the rules, classic examples of this are Islam and Mormonism where both of these religions claim that their religions are based on revelation from a supposed angel.

Muhammad's first revelation was an event described in Islamic tradition as taking place in 610CE, during which the Islamic prophet Muhammad was visited by the angel Jibril (Gabriel), who revealed to him the beginnings of what would later become the Qur'an. On the evening of that day in 1823, Joseph Smith was visited by an angel named Moroni a visit that revealed the existence of gold plates that became the Book of Mormon. Do these two events seem similar to you? They certainly do to me, if it worked for Muhammad then it was sure to work for Joseph Smith. (1Timothy 6:3-5.)

Turning to Christendom, according to the Centre for the Study of Global Christianity there are over **45,000 Christian denominations** in the world today, this number is still increasing at an alarming rate. Have you ever stopped to wonder why there are so many denominations in Christendom? This is extremely hard to believe when you consider that there was only ever one Christ that carried one message about one God. Why so many? The answer is found once again in the pages of God’s word. Do you want to know where to find the evidence? Check out 2 Timothy 4:3-4 ESV *“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths”*. In other words, if some do not like what the Bible says about a certain issue that would infringe on their lifestyle, they are only too willing to make a religion that suits their own needs rather than repent and follow the laws (torah) of Almighty God, that is why all Christians since the 4th century CE have been told

that Jesus abolished the law as given to Moses on My Sinai for they see it as an old Jewish custom that is outdated and much too strict for their way of life for, being obedient to Almighty God means that we become responsible for our actions and this is most unpalatable for modern society as they see it.

This comes as no surprise to those who are obedient to Almighty God and observe His commandments for, they have read in scripture the prophecies that have been written concerning the events that are happening today and they understand the order of things to come, not because they possess special gifts but the Ruach ha'Kodesh guides them to be obedient to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel.

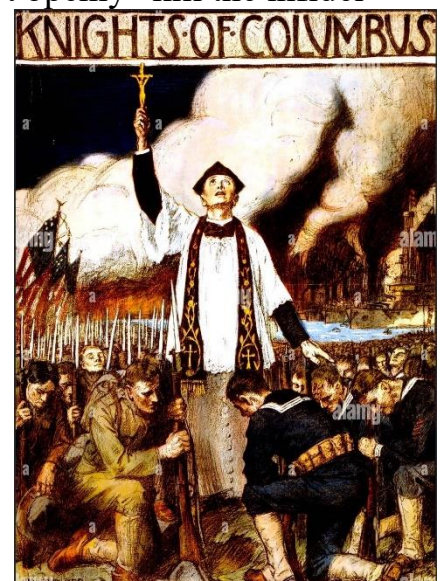
This warning applies to both Catholic and Protestant denominations, including all their sects and affiliations. Don't think that by being protestant that you will escape the punishment due to the Catholic (mother) church for the protestant liturgy contains many catholic doctrines and dogmas that are still dogmatically adhered too, although they are slightly different in nature, the reformation did not completely remove all the dogmas and catechisms of the Universal church, in fact, if a non-Christian were to walk into a church they would be hard pressed to discern whether they were in a Catholic or Protestant place of worship.

Islam is a strong faith in that it holds very much to the values of the Torah with regard to moral laws (which they call sharia) although even Islam is slowly succumbing to the influences of the modern secular world. They strongly reject the trinity doctrine, homosexuality (both male and female) and strongly uphold many of the laws of the God of Abraham however, although they accept Yeshua as a prophet of God, they reject that Yeshua is the promised Mashiach furthermore, the Qur'an differs in many places with that of the Pentateuch (5 books of Moses) but is said to be based on those laws. Muslims, like their cousins the rabbinic Jews have added to the laws of Almighty God and there is a strong belief in the immortal soul so these doctrines in themselves show that they fall short of salvation. That is what God's word says, it is there for all to read.



One of the strongest differences between the three professed Abrahamic faiths is the fact that, in sura 9 Islam instructs its adherents to “kill the infidel” and, although Christianity and Judaism do not openly “kill the infidel” they certainly have done so in history. Once again, “by their fruits you will know them”. In contrast the true followers of Yeshua ha'Mashiach

uphold His words at Luke 6:27-29 ESV “*But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either*”. When have those in the big three religions ever displayed this depth of love? The answer is never!



The clergy of all major denominations have unashamedly blessed the weapons of war that are designed to destroy human life and the most disturbing thing is that both sides would bless their weapons to kill the other sides troops some of which share the same religion. I can think of nothing more blasphemous than using the name of Jesus in connection with such God dishonouring activities, how does the priest sleep at night after he blessed the air crews as they delivered the bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Or the priest that blessed the air crews that bombed the cities of the UK and Germany during the blitz? Or the bishops that blessed the troops on D-Day? It is true that, in human terms all the troops that fought against the Axis powers in the second world war are treated as heroes, and rightly so, for they fought against the tyranny of a worldly dictatorship that had put millions of innocent people to death for no reason other than they were different to their ideals. That is from the standpoint of humanities idea of what righteousness is but the human race is far removed from God's righteousness and those that profess to be Christian clergy, instead of standing up for what is right in Almighty God's eyes once again took it upon themselves to bless these abominations in the name of Jesus and I am talking about all sides here.

It is a fact that, if everyone, including the religious leaders had heeded Jesus words in Luke 6:27-29 there would have never been a world war two! A cold war or a war in Ukraine. This is what happens when humans feel it necessary to take control, it will inevitably end in bloodshed and death. If everyone truly followed the Master Yeshua no one would have fought, and if no one fights then there can be no wars. One of the most ironic things that people say is "if there is a God, why does He let this happen?" as if to blame Almighty God for the sins of mankind they forget that Our loving Father does not tempt us by evil, nor can He be tempted by evil... James 1:13 ESV *"Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one"*. Just like naughty and disobedient children break the rules of their parents and things go terribly wrong they blame their parents for letting them break their rules.

If you truly trust in Y_eH^oV_aH you will be obedient to Him, you will shema (hear and obey) what He says and trust Him implicitly, just like King Hezekiah did when he faced the full might of Sennacherib's armies or like Shadrack, Meshak and Abednego when King Nebuchadnezzar ordered them into the fiery furnace, Gideon who faced the full strength of the Amalekites with his 300 men. This is the trust that all humans should possess in accord with their faith, this is the trust that truly bears fruit. Whoever puts their trust in men has no faith in Almighty God, even if they tell you otherwise, do not believe them. Psalms 118:8-9 *"It is better to take refuge in YEHOVAH than to trust in man; ⁹it is better to trust in YEHOVAH than to trust in nobles"*.

When we realise that the life we lead now, is not the real life, we are destined through the wages of sin to die and that is a fact, when we have such faith so as to die for what we believe then this shows our true colours, for those that have such faith are the ones that truly believe in the resurrection and life in the real kingdom, the kingdom that we pray for each time we recite Matthew 6: 10.

So, if true salvation comes, not from religion where does it come from?

Following any manmade religious system will never bring you the salvation that Yeshua talked about, religions are counterfeit copies that are made by the satan in order to hide the truth from people like you and me and the satan has had so much success in this area but it's now enough is enough, time to turn the tables and return to the One True God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

What Exactly was Yeshua's Mission?

From what we have learned so far there doesn't seem much hope for the human race, we seem to be doomed to a cycle of birth and death ad infinitum. And this would surely have been the case had our loving Father Y_eH^oV_aH not sent His son Yeshua into the world. (John 3:16). I find it ironic that the only people that recognise Yeshua (Jesus) as the Mashiach (Christ/Anointed one) are Christendom and even they get it so, so wrong with their doctrines and traditions of men they diminish the gospel into a tool of oppression. The procrastination of the denominations of Christendom have altered almost every last drop of truth and, with stealth and cunning have turned it into a Roman pagan temple. So, what's left? How could the simplicity of the gospel message be so corrupted so as to be another gospel, the thought is mind-blowing. One thing is for certain, if Christendom doesn't repent (t'shuvah) and turn from its God dishonouring ways, I'm afraid it's going to be Gehenna for all that are in it. (Revelation 18:4).

Salvation the Biblical Way

First and foremost, it must be made absolutely clear that Yeshua was not sent by the Father to start a new religion, neither did he or any of the Apostles teach that the obligation to keep the written torah as given to Moses on Mt Sinai had ceased for believers. In truth, Yeshua's mission was to herald the renewed covenant (Brit ha'Dashah) to the children of Israel (the 12 tribes) and to unite the two sticks of Yehuda and Ephraim to be made whole again once more, to proclaim freedom to the captives and to lead His people out of bondage to sin and death into the Kingdom that was spoken of in Matthew 6:10. All these things of which are written in the spring Moedim which have been fulfilled by Yeshua's first coming as Yeshua ben Joseph, referring to Joseph, the eleventh son of Jacob (Israel). Likewise, Yeshua will fulfil the fall feasts when He returns as Yeshua ben David to pour out the wrath of His Father Y_eH^oV_aH on all the lawless ones and to claim His bride.

Is it Christendom that tells you this truth? No, they would rather keep it hidden, that's one of the reasons why in the 15th and 16th century CE you could be burned at the stake for reading a Bible translation. This truth can only be found in God's word the Bible and it is freely available, it is not hidden in some Da Vinci Code as in the 2003 mystery thriller novel by Dan Brown. It is there for all those who truly seek the truth, you do not have to possess any formal training in theology to find it for there is one greater than all mankind who will guide you as Yeshua said *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye*

shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened". (Matthew 7:7-8).

What Should I Do to be Saved?

There is a large problem for Christianity, a huge elephant in the room, and that problem is found in scripture. Furthermore, it is one that cannot be explained away no matter what theological gymnastics can be used eisegetically to twist the meaning of Yeshua's words for he directly instructed His disciples to *"...Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"*. (Matthew 10:5-6). and again, Yeshua used the same context when he spoke to the Canaanite woman whose daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit, this is perhaps the key verse to understanding Yeshua's mission... Matthew 15:23-25 *But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. ²⁴But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ²⁵Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.*

Let us concentrate on verse 25 "Then came she and **worshipped** him, saying, Lord, help me". In context the Greek word προσεκύνει ^(G4352) [pros-koo-neh'-o] is loosely translated here as "worshipped" but in the Greek it has a much deeper significance as it means to "prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore)". In order to fulfil this description, the Canaanite woman had evidently become a follower of Yeshua and this is quite obvious by her actions, remember... "by their fruit you shall know them", this woman showed her true heart condition by her actions and there is no better witness.



In the verse directly preceding this Yeshua had said that he had been sent to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" but this woman was a gentile. As we know from our studies, Yeshua always had compassion for everyone, this is the fruit He himself displayed but He was also passionate about the Torah and keeping the commandments of the one that sent Him and He would never take it upon himself to perform an act, however compassionate it might be, that would lead Him to disobey Y_eH^oV_aH His Father.

What did Yeshua do? He recognised that the woman had previously repented of her sins and had possibly been baptised by one of the baptised followers but, what is important is that Yeshua granted the woman her plea and her daughter was healed in that very hour. This is the proof that this faithful woman's heart had been changed and, although she recognised that she wasn't a direct descendant of the house of Jacob (Israel) she was obviously aware of the TaNaKh and the written law of Moses otherwise she would have thanked other gods as is the custom of the gentiles. (See Acts 14: 11, 12).

This Canaanite woman displayed such great faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel that, the Ruach ha'Kodesh that acted through Yeshua had grounds to grant this woman her prayer. Her faith is verified by Yeshua Himself in verse 28 where He said to the woman and all those who were present with Him "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed in that very hour.

There were also many “closeted” followers of Yeshua too, including Pharisees and Roman Soldiers and officials. We know of at least two rabbis that believed that Yeshua was the promised Mashiach that Moses spoke of, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who are identified in the Brit ha'Dashah. But what is most interesting is Yeshua's treatment of the Roman Centurion He met in Capernaum. You can read this account at Matthew 8:5-13. It is a well-known account that most Christians will recognise.

You would assume that a Roman Centurion was a gentile (pagan) through and through. Under normal circumstances, as a Soldier in the Roman army, he would be expected to worship Cesar as a deity, along with the plethora of gods for differing purposes however, this seems not to be the case in this instance. We know that Yeshua came to find the “lost sheep of Israel” so what on earth is he doing conversing with a seemingly pagan Roman Soldier? After all, these were the sworn enemies of the Jewish nation at the time.

There are two outstanding factors in both the accounts of the Canaanite woman and the Roman Centurion, one is that they were assumed to be gentiles (pagans) and two, the mention of the word Faith. So, are we to assume that these two vastly different people remained gentiles? Ask yourself, would they have maintained their gentile status whilst possession such faith? How did they build such a faith in Yeshua without coming to “KNOW” Him? The depth of the Centurions faith prompted Yeshua to remark... *“Now when Yeshua heard this, He marvelled and said to those who were following, “Amen, I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith!”* (Matthew 8:10).

To have such faith as the Canaanite woman and this Roman Soldier you must be absolutely convinced that both their prayers would be fulfilled by Yeshua, do you or I have such faith as these? You don't possess such faith unless you have come to know ^(H3045) (יָדָע [yâda']) the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel.

The meaning of “to know” in Hebrew.

The Hebrew meaning of the phrase in this context has a much deeper meaning than its English counterpart, “to know” has a wider vernacular than our English word “know,” it includes perceiving, learning, understanding, willing, performing, and experiencing. To know is not to be intellectually informed about some abstract principle, but to apprehend and experience reality. Knowledge is not the possession of information, but rather its exercise or actualization. Thus, biblically to know God is not to know about him in an abstract and impersonal manner, but rather to enter into his saving actions. (Micah 6:5). To know God is not to struggle philosophically with his eternal essence, but rather to recognize and accept his laws. It is not some mystical contemplation, but dutiful obedience.

By their actions they gave proof of their submission to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, this means that they were no longer “gentiles” but, like the non-Israelite people that followed Moses out of Egypt, they had accepted and shown their obedience to Y_eH^oV_aH, the God of Yeshua and the children of Israel, in other words, they became as natural born Israelites just as the Torah instructs. By this faith they joined themselves to the God of Israel and therefor Yeshua, keeping true to His word, was able to grant both of them their prayers, I think that is a wonderful opportunity for those that were once “gentiles” to avail themselves of the promise made to Abraham, this means your salvation, there is no other way to

enter into the kingdom of Almighty God but through Yeshua and it is by the kind of faith that was displayed by the Canaanite woman and the Centurion that will get you through.

Salvation the Hebrew way.

We learned in section one that, up until the last Apostle fell asleep in death the followers of Yeshua were identified as “the Way” and were, in the early years, comprised of mainly Jewish believers who accepted Yeshua as the Mashiach and their theology differed little from the Pharisees, this should be of no great surprise as Yeshua and all the disciples were schooled in the Pharisaic traditions. Where “rabbinic Judaism” and “the Way” differed was the acceptance of the so called “Oral” torah. Yeshua and His followers totally rejected these man-made instructions as taught by the traditions of men and maintained that it was the written Torah as given to Moses on Mt Sinai that was the only true authority of Almighty God, just as the Karaite Jews believe today.

It is important to note that all Jews are Hebrews but not all Hebrews are Jews, Judaism is a religious sect of Hebraism. For clarification, the twelve tribes of Israel (Jacob) are Hebrews as they are all descendants of Abraham (who incidentally was a gentile that “crossed over” (עָבַר [Ivra]) from idolatry to the worship of the true God, Y_eH^oV_aH. All the followers of Yeshua were Hebrew because they walked in the way of Abraham and it was Abraham that received the promise from his friend Y_eH^oV_aH that, through his seed (Yeshua) all the people would be blessed.

When Yeshua was talking to the woman at the well in Sychar in Sumaria he explained to her that she, being a gentile worshipped **“what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews”**. (John 4:22). This statement poses another problem for Christendom and their replacement theology but there we have it, straight from the horse’s mouth so to speak. What is Yeshua actually telling this Samaritan woman? Is he implying that, to gain salvation you must convert to rabbinic Judaism? Certainly not! He is telling her that, to gain salvation you must accept the God of Abraham as creator of the universe and keep His laws and mitzvot that were applicable to each individual, just as He and His disciples and followers did in other words, she must become a Hebrew. Acts 4:12 **“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”**. Yeshua was first and foremost a Hebrew from the tribe of Yehuda (Judah), Hebraism is not a religion, it is a way of life, a life that is in constant obedience to Almighty God Y_eH^oV_aH. The Hebrews are a chosen people by the promise given to Abraham and they will remain His chosen people irrespective of whatever you are told, it is a holy convocation and will remain so.

Is it possible for gentiles to t’suvah (repent) and leave their old pagan ways to join the “set apart” people, the Hebrews? The answer is a resounding “YES”. If we reject the doctrines and false teachings of men and make a 180° shift to pure worship as in the days of the Levitical priesthood then we become Hebrew too. Leviticus 19:34 **“You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God”**. it is quite obvious that the “stranger” must comply with the laws of the nation that he is aligning himself with. Leviticus 24:22 **“You shall have the same rule for the sojourner and for the native, for I am the LORD your God”**. This is called being “grafted in” which we will discuss in detail.

Grafted In. (Romans 11:11-24)

Contrary to popular belief there is only one path and one door that leads to salvation and anyone who teaches that there are many ways to salvation is either ignorant of the word of Almighty God or is a liar. Pretty strong words I know but when it comes to your salvation it is pretty serious because it will mean either life or death for you. Yeshua indicated that there is only one way to enter into the promise and that is through Him and Him alone. (1 Timothy 2:5 *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Yeshua ha’Mashiach”*). This is the point where Christendom, Judaism and Islam make their exit and you will see why soon.

Remember what Yeshua told us concerning His ministry? He told us that He had come for the “lost sheep of Israel”, these “lost sheep” included all the children of Israel, the ten tribes of Jacob, in what sense were they “lost”? they were spiritually lost, they had deviated so much from the true worship as in the days of the Levitical priesthood and had invented another torah that kept the people under duress by the traditions of men. On many occasions Yeshua referred those rabbinical leaders as “blind guides”, he didn’t mean that they were physically blind but spiritually blind, this is proven by Yeshua when He said *“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men”*. (Matthew 15:9). And there is a parallel that can be drawn with Christendom for their doctrines are the doctrines and traditions of men, just as the scribes and Pharisees of Yeshua’s time.

Another point to consider is how rabbinic Judaism treated people not belonging to their particular interpretation of the commands of Elohim, the rule was that no Jew was allowed to mix with gentiles, if they did they would be unclean and have to perform a series of rituals for purification, this is a rule that they had invented and observed as in the oral torah, like the washing of hands in a certain way before eating bread (not any other food, just bread) and the lighting of candles at the start of Shabbat, and many other extra duties and rituals that the Jew’s were instructed to observe. These “takkanot” (additions) are not mentioned in the written Torah and that is why Yeshua called them out, exposing their false teachings and self-righteous lifestyle whilst ignoring the things that they should have been doing like helping the orphans and widows as instructed in the provisions of the Torah. It wasn’t as much as being angry for what they were doing, it was mostly for what they were not doing that angered Yeshua so much.

The real reason why the rabbis and religious leaders hated Yeshua and His followers so much is that He was exposing their false doctrines and threatening their power and decedent way of life, He HAD to be gotten rid of so they rejected Yeshua their Mashiach and have used His name in a very derogatory manner up to this day. The truth is that the rabbis have hidden Yeshua from the Jewish nation for over 1960 years, even telling them that the Brit ha’Dashah is antisemitic when the opposite is true, Yeshua was just like any Jewish man that you would see walking down the street, he didn’t glow with some etheric light or walk round with a halo of the sun god over his head, and neither did His followers but he certainly was different and this is indisputable for the fruit He produced was always in line with the Torah and he performed many miracles as recorded in the Brit ha’Dashah, miracles that are not disputed even by His enemy’s. Yeshua was most certainly not a

Christian and the Brit ha'Dashah is most certainly not a Christian book. The Brit ha'Dashah shares a symbiotic relationship with the TaNaKh, it is like the grand finale that brings the events in the TaNaKh into full vogue, the relationship with the Law, prophets and writings are made complete in the Brit ha'Dashah and to split them would be like trying to understand a novel by just reading the first half and trying to predict the outcome or starting the novel half way through and trying to understand the characters and reasons for the end. It is absolute lunacy for Christians to reject the Torah just as it is for rabbinic Judaism to ban the reading of the Brit ha'Dashah to the very ones that Yeshua came to call to t'shuvah. To all rabbinic Jews I say that the Brit ha'Dashah is a Jewish collection of Jewish books and letters written by Jewish people to the Jews. The pagans may have hijacked the Brit ha'Dashah, but it truly belongs with the TaNaKh. Nothing could be more Jewish than the Brit ha'Dashah.

Let us turn to the prophesy that was penned by Ezekiel concerning two sticks, one representing Judah and the other representing Ephraim. Ezekiel 37:15–28 explains the two sticks which represent the two divided kingdoms, the stick of Judah representing the Southern kingdom and the stick of Ephraim (Joseph) representing the Northern ten tribe kingdom of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:19-22 MKJV Say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions, and I will put them with him, with the stick of Judah, and will make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand. ²⁰And the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes. ²¹And say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and will bring them into their own land. ²²And I will make them one nation in the land on the mountains of Israel, and one King shall be king to them all. And they shall not still be two nations, nor shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.

It is written that there will come a time when the two kingdoms will be joined together again in unity and nothing can stop this from happening in fact evidence shows that it is beginning to happen. You may think that it is you that make the choice to follow Yeshua but the fact is that no one can come to Yeshua unless they are drawn by the Ruach ha'Kodesh. John 6:44 MKJV *“No one can come to Me unless the Father who has sent Me draw him, and I will raise him up at the last day”*. This is indeed a privilege and a personal invite to follow Yeshua but there are conditions that we must observe and those conditions are given by Almighty God and not some tradition of men. From our studies we are all familiar with the Shema, *“Hear, O, Israel. Jehovah our God is one Jehovah. ⁵And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might”*. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). So, what does it mean to “love God”? John tells us *“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome”*. (1 John 5:3). This indicates that we love the Father by keeping His commandments (Torah) and this will be manifest in the fruit we bare. It stands to logic that, if we keep the commandments that pertain to our situation then we are no longer under “law” because we do not sin, for sin is disobedience of the torah. 1 John 3:4 *“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law”*. This rater debunks the false teaching of Christendom that teaches that the Torah has

been abolished for the followers of Jesus don't you think! What about the gentiles, can they be involved too? Of course, in fact it is encouraged for our Father is not partial and the promise to Abraham says that "all nations shall be blessed" so, how are ones that were once outside the covenant arrangement between Almighty God and the children of Israel become part of this wonderful covenant?

- ❖ **Firstly**, we must believe in the Almighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel and know that He is Echad (One) and Yeshua is the Mashiach that was sent by Almighty God Y_eH^oV_aH.
- ❖ **Secondly**, we must confess and repent (t'shuvah) of our sins and not return to them.
- ❖ **Thirdly**, we must be baptised in the name of Yeshua when we fully understand the implications of our baptism.

But it doesn't end there, we must pray regularly to the Father through Yeshua thanking Him for all the blessings that He bestows upon us each and every day. We must continue our reading of His word the Bible because this is the way we can draw even closer to Him it also strengthens our faith when we read the accounts of the faithful. It is impossible to get to know someone without studying what their characteristics are, what they like and what they don't like for how are we expected to please them if we don't know these things?

The most important thing we could possibly do to please our heavenly Father is to be obedient to Him, this is by far the most important thing for it was disobedience that led to the situation that we find ourselves in today.

At this point it would be good to recap on what baptism really means. The act of baptism means different things to many denominations, the most popular theory is that it washes away sin but that is not correct, baptism is a full immersion in "living" water such as a river, lake or sea. The baptismal candidate fully understands the seriousness of their baptism and has already made a commitment in their heart to disown themselves and live for the Mashiach. Then, when the candidate is ready, they are fully immersed in the water, this signifies that they have died to their former ways as if buried with the Mashiach then, as they come up out of the water they are symbolically resurrected into their new life, just as Yeshua was resurrected. They are now reborn into Yeshua ha'Mashiach and all the angels glorify Almighty God. this is indeed one of the most joyful occasions in a person's life for it means life in the fullest sense.

What is often overlooked is one of the most important and personal events because when you are baptised in Yeshua you become a child of Almighty God and one of the children of Israel yes, you become as a natural born Israelite, you are no longer identified as a gentile, there are no "gentile believers", you are grafted into the family of Jacob (Israel) just as those people of the nations that followed Moses out of the land of Egypt and accepted the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the same Torah applies to you as it applies to the children of Israel, there is no difference. The fine example of this we find in the story of Ruth the Moabitess who accepted the God of Abraham and became the great grandmother of David and therefore a direct ancestor of Yeshua ha'Mashiach.

Let's look at the Bible's account of being grafted in means.

This can be found in Romans 11:11-24 the following is taken from the Modern King James Version (MKJV). Let us go through it verse by verse together.

11 I say then, did they not stumble that they fall? Let it not be! But by their slipping away came salvation to the nations, to provoke them to jealousy.

By their rejection and non-belief those of the natural born children of Israel were broken off and replaced by ex-gentile faithful believers, this would provoke the non-believing Jews to jealousy which could have a positive effect.

12 But if their slipping away is the riches of the world, and their default is the riches of the nations, how much more their fullness?

The "riches of the world" mentioned here means the riches and grace of God's word is now available to those who have not known the God of Israel but have repented and rejected their pagan god's and are now obedient to Almighty God, the God of Abraham. Isaac and Israel (Jacob) through belief in Yeshua as the Mashiach. Through their obedience to Yeshua and the Torah they become as natural born Israelites, no longer gentile but Israelite.

13 For I speak to you, the nations; since I am the apostle of the nations, I glorify my ministry;

In simple terms what Sha'ul is saying is that, by bringing people that once did not know Almighty God are now leaving their pagan god's and turning to the ne true God, he is fulfilling the mission he was tasked by Yeshua to do.

14 if by any means I may provoke those who are my flesh to jealousy, and might save some of them.

Hoping that the natural born children of Israel will t'shuvah and be grafted back into the cultivated olive tree by leaving the teachings and doctrines of men as in rabbinic Judaism and return to worshipping Almighty God YeHoVaH in a manner in which He approves and as taught by Yeshua ha'Mashiach.

15 For if their casting away is the reconciling of the world, what is the reception except life from the dead?

Through the initial rejection the ex-gentile believers have the opportunity to be grafted in and the world is reconciled to Almighty God.

16 For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, also the branches.

Here Sha'ul highlights that the "firstfruit" concerns the set apart people as recorded in both the TaNaKh and the Brit ha'Dashah, these were of course the children of Israel from the seed of Abraham (Deuteronomy 7:6-11). With this caution Sha'ul warns the newly converted gentiles not to get beyond their station. What a pity that his warning was not heeded from the second century onwards when the complete opposite was practiced. We, as ex-gentiles must remember that we are holy because the root and the branches that we are grafted into are holy and not the other way round. If Sha'ul's words had been observed Christendom would have been a totally different entity than that which we see today.

17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the olive tree with them,

As ex-gentiles we are identified as the "wild" olive that through our faith we are grafted into the cultivated olive tree and become the sharer of the root and the goodness that it supplies.

18 do not boast against the branches. But if you boast, it is not you that bears the root, but the root bears you.

Let us ex-gentiles not get boastful, remember that we were once separate from the cultivated olive and are supported by the root and that we do not support the root.

19 You will say then, The branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.

As some of the children of Israel rejected Yeshua as Mashiach they were broken off which made room for the ex-gentile believers to be grafted into the cultivated olive tree.

20 Well, because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be high-minded, but fear.

We could lose our status if we are not vigilant and weaken in faith or let our position become a means of boasting.

21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, fear lest He also may not spare you either!

If Father can remove those natural branches, how easy it would be for Him to remove us!

22 Behold then the kindness, and the severity of God; on those having fallen, severity; but on you, kindness, if you continue in the kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

It is by the undeserved kindness of our Father that we are grafted into the cultivated olive and not by our own merit.

23 And those also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in. For God is able to graft them in again.

There is always hope that our Jewish brothers and sisters will have a change of heart, t'shuvah and be grafted back into their own olive tree. Hallelu Yah!

24 For if you were cut out of the natural wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree; how much more these being according to nature will be grafted into their own olive-tree?

Exactly right.

You may be asking yourself “does this mean that I have to convert to Judaism in order to be included in the promise that God gave to His friend Abraham?” Absolutely not! Sha’ul brings this point out so eloquently when he explains circumcision. It all started when certain men (Judaizer’s) came down from Judea (Acts 15:1) and telling the converts that “unless you are circumcised after the manner of Moses, you cannot be saved.” Which was confusing these ex-gentiles who had accepted the God of Abraham as their God, just as Rahab and Ruth had done centuries before and through their line Yeshua ha’Mashiach was born.

It was Abraham that God instructed to circumcise all his male offspring, it was a covenant between the seed of Abraham and Almighty God forever, it was a fleshly covenant, a witness that showed an outward sign but there is a circumcision that is much more valuable than just an outward sign of allegiance, with a circumcision of the flesh you can sin but, with a circumcision of the heart it means that you are faithful to Almighty God as it is a **spiritual circumcision** that is proven by the persons actions. It is not a circumcision that is performed by men on the 8th day, it is a circumcision that is performed by Almighty God Himself that shows dedication and obedience to Almighty God, a sign of repentance and forgiveness. Deuteronomy 30:6 *“And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live”*. (See also: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Ezekiel 36:26–27; **Romans 2:29**).

Anyone can say that they believe in Jesus but they seldom question what that belief really means, what does it actually mean to “believe” in Yeshua (Jesus)? It really means that you have disowned yourself and are now a true reflection of Him just as He was of the Father, at your baptism you died with Him and were resurrected with Him. There is no doubt that Yeshua loved the Father, all through His ministry he spoke nothing of himself, did nothing by His own power and was totally reliant on His Father but, the most

important thing He did was that he kept all the commandments that were applicable to Him perfectly, he was indeed without sin for the very definition of sin is disobedience to the Torah.

He told his followers that if they loved Him they would keep His (Yeshua's) commandments (John 14:15), what are the commandments of Yeshua? They are exactly the same as His Fathers, which he summed up quite eloquently in Mark 12:30-31 *"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. ³¹And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these"*. This is contrary to the teaching of Christendom which instructs us that although it is good practice to observe the ten commandments we are no longer obligated to keep them or the other 603 mitzvot that were given to Moses on Mt Sinai. Let there be no doubt in your mind that we are still obligated to keep all the Torah of Almighty God, we are not exempt just because we believe in Yeshua (Jesus), on the contrary, we are to show our obedience to His Torah in our daily lives, this is what makes us a "set apart people for His name", just as it was for the children of Israel, I can assure you that nothing has changed since then. We are made righteous by faith but, we are justified by our actions. James 2:24 *"Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only"*.

There is neither Jew nor Greek. (Galatians 3:28).

It is time now for all mankind to question their belief system, testing it against the true teaching of the Hebrew scriptures (and that includes the Brit ha'Dashah too), the language may be Greek but the concept is pure Hebrew, the written language does not change the message, we are told that Luke was a gentile, wrong! Luke was a proselyte, a gentile that had converted to Judaism before he became a follower of Yeshua for no gentile could write with such knowledge of scripture without being trained. There is not one word between Genesis 1:1 and Revelation 22:21 that was written by a gentile and that is a fact.

It is not committing a sin to question one's faith, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel knows that there are sincere people that have it in their hearts to worship Him in the way He approves, but it is imperative that we question the reasons why the doctrine we follow conflicts with the Hebrew scriptures. This applies to all three Abrahamic religious denominations, Judaism, Christianity and Islam... these are all manmade religions that are designed to fit a certain national lifestyle.

One of the most serious obstacles that ha'Satan puts in our way is that of Nationalism, national pride is closely tied to religion. In Bible principles Nationalism is one of the worst forms of idolatry, most religious people today put their nation above the worship of Almighty God, a result of this is the wars that have been fought between factions that profess to believe in the same God. they seem to forget that there is only one race, and that is the human race and we are all equal in Fathers eyes. This situation is not new, it has been ongoing since the fall in Eden.

It is fair to say that Judaism, Christianity and Islam all fall into this warlike category and yes, you might say that when the Israelite nation entered the promised land, they were instructed by Y_eH^oV_aH Himself to drive out the inhabitants. But this is not designed to show Almighty God as a tyrant, far from it, the nations that the Israelites were to drive out were gross sinners that were receiving just reward for their abominations. Y_eH^oV_aH is a God of love and mercy but we must also recognise that He is a god of supreme justice. If you break the law and appear before a judge and you show true remorse the judge must judge you according to what you have done but he has license show mercy in the sentence that he passes. This is true justice, if someone wrongs you, you would expect to receive justice and Almighty God is the ultimate judge. Just like the cities of the plains in Abraham's time received judgement for their abominations, Y_eH^oV_aH used the Israelites to pass judgement on those nations. Remember the story of Jonah, he was sent to Nineveh to warn the inhabitants that they were to be destroyed if they carried on in their depraved and violent ways, what happened? All the people of Nineveh, including the King repented and turned from their wicked ways so Y_eH^oV_aH spared them judgement on that occasion, much to the annoyance of Jonah.

To all nations and religions of the world, you may assume that your religion is the truth but how does your religion measure up to the truth of the Book? (See Appendix E).

All religions are false religions, there is only one truth and that can only be found in the Hebrew TaNaKh with the Brit ha'Dashah and can be applied to all the human race through one man, his name is Yehoshua (Yeshua), an innocent man that was put to death and was raised from death after three nights and three days. There is no other way of salvation than through Him for He is the Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel), He is the Master, King and Kohen Gadol and will lead God's people into the New Kingdom just like His predecessor Moses lead the people out of Mitsraim (Egypt). His people are not nations but one people, one race... the human race.

Epilogue

To say that I am only scratching the surface would be a gross understatement indeed. Although I have mostly concentrated on Christianity as the title states, the principles can be applied equally to Judaism and Islam who also claim adherence to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Nothing can replace the complete works of the Hebrew Bible and all are inferior to its teaching including the Q'ran. I have not covered the pagan religions and their "sacred" writings as they are as far apart from the truth as Esat is from West and are demonic in origin.

God's word tells us everything we need to know concerning how to worship Him in a manner that He approves. Perfection can never be born from imperfection and imperfect is every human being no matter what their title is, we are all human beings, full of sin and death and that includes Rabbis, Imams, Popes or any heads of religious bodies, in God's eyes they are just humans like we all are. The truth is that there is no religion on earth today that is totally blameless for there is not one religion that can match up to the righteousness of Almighty God Y^eH^oV^aH. It is a fact that every religious denomination and sect has their own interpretation of God's word and that interpretation has been made by men to suit their own religious beliefs. This is the reason why there are so many different denominations and sects, this only happens when you deviate from the truth of the real Bible.

We must realise that all religions are manmade both pagan and Abrahamic. There is not one of them that has adhered to the TaNaKh/Brit ha'Dashah, they have all added their particular hermeneutics to the scriptures and warped them out of recognition, adding and subtracting their own theories. They all perceive the taste of the will of Almighty God like a fork perceives the taste of food. They are all blind guides and will lead everyone to destruction and, like Lemmings, they and their followers are heading for the cliff. It's time to wake up, Revelation 18:4 *"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues"*. The "her" here is identified as the world empire of false religion. Where do we escape to? We return to the truth by our personal study of the Bible, the way Abraham, Isaac, Israel (Jacob), Moses and Yeshua worshipped Him, that IS the ONLY way, there is no other path that leads to the Kingdom of Almighty God and that is through the door and that door is God's Son Yeshua the Mashiach, the King and Kohen Gadol.

One of the greatest obstacles you will ever encounter is nationalism in all its ugly forms, it opposes the unity that is taught in the Bible. I listen to many YouTube® channels concerning the brothers and sisters that were once Jewish and have come to recognise their Mashiach Yeshua and I must admit that I do get quite emotional when I hear that another brother or sister has turned to the children of Israel (Jacob) however, most of them seem to concentrate on their "Jewishness", what on earth does that mean... they are no longer "Jews" but they are now identified as children of Israel (Jacob). In the same respect, one cannot call themselves "Christian" once they have accepted the Mashiach of the children of Israel, they are no longer a subscriber to the doctrines and traditions of the Christian religion, they too become the children of Israel. This applies to all those who accept Yeshua as the Mashiach and turn to the God of Abraham, whatever religion they belonged to, they become children of Israel and, as children of Israel we are all obedient to the written Torah of Moses for they are Almighty God's laws and we keep His laws out of love for Him. In this way we will never sin and the Torah has no hold on us because we do not fall under the curse of the law, we can't sin because we keep His law, do you see how it works? *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.* (1 John 3:4).

Nationalism is a curse that has been with us since the division in Nimrod's day and recorded in Genesis 11:1-9 when Almighty God confounded human language and nations were born. Nationalism is a form of idolatry and a tool of division, do you love your nation and put it before Almighty God? if you do you are indeed engaging in idolatry. Do you swear allegiance to

your countries flag? This is idolatry. Yeshua meant what he said to Pilate recorded at John 18:36, Yeshua had sworn His allegiance to his Father Y_eH^oV_aH, and we should do the same.

It is a fact that an idolator is a person who puts anything above the station of Almighty God, this includes prayers to anyone but Almighty God and the veneration of anything but Almighty God, this is what He tells us in His word, He has not hidden anything, there is no secret code to unlock some mystic higher knowledge, we have everything we need to attain the promise of Y_eH^oV_aH's friend Abraham. One of the most wonderful gifts He has given to us is that we do not need to be a doctor of theology to understand what our loving Father is telling us, although the "experts" would tell you otherwise, all it takes is a hunger and passion for the truth and the ruach ha'Kodesh to guide you and you will soon find that the Bible enlightens you from its pages.

It is my hope that you have enjoyed reading this little booklet and I pray that it has given you the impetus to pick up and read the bible for yourself and see that it is good. If you are involved with religion it is right to ask questions to your religious leaders concerning matters of doctrine, teaching and dogma's that are rife in today's religions for you will be helping shine the light of truth to them too, you may highlight something that has been worrying them for years, by doing this you will be fulfilling the great commission too.

This little book does not aim to be offensive, insult anyone's intelligence or doubt their sincerity nor is it designed to ridicule any believer for what they believe is right rather, it is meant to encourage you to return to the true God of your Bible without all the extra baggage that has been added since the end of the Apostolic age. But it is against the doctrines, teachings and traditions of mankind that will lead you down the path of destruction and I do not want that to happen. I offer this book free of charge so that you may benefit from my studies over the many years, I do not profess to know everything, no one can, but it warms my heart to know that my faith is not blind faith, I know why I have faith and I also know why I believe in the scriptures and those are the building blocks towards finding the truth that is straight from the one that spoke the whole universe into existence. Now is the time to withdraw from false worship and return to the truth because the truth will set you free! (John 8:32).

The work is just starting.....

Catholic (Western) Church Doctrinal Timeline	
Year (CE)	Details
154	The teachings of Marcion the gnostic Valentinus and Pentecostal Montanists cause disruptions in the Roman community. Persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire continues.
180	Irenaeus's Adversus Haereses brings the concept of "heresy" to the fore in the first systematic attempt to counter Gnostic and other aberrant teachings. In the same work he taught that the most reliable source of apostolic guidance was the episcopacy of Rome.
200	Tertullian first great Christian Latin writer coined for Christian concepts Latin terms such as "Trinitas" "Tres Personae" "Una Substantia" "Sacramentum"
248	Origen of Alexandria writes Contra Celsum the most important apologetic writing of antiquity alongside Augustine's City of God.
200	Under Irenaeus, bishop of Lyon, a basic version of Catholic structure was installed with Roman direction
323	Pope Sylvester I in his calendar lists Sunday (rather than the Jewish Saturday Sabbath) as the first day of the week names it "the Lord's day" and commands church members to keep it as a holy day.
336	Date of the first recorded celebration of Christmas in Rome.
345	Pope Julius I officially sets the date of December 25 for the celebration of the Nativity or Christmas.
300	Prayers for the dead began.
375	Veneration of angels and dead saints, and the use of images
394	The Mass as a daily celebration
480	Traditional birth of St Benedict author of a Monastic Rule setting out regulations for the establishment of monasteries.
431	Start of the veneration of Mary and first use of the term "Mother of God" at the Council of Ephesus
590	Pope Gregory the Great. Reform's ecclesiastical structure and administration. Establishes Gregorian chant.
526	Extreme Unction. Anointing of the sick.
593	The doctrine of Purgatory established by Gregory I
600	The Latin language imposed by Gregory I
726	Iconoclasm begins in the eastern Empire. The destruction of images persists until 843.
709	Kissing of the pope's foot began with pope Constantine
786	Worship of the cross, images, and relics authorized
850	Holy water, mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by a priest
995	Canonization of dead saints, first by John XV
1079	Celibacy of the priesthood decreed by pope Gregory VII
1090	The Rosary invented by Peter the Hermit

1190	The sale of indulgences begun
1439	Purgatory proclaimed as dogma by the Council of Florence
1570	Pope Pius V issues the Apostolic Constitution on the Tridentine Mass Quo Primum.
1854	Dogma of the Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX
1870	The Dogmatic Constitution of the Church of Christ from the fourth session of Vatican I Pastor Aeternus issues the dogma of papal infallibility among other issues before the fall of Rome in the Franco-Prussian War causes it to end prematurely and brings an end to the Papal States. Controversy over several issues leads to the formation of the Old Catholic Church. This council was not formally closed until 1960 by Pope John XXIII in preparation for the Second Vatican Council.
1879	Encyclical Aeterni Patris by Pope Leo XIII prepares a revival of Thomism.
1854	Immaculate Conception of Mary proclaimed by pope Pius IX
1870	The First Vatican Council declares the policy of Papal infallibility
1903	Saint Pope Pius X Lamentabili sane exitu against Modernism introduces frequent communion promotes Gregorian chant. Problems with France. He was the most recent Pope to be canonized a saint until the canonization of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II on April 27 2014 by Pope Francis.
1943	Encyclical of Pope Pius XII Mystici corporis describing the Catholic Church as the Body of Christ.
1950	The Assumption of Mary is defined as dogma by Pius XII
1954	First Marian year in Church history proclaimed by Pius XII; new feast Queenship of Mary.
1970	Revision of the Roman Missal following on introduction of vernacular languages in celebration of Mass.
1987	Marian year announced by John Paul II in the encyclical Redemptoris Mater.
1992	The new Catechism of the Catholic Church is published in Latin and French.
1994	Ordinatio sacerdotalis an Apostolic Letter upholding a prohibition against ordination of women to the priesthood is promulgated by Pope John Paul II.
1950	Assumption of Mary (bodily ascension into heaven) proclaimed by pope Pius XII
1965	Mary proclaimed Mother of the Church by pope Paul VI
2001	John Paul II issues Novo Millennio Ineunte a program for the Church in the new millennium wherein he placed sanctity through a training in prayer as the most important priority of the Catholic Church in consonance with its purpose.
2018	Pope Francis declares the death penalty is unacceptable in all cases as an attack on human dignity.

Appendix B

Identifying God's Son.

Let us compare the Hebrew Yeshua ha'Mashiach with Christendom's Jesus Christ.

- The Hebrew Mashiach was born in Beit Lechem (House of Bread) and was named "Yehoshua" which means "God is Salvation". His earthly parents were Yosef and Miriam and on the 8th day He was circumcised and named "Yehoshua" as the angel instructed.
- In normal use the name Yehoshua was shortened to Yeshua but retained the same meaning.
- Miriam (Latin: Mary) was a maiden when she conceived Yeshua but, after Yeshua was born, she had normal sexual relations with her husband, Yosef.
- Yeshua had four half-brothers that are recorded in the Bible at Matthew 13:55 and Mark 6:3, these were Jacob (James), Yoses (a form of Yosef), Judas and Simon. He also had sisters but their names are not recorded.
- Yeshua commenced his 70-week ministry when he was 30 years old and became the Mashiach (Messiah) when he was baptised by his cousin Yochanan (John) and the Ruach ha'Kodesh "descended like a dove" upon him which confirmed his anointing.
- Yeshua was not Almighty God; he is the Apostle-Envoy or shaliach of God: he is the Son through whom "in these last days God has spoken" his final word. Just as the high priest on the day of Atonement acted as the shaliach of the whole congregation, so has Jesus made the final atonement "when he had made purification for sins" (Hebrews 1.1-5). Yeshua is acknowledged as the one who speaks and acts with the complete imprimatur of divine authority, and is called Apostle and High Priest.
- Yeshua records that he was "sent" by his Father appears in the gospels 39 times (once in Matthew and Mark, three times in Luke and thirty four times in John) and once in Acts.
- Yeshua was 100% man whilst on earth, just as the first Adam was a man.
- Yeshua kept and taught the written Torah of his Father perfectly in all that was applicable to him. It is impossible for anyone to keep all the Torah, some laws are for the priesthood, some for farmers, some just for women etc.
- Yeshua taught that his Father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) is one (Echad) and He does not share with anyone. Yeshua received the Father's authority to act on His behalf, Yeshua possessed no special powers of his own, the powers that enables him to perform all the miracles came directly from the Father via the ruach ha'Kodesh.
- Yeshua taught that God was no part of a trinity in any guise.
- Yeshua kept all seven Moedim (God instructed) Levitical festivals and the Shabbat (Sabbath) on the 7th day and taught his followers to do the same.

- Yeshua did not come to destroy the Torah or the prophets, he came to fulfil (make them complete).
- Yeshua fulfilled all the prophecies concerning the Hebrew Mashiach that are written in the TaNaKh.
- Yeshua is the only mediatory between $Y_eH^oV_aH$ and mankind. Dead people cannot hear you or act for you, prayers to saints are worthless and any apparitions of supposed saints are demonic in nature.
- Yeshua said “follow me” 19 times in 18 verses of the Brit ha’Dashah. How do we follow him? By doing the things he does and keeping his commandments. (Which are the same as his Fathers). Follow me means become a reflection of me.

Gregory VII: Dictatus Papae 1090CE

1. That the Roman church was founded by God alone.
2. That the Roman pontiff alone can with right be called universal.
3. That he alone can depose or reinstate bishops.
4. That, in a council his legate, even if a lower grade, is above all bishops, and can pass sentence of deposition against them.
5. That the pope may depose the absent.
6. That, among other things, we ought not to remain in the same house with those excommunicated by him.
7. That for him alone is it lawful, according to the needs of the time, to make new laws, to assemble together new congregations, to make an abbey of a canonry; and, on the other hand, to divide a rich bishopric and unite the poor ones.
8. That he alone may use the imperial insignia.
9. That of the pope alone all princes shall kiss the feet.
10. That his name alone shall be spoken in the churches.
11. That this is the only name in the world.
12. That it may be permitted to him to depose emperors.
13. That he may be permitted to transfer bishops if need be.
14. That he has power to ordain a clerk of any church he may wish.
15. That he who is ordained by him may preside over another church, but may not hold a subordinate position; and that such a one may not receive a higher grade from any bishop.
16. That no synod shall be called a general one without his order.
17. That no chapter and no book shall be considered canonical without his authority.
18. That a sentence passed by him may be retracted by no one; and that he himself, alone of all, may retract it.
19. That he himself may be judged by no one.
20. That no one shall dare to condemn one who appeals to the apostolic chair.
21. That to the latter should be referred the more important cases of every church.
22. That the Roman church has never erred; nor will it err to all eternity, the Scripture bearing witness.
23. That the Roman pontiff, if he has been canonically ordained, is undoubtedly made a saint by the merits of St. Peter; St. Ennodius, bishop of Pavia, bearing witness, and many holy fathers agreeing with him. As is contained in the decrees of St. Symmachus the pope.
24. That, by his command and consent, it may be lawful for subordinates to bring accusations.
25. That he may depose and reinstate bishops without assembling a synod.
26. That he who is not at peace with the Roman church shall not be considered catholic.
27. That he may absolve subjects from their fealty to wicked men.

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The Personal Name of Almighty God

יהוה
ד :

As in most things Biblical according to men there will always be contentions when it comes to the pronunciation of the actual Name of the Almighty God who spoke this universe into existence.

In Hebrew Bibles you will notice that there are four consonants that constitute the name of Almighty God. these are:

י

Yod

Pronounced “Y” as in “Yes”

ה

Hey

Pronounced “H” as in “House”

ו

Vav

Pronounced “V” as in “Van”

ה

Hey

Pronounced “H” as in “House”

At the beginning of this appendix you will see the HVHY (Hebrew is written from right to left) along with the vowel pointers which are read form top to bottom:

׃

Shma

Pronounced “e” as in “ear”.

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Olam

Pronounced “o” as in “One”. (Always placed above the consonant)

֫

Kamatz

Pronounced “a” as in “Air”

Now we can read the full name of Almighty God as (right to left) “Yod *Shma* Hey *Olam* Vav *Kamatz* Hey” or, in English “Y_eH^oV_aH”.

When translating we must take into consideration that the letter “J” did not arrive into the English alphabet until around 1643 and replaced the “Y” sound.

There has been much discussion on the pronunciation of the divine Name and many pronunciations have been offered as the correct version however, I choose to use the above pronunciation for three reasons...

1. All Hebrew names have a meaning and YeHoVaH in this form means “He who caused to be” where other offerings do not have any meaning.
2. The use of seven letters indicated heavenly completeness.
3. The Leningrad and Aleppo codex’s have the Shma, Olam and Kamatz vowel pointers in several places.

So, if the name of Almighty God was originally written as above in the TaNaKh, why has it been removed? It is like performing the “Twelfth Night” or King Lear” and using some pseudonym for Shakespear!

We are taught that Judaism replaced יהוה with Adonai, El, Elohim, Shaddai and Ehyeh because it prevented the most high and holy Name being accidentally used in vain however, this is not the case. It was removed because of the persecution of the Jews by the Romans just before the destruction of Herod’s temple by Titus. The romans issued strict punishments for anyone using The Name which usually resulted in death for the perpetrators so the rabbis devised a method of allusion rather than direct use.

In later translations the divine name יהוה was replaced with “the LORD” such as in the King James translation and many other translators followed suit. It is only in the past few years that יהוה has started to appear again in its rightful place in the TaNaKh and Brit ha’Dashah.

There is another point that is of importance and is a teaching of Christianity that they teach that that actual name of God is “I Am”. They use this absolutely preposterous notion in order to support their erroneous doctrine that Yeshua was actually Almighty God as in the “one and only”. They use John 8:58 and Exodus 3:14 to falsely associate Yeshua as Almighty God which doesn’t work in a contextual sense. The Hebrew for “I AM THAT I AM” is “Hayah, Asher, Hayah” which means “*I will be what I chose to be*” ... [to free you from bondage]. He is not telling Moses his name here, that comes in the very next verse... **Exodus 3:15** “*And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD [Y^eH^oV^aH יהוה] God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations**”.*

Yeshua used the Greek “ego^(G1473) eimi^(G1510)” “I am” in John 8:58 to identify himself in association with prophesy about him. Interestingly we see the same Greek “Ego Eimi” used by the blind man that Yeshua healed in John 9:9 “*Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am^(Ego Eimi) he*”. By using the same logic are we to understand that the healed man is Almighty God too? Do you see just how ridiculous some of the teachings of Christendom really are when you study in more depth?

Check your religion...

1. On what are its teachings based?

Are they from God, or are they largely from men? (2 Tim. 3:16; Mark 7:7) Ask, for example: Where does the Bible teach that God is a Trinity? Where does it say that the human soul is immortal? where does the Bible tell us that the dead go to Heaven, Hell or Purgatory?

2. Consider whether it is making known the name of God.

Yeshua said in prayer to God: “I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world.” (John 17:6) He declared: “It is Yehovah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service.” (Matt. 4:10) Has your religion taught you that ‘it is Yehovah you must worship’? Have you come to know the Person identified by that name—his purposes, his activities, his qualities—so that you feel you can confidently draw close to him?

3. Is true faith in Yeshua Christ being demonstrated?

This involves appreciation of the value of the sacrifice of Yeshua’ human life and of his position today as heavenly King. (John 3:36; Ps. 2:6-8) Such appreciation is shown by obeying Yeshua—sharing personally and zealously in the work that he assigned to his followers. True religion has such faith that is accompanied by works. —Jas. 2:26.

4. Is it a way of life, or is it largely ritualistic formality?

God strongly disapproves of religion that is merely a formalism. (Isa. 1:15-17) True religion upholds the Bible’s standard of morality and clean speech instead of weakly going along with popular trends.

5. Does it observe the sabbath on the correct day?

Irrespective of what you have been told by religious traditions of men, that Yeshua did away with all the commandments of Moses, the sabbath law is not a law that was given to Moses, it existed long before Moses day. The sabbath was initiated at Genesis 2:3. This 7th day was to be set aside as a holy day for the true worshippers of Yehovah and no one has the authority to change this commandment.

6. Does it produce the true fruits of the spirit?

What is the fruitage of the spirit? Paul identifies what this fruitage is in Galatians 5: 22, 23 “... fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance. Against these things there is no law. Can it demonstrate that it produces this fruitage to the full?

7. Is it truly separate from the world?

Yeshua said that his true followers would be “no part of the world.” (John 15:19) To worship God in a manner that he approves requires that we keep ourselves “without spot from the world.” (Jas. 1:27) Can that be said of those whose clergy and other members are involved in politics, or whose lives are largely built around materialistic and fleshly desires? —1 John 2:15-17.

8. Does it use any forms of idolatry in its mode of worship?

The use of any form of idolatry, including the use of images is strictly forbidden in the Bible. (*Deuteronomy 5:7,8*). This would include any forms of statues, images, icons and symbols such as a crucifix. The true followers of Yeshua do not need any such items to believe, they can see who they worship through the Holy Spirit or Ruach Ha’Kodesh.

GLOSSARY

- **YHVH** [יהוה] The personal Name of Almighty God. Y_eH^oV_aH.
- **Yehoshua** (Yeshua) The personal name of Almighty God's son. (Modern: Jesus).
- **Ruach Ha'Kodesh** Yehovah's motive force. (Holy Spirit).
- **Kohan Gadol** High Priest.
- **Shaúl** Saul (Paul).
- **Israel** The nation comprising the 12 tribes of Jacob (Israel) including people of the nations grafted into Israel.

- **Gentile** Any person that does not follow the Abrahamic Religion (Pagan).
- **Tanakh** The books of the Hebrew scriptures. (Old Testament).
- **B'rit HaDashah** The Renewed Covenant. (New Testament)
- **Torah** The instructions or laws given to the Israelite Nation by Yehovah to Moses.
- **Oral Torah** The additional instructions added by the Pharisaic (Rabbinic) Jews which form the basis of the Mishnah, Talmud, Gemara and other Jewish religious Books.

- **Gospel** Good News.
- **Christendom** All religions that profess belief in Jesus Christ.
- **Apostolic Fathers** The group of gentiles that directed the formation of the early church after the last apostle (John) died.

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