# Upon What Foundation Will You Build?

After publishing <u>The Love of Money</u>, this writer continued to be challenged about this matter of holding all things in common, particularly regarding the certainty as to whether this was in fact the command of Yahshua for us today. Likewise, there were other issues that continued to surface that needed to be addressed. This writing seeks to take a very analytical and hard look at this matter of what Yahshua taught about entering into the kingdom, even seeking to judge ourselves as to whether the message of *The Love of Money* is in fact true and correct.

When this man wrote *The Love of Money*, there was never any effort to analyze and examine all that was said by Yahshua regarding how one was to obtain the kingdom of heaven, but rather only addressed those things that came to this writer's attention. But, was this truly the emphasis of Yahshua in this matter of the kingdom, or were there other different messages as well? Also, did we miss anything in that writing that should have been noted? The best way to determine the answer to these questions was to go to the concordance and examine every single place in the New Testament, especially in the Gospels, where the word "kingdom" was used. And this is exactly what was done. And once again the findings were most interesting and revealing.

The best way to address this portion of this study is to quote these subject verses and provide a few brief comments where needed. But we will point out here at the beginning, that that which we discovered in *The Love of Money* was entirely verified in this following exhaustive study. Clearly, Yahshua taught one message about how one must enter into the kingdom of God. There were times when others were healed that He said the kingdom of God had drawn near or that these healings were an expression of the kingdom; but, when it came to the requirement for entering into the kingdom, the message solus was - one must give up all of one's worldly possessions, divesting oneself of one's wealth, and follow Him. Clear and simple, this was what Yahshua taught over and over again, and is verified and supported throughout the Bible.

But before we look at these, there needs to be a purpose in our looking at them that goes beyond just being analytical, testing these things to see if they are so; and here is that purpose. We will present this purpose by taking what should be a sober look at the words of the Master, the One whom we await the return thereof. These are not just the words of one of the apostles, not just the words of even Paul, but these are the words of the Son of God Himself, the creator of all that was created and all that will be created in the new heavens and new earth. These are the words and teachings of Yahshua, who said:

"And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' **and do not do what I say**? Everyone who comes to Me, and hears My words, <u>and does them</u>, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who <u>dug deep</u> and laid a foundation <u>upon the rock</u>; and when a flood rose, the river burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who has heard, and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house upon the ground without any foundation; and the river burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great" (Luke 6:46-49).

And from Matthew we read the same and yet even expanded account:

"Not every one who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the **kingdom of heaven**; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.' Therefore every one who hears these words of Mine, and does them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rain descended, and the rivers came, and the winds blew, and every one who hears these words of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the rivers came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall" (Matthew 7:21-27).

And again from Matthew, Yahshua said:

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

How deep does one have to dig in order to lay a foundation that will stand, so that all of those who are falsely saying "Lord, Lord" (the sand) do not affect it? One has to dig back 2,000 years to the words of Yahshua Himself in order to lay that sure foundation.

Without any question, Christianity, which for almost 2,000 years has been prophesying in His name, and in His name casting out demons, and in His name performing many miracles, is in fact "lawless" and has not acted upon the words of Yahshua regarding what must be done in order to enter the kingdom of God. As a testimony of Christianity's "lawlessness," it is most revealing that the word "law" is completely absent in Christianity Mark, while it is used numerous times in all three other gospels. Instead of acting upon Yahshua's words, even His laws and His ways, Christianity has formulated its own plan and, in fact, taken the kingdom by force (Matthew 11:12). Thus we see that when Yahshua said, "Everyone who comes to Me, and hears My words, and does them," is not at all followed by Christianity when it comes to His words regarding how to enter the kingdom, thus evoking us to ask the essential question - Upon what foundation will you build? Will you build on the words of men, or will you build on the words of Yahshua?

Herein is the purpose of this writing: To instruct, invite, and encourage you to build upon the rock by doing what Yahshua said. You have the choice and opportunity today like no other time before. Only the first Remnant had the effectual choice you now have; but this time, the outcome will be the fulfillment and completion of that which they began! The breach is over, and today you will either be one who has built your house on the sands of Christianity that calls Yahshua "Lord, Lord," or you will dig deep and build your house on Yahshua and His clear command concerning what is required to be His disciple - give up all of your possessions. This is your choice.

After publishing *The Love of Money*, it was suggested by someone that possibly those teachings of Yahshua regarding the kingdom were only relative to then and have no bearing on today. But if this is true, then why were they even recorded for us, and what does it mean when we read - "Heaven and earth will pass away, **but My words shall not pass away**"? To dismiss His words is to build upon something other than Yahshua, which we see by His own warning is to build upon sand. To dismiss His words is to trust in this world and the flesh, to trust in unrighteous mammon, to trust in the seen and not the unseen; but even as it is written, we are to "look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18). To reject what Yahshua said concerning how to receive the kingdom of heaven, is to build upon worldly Christianity, even upon the sand, and not upon the words of the Savior; it is to make oneself out to be wiser than Yahshua and formulate one's own plan, to strike one's own fire (Isaiah 50:10-11).

Yahshua also said regarding receipt of the kingdom - "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the **kingdom of God** belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the **kingdom of God** like a child shall not enter it" (Luke 18:16-17). In my family, one of my delights is in my youngest children. Why? Because they reveal precisely that which Yahshua was saying here. My youngest daughter, Grace, trusts and accepts all that I say. She has that childlike trust that whatever father says is accepted and followed, and continues to show her undeterred warm love and affection to me. Oh how sweet! She does not try to reason out an alternative or press her own independent conclusions, but simply wants to obey. All of this, of course, evokes my desire to bless her and show my grateful affection to her.

On the other hand, to my great pain, my two older daughters entered a place where they are controlled by their own yearnings for independence, characteristic of those coming out of childhood. Instead of having the simple trust and love for me that Grace has, they want to think for themselves and come to their own conclusions, to form their own opinions and lives. While others may look at that and think it good and necessary, to the contrary, Yahshua said that the kingdom of God does not belong to those who want to think and act independently. He said that the only ones who will receive the kingdom of God will be those who are like a little child, accepting His words for precisely what they say and not evaluating them so as to arrive at their own altered opinion.

This is now, and always has been, the problem with Yahweh giving His word to flesh men - they want to modify it to their own palate, their own tastes, their own thinking, their own likings, their own understanding. Yahshua is the true bread, the true manna from heaven, and that which He declared to man is pictured or foretold in the manna that was given to the sons of Israel in the wilderness. So what did the sons of Israel do with the manna? Did they, like little children, accept it for what it was, receive it and take it in with gratitude as Yahweh had provided it? In testimony of what has been done for 2,000 years with the true Manna from heaven, from the outset they did not accept it, but set out to manipulate, alter, and refashion it. "There is nothing at all to look at except this manna," they objected. "The people would go about and gather it and grind it between two millstones or beat it in the mortar, and boil it in the pot and make cakes with it; and its taste was as the taste of cakes baked with oil" (Numbers 11:4-9). This is that which adolescent-minded Christians of all ages do with the words of Yahshua. Instead of accepting them for what they say, with their own intellect they grind them and beat them and bake them until His words become something more palatable and agreeable to them. (E.g., how many women cover their heads today?) For one to accept the pure words of Yahshua concerning how one must enter into the kingdom of heaven, they must receive them like a little child, accepting His words for precisely what He said, even the pure unaltered Manna. Thus Yahshua warns -"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all."

Furthermore, the sons of Israel were not even satisfied with altering the manna, but they grumbled and wanted "flesh." "And the mixed multitude who were among them had greedy desires; and also the sons of Israel wept again and said, 'Who will give us flesh to eat?'" (Numbers 11:4). So Yahweh gave them bird's flesh, and cursed them for taking it in, even while it was just between their teeth. Therefore they named that place, Kibroth-hattaavah, or "the graves of greediness" (Numbers 11:33-34). Equally so, kingdom men have not been satisfied with the pure Manna from heaven. So what do they want? They want flesh teachings, the flesh teachings and ideas of men and birds, or demon spirits that fly in the heavenlies and make their nests in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 13:31-32). And what has Yahweh done because of kingdom man's greed for flesh teachings? He has given him Satan and cursed him with death. And when the writing on the love of money went out, what did most people do? Preferring the flesh of men and altering the Manna to their own taste, they too continued to be deceived by their own greed and flesh and the demon spirits that are in man and in the church and do their own will.

May I add a personal testimony here that is encouraging to me and helps me to continue in the decision set before me regarding selling all, something that I hope will help and strengthen you? It is regarding this matter of the importance of childlike obedience, even when one does not understand everything about what Yahweh is asking us to do. But what I will share with you is not the only time Yahweh has tested me in my obedience to Him, as you will see.

In the latter part of the 1980's, I was challenged with the opening verses in 1 Corinthians 11 regarding the woman covering her head. Others around us were not following this, but the Bible explicitly says that the woman is to cover her head when she prays or prophesies. So what was I

to do? That choice was quite simple for me at that time. My response was - I do not understand it; but if God's word says it, I am to do it. I was not to be a judge of God's word, but to simply obey it. One does not have to understand, in order to obey. God said it, and that settled it for me; I am called simply to obey.

And obey we did. And because of our obedience, afterwards Yahweh added some incredible and vital insight and truth as to what coverings in general mean and how they apply to His kingdom government. That information is shared in the book, *Coverings*. Because of my obedience on that one point (though this was not the first time), it became a wonderful beginning that opened the way for understanding the marvelous truths of the Remnant Bride. But it all began by simple obedience. (Later in this writing, I will share another testimony regarding my disobedience which has prepared me to obey.)

And in further like testimony, even now this man is receiving from Yahweh incredible truth regarding selling all and holding all things in common. Why? Because once again this man had already told Yahweh that, despite my apprehension, I would obey on this point. Therefore, even as with coverings, Yahweh is now adding wonderful and much needed truth to my obedience. Thus we find that obedience is the doorway to knowledge. If you have to have complete knowledge before you obey, then you are not walking in faith. Faith obeys, with the fruit of knowledge coming after.

There have been other times when Yahweh has told me to do certain things, and He did not tell me why. Once He told me to not eat any sweets or desserts. I agreed, but later thought - "If I'm going to do this, I ought to assign something to it so that it can be effectual towards some purpose." But Yahweh immediately spoke to me - "I did not tell you to assign something to it." Oh, I thought, then I'll just obey. Fifteen years later, while standing on my back porch here in Washington, He spoke to me that the intercession involving no desserts was complete and that I could now eat them again. And it was not until a year or so later that He even showed me what this was all about - that it was an intercession for the breach of Christianity, wherein I ate deserts, then there was the long breach of not having them, then I ate desserts again. This was something that Yahweh commanded in order to give me authority through intercession. BUT, it required on my part a childlike obedience.

I seek to train my children this way as well. I train them to obey just because I say something. As with Yahweh, I want my children to trust me and obey based on my words. For little children, this could make the difference between life or death in a fatal situation; and for older children, it can mean the absence of a lot of heartache. I want them to learn to obey me, because it trains them to trust in Yahweh with the same obedience.

Most importantly, this kind of testing and training by Yahweh has its rewards in my life; for here we are, now facing the challenge of Yahshua's crystal clear message that if one wants to receive the kingdom of heaven, he must sell all; and what will I do? What will be my response? And most importantly, what should be your response? Clear and simple, it has been and will be, and hopefully will be for you - Behold Your servant, Father. As was my response to the issue of the

woman covering her head, even when I did not understand it all, so my response to holding all things in common will continue to be - I will simply obey.

Let me ask you - How can I go wrong, or how can anyone go wrong, by obeying Yahshua's words in childlike obedience? He said it, it is time for His return, He is preparing to bring forth the kingdom of God or "the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne," and this is the day of all days that a people must now obey His words, if they want to receive His kingdom.

### IT IS WRITTEN

In this section, we will look at those passages that were found via the concordance research, as well as some other related passages, all of which deal with the kingdom of God or kingdom of heaven. As you will clearly see, the evidence regarding how to enter into Yahshua's restored kingdom, and the conflict to entering that kingdom, is both abundant and consistent. Little commentary is needed here, for the passages are so implicitly clear that they speak for themselves. Some of these verses were cited in part, some in full, in *The Love of Money*; but one should not rush through any of these or skim over them. Take time to carefully read each one of them and let them soak in, for they are the instructions of Yahshua and should be wisely and thoughtfully examined before His return.

- This first passage is incredibly revealing. "And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not keep worrying. For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. But seek for His kingdom, and these things shall be added to you. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give mercifully; make yourselves purses which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps alight (the five wise virgins who purchased the extra oil). And be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master shall find on the alert (holding all things in common) when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at table, and will come up and wait on them. Whether he comes in the second watch (after 2,000 years), or even in the third (after 3,000 years), and finds them so, blessed are those slaves" (Luke 12:29-38, also Matthew 6:31-34). Can there be any question from these verses that selling your possessions and the return of Yahshua are inseparably related? Clearly so!
- After second Remnant Zaccheus came out of the fig-sycamore tree of Christianity, he declared "'Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house'" (Luke 19:1-10).

• "The **kingdom of heaven** is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field. Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it" (Matthew 13:44-46).

- When Yahshua sent out the twelve to proclaim the kingdom of God, clearly the message was to divest oneself of one's possessions. "And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to proclaim the **kingdom of God**, and to perform healing. And He said to them, 'Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two tunics apiece'" (Luke 9:1-3, also Matthew 10:5-10; Mark 6:7-9 does not mention the kingdom).
- "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ... No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (Luke 16:9 & 13).
- In two separate but distinctly similar parables, Yahshua addressed the kingdom of God/heaven first as a "dinner" and then as a "wedding feast," both to which others did not come because they were caught up in the affairs of this world. Here were those things that Yahshua said kept them from entering into the kingdom, or the banquets: from Luke 14:15-24, one had bought a piece of land and needed to go and look at it, one had bought a yoke of oxen and was going to try them out, one said that he had just married a wife and could not come; and from Matthew 22:1-14, one went to his farm, one to his business, and one seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them. While we do not have oxen and farmland today, we do have jobs, businesses, and practices that will offer these same temptations. In the end, the conclusion for these who could not leave their earthly possessions was "none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner" (Luke 14:24). Yahshua's purpose in these two parables is very clear. They were each a warning regarding His banquet, His wedding feast, His kingdom, and specifically that which will prevent one from entering it the cares of this world!
- This next verse has already been addressed, but is included here in order to consider and examine the entire message. "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the **kingdom of heaven**. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the **kingdom of heaven**. And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of its stumbling-blocks (worldly possessions, attractions, and involvements)!" (Matthew 18:3-7). Equally we read in Luke 18:15-17 "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the **kingdom of God** belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the **kingdom of God** like a child shall not enter it."
- To the rich young ruler who had done all that Yahshua instructed per his question regarding eternal life, Yahshua then said - "One thing you still lack; sell all that you

possess, and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me" (Luke 18:22). In Matthew, that account reads as follows: "What am I still lacking?," asked the rich young ruler. Yahshua said, "'If you wish to be complete/perfect, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.' But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieved; for he was one who owned much property. And Jesus said to His disciples, 'Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the **kingdom of heaven**. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' And when the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, 'Then who can be saved?' And looking upon them Jesus said to them, 'With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.' Then Peter answered and said to Him, 'Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?' And Jesus said to them, 'Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last; and the last, first" (Matthew 19:21-30, also in Luke 18:24-30 and Mark 10:17-31). Again, what could be clearer about that which will hinder someone from entering into Yahshua's kingdom? The answer once again is very evident - earthly possessions.

- "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the **kingdom of God**" (Luke 6:20).
- Yahshua left everything in order to do the will of His Father and to bring forth the kingdom of God, and He called His disciples to do likewise.
- Immediately after Yahshua left this earth, we read that in response to His teachings and His own example, the like example and foundation of the apostles was this "the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them. ... For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales, and lay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need" (Acts 4:32-35).

Having now examined these passages, something should possibly be said for your benefit regarding the kingdom. The focus of this writing is the hope of the establishment of the kingdom of God here on earth by Yahshua at His return; yet, you will also find addressed in these writings that Christianity has or is the kingdom. Both of these are true. The kingdom is both something that has been given to earthly man and has been corrupted, as well as that which Yahshua will establish here on earth at His return. So, do not get confused when you read that we await the return of Yahshua and the establishment of His kingdom, knowing that Christianity already has the kingdom. The difference is that Christianity is the corrupted kingdom that must be torn down (the holy place) so the way into the more perfect (the holy of holies) can be revealed - Hebrews 9:8.

The message in these numerous passages is abundantly clear, providing both direct instruction, as well as verifying warnings. Without any doubt, entering Yahshua's restored kingdom requires that one sell everything. But this is not all the evidence there is; for we are only beginning to get started. In fact, there is another statement made by Yahshua relative to this truth that is so incomparably clear and direct, that it will be the focus of the next section, and in fact will impact the entirety of the remaining of this writing. Let us now examine it.

### THE NARROW GATE

### Yahshua said:

"So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions" (Luke 14:33).

What could be more direct? What could be clearer? How can anyone sidestep this statement? The only way to counter it, is to disregard it. And to disregard it, is in the end to verify it.

The question is thus pressed - Will you be His disciple in the Millennial kingdom? If so, then you must obey His words. Yahshua also said in first Remnant Matthew and second Remnant Luke: "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able" (Luke 13:23).

Today, just before the return of Yahshua, these words take on their ultimate relevance for which they were intended. Like Yahshua's two statements regarding the two mountains that were specific statements addressing two specific mountains, and not general faith statements, even so that which He is saying here is equally not general in nature but very specific in time and purpose - our time, today, and with the purpose of inviting us to enter into the tree of life work of the Remnant. Quite obviously, the narrow gate, even the narrow door, is the narrow way of becoming His disciple who will follow Him and keep His words - "So therefore, no one of you (today) can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions." No one who does not give up his possessions preceding Yahshua's return, will be His disciple and reign with Him in the Millennial kingdom.

And it is not as though we are picking scriptures out of thin air here, because examination of these three referenced passages in context (Luke 14:33, Matthew 7:13-14, and Luke 13:23) confirms and reveals that they have been laying there all this time, waiting to be seen and revealed for that which they truly speak and to those to whom they are addressed. The certain and specific application of each of these three subject verses in context is highly confirmed to be just that which we are seeing here regarding selling all, and it will be worthwhile to further consider each of these.

Let us first examine the context of the statement found in first Remnant Matthew 7. Keep in mind when reading this, however, that the message and even the promise here, is specifically regarding the Remnant giving up everything to follow Him in pursuit of the kingdom of God during His Millennial reign. Read this with this intended message to us today. Truly, this is the precise purpose of these words. We will start reading in verse 7.

"Ask, and it (the restored kingdom) shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf (truth), will give him a stone (judgment)? Or if he shall ask for a fish (the 153 fish out of the sea of death), he will not give him a snake, will he (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil kingdom that is inhabited by the snake, Satan)? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him! Therefore, however you want people to treat you, do so for them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Then Yahshua adds the statement about the narrow gate, which will be restated here for your review and in order to retain the flow of the message.

"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it."

Then in continuing confirmation of this passage's specific application to the second Remnant, we next read:

Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves (the false prophets of Christianity). You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?

The passage continues with this examination of the fruit of the tree, and concludes that the tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down. This is of course the same fig tree of Christianity that is cursed and dies, and the fig-mulberry tree that is plucked up and cast into the sea. The passage then continues to the very portion we have already examined regarding those who call Yahshua "Lord, Lord," but He rejects them, and compares them to the man who built his house on the sand. Of course the one who builds his house on the rock is the one we are seeing addressed here - the second Remnant who enter into the tree of life work through the narrow gate. The one who builds his house on the sand is equally the broad gate, which is clearly Christianity with its gate as broad as 22,000 denominations and sects! Now that's broad! Let us now consider some specific and highly relevant comments regarding the fruit of the kingdom and the cares of this world.

What specifically is Yahshua saying here regarding the good fruit of the kingdom and that which makes it impossible to be brought forth? Let us read this once again - "Grapes are not gathered

from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?" Is this ringing a bell with you? What have we already noted in *The Love of Money* regarding thorn bushes and thistles? These are the "worries of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things (that) enter in and choke the word, and it becomes <u>unfruitful</u>" (Mark 4:18-19). These are the thorn bushes and thistles that have been placed on the head of the afflicted body of Christ for 2,000 years, the thorn bushes and thistles that ensnare the ram of Christianity and prepare it for death, even the weeds that are wrapped around the head of the body of Christ Jonah as it spends its legal three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish.

So can the vast tree of Christianity that spreads over the entire world, has birds nesting in it, is filled with splendid foliage, but equally has the thorns and thistles of the worries of this world, ever produce the good fruit of the kingdom? Christianity can never and would never produce the fruit of the kingdom because it is a work that is thoroughly consumed by and entangled with worldly riches! To say it plainly, it has the thorns and thistles that Yahshua was speaking of here. And no second Remnant work will ever be able to bring forth the fruit of the kingdom either, unless it follows the words of Yahshua and the obedience of the first Remnant and likewise gives up all possessions to become His disciple.

From all that we have read here, can there be any doubt that these verses are directed specifically to the second Remnant, and that the narrow gate is clearly to follow Yahshua's words, give up all of one's possessions, and ask, seek, and knock for the kingdom of God? Now for the similar passage in Luke.

Just before Yahshua's statement concerning the "narrow door" in Luke 13, we find His statements that the kingdom of God will be corrupted with the birds of the air and leaven. Of course this is the corruption of the kingdom man has known for 2,000 years. Then after His "narrow door" statement (which is included here), we then read:

"Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets (Christian church services)'; and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; depart from Me, all you evildoers'" (24-27).

The message we find here is precisely the same message concerning Noah and the ark that he built. When the rain began to fall, many likewise would have come to that door and wanted in, but it was too late, for the door was closed and no one else could enter in. Such will be the case when the second Remnant are called out of this earth as the attesting Noah at the end of 120 Jubilees to be glorified, and Christians who did not believe will want to repent and enter in - it will be too late! They will have missed their opportunity to enter the ark of God and will remain on this earth in earthly bodies to be burned and refined by Yahweh's Spirit for 1,000 years.

Such will equally be the case when the second Remnant are called out of this earth as the attesting five wise virgins who used their unrighteous mammon to purchase the oil needed to carry them to the completion of their required journey through the darkness of the night. "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.," will call those who have truly become Yahshua's disciples by obeying Him and using all that they have to purchase the required oil. Then the door will be shut, and to those who then want to repent, Yahshua will say - "Truly I say to you, I do not know you" (Matthew 25:1-13).

Is there thus any question as to what is the narrow way that Yahshua was speaking of here? It is the last days fulfillment of His words - "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions." THIS is the narrow way that leads to the Bride work of the tree of life; and MOST certainly, few will be those who enter!

In mass, Christians have anticipated that they will enter into the Millennial reign with Yahshua. Christians have prophesied concerning it; they have their many books and videos and seminars; they have their wrath teachings and the false idea that they can stay a part of their broad Christianity and this world and still pass through this narrow gate. But this gate is as narrow as the eye of a needle that Yahshua equally spoke of, the two messages being one, and the rich who will not give up all their possessions will NEVER be able to enter it, though they seek for it with repentance after the door is closed and their unrighteous mammon fails. Only those who will keep and follow Yahshua's words will pass through this narrow gate - "sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." Only when one is willing to pass through the valley of Achor and devote everything to Yahweh, holding nothing back, will one find that this is in fact the door of hope.

We now see the certain relevance and application of these two passages to Christianity and the Remnant. The vast 22,000 denominations of Christianity that are entangled by the cares of this world clearly afford a broad way! In clear contrast, the narrow way is to seek the kingdom first, in the only way Yahshua said it could be obtained, and that is to obey His command to sell all, to give up all of one's possessions, and follow Him in the way that He and His disciples walked. This is the way of the Remnant. And these are your two choices today.

Let us now examine the truly awesome passage in Luke 14:33 where Yahshua said - "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions." Once again we will consider the verses just before and following it, but this time in reverse order.

Yahshua's conclusion after making this command is a somewhat cloaked message, followed by a statement that, though provoked by this conclusion, is relevant to the message in whole. And as you will see, this somewhat concealed message directly relates to that which He said immediately before this command, once again tying the entire thing together into one important congruent message. Let us look at the conclusion, adding the command as well.

"So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions. Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be

seasoned? It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (33-35).

The ears needed to hear this entire message are called for because it has been as hidden as is this statement about salt. Looking at the breach period in the last 2,000 years, Yahshua's command about being His disciple has clearly fallen on deaf ears. Where are Yahshua's disciples who give up all their possessions? With exception to a few remote instances like Francis of Assisi or isolated cases, Christianity as a whole has been entirely remiss in keeping His word as He commanded here. Clearly they have not had "ears to hear," and this message is evidently intended for another - His second Remnant! But let us now consider His statement regarding the salt.

What one person do you think of when the question of salt is raised? Would it not be Lot's wife? Of course! She was turned into a pillar of salt for disobeying and looking back at Sodom. Most importantly, she is a clear warning to the second Remnant to not look back at Christianity and one's wealth when leaving it all behind. "Remember Lot's wife!" This is the message that is vital to today, and the hearing ears of the second Remnant understand why Yahshua would say this about salt after giving His command to give up all of one's possessions. We must remember Lot's wife and the warning that if we turn back to our wealth and Christianity, we will return to that salt that is tasteless to Him and is thrown out.

Now as we have said, this concluding message directly relates to that which is introduced in the verses immediately leading up to Yahshua's command regarding what it will cost to be His disciple. Let us now examine these.

"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, <u>yes</u>, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and take counsel whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks terms of peace" (26-32).

The next statement is - "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions."

What is the "So therefore" there for? It is there to call you to examine the cost of following Him, before you accept His call, for it will cost you everything! Over the years since 1994 when the Spirit of Yahweh came upon me, I have watched others grow weary and fall away. The Remnant Bride is not easy, and even as it is written in Isaiah 50:7, so it must be with each of you who want to pass through the narrow gate and reign with Yahshua as His Bride - "Therefore, I have set My face like flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." One's head must equally be

like that spoken of concerning Ezekiel - "Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. Like emery harder than flint I have made your forehead. Do not be afraid of them or be dismayed before them, though they are a rebellious house" (Ezekiel 3:8-9).

Over and over and over the warning is extended to the second Remnant to not grow weary. Whether it be the warning regarding Lot's wife that we find eluded to following Yahshua's command here, or the related testimonies of Achan or Ananias and Sapphira, or the persistence evidenced by Mary at the wedding feast, or by Jacob as he wrestled with God, or by Elisha as he unrelentingly followed Elijah in order to receive the double portion, or the warnings of Yahshua to the churches in Revelation regarding the need for perseverance, or the parables on how to pray, or any of the warnings we see presented here by Yahshua, one must count the cost and determine that you will pursue to the end - asking, and keeping on asking; seeking, and keeping on seeking; knocking, and keeping on knocking. Without a doubt, this unction by Yahshua to ask, seek and knock, presented just before He spoke about the narrow gate, is nothing less than a personal message to the Remnant. In order to move the mount of transfiguration to today, we must keep on asking, seeking, and knocking until we have that which is entirely essential!

If we do not do this, then what is the alternative? The thought is unthinkable! It would be another 1,000 years of death, corruption of the kingdom, blindness, lies, taking the kingdom by force, wars, darkness, spiritual drought, and in the end total failure to accomplish the requirements of the kingdom and NO fruit! Is that what you are willing to give into? By Yahweh's grace, I for one will not; and I invite you to join with me, to count the cost, and persevere towards this essential yet costly purpose of preparing the way for the Son of God with your obedience to His words, becoming His disciple.

Through the years I have seen others receive the Remnant truth and then grow weary. The seeds of truth fell on shallow ground and had no depth, and when difficulty came, they doubted and quit. Others received the seeds of truth, but because they were caught up with the road of this life, Satan came and snatched away His word and they too quit. Others could not and will not be able to leave their possessions, and regard the things of this world as of greater value than the hope and calling of His kingdom, so their fruitfulness is choked out.

I have experienced the pain and even frustration, but mostly pain, even much pain within my own household, of seeing others set their hand to the plow, but fail to continue forward. A man came to Yahshua and said to Him - "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-by to those at home." But Yahshua said to him - "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the **kingdom of God**" (second Remnant Luke 9:61-62).

We also read - "Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. But My righteous one will live by faith; and if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him" (Hebrews 10:35-38). I understand the close of this verse very well, for there are those who once

believed the word that was planted in them, but for the various reasons Yahshua referred to in the parable of the sower, they have shrunk back, and my own soul has found no pleasure in them either. I feel the things God feels, even as I have asked of Him many times.

Thus I encourage you to count the cost, and set your hand to the plow and NEVER, NEVER turn back, looking always to the hope set before us. If you want to follow Yahshua as the Bride, you too will have to set your face like flint! You will have to pass through the narrow gate!

# TWO PITFALLS TO OBEDIENCE

In the opening section, I said that I would share another testimony regarding my disobedience which has prepared me to obey. We have already seen causes for failure in Yahshua's parable about the sower; let me now share my own experience in failure.

And let me add here, and this is an important thing to note in life, that Yahweh lets us fail on lessor points, to prepare us and cause us not to fail later on more important points! The agonizing pain we feel in our failure, causes us to respond correctly later; thus He uses our failure for our good. You will see this truth in what I am about to share. But on the other hand, you will also see here what the consequence will be for one's failure to obey Yahshua and His command to give up all of one's possessions. I hope you will not fail on this vital point.

In 1971 when I gave my life to follow Yahshua, shortly thereafter He spoke to my heart about starting a Christian coffee house near the University in the town where I lived. I met with my pastor and began looking into this. But, winter classes were about to begin and I wanted to finish my education, and subsequently told him that I was going to help start the coffee house, but I would not run it. His response to me was that if God had called me to start it, He had also called me to run it. But I wanted security, and felt that a degree would provide that security; thus I told the pastor no. He did not argue with me or try to convince me otherwise.

I then went on a seven day fast for God to send someone to help start and run the house, and during that time a young evangelist in Dallas, Texas, was clearly moved to come to the town where we lived. Interestingly, his name was Gary as well. Connections were made and the coffee house soon began; but, I was not involved in any of it, for my education became priority.

I received my degree, got a good job, and began my secular employment. To make the story short, seven years later Yahweh gave me a dream, and in it showed me that when I told the pastor no, I was telling Him no. And because I told Him no, this cost me seven years of my life!

This disobedience and the cost thereof made a lasting impact on me, and I determined then, and have reaffirmed henceforth, that I will never miss Him again and tell Him no. Following those seven years of loss, He then led me back into the ministry and eventually into the care of the poor.

My decision then to tell Yahweh no, was based on a desire for security; yet even when I was in school before that, I had heard Rod MacKuen say - "You can't really live until you make yourself vulnerable." I was not yet willing to be vulnerable.

Today, you and I face the same test - Will we opt for "security" in this world, or will we trust in Yahweh and live completely and solely for Him and for the return of His Son? As for me, I have already gone down the road of rejecting His call, and lost seven years of my life, and have absolutely no plans to go that way again! I will trust in Him on this, even if I fail. Like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, at the sound of the music I will not bow down to the golden image of the king of mystery Babylon for anything. If I perish in the fire, so be it; but I will trust in Yahweh, and have the confidence that I too will not be disappointed but will lose the bonds that hold me and walk in the presence of the Son of God. This is your graphic choice today - whether to bow down to Christianity's Babylonian image of gold, or to pass through the fire.

I fully believe that I went through that failure just for this moment, and that it is no mistake that the price of my disobedience was seven years of my life, or the mark of the beast. In *The Issue - II*, we clearly see that the mark of the beast is the number seven, calculated from the number 616 in Revelation 13:18 and confirmed in NUMEROUS places throughout the Bible. (To read about 616, click here; to read about the mark of the beast, click here.) I went through that failure so that (1) I would not fail and would get the victory today in a far more important time in my life, and (2) so that you too can be delivered from the fate of telling Him no regarding this vital invitation. I was and have been "poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith" (Philippians 2:17), so that you will not fail. And if the loss of seven years of my life was the lesser point, then how much greater importance is the matter at hand? Infinitely far greater! But even given this sacrifice, this matter is still your decision, and the consequences remain with you, even as mine were with me when I told the pastor and God no.

If you want to trust in the "security" of this world and not sell all and give up all your possessions in order to be Yahshua's disciple, even as He commanded, then you too will follow the same fate to which my own disobedience led - you will remain under the mark of the beast 7 and stay in the body of Christ. You will be like Lot's wife who looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, or become the worthless salt about which Yahshua warned after giving us that MOST clear instruction:

"So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions. Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Luke 14:33-35).

Do you have ears to hear concerning your choice today? The choice before you now is the same determining choice that had to be made nearly 2,000 years ago at the beginning of the church. You must either obey the words of Yahshua, give up all your possessions, pass through the narrow gate/the eye of the needle, even the fire, and follow Him, or you will remain in mark of the beast

Christianity and not enter into immortality at the first resurrection. Let us look more fully at that in which you will remain if you tell Yahshua no to this call.

There are numerous testimonies regarding the relationship of the number seven with the mark of the beast that exists on Christians. By looking at these, you will see what you are choosing if you will not heed Yahshua's words and sell all. And what will be shared here is not by any means all there is regarding this relationship of seven and Christianity and the beast, but will give you at least a sampling of what this means.

To begin with, and the one example we will deal with the most, is that which is found in Matthew 12:43-44 and Luke 11:24-26. Here we find Yahshua telling a parable about an unclean spirit going out of a man, passing through waterless places and not finding rest, and returning to the "house" to find it "unoccupied, swept, and put in order." Then the spirit went and took "seven other spirits more wicked than itself," and they lived there, "and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first."

This is an account of that which has happened to the church, and even in individuals who come into the church, and reveals the immense difficulty of Christians to accept the words of Yahshua, particularly evidenced now when it is time to obey Him in selling all. When Yahshua came to this earth, He "swept, and put in order" the house of the church, the temple, more particularly by casting out the moneychangers, to which He graphically testified as recorded in all four gospels. SO, the unclean Spirit was cast out, and it remained out up to the stoning of Stephen. But with Yahshua gone, the head of the house was no longer here (He was in heaven) and the house was thus unoccupied. So what did Satan do? Upon Yahshua's absence, he went and got the mark of the beast to bring into the house. Stephen was stoned, the church ceased holding all things in common, and the mark of the beast was placed on the church. This is the attesting seven spirits that cause the state of the church to become worse than at first.

How hard is it to cast out that moneychanger spirit that is in the house? It is very hard **and requires the most radical and aggressive actions ever taken by Yahshua**. And for many, those seven spirits are more binding than any other before. Because their purpose is to cause strong devotion to corrupt worldly religious Christianity, those spirits are unrelentingly binding and will keep the vast majority from becoming a true disciple of Yahshua by giving up all of their possessions. Thus, the religious spirit of Christianity, the mark of the beast that allows them to buy or sell (Revelation 13:17), works against the teachings and practices of Yahshua and the first Remnant, causing the latter state of being a Christian to be worse than their former in their ability to obey and follow Him. Anyone wholly enmeshed in Christianity is thoroughly possessed by those spirits; but it is those who have already begun to see the corruption of Christianity and know its futility, who are free of those spirits and can obey Yahshua. Even as Yahshua said to the religious leaders during His time, it is equally true today - "Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel about on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves" (Matthew 23:15).

What is it that must happen for any person to come out of Christianity and come under the covering of holding all things in common? How is the mark of the beast to be removed? Here we see the answer in these continuing testimonies relating to the number seven - the mark!

One must be like Mary Magdalene and have the "seven demons" cast out (Mark 16:9). One must be like the young son of the Shunamite woman who died and Elisha laid upon him twice and the lad sneezed seven times and opened his eyes (2 Kings 4:33-35). Or one must be like leprous Naaman who was instructed by Elisha to wash in the Jordan seven times, to which he reluctantly consented and his leprosy was healed (2 Kings 5:8-14). Or one is to be like the woman who equally at Elisha's instruction went to be among the Philistines for seven years because of a severe drought on the land (the drought of truth that has been on Christianity for 2,000 years), and when she returned made an appeal to the king and received back everything she had lost (2 Kings 8:1-6).

This "seven" is the testimony of Christianity that is the ark of the covenant equally among the Philistines in Dagon's temple, this time for seven months. Here we find testified the Spirit of Yahweh placed in the presence of corrupt flesh and the devil for the period of the abomination of desolation and the mark of the beast (1 Samuel 4-6). And finally, Christianity is likewise the seven loaves of leavened Pentecost bread that fed the multitude, with seven baskets left over. As we learned in the writing, *Bread in the Baskets*, this is mark of the beast, Pentecost originated, Christianity with its leaven, of which Yahshua warned to beware (Matthew 15:32-16:6). And this is the leaven of which you are to beware today that is the seven spirits that will prevent you from obeying Yahshua in His command to give up all your possessions in order to be His disciple - the door of hope. If you fail to obey Yahshua in this, then you choose to remain under the work that is identified with the number seven mark of the beast, even as my disobedience cost me seven years.

This is your choice today, even as it was my choice back in 1971. But today, I hope you will not fail. I failed because of the desire/temptation to seek worldly security over the kingdom. Yahshua said to seek first the kingdom, and all these things will be added to you. This must be your priority if you desire to reign with Him in His kingdom.

Another temptation that one might have is to shrink back because of fear. Fear is something that Satan is a master at using, especially when one might become weak or disappointed or discouraged. But once again, let me share with you something that Yahweh showed me that I hope will help you.

The first vision I ever had was specifically about this matter of fear. Undoubtedly the first-place priority of this vision was evidence that the temptation of fear would be a very real threat to me and something that I cannot give in to. This vision has OFTEN been a help to me, and I would like to share it with you.

In the vision, I was standing at the base of a tall mountain that was made of boulders and was shaped like an inverted golf tee. I noticed that at the very top of this mountain was a bright light,

and as I looked more intently at it, the light seemed to be and was emanating from Yahshua. I gazed more and more intently at Him, and thought that if I looked hard enough, I might be able to see His face. Shortly, I realized that as I had fixed my gaze upon His face, I was in fact ascending alive in the air towards Him. I then looked away from Him to the mountain and saw the great boulders below me; and fear gripped me that I would perish upon them! I also realized that my rate of ascent was now slowing down, and that my ascent upward was tied to keeping my eyes fixed upon Yahshua. Thus, I forced myself to once again look at Him, and had to continue to force myself to not look at the rocks.

Having now redirected my attention back on Him, and not on the rocks, my ascent once again quickened; and though I initially had to discipline myself to not look at the rocks, soon I was drawing closer and closer to Him and became so enraptured with His face, that the rocks meant nothing to me. I ascended to Him, He drew me to His side, and He then motioned with His right arm to everything that I would receive - a beautiful and spacious valley with a winding river, with trees growing on both sides of it.

If you place your eyes on problems, like riding a bike or driving a car or any other activity in which you are steering, you will soon find yourself precisely where you were focusing. You will hit the problem! If you look at problems and let fear capture you, you will perish on the rocks where you are focusing. But, if you turn away from looking at the problems and look to Yahshua, you will eventually overcome them; and as His appearance draws nearer, the problems will totally fail to exist.

So if you are fearing all the potential and even threatening problems associated with giving up all your possessions, keep your eyes on Yahshua. He is the One who clearly instructed us to do so, and He will thus take responsibility for this. Again, we are simply to obey. He is standing at the top of that mountain of rocks and will cause you to overcome the lurking perils of trusting in Him, to rise above those seeming perilous problems, if you keep your eyes on Him. And in the end, you will receive the promise of His kingdom, which I saw and was presented at the top of that tall mountain as I was drawn to His side (Revelation 22:1-2).

# **FAITH**

Before closing this section, let us make some important comments regarding true faith and how it is essential in order to be Yahshua's disciple. We read the words of Yahshua - "Everyone who comes to Me, and hears My words, and does them, I will show you whom he is like" (Luke 6:47). Of course, this is the one who builds his house on the rock. As you will see, in this statement we find a key testimony and revealing truth regarding faith. The next two paragraphs are truly important.

What is faith? Some would turn to Hebrews 11:1 to answer this question and say that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidencing of things not seen." But this does not describe what is faith; but rather, it describes the benefit or outcome or even purpose of faith. Faith

assures one of things hoped for; its presence in one's heart evidences things not yet seen. This is the testimony of the remainder of Hebrews 11.

Romans 4:21 provides the closest thing to a definition of faith, where we read concerning the father of faith - Abraham was "fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform." Faith is hearing the word of God and acting in harmony with it. But even then, there is one other description of faith that is most helpful and essential in understanding true faith. This is found here in Luke 6:47 - "Everyone who comes to Me, and hears My words, and does them, I will show you whom he is like." Faith is a trinity, even as God is a trinity and man is a trinity, and the trinity of faith is - hearing, believing, and acting.

True faith cannot exist unless all three of these parts are in action. One must hear from Yahweh, either by hearing His word, reading His word, or by hearing directly from Him. But hearing is only the beginning. Many have heard or read God's word, or even heard from God, but that hearing never went any further. Thus, faith requires the next step of believing. Once one hears and believes, then faith is progressing. But then again, hearing and believing is still not enough for true faith, for true faith MUST have one more step, and that is - action! Only when faith is all three - hearing, believing, and acting - is faith effectual.

This is why Yahshua said that if you hear His words <u>and do them</u>, then you will be like the man who built his house on the rock. But it is this third part of <u>doing</u> that is so essential!

What is faith that does not have this third part of actions? James calls this kind of faith - "useless," even " dead." "Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself," wrote James (2:17 and 26). And, "But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless" (2:20).

If one hears and believes, but fails to add actions to their faith, it is both useless and dead. This is why Yahshua said that one must hear His words and do them in order to build his life on the rock.

Let me tell you what I believe Yahweh is doing in these days before His return. Yahweh is very simple in everything He does. In His vast complexity and awesome wonder, He expresses Himself in the simplest of ways. I believe that Yahweh is placing the simplest of tests before man today. He has spoken through His Son in the most simple and direct way possible as to what it will take for one to be His disciple and enter into the kingdom of God. One cannot get much simpler and direct than statements such as - "But seek for His kingdom, and these things shall be added to you. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give mercifully; make yourselves purses which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Or - "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions."

It is the simplicity of this call that will judge men in these last days before the return of Yahshua. Yahweh is providing a test on one vital and telling point - Will you hear the word of My Son and do what He said? Will you be His disciple and do what He said and give up all your possessions? Before the return of His Son, Yahweh is making obedience to Him and entrance into His kingdom very simple, very basic, and really very easy; yet, it is on a point that tests man to the very root of his being - all his possessions.

In truth, this is the test of true faith. Will you <u>hear</u>, will you <u>believe</u>, and most importantly, will you <u>act</u> on this one point? There is no question that selling all requires overt and telling action. It was this act that revealed the heart of Ananias and Sapphira, and it will reveal your heart today as well before Yahshua returns. He is testing your obedience on one critical and essential point.

"But Gary," you ask, "what makes this moment so different from all the other times when people have given up their possessions to follow Yahshua?" In *The Love of Money*, we mention three things that make this time different - truth, timing, and birthright. Truth: never before has there been the truth that the second Remnant is receiving. It is truly the opening of the seals spoken of in Daniel 12:9. Timing: today is the time for the cut short return of Yahshua, moving the mount of transfiguration with mustard seed faith; but equally important, it is the time of the test of Carmel between the Remnant and Christianity. And birthright: the second Remnant is the completion of the work that was begun under the first Remnant.

In regard to this important third point, let us add here that not since the time before the stoning of Stephen has it been legally possible for anyone to lay their possessions at the apostle's feet! I do not add this here in order to be self-serving, but to set forth the legal uniqueness of the day in which we now live. This is a critical point that makes this time so effectual and important! How can we have the legal right to the labors of the first Remnant if we do not have a legal tie to them? Many others have given their possessions mercifully, but never before have they had the legal opportunity to lay them at the feet, the kingdom rights, of the original apostles!

With Yahweh adding this man as one of the original twelve, He Himself has repaired the breach between the two Remnant and can complete that which He began nearly 2,000 years ago! Thus the "apostle's feet" kingdom rights are legally restored for today, and effecting those rights for yourself is possible through your obedience, even as it was for those of the first Remnant.

Laying all at the apostle's feet today is the sole link to the kingdom rights imparted to those men in John 13:8 where Yahshua washed specifically their feet and told them to go and do likewise (vs. 15), as well as when He first came into their midst and breathed upon them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit," adding - "If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained" (John 20:20-23). It is a most important point to realize that even as the Nazirite vow and the cup was Yahshua's sole legal link to restore man and the kingdom, so your laying everything at the apostle's feet is your sole legal link to the rights to reign with Yahshua in the kingdom He gave to the original twelve.

So you see then that giving to the second Remnant all of one's possessions, is a critical point of obedience that is entirely unique to this time just before the return of Yahshua. It is a simple test on one point that has an essential intercessoral and legal link that has not existed since the first Remnant. This is critically unique and vitally important!

In Hebrews 3:7-11 we read:

Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,
"Today if you hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me,
As in the day of trial in the wilderness,
Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me,
And saw My works for forty years.
Therefore I was angry with this generation,
And said, 'They always go astray in their heart;
And they did not know My ways';
As I swore in My wrath,
'They shall not enter My rest.'"

Hebrews is rich in Remnant truths, and this passage is no exception. Once again we find a passage that has laid dormant for 2,000 years as the church has passed through the very time period spoken of here - the forty Jubilee period of wilderness Christianity. That period is now complete, the test of Carmel is taking place, and the question arises as to whether you will go astray in your heart from the words of Yahshua, or do them and enter His rest spoken of here. This is the rest promised at the end of the wilderness period of Christianity, and that rest is entered by obedience to His word.

After the above words of caution, the writer of Hebrews then says:

For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end; while it is said, "Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me." For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was He angry for forty years (forty Jubilees)? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness (the 2,000 swine all went to the sea)? And to whom did He swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient (the ram caught in the thicket)? And so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief (14-19).

Will you truly believe today, possessing a belief that will lead to obedience to Yahshua regarding what He has spoken about being His disciple - giving up all your possessions? Will hearing and believing be consummated by required actions? It is your choice; it is your faith.

## PASSING THROUGH THE FIRE

### Yahshua said:

"And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more. I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled!" (second Remnant Luke 12:48-49)

How can this statement made by Yahshua be compared to or relate to when He also said - "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions"? Clearly there is the obvious association that giving up all of one's possessions is "much required," even being asked "all the more"! But, is not being His disciple and reigning with Him not equally "much" to be given and entrusted? Very much so! As it was spoken by Elijah to Elisha for asking a double portion of his spirit, this too is a "hard thing" that we ask! And as we see in each of these testimonies, the price we pay must be commensurate with that for which we ask!

To better address the correlation of this fire that Yahshua longs to kindle, and His command that to be His disciple requires that one give up all his possessions, let me ask you a question. What would you have left if a fire was kindled in your home while you were away, and you returned to find everything burned to the ground? You would have yourself/yourselves and little more. Life for you would begin anew, and all that was in the past would be gone, for fire shows no discretion in what it consumes. When it burns, it does not distinguish between trash and family heirlooms. It has no respect for precious or worthless, and no regard for sentimental memories. Items of irreplaceable value and items of discarded waste, all equally fall under the lust of fire. It is non-discriminating, consumes all that is consumable, and leaves only ash and those things that can pass through the fire unaffected.

### In 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 we read:

For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ (though that foundation has been abandoned for sand). Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

In light of what Yahshua said about kindling a fire, it is therefore significant to note as to when Yahshua in fact kindled a fire naturally, which of course reveals the spiritual. Do you know when He kindled a fire? He kindled it when after His resurrection, He told the disciples, who had fished all night and caught no fish (the night of Christianity), to cast their nets on the right side of the boat and they caught the sons of God 153 fish. When they came ashore, Yahshua had already laid (or appointed) a charcoal fire Himself, with fish and bread on it. Let us get straight to the point.

Today, after man fishing all night and not catching any of the revealed sons of God in immortal bodies, Yahshua is kindling the fire of His Spirit that will test every man's works. Everything that is of this world will be burned up, and all that will stand is that which is eternal.

There are times, even of late, when I have returned home and as I come around the corner, I have looked for our home, wondering if it would still be there or if maybe a fire had consumed it while we were away. Little have I known that the fire that must consume it and all that we possess, is the fire that I must bring upon it, a fire that will consume it and all that is natural in it.

When I realized that what Yahshua said about giving up all of one's possessions would mean giving up sentimental family antiques and such, the only way I could reconcile this was to place those things into the fire Yahshua has come to kindle upon this earth. I had to realize that fire is not discriminating but wholly consuming, that Yahshua has come to burn up all that is of this earth, and desires to kindle His fire upon us and all that we possess. This is the fire He kindles when He speaks to us - "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions."

This fire must be as undiscriminating as is natural fire - "all his possessions"! Before the return of Yahshua, one has to be willing to judge oneself in order to escape the fire in the third part of the kingdom spoken of in Zechariah 13:7-9. If one is not willing to allow that undiscriminating fire to be applied to all that he possess, then he is an Ananias and Sapphira, an Achan, and not worthy of the kingdom that is above. This total giving up of "all his possessions," is why it was written that it will be as hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven, as it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. Fire is merciless when it strikes, and even though Yahshua felt love for the rich young ruler (Mark 10:21), He let him walk away when He could not obey and pass through the fire.

There are in fact two fires kindled in the Gospels. We see the one here in John where Yahshua laid a fire for the disciples when they caught the 153 fish. The other fire is equally found in John, chapter 18, were 18, where we once again find Peter standing around a charcoal fire, this time while Yahshua was being judged and afflicted. But this fire had a remarkable difference in its outcome, for it was here that Peter denied Yahshua three times!

Even as we find attested on Mount Carmel, you have a choice today between two opinions, even two charcoal fires. As there were two charcoal fires in the Scriptures with two opposite outcomes, one in which Peter denied Yahshua and one in which he sat with Him and affirmed his love for Him, so the fire Yahshua is kindling on the earth now in the Remnant will lead to one of two results in your life. You will either let that fire consume all your possessions and become His disciple, or you will hold onto all of your possessions and just as Peter denied Yahshua, you will do likewise by refusing to follow His words - "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions."

When Yahshua sat with Peter around the second charcoal fire, He asked him three times, "do you love Me?" Undoubtedly, Peter's grief was great after being asked this question a third time,

insomuch that he painfully remembered that around another charcoal fire, only recently he had denied Him three times. This is the question and this is the choice you face as you are confronted at this charcoal fire that He wishes to kindle in your life - Do you love Him? Or, do you love your possessions more? Will you deny Him?

Equally in John, chapter 14, verse 15, Yahshua said - "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Love is more than a feeling; love is proven by what one does, not by what one says. Words are cheep when it comes to proving true love, and Yahshua said that if you truly love Him, you will do what He says - "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions."

If you will not do what He says, you are one who builds your house on the sand, and you deny Him even as Peter denied Him at the first charcoal fire. Just before this fire, Peter's words were filled with outspoken resolve; but by his actions he soon denied him. In equal testimony, there are many who are a Judas who betray Yahshua for thirty pieces of silver, and seal it with a kiss. They too say they love Yahshua, but now that He is asking them to give up all of their possessions and follow Him, will they betray Him for money? Indeed! This is your choice today. Will you allow Yahshua to kindle the fire of His purifying Spirit in your life and obey His command to give up all of your possessions and be His disciple, or will you deny and betray Him? It is your choice as to which "Peter" you will be - (1) the one whose love is proven by his actions, or (2) the one whose confident words fall short and thus denies Him, even a Judas who for money betrays Him with a kiss!

In <u>each</u> of these two contrasts, we find:

- The only charcoal fires in the New Testament,
- A three-time test,
- Peter being tested, and
- Yahshua personally present.

By these clear similarities, certainly Yahweh has an intended message here, even a clear contrast and choice entirely relevant to today when He is revealing these things to us.

Yahshua has laid a charcoal fire today, and it will be His 153 Sons of God who will eat from it. This is the fire we have already mentioned into which Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego decidedly entered. This is the fire that is seven times hotter, insomuch that it burns the bonds of mark of the beast Christianity off of you. Possessions, the cares of this world, have bound and ensnared Christians for 2,000 years; the thorns and weeds have wrapped around their heads, causing their understanding and faith to be bound. Yahshua desires to set us free from those bonds, but it will mean one vital thing, one essential price - that we not bow down to the Babylonian image of gold, but instead pass through the fire that will consume all that we possess. This is the path of obedience, even the fire that will allow us to walk in it with the Son of God.

This is also the fire that is spoken of in Isaiah 43:2, where we read:

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

And through the rivers, they will not overflow you (the rivers that burst against the house).

When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched,

Nor will the flame burn you (though it will burn your earthly possessions).

For I am Yahweh your God,

The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

I have given Egypt as your ransom (the body of Christ has died for the Bride),

Cush and Seba in your place (more on this to follow).

Since you (Remnant Bride) are precious in My sight,

Since you are honored and I love you,

I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life (men have died for 6,000 years).

<u>Do not fear, for I am with you</u> (also said by Yahshua to those who would sell their possessions - Luke 12:7 and 32-33);

I will bring your offspring from the east,

And gather you from the west.

I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'

And to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'

Bring My sons from afar,

And My daughters from the ends of the earth,

Every one who is called by My name,

And whom I have created for My glory (the mount of transfiguration that is moved),

Whom I have formed, even whom I have made" (2-7).

(If you want to continue to be encouraged and to marvel at what Yahweh is saying to His Remnant Bride, on your own continue reading the verses following this as well. They are all Remnant promises!)

Without any mistake, this scripture will be fulfilled by the Remnant. We are the beloved Bride who will pass through the fire that consumes all of our possessions, which we are told here and by Yahshua Himself not to fear. We are the Bride who is brought together from the east, the west, the north, and the south, those who are called by His name, the name of Yahweh, for we must become neighbors! We are those who will receive His glory, even the two-part Bride that stands with Him on the mount of transfiguration. And we are the Bride for whom the body of Christ must die, or be put to sleep, as a "ransom" for us, as well as for the whole world. Cush and Seba must be given up in our place.

Do you believe what we are saying here? It has been pointed out before that the Remnant truth is a seamless inner garment of truth; in these verses we see this once again. Egypt, even Cush and Seba, represent the body of Christ that must die for the sake of all men, even ransoming all men, just as the original Christ did as well. They corporately follow in His example. Egypt experienced the ten plagues which are types and pictures of the plagues that the body of Christ has gone

through in order that the sons of God Remnant can come out from them. Even as Pharaoh's heart was hardened, Yahweh has hardened the heart of Christianity over this entire 2,000 year period in order that He can demonstrate His glory.

Equally Cush, and especially Seba, testify of this "ransom" coming specifically through Christianity. We know the certainty of this representation by not only the context of that which we are reading here, but this seamless inner garment of truth is likewise revealed when we see that "Cush" means "burned or black," thus attesting to that which must take place in the third part of Christianity - it must be burned! But the most telling evidence that this is Christianity is that it has the mark of the beast seven on it! "Seba," and the similar word "Sheba," means "seven"! Thus we find here the mark of the beast testimony on Egypt Christianity. How much more consistent evidence does one need?

Most certainly the fire that cleanses the temple of the moneychangers is kindled first in the freewill offering of the Remnant, who freely give up everything to be His disciple. Unique to John, you will notice that before Yahshua went in and cleansed the temple, He first made a scourge of cords (John 2:15). What is the scourge of cords that Yahshua has made today? You're reading his writings, for this man is that scourge of cords Yahshua has made for His own purpose, and these writings are attempting to cast the moneychanger out of you.

In one of those experiences in which Yahshua was continuing to work on this scourge of cords (which He has been doing since 1948), He had me to start and operate a thrift store in our work to provide care for the needy. At one point the store was not doing as well as it needed to, and I complained to Yahweh - "I did not ask to start this store; it was Your idea, not mine; it's Your store, and it looks like You could do a better job running Your store!" But His answer to me silenced my complaining. He said - "I'm not building a store; I'm building a man." This man is the scourge of cords that you are feeling on your back right now. It is the scourge of cords that will cast the moneychanger out of you, if it can.

While the second Remnant does indeed have a fire kindled in our lives, it is a fire that will spread to the Millennial reign! Even as it is written in Zechariah 13:8-9, this fire will burn the third part of Christianity! Let us state this again, for it is MOST important! The fire that burns Christianity in the Millennium, is the fire that is kindled <u>first</u> in the Remnant. The occasion of the Remnant to sell all and hold all things in common today, initiates the purification and cleansing that must continue in Christianity in the Millennium. I hope you grasp the immense weight, impact, and significance of this truth!

Even as we have seen testified in the comparison of the gospels, casting out the moneychanger in the Remnant is on the same day as Yahshua's visitation, now. And this is the fire that will deal with Christianity's own problem with money on the next day, the Millennial reign. This is the fire you are faced with right now, whether you will allow it to be kindled in your life now, or face it in the Millennium. This is the fire that must remove the moneychanger in you, something that is absolutely essential in order to be Yahshua's disciple. Zeal for His house consumes Him; and I assure you, zeal consumes this scourge of cords man as well! Does it consume you?

"Those whom the Lord loves He disciplines. And He scourges every son whom He receives" (Hebrews 12:6).

And before we continue, we have to note something that is too evident to be merely coincidental. You will recall from the writing, <u>Highly Prophetic Patterns Continue - The Battle For The Chad</u>, the uncanny presence of the issue of the chad in the 2000 election between Bush and Gore. This is the "chad" we had already pointed out in the writing, <u>The Signs That Cause Belief, Page 5</u>, where we find that Lake Chad, via its precise place at the temple of Satan's head in the continent of Africa, represents the second-blow death of Satan by the second Remnant. (To better understand this, read these two writings.) Today we have a similar obvious association between two dramatic and highly prophetic events, one of which has previously been addressed, and one we will consider now.

In the writings under the heading, <u>9-11 Terrorist Attacks And Flight 587</u>, we consider the significance of the fall of the Twin Towers in New York on 9-11. We find that they were a picture of the fall of mystery Babylon Christianity in one hour. Tellingly the towers were located on Church Street. But this nation experienced two terrifying events at that time, one that is being resolved, but one at the time of this writing remains a mystery. Immediately after the fall of the Twin Towers, there were six incidents of anthrax attacks that killed five people.

In this environment of tremendous prophetic testimonies surrounding the recent Presidents, Bush, Clinton, and Bush, the 2000 Elections, and 9-11, it seems highly reasonable that the anthrax issue at the same time as 9-11 would somehow provide a prophetic message as well; and as you will now see, it does!

We have been considering here the two charcoal fires of John 18:18 and 21:9 that represent the two choices you have today to either deny Yahshua, or affirm your love. The second charcoal fire is the one that Yahshua lays Himself on the occasion of bringing out of the sea of death the sons of God 153 fish. This latter testimony seems to be intercessorally and prophetically evidenced in what will now be shared.

When Christianity falls, there will be an alternate option to that fall, and that is the second Remnant. And we are clearly seeing in this writing that this option is entered by the narrow gate of giving up all of one's possessions to become His disciple. This option is equally revealed in the testimony of the charcoal fire, the fire that Yahshua said He longed to kindle; and that fire is being kindled today. This is the fire that nondiscretionally consumes all that you have that is of this world. Thus you will either judge yourself and offer all these things to Yahshua now, or you will enter into the Millennial reign and they will be devoured by fire then. One will either experience the charcoal fire today; or, one will enter into the "third part" burning of Zechariah 13:7-9. One way or the other, you will pass through fire!

In reality, the choice is pictured in the events of 9-11 and the anthrax deaths - two seemingly related events, if not in time only. We have already noted the importance of the charcoal fire Yahshua lays in the second Remnant. What I am about to share with you is, once again, too

evident to be coincidental and fits into the entire picture of that which Yahweh is saying and doing.

Even as there are two choices today in the kingdom, even two fates - Christianity or the second Remnant - so there were two corresponding, almost simultaneous, events surrounding 9-11. These were the fall of the Twin Towers, and the anthrax deaths. We have already evidenced the relationship of the Twin Towers to Christianity, which is obvious for many reasons; so keeping with this comparison, how then could the Remnant be associated with the anthrax deaths? Keep in mind here, whether you go the way of Christianity or the way of the Remnant; either way, there is going to be a death! You will either die to yourself and give up all your possessions to be Yahshua's disciple; or, you will die with Christianity, the dead body of Christ, and not enter into the Millennial reign in an immortal body. **One way or another, you will die!** 

So the choice is - Which way do you want to die? Twin Towers in one hour, or anthrax? So why do we say that death by anthrax is the second Remnant? Again, the association here is too obvious to be circumstantial. The charcoal fire that Yahshua laid for His disciples after catching the 153 fish, was in fact a "heap of anthrax"! The Greek word used here is "anthrakia," which means "a heap of burning coals;" and the Greek word for coals, as seen here in "anthrakia," is the unmistakably attesting word - "anthrax"! Thus we say again that the charcoal fire Yahshua laid for the disciples after catching the 153 fish was a "heap of anthrax"!

Furthermore, the number most used in association with the Remnant is the number five. And how many people died of anthrax? Five.

Additionally, even as the Remnant Bride is repeatedly evidenced to be a hidden work, up to now the anthrax assailant has remained hidden.

The prophetic and intercessoral testimony here is incredibly obvious as Yahweh continues to use dramatic and revealing current events to speak to us and provide compelling evidence. The choice, once again, is yours. Either you will accept the heap of burning coals in your life, die to yourself, and give up all of your possessions in the fire; or, you will be a part of the fall of Christianity in one hour, die with them, and be burned in the "third part" burning for 1,000 years. Even as Paul warned - "But if we judge ourselves rightly, we should not be judged" (1 Corinthians 11:31). As for me, I will follow Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and enter the fire that is seven times hotter and not let all my possessions keep me from walking with the Son of God. "Sell your possessions," is good enough for this man, and I hope will be good enough for you as well.

# THE KINGDOM AT A GLANCE

The Remnant Bride truth is the most exciting truth I have ever seen in my life; in fact, the reason is because it is the <u>only</u> truth. **Finally, after 2,000 years of drought in the kingdom, we are receiving some water!** This is the water of truth, and it is a river that will not run dry, a well

that is so deep that it cannot be fathomed. It is nothing but incredible how this truth continues to unfold and unfold and unfold. Though it has been said before, it is worthy of being said again the Remnant truth is a seamless inner garment. And that which will be shared now is just one more evidence of this. I am grateful to Peter Douglas for sharing the crux of this truth with me, a man who is a dear brother to every Remnant Bride member, both now and in time to come. Yahweh is causing him to chew the cud as well.

Peter pointed out to me, after Yahweh had urged him to reexamine the garden testimony, that the Hebrew word for the flaming "sword" the cherubim wielded to guard the way to the tree of life, contains the root meaning of a "drought." The word translated "sword" here in Genesis 3:24 is "chereb," which comes from the word "charab" and means "to parch through drought." This is absolutely incredible and highly revealing and confirming when one understands what has taken place in the kingdom of God since its initial beginning under the teachings of Yahshua. Even as it is written - "But knowledge is easy to him who has understanding" (Proverb 14:6) - so once again we see the marvel of the revelation and application of this matter concerning the garden of God, that is only possible with an understanding of the Remnant message. Here again, we must get straight to the point.

What happened in the original garden of Eden was a seed picture of that which would happen in the kingdom of God. As the King, Yahshua brought the kingdom to man. But, man being earthly, along with the presence of the devil, the first Remnant ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and defiled the garden kingdom. The breach of Christianity began and the first Remnant Bride then gave the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to the body of Christ, from which they then ate. Once this took place, Yahweh had to keep earthly man away from the tree of life, lest he "live forever." So how would He do this? With the sword of a drought!

The kingdom of God was placed under a drought in which man has lacked truth, lest by obtaining this truth he would live forever. Yahweh has kept back the truth you and I are seeing today, because if the church had ever had this truth, they would have become the tree of life. It was not yet time for this, nor was this legally acceptable or applicable for the breach period. Even as we read in Daniel 12:9, the word of truth and understanding was sealed so that man could not understand these marvelous things until "the end time." Thus the drought of truth has kept kingdom man from entering into the tree of life work! This is incredible to now know!

What does this tell us today? That the angel with the flaming drought has been removed and the way to the tree of life has been opened! The period of the drought, or Christianity, has ended and the way into the tree of life has been made possible. Or as it is written in Hebrews 9:8, the holy place has been torn down so that the way into the holy of holies can be disclosed. And as has been pointed out before, this is the Bride work that comes out of the body of Christ, even the Eve work; and revealingly, "Eve" means "life"! Thus the body of Christ has been put to sleep, torn down, so that the Bride, the tree of life, can be brought forth!

This is an incredible thing to see about this angel that guards the way to the tree of life with a flaming drought! Of course this is why Yahweh has provided so many testimonies about droughts, such as the one Elijah began and the one David experienced toward the end of his reign, each evidencing the great need for the latter rain of truth. With the Remnant Bride receiving truth, the drought is broken and the way to the tree of life is legally opened!

Interestingly and revealingly, the Hebrew word here for sword, or "chereb," is related to the Hebrew word "choreb" as well, and thus carries the same meaning of a parched drought. Therefore, prophetically these two words would speak of the same thing. As has been said before in these writings, Yahweh is very orderly and consistent. So how is the word "choreb" used? "Choreb" is actually "Horeb," or Mount Horeb. Thus Mount Horeb would also prophetically speak of this drought on the kingdom and the angel with the flaming drought that has kept anyone from eating of the tree of life. Let us very briefly look at this Mount Horeb.

Horeb is actually another name for the same mountain most often called Sinai. Why does Yahweh call the same mountain by two names? Because by using one or the other name, He can propound a riddle or reveal truth with the meaning of each word.

We will only look at two places in the Bible where Horeb is mentioned. The first is in Exodus 17:6 where we read that Moses was told to take his staff and strike the rock at Horeb and out would come water. This is the water that must come by striking the drought, or the body of Christ. The striking or tearing down of the body of Christ is that which brings the water out that opens the way for entering into the tree of life.

But furthermore, and relevant to the purpose of this writing, it is the first mention of this mountain in the Scriptures that holds the most for us now. What one event was it that began the turnaround for the deliverance of the sons of Israel out of Egypt? One could say that it was the birth of Moses, and that is indeed true; but there was one other thing that took place regarding Moses that more specifically initiated their deliverance - the burning bush at Horeb!

In Exodus 3:2-5 we read concerning this bush:

And the angel of Yahweh appeared to him (Moses) in a blazing fire from the midst of the bush (at Horeb); and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

Thus we find here with this testimony at the drought, or Horeb, a bush that burns yet is not consumed by the fire. We have already seen the testimony of the water that must come from the smitten body of Christ drought, but now we see the testimony of fire as well. And does this fire not sound strikingly similar to the fire and experience of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego? Indeed! They too were in a fire that did not consume them. Is there no mistake that the fire we find here at Horeb, is the fire that you too must enter? This is the fire we have been speaking of; and you will never enter into the tree of life, or as we see testified here by Yahweh through

Moses, you will never become the deliverer of Yahweh's people in bondage in Egypt, unless you too encounter and even enter the burning bush at Horeb.

We have already mentioned that the drought is the sealing of the book in Daniel 12:9; but in confirmation of what we have been seeing and saying, have you noticed what verse 10 then says? After saying, "Go Daniel, for the words are concealed and sealed up until the end time," the very next statement adds - "Many will be purged, purified and refined." This is the purging, purification, and refinement that will take place in the fire we have been revealing and inviting you to enter now at Yahweh's "end time." This is the purifying fire that is entered with the unsealing of the words of Yahweh, the revelation of His truth following the long drought of Yahweh's word.

And might we add here, knowing now that the burning bush at Horeb is a testimony of the fire that Yahshua has laid that will consume all of our possessions, can there be any mistake that Yahweh is clearly speaking to us this message by providing the Presidential testimony of Bush -> Clinton -> Bush? When we see with opened eyes that the burning bush is in fact giving up all of one's possessions and holding all things in common, is this not the prophetic witness and testimony Yahweh is giving us in the two President Bushes? Quite obviously! The first Remnant has already become the burning bush, and the second Remnant must be likewise. And here when the second Remnant is preparing to hold all things in common, Yahweh has provided for us at this very time highly prophetic second Remnant George W. Bush to confirm to us our greatest need - to encounter (and even enter) the burning bush that does not consume the bush. Yet while Yahweh's fire will not consume us, it will fulfill its appointed purpose and devour all we possess!

Equally evidenced by these two Bush testimonies is the threat to and ultimate success of the Remnant over Satan. Saddam Hussein found out what the burning Bush was in the Kuwait War. Now he is getting ready to find out what that burning Bush will mean this second time - his overthrow! The reader needs to understand that holding all things in common by the Remnant is a <u>direct</u> attack on the god of this world! It was this very act that bruised Satan's head when the first Remnant obeyed Yahshua and forsook all of their possessions - the first bush. And it will likewise be this very act of giving up all of one's possessions that will this time drive the tent peg into Satan's head, completing the attack on and death of Satan - the work of the second bush! One cannot overemphasize the ESSENTIAL value of this attack on Satan by coming out from under his covering of finances and possessions and holding all things in common. It kills him!

This is also the burning bush at Horeb that evokes one to take off one's sandals, even as we have addressed in the writing, <u>The Sandals and the Staff</u>, which you should read if you have not already done so. We, the second Remnant, have equally removed our sandals, and Yahweh will perform this work by the strength of His might. Praise be to Yahweh! And praise be to Yahweh for providing the way for striking the rock at Horeb so that the water can be brought forth, breaking the drought that has been on the kingdom and opening the way to the tree of life.

And praise be to Yahweh for providing the burning bush that will consume all that we possess, yet we will not be consumed. This is the burning bush experience that provides the way for deliverance from the bondage of Egypt, even as the fire that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego entered provided deliverance from their bondage and gave them favor with the king and all men. This is the fire that causes us to walk with the Son of God. This is the burning bush that you must enter if you desire to reign with Him and enter into immortality. It's beginning to rain, the water is beginning to flow, the fire is beginning to burn, and it is time for you to obey Yahshua and give up all of your possessions to be His disciple.

## **NOAH**

There is no greater question today to consider than the question as to whether or not you will be a disciple of Yahshua. And the answer to this is determined by whether you will obey His command and give up all of your possessions, preparing the way for His return. But in closing this writing, we want to take a look at something that is highly revealing regarding the second Remnant and the seeming significance of the days in which we now live.

To introduce this, we will go to Genesis 6 and 7. You will notice that in Genesis 7:6 that Noah was 600 years old when the flood came upon the earth. Then from Genesis 6:3 we find that Yahweh gave man 120 years probation before the flood came. Subtracting the 120 from the 600, we find then that Noah was 480 years old when He placed man on probation.

It seems quite evident that there is some significance that when man was placed on probation for 120 years, Noah was 4 x 120 years of age. Then when the flood came, he was 5 x 120 years of age.

Taking this even further, we find in Genesis 9:29 that Noah died at the age of 950. Significantly, 950 is just ten years short of  $8 \times 120$ , or 960 years. Thus while Noah was  $4 \times 120$  when the 120 year probation came, and was  $5 \times 120$  when the flood came, his death was just ten years short of  $8 \times 120$  years. What can this mean?

Looking at his life and seeing this seemingly incomplete span of incremental time, one wonders if there is some associated testimony here of incompleteness regarding Noah. Eight is the number of new beginnings, and in particular the number of Yahshua. Legally, it would be the eighth "day," or the eighth 1,000 year period, that Yahshua would come. What else then do we find about Noah? Something most interesting and revealing!

In Genesis 5:29, we find a remarkable prophecy regarding Noah. When he was born, his father prophesied - "This one shall give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which has been cursed." So we ask - Did Noah give man rest from the toil of the ground which Yahweh has cursed? Not at all! In fact, Noah brought death to all mankind, not rest. So what could this mean? Like so many of the unfulfilled passages regarding natural Israel, the Jews, and Jerusalem, these were all foreshadowings of that which must take

place and be fulfilled at a higher kingdom level. This is a very important point to realize about the Scriptures and the ways of Yahweh. Since Noah did not fulfill this prophecy in his life, then it was not intended to be fulfilled by Noah himself, but by a people who will indeed deliver man from the curse of the ground and bring him rest. And this is indeed the hope and purpose of the Remnant.

In the writing titled *The Love of Money*, we saw that Sisera's death by Jael driving a tent peg through his temple into the ground, was a clear testimony of the second Remnant defeating Satan with the tent peg of truth, and equally important, going so far as to remove the curse from the ground. This curse is removed with putting away Satan, and the flood of the Spirit covering the entire earth. This is the flood that is pictured in the flood of Noah. Even as the day of Pentecost, in which 3,000 souls were added to the kingdom, was the higher fulfillment of the violent testimony in which at the identical feast at Mount Sinai 3,000 souls were slain with the sword, so the violent natural flood looks to the day in which there will be its positive higher spiritual fulfillment - the flood of the Spirit that covers the face of the entire earth! Now let us look at some of the timing of this flood, some of this information being repeated from *The Issue - II*, *Page 8*.

Even as Yahweh had a probation period of 120 years and then came the flood, so there have been 120 Jubilees from the fall of Adam. Counting 120 Jubilees from the fall of Adam, or 120 x 49 years, one arrives at the year 1993. In 1993, the United States experienced the greatest flood in recorded history; but, there was no flood of the Spirit! So what went wrong? Why wasn't there the beginning of the spiritual fulfillment? In *The Issue - II*, we propose that there is a ten year delay in the beginning of that flood, or to 2003.

It seems strikingly relevant that this man Noah, of whom it was prophesied that he would give man rest from the curse of the ground, as a man fell precisely ten years short of completing the eighth period of 120 years. It seems that by this Yahweh is showing the futility of natural man fulfilling that which is required in order to bring forth Yahshua and deliver man from the curse. It also seems that Yahweh is foretelling the significance of these ten years following the 120 Jubilees that are about to be completed, that they are a period in which the second Remnant has to prove its persistence. If Noah fell short ten years in completing his full eight periods of 120 years probation, how much more must we persevere with the hope that our ten years of tarrying will indeed bring forth the return of Yahshua and the flood of the Spirit that will cover the entire earth?

Thus once again we find a remarkable testimony to the significance and hope of adding ten years to the completion date of the 120 Jubilee period - the shortfall days of the one of whom it was prophesied that he would deliver man from the curse of the ground. There is only one who can fulfill this prophecy - the Elijah work that "will restore all things" (Matthew 17:11, Mark 9:12) and prepares the way for Yahshua's return. Here again is just one more reason that the Remnant Bride, the Elijah, must persevere, and why it is so incredibly important that within this ten year period, the Bride must make herself ready and cover herself. **Our time is short!** 

One of the reasons the Bride must cover herself is so that she can have the "power to act," or the "authority" to pray or prophesy as spoken of in 1 Corinthians 11:10 - "Therefore the woman ought to have power to act on her head, because of the angels." It is a clear fact that the power of the Bride to speak on Yahweh's behalf, or to appeal to or ascend to Him, lies in the governmental requirement that the Bride must be legally covered, and not just with the scant fig leaf tithe covering, but the complete garments of skin covering of holding all things in common. This we MUST do!

As was asked at the opening of this section - What then is the most important question of the day? The most important question of the day is not - What do you do?, or - How successful are you in your worldly pursuits? It is not - How well have you done financially?, or even - Have you been successful in your family? (though this is important). It is not - Are you a Democrat or a Republican?, or - From what nation or what nationality are you? It is not even - Are you a good and moral person? (though this too is important), or certainly - Are you a Christian? In fact, all of these things can be distractions to the true question of greatest importance today! That question is - Are you a disciple of Yahshua? And if you are to be a disciple of Yahshua, then you must do that which He said - "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his possessions."

No other question is of greater importance as we approach the hour of Yahshua's return. No other question should prevail in priority than this one deciding question.

In closing, please allow this writer to add one brief comment and review two important points.

Someone is going to object that selling all is quite dramatic, too dramatic! Indeed it is dramatic! But ask yourself - Was not by far the most dramatic act of Yahshua, even seemingly uncharacteristically dramatic, that of casting the moneychangers out of the temple with a scourge of cords, pouring out their coins, and overturning their tables? At no other time did He exhibit such aggression. This is the zeal that consumes Him now, zeal that you are facing even today before His return.

This is the zeal that was foreshadowed in the natural. That which has been is that which will be, and unmistakably we are now seeing the fulfillment of that living prophecy when He cleansed the temple. That which Yahshua performed in the natural temple, was done for one sole purpose - to foreshadow and prophesy. Yahshua was not concerned about that temple made with stones, but is concerned with the temple made with living stones, His church, His kingdom. That which He performed in the natural temple foreshadowed what He has already performed with the first Remnant, and what must take place today in the second Remnant. Zeal for His Father's house consumes Him, and He will cleanse His house of its moneychangers with equal determination, resolve, and vigor!

Indeed, His acts once again in cleansing the temple of the moneychangers are dramatic, consistently, fulfillingly, and even seemingly uncharacteristically **QUITE DRAMATIC!** And I hope that this scourge of cords man that He has made to afflict your back, will drive the

moneychanger out of your life so that you too can be a part of His cleansed temple. This is His purpose, even His work, right now. Do not be deceived, you cannot be a part of His kingdom reign unless you are willing to obey Him, to be His disciple, and give up everything. "You cannot serve God and mammon."

Yahshua has laid a charcoal fire today, and it will be His 153 Sons of God second Remnant who will eat from it. This is the fire whereby we demonstrate that we love Him. This is the fire of deliverance that Moses encountered at Horeb where he was told to remove his sandals. This is the fire of deliverance into which Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego decidedly entered. This is the fire that is seven times hotter, insomuch that it burns the bonds of mark of the beast Christianity off of you. Possessions, the cares of this world, have bound and ensnared Christians for 2,000 years; the thorns and weeds have wrapped around their heads, causing their understanding and faith to be bound. Yahshua desires to set us free from those bonds, but it will mean one vital thing, one essential price - that we not bow down to the Babylonian image of gold, but instead pass through the fire that will consume all that we possess! This is the fire, even the path of obedience, that will allow us to walk with the Son of God.

And quoting from the first section, we restate these important words. Herein is the purpose of this writing: To instruct, invite, and encourage you to build upon the rock by doing what Yahshua said. You have a choice and opportunity today like no other time before. Only the first Remnant had the effectual choice you now have; but this time, the outcome will be the fulfillment and completion of that which they began! The breach is over, and today you will either be one who has built your house on the sands of Christianity that calls Yahshua "Lord, Lord," or you will dig deep and build your house on Yahshua and His clear command concerning what is required to be His disciple - give up all of your possessions. This is your choice.

It is now your decision!

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you." Yahshua Matthew 6:33

"Those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives." Hebrews 12:6

"And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled!" Yahshua Luke 12:48-49

... for the joy set before Him (He) endured the cross Hebrews 12:2