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When it comes to the Bible, not everybody is going to agree on the interpretation of all the verses in the Bible, many people think that it's not that important that everyone agree on certain aspects, but there are certain times when it is very important that people understand the true and accurate meaning; that is when it comes to salvation.

I have looked over and over again at Matthew chapter 24, and I am sure that there are many people who have done the same, yet recently it has come to my attention that there is something of great importance in Matthew 24. When we look at the beginning of Matthew 24, we see the disciples and Yahshua (Jesus) coming out of the temple, and the disciples are bringing to the attention of Yahshua (Jesus) the buildings.

Matthew 24:1

1 ¶ And Yahshua (Jesus) went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

As the disciples of Yahshua (Jesus) are pointing out the buildings of the temple. I am sure the buildings looked wonderful, no doubtingly adorned in gold, and looked beautiful. Yahshua (Jesus) replied to the disciples; and I'm sure that his reply was very confusing as he said.

Matthew 24:2

2 And Yahshua (Jesus) said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

I have seen many commentaries on this verse and heard many people give commentary to this verse and the most popular commentary of this verse I have heard is the claim that this verse has already been fulfilled by Titus in A.D. 70, but I have a couple problems looking at Titus as being the fulfillment of this verse.

1. When Elohim (God) inspired his word to be written. He does not write it vaguely, but he is very precise in his wording and as Yahshua (Jesus) says in that second verse, there shall not be left here one stone upon another, which shall not be thrown down. That is exactly what it means. Today, if you go to Jerusalem. There is a location in Jerusalem, where there is a portion of a wall that is standing. This is a place where many of the Jews will come to offer their prayers at this portion of wall. It is referred to as the Wailing Wall. The Wailing Wall is a portion of the wall of the temple that was destroyed in A.D. 70. By Titus and in this portion of wall there remains stones upon other stones that comprise this portion of the wall of the temple. Therefore, Titus in A.D. 70, cannot be the interpretation of this verse because Yahshua (Jesus) said, not one stone will be left upon another that shall not be thrown down. And since not every stone of the building or of the temple was thrown down in the destruction of the Temple by Titus, it is safe to conclude that this is not the fulfillment of this verse.

2. The second problem I have with Titus, being the fulfillment of this verse is the time era in which Titus destroyed the temple. In Matthew 24 after Yahshua (Jesus) told them about the stones being thrown down and not one upon another left. They continued on and went to the Mount of Olives. I am sure that the disciples pondered this saying of Yahshua (Jesus) about the stones in the temple as they were walking, for we see in verse 3 of Matthew 24 by the question that the disciples asked Yahshua (Jesus), that the disciples, correctly understood this time period, to be a time near the end of the world.

Matthew 24:3

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

You can see by the question of the disciples, they understood this statement Yahshua (Jesus) made about the stones to be a time near the end of the world. When Titus destroyed the temple in A.D. 70. It was nowhere near the end of the world or the return of The Messiah. In fact, when The Messiah was crucified on the cross it was A.D. 33. This was nowhere near the time of the end. When Titus destroyed the temple. It was only 37 years since the crucifixion of the Messiah. We still have thousands of years to go before the end.

What was Yahshua (Jesus) referring to when he spoke about the stones, not one being left upon another, which shall not be thrown down? We are able to find some help when we look to the first epistle of Peter in chapter 2, we find this:

1 Peter 2:4-5

4 ¶ To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of Elohim (God), and precious,

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to Elohim (God) by Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah.

We find in the epistle of Peter that we who are saved of Elohim (God) are referred to as lively stones and are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to Elohim (God) by Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah. With this information in mind we see that those who are truly saved of Elohim (God) through Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah are referred to as living stones. So with this bit of information. When we look back in Matthew 24, we see the stones that are thrown down is a reference to those who are truly saved are being thrown down or more precisely, being cast out of the church. As we look at this interpretation and we search the Scripture with this information, we find this interpretation is backed up by the Bible.

Lamentations 4:1

1 ¶ How is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

Here in Lamentations, we find, “how the gold is become dim! How is the finest gold changed?” Elohim (God) is making reference to Israel as he is speaking of the gold and we also find in the Bible that Israel is a spiritual representation of the church during the Old Testament times, and the events of Israel during the Old Testament times are there so that we may learn something today about the living in our day.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6

1 ¶ Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was the Messiah.

5 But with many of them Elohim (God) was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 ¶ Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

What lessons can we find about the church? We find in Lamentations, first the question about the gold in the temple. The gold has become dim and the finest gold has been changed. When we look to the next verse in Lamentations we find something further about this gold and what it is referring to:

Lamentations 4:2

2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

We are told here the precious sons of Zion are comparable to fine gold, they are also comparable to earthen pitchers. It specifies earthen pictures which is in opposition to spiritual pictures and concludes with the work of the hands of the potter, it is made by man's hand rather than the hand of Elohim (God). Zion is the mountain of Elohim (God) a picture of the church. Therefore, the gold in effect has become dim and has been changed from that which is made of Elohim (God) to that which is made of man's hand. Then as we look to the first verse of Lamentations 4, at the remaining part of that verse after it speaks of the gold being changed. It brings into focus the stones and says, "the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the tops of every street." As we have previously looked at the stones represent those who are truly saved of Elohim (God) through Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah. Therefore, here in Lamentations 4, and Matthew 24, we are being told in essence, that the true believers being represented by the stones have been thrown out; poured out upon the tops of every street and they are thrown out by the gold that has become dim the precious sons of Zion.

I believe this is what is in view when Yahshua (Jesus) tells the disciples about the temple in Matthew 24, that the stones shall be thrown down and not one stone will be left upon another. Yahshua (Jesus) is describing an event toward the end of the world rather than an event by Titus in the year A.D. 70. As I previously brought out the fact that A.D. 70, is not anywhere near end of the world and the fact that there was left a portion of the wall. The Wailing Wall, where stones have been left one upon another.

As Yahshua (Jesus) and his disciples departed from there and went to the Mount of Olives, the disciples still pondering his statement about the stones of the temple being thrown down. They asked Yahshua (Jesus) to tell us when this will take place.

Matthew 24:3

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

The disciples understanding this statement Yahshua (Jesus) made was a reference to a time near the end of the world. They asked Yahshua (Jesus) to tell them what the signs of his coming, and the end of the world would be, and the first thing Yahshua (Jesus) told them was to be on guard for those that deceive.

Matthew 24:4

4 ¶ And Yahshua (Jesus) answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

We see in this verse that the first thing Yahshua (Jesus) warns the disciples about is deception; there are those that will deceive. Next, Yahshua (Jesus) tells the disciples how this deception will come about.

Matthew 24:5

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am The Messiah (Christ); and shall deceive many.

The most popular commentary on this verse is the claim of people coming professing themselves to be the Messiah (Christ). I do not think this is what Yahshua (Jesus) had in view when he gave them warning in the 5th verse of Matthew 24. It says "for many shall come in my name." If Yahshua (Jesus) were talking about people coming proclaiming themselves to be the Messiah. I don't believe Yahshua (Jesus) would say, many shall come in my name. I have no doubt Yahshua (Jesus) would say, there shall be many coming in their own name. When someone is delivering the message of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah and his salvation. They are coming in the name of Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah. The People Yahshua (Jesus) is referring to in verse five, are people coming in the name of Yahshua (Jesus). The same Yahshua (Jesus), the Bible teaches. They come in the name of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah. The next part of the warning in verse five, Yahshua (Jesus) says, "saying I am the Messiah (Christ)." Again, you must look very closely at the wording Yahshua (Jesus) uses in this verse. If he were warning about people coming proclaiming to be the Messiah (Christ), Yahshua (Jesus) would say they are coming, saying they are the Messiah (Christ). Yet the words the Messiah (Christ) has chosen to say is these people are coming, not only in the name of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah, the same Messiah (Christ) the Bible teaches, but they profess that he, Yahshua (Jesus), the son of Elohim (God) who is the only begotten of the Father; the Elohim (God) of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that he Yahshua (Jesus) is The Messiah.

The last thing Yahshua (Jesus) warns of in verse five. These people who are coming with a false gospel in the name of Yahshua (Jesus) professing that Yahshua (Jesus) is the Messiah (Christ), Yahshua (Jesus) concludes the verse by saying "and shall deceive the many." Therefore, after these people come in the name of Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah. Their gospel message is twisted to the point that it no longer leads to the truth and salvation. Although, they themselves are deceived; they truly think they are teaching the truth.

We must never forget that Satan is very subtle and very crafty in his deception and he can even come posing as an angel of light:

2 Corinthians 11:14

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

If (Matthew 24:5), was indeed referring to people coming in their own name professing that they are the Messiah, that would not fool very many people at all and Satan knows that. Even nonbelievers would be able to tell that they are not the true Messiah (Christ) of the Bible. Therefore Satan very craftily and very subtly will draw people in by bringing a false message. However, it will have enough truth to present them as coming in the name of the Messiah. The same Messiah (Christ) the Bible teaches and proclaiming this Messiah of the Bible is the Messiah, the Savior.

Satan will then twist the gospel message in such a way that it will not lead to salvation. Therefore, even though they claim that they are coming in the name of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah and that Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah is the Savior to bring you on board with them; from there the twisted gospel teaches about a different Messiah, then what the Bible teaches. So even though their message begins with the truth that Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah is the Savior yet the twisted gospel they bring presents a different Messiah a false Messiah. This is what is in view when we look to Matthew 24:24 and we can see from this verse. How very close to the truth it is.

Matthew 24:24

24 For there shall arise false Messiahs (Christs), and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

We see from this 24th verse of Matthew 24, which the gospel message they bring, it is so close to the truth that even the very elect of Elohim (God) would be deceived. The only reason the very elect of Elohim (God) are not deceived, is not because of the individuals understanding, but because of the protection of Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah. Otherwise, they would be drawn into the deception also because it is that close to the truth.

How can we know that we are not drawn into this deception? And what is this deception?

The adversary Satan if he were to make an attack on the people of Elohim (God), the focal point of it would have to be upon salvation because salvation is the main thing; the main point that makes a the Christian or does not make a the Christian. So if Satan can twist the gospel message of salvation just enough so that it will not lead to salvation, then Satan would feel that he has won the battle. Therefore, we must put our attention on salvation and look to see what makes for salvation and I am sure that you would be of the same mind as I, that I would want to know the truth, even if it means changing some of my belief, so we are going to take a close biblical look at biblical salvation.

The heart of mankind.

We want to first take a look at mankind, and when I say mankind. I'm not talking of only man I'm talking about women also, for we are all after mankind, and we want to first see why we need salvation. To see the state of mankind prior to salvation. A good place to start would be in Romans chapter 3.

Romans 3:10-12

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after Elohim (God).

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

In these verses in Romans. It is not speaking about some of mankind or a few it is talking about all of mankind. Every one, no matter who they are for if we were to back up prior to verse 10, we can see their:

Romans 3:9

9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

In verse nine, it is talking about Jews and Gentiles, and it uses the word Gentiles to ball up all of mankind who are not Jews for the Bible indicates that in all the world. There are either Jews or Gentiles. And we are told that all are under sin. This includes every last person upon the face of the earth that has ever walked upon the face of the earth. The only exception to this would be Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah himself, who knew no sin.

In (Romans 3:10-12), we are told there is none righteous, not one single person is righteous. It also includes understanding, there is no one who understands as it speaks about understanding it is speaking about the things of Elohim (God), and there is no one at all who understands the things about Elohim (God). And it continues by addressing the issue of seeking after Elohim (God), there is none who seek after Elohim (God). So all of these things righteousness, knowledge or understanding about the things of Elohim (God), and seeking after Elohim (God). There is not one person on the entire face of the earth that is righteous, that possessed any knowledge of the truth of Elohim (God), nor anyone who seeks after Elohim (God), not one individual. This leaves mankind in a pretty sad state with virtually no hope whatsoever, no hope of anyone on their own to have any hope of salvation, because there is none

that possess righteousness. There is none that possess the true knowledge of Elohim (God), and there is none who even will seek after Elohim (God). Fortunately for mankind. Elohim (God) has not left us to our own fate, which would be eternal damnation eternally separated from Elohim (God).

Salvation.

Ephesians 2:8

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Elohim (God):

This Scripture in Ephesians is one that most people who read the Bible are familiar with, and most people who classify themselves as Christian would say, they agree with this verse for most everyone would agree that we are saved by grace and that the grace we are saved by does not come from within us. We do not possess this grace that saves us. It comes from Elohim (God) as a free gift and most everyone would agree with that. However, I would venture to say the second part of this verse. Most people who identify themselves as Christians do not agree with the second part of the verse, but I don't think they consciously disagree. I would say it is more of an unconscious disagreement. They are not aware that they disagree with the second part of it. They believe that they are in agreement with the whole verse. The second part I am referring to is faith.

Most everyone in the Christian world that I have spoken with concerning faith believe that the faith required to accept Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah as their Savior must come from within themselves. They must possess within themselves a certain amount of faith to believe. But when you examine (Ephesians 2:8) closely, it brings out two things grace and faith, and both the grace by which we are saved and the faith through which we are saved, do not come from ourselves. Both the grace by which we are saved and the faith through which we are saved, both come from Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah, and are given to us as a gift. We can take a quick look in the book of Galatians and see how faith works within us at salvation.

Galatians 2:16

16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ), even we have believed in Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ), that we might be justified by the faith of the Messiah (Christ), and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 2:20

20 I am crucified with the Messiah (Christ): nevertheless I live; yet not I, but the Messiah (Christ) liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of Elohim (God), who loved me, and gave himself for me.

These verses in Galatians are only a couple of examples how we are saved, not by our faith that we have within us, but by the faith of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) and the faith to believe in the Messiah (Christ) is given to us as a gift, along with the grace that Elohim (God) has given us. As you recall the passage of Scripture we looked at in Romans chapter 3, that there is none righteous, there is none that understand about Elohim (God), there is none who seeks after Elohim (God). There is none who does good, not one person because of sin, for we, that is mankind are sinners and we are not sinners because we have at some point committed a sin. We sin because we are sinners and left onto our own selves and our own will none of us would call upon Elohim (God). Therefore, none of us would have within ourselves, the faith required to believe it is given to us by Elohim (God), along with his grace at the time he saves us.

The needs of Mankind.

It is in the nature of mankind to have a need for acceptance. We thirst and hunger for recognition, and for a pat on the back, whether it be at home, or whether it be in the workplace. We all have that need that we want our work to be recognized and to be appreciated. Therefore, just a simple recognition of the work that someone has done; a pat on the back and a complement and a kind word of appreciation for the good work that the person has done will bring a smile to their face.

Satan knows this need of recognition and appreciation that mankind has very well and he uses it as a tool to lead mankind away from true salvation in Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah.

I will give you two hypothetical situations. The first one is based upon the work of mankind, and their need for recognition and acceptance.

In this first hypothetical situation we have two persons. I shall refer to as person (A) and person (B). They are both standing together side by side, and neither one of them are saved and there is another person standing with them that is witnessing to them about Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah and salvation through The Messiah. They are each simultaneously hearing this man witness to them about salvation through The Messiah for those who are saved and eternal damnation for those who are not saved.

After he is finished person (A) chooses from his own free will to accept Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah and recites a set of words that are told him, which is commonly referred to as the sinners prayer, after which he is told, congratulations brother, you are saved.

On the other hand, person (B) does not agree that there is an Elohim (God), and chooses from his own free will not to say this prayer because he has chosen not to be saved.

As we reflect upon these two people and the decisions they have made out of their own free will. We would have to say that person (A) had within him more understanding of Elohim (God), then person (B) and for him to be able to choose for himself to be saved. He obviously also possessed within himself enough faith and enough righteousness within him to have the awareness to choose to call upon the name of the Master (Lord) for salvation. Therefore, he would have something to boast about, for he possessed within him enough awareness and understanding of Elohim (God), and righteousness within himself to be able to call on the name of the Master (Lord). It could be said that he had more faith awareness and righteousness, then person (B).

As we read earlier from (Ephesians 2:8). When a person is saved, he is given by Elohim (God) as a gift. The grace by which he is saved and the faith through which he is saved, because prior to salvation. Mankind possesses neither one as we look again in Ephesians.

Ephesians 2:8

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Elohim (God):

We can see from this verse. How faith and grace are both given to us as a gift to those whom Elohim (God) has saved and as we continue to the next verse in Ephesians we can see why they are both given to us.

Ephesians 2:9

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

In the first hypothetical situation in order for person (A) to be saved. There was something that he had to do in order to receive the salvation. Some sort of work on his part. Therefore, his salvation would be based upon works, and he would have something he would be able to boast about; that is that he had enough righteousness to call upon Elohim (God), more than person (B). Before we continue on. We want to take a look at the next verse in Ephesians.

Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in The Messiah Yahshua (Jesus) unto good works, which Elohim (God) hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

We see in this verse that we are saved, not by our works, but to do good works for Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah. The works come after salvation, not in order to receive salvation and we were ordained unto this salvation before we were even born. From the very foundation of the world.

Now we will take a look at another hypothetical situation much similar to the first one.

Again we have two people standing side by side, person (A) and person (B) neither one of these two People are saved and they are both being witnessed to by someone at the same time. The person witnessing to them is telling them about Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah and his salvation for those who are saved and about eternal damnation for those who are not saved.

After he is finished witnessing to them Elohim (God) begins to work in the life of person (A), Elohim (God) begins to change his way of thinking and creates within him a new heart and places within this heart the faith that is required to call upon the name of the Master (Lord) Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah and Elohim (God) showers him with his grace and person (A) as a result falls to his knees with tears flowing down his face and praising Elohim (God) for his work and his salvation and thanking Elohim (God) that he has reached down into his heart and saved him.

After it is all done, person (A) has nothing to boast of himself about, for he was dead, and on his way to hell, just as person (B), the only difference between the two of them is that Elohim (God) was willing to change the heart of person (A) and give unto him freely Elohim's (God's) grace and the faith required to call on the name of the Master (Lord). The only boasting that person (A) would have is to boast in the Master (Lord) Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah and him alone.

There are some who would speak of faith and say, Yahshua (Jesus) talked about faith to his disciples and said, if you had the faith as a mustard seed, you could move mountains and they would use this statement from Yahshua (Jesus) as a proof text of how little faith it takes to accomplish something and how little faith that one has to have within their own self and what they can do. Before we continue on, let's just take a moment to look at that passage.

Matthew 17:14-20.

14 ¶ And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15 Master (Lord), have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17 Then Yahshua (Jesus) answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

18 And Yahshua (Jesus) rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Yahshua (Jesus) apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

20 And Yahshua (Jesus) said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

As we look at this passage in Matthew, a man came to Yahshua (Jesus) asking for mercy for his son, his son had an evil spirit within him, and he told Yahshua (Jesus) that he brought him to his disciples, and they were unable to cure him and Yahshua (Jesus) rebuked the devil and it left his son. Then as they were alone, the disciples asked Yahshua (Jesus), why they could not cast out the demon and in the following verse is when Yahshua (Jesus) made the comment about the mustard seed.

I have heard many people speak about this passage of Scripture where Yahshua (Jesus) was talking to his disciples about the mustard seed and faith, and they have used this as a proof text as to how little faith. It actually takes to do something in hopes of trying to encourage people to have faith, just a little faith because it does not take a lot of faith to accomplish something. However, when we look closely at this passage of Scripture. It is not an encouragement to try and have within yourself a little faith of your own. For Yahshua (Jesus) says in verse 17, in reference to them, "O faithless and perverse generation." Yahshua (Jesus) uses the word faithless; that is having no faith at all. Then in verse 19, the disciples came to Yahshua (Jesus) privately and ask him why they could not cast the evil spirit out, and this is when Yahshua (Jesus) gave his response in verse 20, the first thing that Yahshua (Jesus) said is, "because of your unbelief" and Yahshua (Jesus) followed that up with the statement about the mustard seed as he said, "if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Yahshua (Jesus) was not using this statement to encourage them to have a little faith within themselves of their own, Yahshua (Jesus) was showing how if someone had faith as a grain of mustard seed what they could accomplish. Yahshua (Jesus) was telling them, in effect that you do not even have the faith the size of a mustard seed, because as of yet they have no faith at all.

Very much the same with anyone before they become saved. They have no faith. In order for them to be saved Elohim (God) must give them both his grace and faith.

There is another passage of Scripture in the gospel of Luke, where Yahshua (Jesus) is talking to his apostles, and speaking to them about forgiveness and saying, if someone wrongs you and comes back to you asking you to forgive them. Yahshua (Jesus) says to forgive them. And in response, the apostles asked Yahshua (Jesus) to increase their faith.

Luke 17:5-6

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

After being asked by the apostles to increase their faith. Yahshua (Jesus) said, "if ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you might say unto this sycamore tree, be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you." This time, instead of using a mountain as an example, he is using a sycamore tree. As an example, that they would be able to pluck that sycamore tree up and cast it into the sea, if they even had the faith as a grain of mustard seed. Therefore, again, Yahshua (Jesus) is in effect telling them they have no faith at all. So how can Yahshua (Jesus) increase something they do not have?

A Biblical Look at Salvation.

Salvation is the entire message of the Bible. This is the reason that the Bible has been written, to teach people about the need of salvation and bring them unto salvation. We want to take a biblical look at salvation and how someone comes to know Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah as their Master (Lord) and Savior.

A good place to begin would be to take a look in the gospel of John.

John 6:44

44 No man can come to me, [Yahshua (Jesus)] except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

In (John 6:44), Yahshua (Jesus) is speaking and says, "no man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." We see anyone coming to Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah must be drawn to Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah by the Father. Elohim (God) begins to work in the life of a person and draws that person to Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah, after they are drawn to Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah, the Holy Spirit brings them to life through The Messiah.

John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

The word quickeneth means *to bring to life*. Now, as this verse says the flesh profits nothing through our flesh we can do nothing as far as bringing our souls to life the Holy Spirit does this through Yahshua (Jesus).

John 6:65

65 And he [Yahshua (Jesus)] said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

We see again in this verse it is only possible for someone to come to Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah by the Father. When we were looking earlier at Romans chapter 3, there was none righteous, there was none who understands there is none who seeks after Elohim (God). This is the description of all mankind. Absolutely no one of their own accord or of their own free will would ever come to Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah. Therefore, our only hope of salvation lies in the hands of the Father and the Holy Spirit as the Father intervenes in our life brings us to Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah and the Spirit makes us alive through Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah.

For someone to think that they can come to salvation on their own and choose Yahshua (Jesus) of their own free will would completely be in contradiction with Romans chapter 3 and verse 10 and following.

John 10:1-3

1 ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

We find a warning in verse 1, that anyone not entering by the door, but climbs up some other way, is a thief and a robber. The door is Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah. The only way we can come to Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah is if the Father draws us to Him, and Yahshua (Jesus) calls us by name. Yahshua (Jesus) knows the name of each and every person He has come to save. As Yahshua (Jesus) calls us by name the Holy Spirit brings us to life through The Messiah.

Elohim (God) has his people whom He has chosen for Himself and these whom He has chosen for Himself, He is going to save. This is what Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah has come to do, to seek out every person that He has per-ordained to salvation and Yahshua (Jesus) knows who they are.

John 10:14-16

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

In verse 16, Yahshua (Jesus) is saying He has other sheep, He must bring them also, they will hear His voice. Here is a group of people who are not saved. In fact, most of them are not even born yet, and Yahshua (Jesus) refers to them as His sheep, belonging to Him while they are not yet saved, but they are His people.

As we continue through the gospel of John, we find another other group of people that are not saved and Yahshua (Jesus) says that they do not belong to Him:

John 10:24-27

24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Messiah, tell us plainly.

25 Yahshua (Jesus) answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

The gospel of John speaks of two different groups of people who are not saved. One group Yahshua (Jesus) refers to as belonging to Him. The other group Yahshua (Jesus) refers to as not belonging to Him, they are not his sheep. Yet both groups are not saved, and I repeat, he says of one group, they are my sheep and the other group. He says they are not of my sheep. Yahshua (Jesus) knows each and every person who belong to Him, and who He has come to save; from the foundation of the world to the end. He has come to save His people.

We see this same truth being taught at the birth of The Messiah. Joseph and Mary were engaged to be married and before they had come together. Mary was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, being a just man was not willing to make a public spectacle of her and was going to put her away privately, but while he thought about this, the angel of the Master (Lord) appeared to Joseph in a dream and said to him:

Matthew 1:21

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name YAHSHUA (JESUS): for he shall save his people from their sins.

The people that (Matthew 1:21) tells us Yahshua (Jesus) has come to save are his people. If I were to randomly ask people who has Yahshua (Jesus) come to save? I have no doubt that I would get such responses as everyone that accepts Yahshua (Jesus). In that line of thinking they would not become his people until after they have accepted Yahshua (Jesus) as their Savior. However, we are told in (Matthew 1:21), that he shall save his people (future tense), from their sin. We see that there are a people of Elohim (God) who Yahshua (Jesus) has come to save, and we also have seen this when we looked at John chapter 10.

I grew up going to church, and while I was going to church through my childhood, my teens and into my very young adulthood. I was taught the doctrine of free will and that you accept Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah by your own free will in order to be saved. At a fairly young age, about 12 years old, I

indicated to my father that I wanted to be a Christian, he took me over to the minister's house. The minister spoke with me for a while then we had a prayer together, where he led me in what is known as the sinner's prayer, from that point on I looked at myself as being a Christian. I grew up also, reading parts of the Bible and being taught the Bible through church. When I would read, I would read mostly from the New Testament, but it appeared to be fragmented Scripture. Nothing really clicked together for me, as I said, it was only a book of fragmented parts to me. As far as my life, there was no change in my life and I followed the same road as a lot of my non-Christian friends through my teens and into my young adulthood. As I got into my young adulthood, I began to question the existence of Elohim (God). Then as I reached near my mid-20s I began to convince myself that there were many inaccuracies in the Bible. After I spoke with one of my friends about it, I was determined that I was going to find these inaccuracies and point them out. The only way I could really do this was to really spend time reading the Bible comprehensively. I started from Genesis and going through reading the Bible book by book, but I wasn't reading it speedily because I was searching for the inaccuracies so I had to try and retain what I was reading in order to find them.

As I read through the book of Job. I was fascinated by his faith, and thought that he had strong faith through all he has gone through and yet did not reject Elohim (God). I was astonished by what I was reading. By this time I had forgotten the reason I started reading the Bible and was finding it very interesting. By the time I began the book of Psalms. I was beginning to believe what I was reading with my mind.

As I was reading through the Psalms. It was talking about the evil men of the world. As I continue to read, I began to believe what I was reading with my heart and all of a sudden I could understand what the Bible was talking about. I could understand how Elohim (God) held everything together. I knew that he had created the world and the whole universe, and I knew that he could squash me out as simple as I would put a thumb on an ant and squash it. Then the thought came to me that these evil men, it's talking about in the world is me and I was gripped with fear, fear like I have never felt before, then Elohim (God) brought to my remembrance why I started reading the Bible in the first place and I was gripped with even more fear. Before I could snap my finger. I was on the floor, on my knees, tears streaming down my face, the only thing I could think of to say at that moment was how stupid could I have been! And I just repeated that over and over how stupid could I have been! And Elohim (God) by means of the Holy Spirit reached down and save me through Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah. I just thanked Elohim (God) for his salvation that he has showered upon me.

From that day forth, my life has never been the same. Elohim (God) has changed my thinking. He has changed my heart he has created within me a clean heart and my life has changed for the good ever sense. Now when someone asks me, when were you saved? I don't say when I was a child, about 12 years old. I say in my mid-20s Elohim (God) found me and save me through his son Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah.

After that, when I would read the Bible. It wasn't fragmented parts. It follows a thread all the way. From Genesis through Revelation. It follows the same thread of salvation through Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah.

Through the years, I not only would read the Bible, but I would study it very carefully and as I did I understood more and more how Elohim (God) has chosen us onto his salvation. I prefer to speak of it as election that he has elected us unto salvation.

As time went on in my early 30s I became a minister and was pastor of a church, or churches for about 25 years. I knew the different beliefs between election and free will. But in my early days in the ministry. I really didn't see any great harm to it. I just continued to believe the way I learned through close examination of the Bible that it is Elohim (God) who has chosen us to salvation and not us that has chosen Elohim (God).

It wasn't until the last church I was pastor of after several years of being there, there arose some dissensions within some of the members. Some of them didn't care for my teaching, and I was asked to resign from the church. The reason I was told is I was too deep in the Bible. This was not the census of everyone in the church, but a number of people that wanted me to resign. I thought of Abraham and Lot, and although there wasn't problem between Abraham himself and Lot himself. But there was conflict between the herdsmen of Lot and the herdsmen of Abraham. Therefore I did not want there to be a big fight between those who wanted me to stay and those who wanted me to leave. So like Abraham, I looked to see where they wanted to go and I would go the opposite direction. I knew no matter where I went, I would be able to call on the Master (Lord). They chose to stay so I left the church and became one of the stones cast out in the tops the streets that are spoken of by Lamentations 4.

As I continued my studies through the Bible, I became aware of the danger of the doctrine of free will. I was astonished that I had not seen this danger before and was inspired to write this paper to try and reach out to help people understand about Elohim (God) and about his salvation.

Before I continue, I would like to give some Scripture verses. These Scripture verses people would have a problem with who held a strong belief in mankind's salvation dependent upon the free will choice of mankind rather than our salvation being the act of Elohim (God), and his choice and his will as to who he saves.

Matthew 11:25-27

25 ¶ At that time Yahshua (Jesus) answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, YAHWEH (LORD) of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

John 1:12, 13

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of Elohim (God), even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Elohim (God).

In (verse 13) above, it specifically states not of the will of man, but of Elohim (God).

John 5:21

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth [makes alive] them; even so the Son quickeneth [makes alive] whom he will.

John 6:37-47; 60-65

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Yahshua (Jesus), the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?

how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

43 Yahshua (Jesus) therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of Elohim (God). Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of Elohim (God), he hath seen the Father.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

60 ¶ Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

61 When Yahshua (Jesus) knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth [makes alive]; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Yahshua (Jesus) knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

John 15:16

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

John 17:1, 2

1 ¶ These words spake Yahshua (Jesus), and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Acts 13:46-48

46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of Elohim (God) should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were **ordained** to eternal life believed.

Romans 8:28-30, 33

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love Elohim (God), to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 ¶ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of Elohim's (God's) elect? It is Elohim (God) that justifieth.

Ephesians 1:4-6, 11

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Ephesians 2:1-3

1 ¶ And you hath he quickened [makes alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

13 ¶ But we are bound to give thanks alway to Elohim (God) for you, brethren beloved of the Master, because Elohim (God) hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

These are only a few of the Scriptures. I could show many more from the Bible that speaks of salvation being the choice of Elohim (God), and the will of Elohim (God) whom he saves. Perhaps I will show you one more from the apostle Paul, who was called Saul before his conversion and hear his story of how he came to be saved.

As we were looking earlier in Matthew chapter 24 the disciples asked Yahshua (Jesus), what the signs would be of his coming, and the end of the world? The first thing Yahshua (Jesus) warned about is deception. He said, "Take heed that no one deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am The Messiah; and shall deceive many." The people Yahshua (Jesus) is talking about are coming in the name of Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah, the same Yahshua (Jesus) of the Bible, and they are teaching that Yahshua (Jesus) is the Messiah. That part of their gospel message is true. The rest of their gospel; the part dealing with salvation is a deception as a result of a twisted gospel. I believe this may be what Paul was dealing with when he was writing the letter to the church at Galatia, because from the contents of the letter you conclude they started drifting away from the truth of the gospel to something that was deceptive. To try and bring them back to the truth of the gospel concerning salvation Paul shares with them, his salvation experience as an example of how Yahshua (Jesus) saves.

Galatians 1:6-8, 11-16

6 ¶ I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of the Messiah unto another gospel:

7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of the Messiah.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah.

13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I

persecuted the church of Elohim (God), and wasted it:

14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased Elohim (God), who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

Paul is assuring his readers that the gospel he preaches. He did not receive from man. It is not a man-made gospel, and I'm sure that you noticed in verse 15, where he said, "when it pleased Elohim (God), who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace." Paul notes that it was in the timing of Elohim (God), and he emphasizes that he was separated by Elohim (God) from his mother's womb. Before he even stepped foot upon this earth, Elohim (God) already had plans for his life and had per-ordained his steps and he was saved, not by his own timing, not by his own will, but by the will of Elohim (God) in the timing of Elohim (God). When Paul was approached by Yahshua (Jesus), which, resulted in his salvation; Paul was not searching for the Messiah (Christ), the Messiah (Christ) found Paul and Paul's salvation was all the work of the Messiah (Christ).

What really began to alert me about the problem with today's gospel of salvation was while I was reading through (Matthew 24:15) Once again, it really stood out to me as something extremely important to search and find what this abomination is.

Matthew 24:15

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

As we prepare to look at (Matthew 24:15), we need to first get some background information about some names that will be used in Daniel that will be helpful in tying things together to get the picture of what is going on. We will first go to Genesis. We will take a look at Noah, and the sons of Noah when Elohim (God) destroyed all life from Earth in the flood. During the days of Noah, there were only eight people that survived because they were aboard the Arc along with the animals and birds and reptiles those aboard the Arc were Noah and his wife, Noah's three sons and their wives. A total of eight people and from these eight people. The earth was repopulated.

Genesis 10:1, 2, 4, 5

1 ¶ Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

In this passage of Scripture we see Kittim is in the line of Japheth for Kittim is the grandson of Japheth born by Japheth's son, Javan. They settled in the European countries who were the Gentiles. We read in verse five, "By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their land..." We want to keep in mind the name Kittim who is associated with the Gentiles in the European lands.

Next take a look at the descendents of Noah's other son Ham.

Genesis 10:6, 8, 10, 11

6 ¶ And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

Ham and his families settled in the areas which are the modern day Iran and Iraq. The Babylonian area and Assyria the name Asshur is Assyria. We see also in verse six Mizraim, which is Egypt for a matter of fact, Mizraim is translated as Egypt 586 times in the Old Testament. We also see in the same verse the name Canaan and in verse eight, the name Nimrod the beginning of his kingdom was Babel.

When we look at the spiritual significance we see that Ham and his descendants all these nations are a figure of the domain of Satan.

And there is also the son of Noah, who is Shem.

Genesis 10:21, 22, 24

21 ¶ Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born.

22 The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

24 And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

Notice carefully in verse 21. As it says "Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth..." Eber is actually the great grandson of Shem, as we see in these verses that Arphaxad is the son of Shem, Salah is the son of Arphaxad and Eber is the son of Salah.

In verse 21. It also speaks of Japheth, and says that even to him were sons born. We'll look at how he ties into this in a little while, but first we want to take a look at Eber. When we go to the Hebrew language we find that the name Eber is רבע 'Eber (*ay'-ber*) Eber or Heber= "the region beyond" the same as Greek Ἐβέρ Eber (*eb-er*) Eber or Hebrew = "the region beyond". We see from this the name Eber is also the name Hebrew which means the region beyond. From Eber comes the Hebrew people. It also mentioned in verse 21, which not only was Shem the father of all the children of Eber, which are the Hebrews, but that he is also the brother of Japheth. What I find of interest is that Ham was also the brother of Shem and Japheth, but Ham is not mentioned here as a brother, the focal point of this verse brings into focus Shem and Eber, the Hebrews and Japheth, his line settled in the European countries, they were the Gentiles so we have in focus the Hebrews and the Gentiles.

We don't want to leave Ham behind out of the picture so we'll go back to chapter 9 of Genesis to take a look at something important concerning Ham.

Genesis 9:25

25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

Elohim (God) is giving a curse to Ham's son Canaan. I would like to bring something into perspective. Looking at these verses we saw Shem, who he spotlighted the name Eber through Shem he is the Hebrews. Through Shem we see the Hebrews. He also spotlighted the name Japheth, together with Eber, and Japheth is the Gentile people. Now we are looking at the descendants of Ham and through his line, we see that there is a curse upon the people. These all have spiritual significance because of sin. This entire world is as the children of Ham, we are all under a curse. Elohim (God) works with these people by working through the Hebrews and the Gentiles we'll look at how Elohim (God) did this.

Genesis 9:26

26 And he said, Blessed be the LORD Elohim (God) of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

In this verse concerning Shem it says blessed the Lord Elohim (God) of Shem. I would like you to note something, it does not say blessed be Shem, but the Lord Elohim (God) of Shem. So he is giving a blessing to the Lord Elohim (God) of Shem, it could also be said. Blessed be the Lord Elohim (God) of the Hebrews.

Genesis 9:27

27 Elohim (God) shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

In addition to Elohim (God) enlarging Japheth. Elohim (God) says also of him that he shall dwell in the tents of Shem. Elohim (God) is looking to sometime in the future. It could be said, as we recognize the people of Shem as the Hebrew people, and the people of Japheth as the Gentile people that the Gentiles shall dwell in the tents of the Hebrews. We might be giving a little too much away. We'll continue developing all of this.

From the line of Seth is where the Hebrew people come from through the line of Ham is where the Babylonians, the Assyrians and the Chaldeans come from. These are a cursed people. Therefore, they are spiritually viewed as those from the domain of Satan. Shem on the other hand, being the people of the Hebrews, these were the chosen people of Elohim (God). We are beginning to see spiritually two different peoples. The people of Elohim (God), the Hebrews, and the people from the domain of Satan, the Babylonians and Assyrians in the Chaldeans.

As we read through the Old Testament. We see the focal point upon the Hebrews and upon the Babylonians and Assyrians other than what we have previously looked at through the line of Japheth. We really see nothing about the descendants of Japheth being spoke of with any significance. Throughout the Old Testament the Bible continues its focus upon the children of Shem; the Hebrews and the children of Ham the Babylonians and Assyrians and there are constant conflicts taking place between the two of these people's. However, we still do not see anything spoke of through the Old Testament of the descendants of Japheth. It is almost as though Elohim (God) has forgotten about him, although we do recall in the Bible that it said that Japheth shall dwell in the tents of Shem.

All through the Old Testament times, the people of Elohim (God) are seen as being the Hebrew people who are in the line of Shem and Elohim (God) has given his law to the Hebrews, and he has given the ceremonies for the Hebrew people to observe and remember, for example in the book of numbers.

Numbers 28:1-3

1 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, and my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, for a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

3 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, for a continual burnt offering.

Elohim (God) is instructing the Israelites who are the Hebrew people that they are to have a continual burnt offering day by day, and this continual burnt offering day by day is to be two lambs of the first year without spot this is their daily sacrifice that they are to make each day. Although they would use actual physical lambs to offer these sacrifices but, they do have a spiritual meaning the Lamb without

spot represents the coming Lord Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah. So spiritually the Lamb is Yahshua (Jesus). All their ceremonial offerings they were to offer during the Old Testament times represented Spiritual things that were to come. The spiritual things they pointed to were the reality and the physical things of the Old Testament were only a figure of the reality or as we see in the book of Hebrews they are a shadow of the reality.

Hebrews 10:1, 7-10

1 ¶ For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

7 ¶ Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O Elohim (God).

8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O Elohim (God). He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah once for all.

The Old Testament laws and ceremonies were not the reality, they were to conduct these ceremonies so they will not forget them. When the reality which is Yahshua (Jesus) The Messiah who brings the true sanctification or salvation which the things of old pointed to. I would also like to draw emphasis on (verse 10), it says "by the which will we are sanctified" the will it is speaking of is the will of Elohim (God), for we are sanctified or saved by the will of Elohim (God), not by our own will not by any works that we do.

I would like to draw something similar to a family tree to show the descendants of Noah.

We will be seeing some names of significance.

Notice through the line of Shem the name Eber, his name is actually Hebrew. Next through the line of Ham, this line has been cursed from Elohim (God); a spiritual picture of the domain of Satan. Finally Japheth, who settled in the European nations. They are the Gentiles, the name I want to focus upon in this line is the name Kittim sometimes said in the Bible as Chittim either spelling is the exact same person from the Gentiles.

Throughout the Old Testament the main focus is on the Israelite people who are the Hebrews. They are the chosen people of Elohim (God). In opposition to the Hebrews are those from Babylon, Assyria the Chaldeans, etc. who are a figure of the domain of Satan. Those from the domain of Satan are in opposition to the people of Elohim (God). We don't really see any emphasis focused upon the line of Japheth. One of the things we did see of Japheth was that Elohim (God) said he would enlarge Japheth, and they would dwell in the tents of Shem.

The Hebrew people of Elohim (God), and in opposition to them the Babylonians and Assyrians continue pretty much all through the Old Testament. However, when we began to arrive at the New Testament. Then we see the focal point change after the death and resurrection of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah the true Lamb of Elohim (God). The Bible speaks of this Hebrew man by the name of Saul. One day he was on his way to Damascus in order to bring out followers of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah to be persecuted and some put to death. On his way to Damascus there was this great light that shone round about him, and he fell to the ground.

Acts 9:1-15

- 1 ¶ And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
- 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, [Christians] whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
- 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
- 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Yahshua (Jesus) whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
- 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
- 7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
- 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.
- 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.
- 10 ¶ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.
- 11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
- 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
- 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
- 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
- 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Acts 9:17-20

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Yahshua (Jesus), that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached the Messiah in the synagogues, that he is the Son of Elohim (God).

Many of you know Saul by his other name Paul, the writer of many of the books in the New Testament.

Acts 13:9

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

After Paul's conversion to Christianity. We see him writing letters to those in Rome, a Gentile nation. We also see him writing letters to those in Corinth a Gentile nation also to those in Ephesus, a Gentile nation and to the Galatians a Gentile nation, we could go on and on for Paul is preaching the word of Elohim (God) through these Gentile nations, and they are coming to know Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah as Lord and Savior of their lives. From these Gentile nations the word of Elohim (God) has gone throughout all the world. Elohim (God) used these Gentile nations who were from the line of Japheth as a springboard for the gospel of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah to go throughout the nations. This is what is meant in the Old Testament. When Elohim (God) was speaking of Japheth, and said, I will enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem. Shem being the Hebrews of the Old Testament. The Messiah being the true sacrifice of Elohim (God) that the Old Testament ceremonies pointed to. As the Gentile nations are taking the word of Elohim (God) throughout the world. In this way, they are dwelling in the tents of Shem, or the Hebrews for those saved by the grace of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah are the true Israel of Elohim (God).

With this information at hand. The platform now is pretty well set to follow through some of the passages and come to an understanding of what is being said.

We will take a quick look in the book of numbers.

Numbers 24:23, 24

23 And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when Elohim (God) doeth this!

24 And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

We recall that Kittim or Chittim is still the same name Kittim from the line of Japheth the Gentiles who take the gospel into the world. In the Bible often times a ship represents the church as it goes throughout the world. Therefore, as we look at this passage in (Numbers 24). Ships shall come from the coast of Chittim. That is a spiritual representation of the church taking the gospel of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah throughout the world. It also says in that passage. "Shall afflict Ashur; and shall afflict Eber." The gospel of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah afflicts Ashur, the unsaved of the world and it also afflicts Eber, who are the Hebrews by blood, national birth. I think were now beginning to gain a picture of all of this. Therefore to go back and try to get a scope of what is being said in regards to the abomination of desolation, or the abomination that makes desolate spoken of in the book of Daniel? When we were directed to look from (Matthew 24:15).

Daniel 11:15

15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

The King of the North it is referring to is the Babylonians who the Babylonians are a picture of the domain of Satan. Satan also refers to himself as setting on the sides of the North. Lucifer is another name of Satan in the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 14:12-14

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim (God): I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

It says of Lucifer, he shall exalt himself above the stars of heaven and that he will set upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the North and he lays claim that he will be like the most high, he says, he will be like Elohim (God). This goes along with the Babylonians who are to the north a spiritual picture of Satan and as we looked in Daniel 11. They have indignation against the chosen people of Elohim (God).

Daniel 11:29-31

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

All of this is to take place at the appointed time of Elohim (God). Elohim (God) will allow these things to take place in preparation of the coming judgment of Elohim (God) at the return of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah. In (verse 30) the ships of Chittim, representing the true children of Elohim (God) that began with the gentiles who came to salvation; they are coming in ships. This is a representation of the church, In Daniel it says they shall come against the king of the north; the Babylonians. The king of the north is a spiritual representation of Satan. In the (30th verse), in reference to the king of the north it says "therefore, he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant." The holy covenant are the truly saved pictured in the ships of Chittim that came against the king of the north. When the king of the north is grieved and returns to battle, it says, "he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant." Those who forsake the holy covenant are those who are playing the game of Christianity. They like to think in their own minds that they are a Christian, but have never truly been saved. It is in this way that they forsake the holy covenant.

In (verse 30), the king of the north has returned and has intelligence with those who forsake the holy covenant; they have an agreement in thought. To see what this agreement is about we look at (verse 31), "and arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength." When it speaks of arms being on his part. During the Old Testament times Israel was taken out of bondage to Egypt, which is a spiritual representation of us being delivered from the bondage of Satan.

Deuteronomy 5:15

15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy Elohim (God) brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: ...

Elohim (God) says that he delivered Israel by his stretched out arm. We also read from Isaiah.

Isaiah 59:15-17

15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

16 ¶ And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

The arm is a spiritual representation of salvation. The king of the north has arms on his part that shall pollute the holy sanctuary of strength. The spiritual picture is the king of the north brings a message of salvation. Which is a false gospel that will not lead to salvation and he deceives those who forsake the true Holy covenant into believing his is true. As we continue in (verse 31) it covers how it is accomplished, "and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. This false gospel that he introduces to the church is an abomination to the Lord for it makes desolate. This is the abomination of desolation that was spoke of in (Matthew 24:15).

Matthew 24:15

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

This is referring to a false gospel that is being taught in the churches Remember the response of Yahshua (Jesus) when His disciples asked "what shall be the signs of thy coming, and the end of the world."

Keep in mind Yahshua (Jesus)' response to their question.

Matthew 24:4, 5

4 ¶ And Yahshua (Jesus) answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Messiah (Christ); and shall deceive many.

We have gone back to the Old Testament and set the stage for everything. In Matthew, Yahshua (Jesus) spoke of a false gospel that will deceive many in the church. I believe we can see more clearly when Yahshua (Jesus) says, "For many shall come in my name," Yahshua (Jesus) is not speaking of people presenting themselves as the Messiah (Christ) who are coming in their own name. They come in the name of Yahshua (Jesus) and they think they are Christians. Because of the intelligence they have with Satan, (the king of the north), they truly believe they are following a true gospel. As the people say in Matthew "saying, I am the Messiah (Christ); and shall deceive many." Because these people think they are following the true gospel and because they claim that Yahshua (Jesus) is the Messiah (Christ), from that point their message is twisted to not lead to salvation.

This false gospel that is being spread is not one from the people deceived. It is from Satan himself (the king of the north) as he is deceiving the followers.

The message of this false gospel presents a different Messiah (Christ), rather than the true Messiah (Christ), the true son of Elohim (God), even though they start by coming in the name of the Messiah (Christ), and claiming that Yahshua (Jesus) is the true Messiah (Christ). After that point their message

speaks of a different Messiah (Christ) with a different way of salvation than what the Bible speaks of. However, their message is so close to the true gospel of salvation that if it were possible it would deceive even the elect of Elohim (God). Those who are truly saved by grace through faith.

Matthew 24:24

24 For there shall arise false Messiahs (Christs), and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

The false Messiahs (Christs) this verse is speaking of are not people who come proclaiming themselves to be the Messiah (Christ). Rather, those who think they have the true gospel of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ). Yet their twisted version of the gospel of the Messiah (Christ) presents a different Messiah (Christ). The gospel they bring is so close to the truth, that if it were possible, it would deceive even the very elect of Elohim (God). The only reason it is not possible to deceive the very elect is because of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ), and not because of the individual. Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) holds them securely in his hand.

What is this false gospel of Yahshua (Jesus)? And how can we tell it from the true gospel of Yahshua (Jesus)?

To try and help us understand the truth from the false we must take a close biblical look at salvation. In fact, this is where we began this entire adventure so some of it may be repeating of what was said earlier in the beginning of this discussion.

If you were to go into virtually any church today and ask them how one is saved, they would no doubt say that it's very simple. All you have to do is accept Yahshua (Jesus) from your own free will, because Elohim (God) will never save someone against their will.

What I would like to do is look in the Bible, at a couple of examples of Yahshua (Jesus), bringing salvation to someone.

John 1:1-5

1 ¶ And as Yahshua (Jesus) passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Yahshua (Jesus) answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of Elohim (God) should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

During this time era the religious leaders would teach that people with a defect was a result of sin. However, here in this story in John we have a man that is blind from birth; he was born blind. The disciples reasoning within themselves no doubt figured that there is no way his defective sight could be a result of his sin. So they asked Yahshua (Jesus), who had sinned this man or his parents, figuring that the sin of the parents would be carried down to the children.

In Yahshua' (Jesus') response to the disciples question. He said neither this man nor his parents have sinned.

His blindness is for a reason; so that the work of Elohim (God) can be manifest in him. The word manifest means *to be made known or visible that which has been hidden or unknown*. The gospel of salvation is a mystery so that people could not understand the mysteries, unless it has been given by

Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) to understand.

Just as the parables that Yahshua (Jesus) spoke, when the disciples asked him about parables. His reply was as follows:

Mark 4:11

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of Elohim (God): but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

We are also told in 1 Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 2:6-8

6 ¶ Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

7 But we speak the wisdom of Elohim (God) in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which Elohim (God) ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

I will show you one more, but there are many more that we could look at:

Romans 11:25

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

We see from these passages that the mystery is the hidden treasure of salvation which has been hidden by Elohim (God), and in the last verse I showed you from Romans, part of the purpose for the mystery of salvation it is hidden from the physical people of Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles come in. What it means by the fullness of the Gentiles come in. Salvation is not only for the physical Hebrew people of the world, but the Gentiles are also included. Therefore, the gospel of salvation is a mystery until the working of Elohim (God) is complete and to those whom Elohim (God) plans to save, Elohim (God) reveals the mystery unto them.

As we begin to look again in the gospel of John where Yahshua (Jesus) healed the eyes of the blind man. I will just quickly touch on something that is said in verse 4 of John chapter 9.

John 9:4

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

In (verse 4), Yahshua (Jesus) indicates that there will be a time coming, that he refers to as the night when no man can work, that is to say the true gospel shall not be heard.

Amos 8:11, 12

11 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord ELOHIM (GOD), that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

This is speaking of a time to come. When the word of Elohim (God). That is the true word of Elohim (God) will not be taught there will still be churches in existence, but the churches will be overrun by a

false gospel, and you can go from church to church from the North even to the East looking for the true word of Elohim (God), and you will not find it being taught in any of the churches. While the true gospel is able to still be found in some churches it will still be the time of the day, but here Yahshua (Jesus) gives warning in the (fourth verse) he says, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night comes when no man can work." So there will be a time when the true gospel of salvation will be overrun by a false gospel being taught in the churches. Now let's continue to this example of salvation that Yahshua (Jesus) is teaching in the gospel of John.

John 9:6, 7

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

This man that was born blind can now see. Although, he regains his sight at this point I don't think he has come to salvation yet. The first step in Yahshua (Jesus) bringing someone to salvation, Yahshua (Jesus) opens the person's spiritual eyes in order for them to begin to have an understanding of the gospel. And this is the way it is with everyone. We are all blind from birth; spiritually blind. When Yahshua (Jesus) brings someone to salvation. Because they are blind spiritually there is no way they would be able to understand anything about the word of Elohim (God) as we looked earlier it is a mystery.

Therefore, the first step in understanding the mystery of salvation is for Yahshua (Jesus) to open our spiritual eyes so we can see because there is no way in our unsaved sinful condition we would ever be able to comprehend anything about salvation. This is why I said, I don't think the blind man at this point in his life when Yahshua (Jesus) mixed the clay and anointed his eyes with it then had him wash the clay from his eyes. When he came back seeing I don't believe he was saved at this point. The reason I say that is because when someone is saved they know Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) and they know who he is; the Savior. But as we follow the steps of this blind man we see that he really does not realize Yahshua (Jesus) as his Savior.

John 9:16, 17, 24, 25

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man [Yahshua (Jesus)] is not of Elohim (God), because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give Elohim (God) the praise: we know that this man [Yahshua (Jesus)] is a sinner.

25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

We see in two places where the religious leaders were talking to the man who was born blind and the first time in (John 9:16, 17). He simply says the only thing he knows about him is that he is a prophet. Then when the religious leaders questioned the man him again, and said they knew that Yahshua (Jesus) was a sinner, and to give glory to Elohim (God) for his sight, the man that was blind, said whether he's a sinner or not I don't know: one thing I know, whereas before I was blind now I see. Although his eyes have been opened, and he can see I don't believe the man at this point in his life has been saved. The action of Elohim (God), when he brings someone to salvation is that he opens their spiritual eyes first so that they can see where they stand before Elohim (God), and realize they are in need of

salvation and it's only when Elohim (God) opens the person's eyes that they are able to realize this. Otherwise, they have no knowledge of it whatsoever. Next we see Yahshua (Jesus) meeting with this man once again, and now I believe he brings him to salvation.

John 9:35-38

35 ¶ Yahshua (Jesus) heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of Elohim (God)?

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And Yahshua (Jesus) said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

We see from this passage in (verse 35) after Yahshua (Jesus) heard the man was thrown out of the synagogue and Yahshua (Jesus) found him. Now I need to make emphasis on one point right here. Yahshua (Jesus) found this man. It was not the man found Yahshua (Jesus). Yahshua (Jesus) found the man and Yahshua (Jesus) confronted the man with himself; that is with the son of Elohim (God), and the man that was blind did not know who Yahshua (Jesus) was; he did not know who the son of Elohim (God) was, and Yahshua (Jesus) told him it was he who was speaking to him. Then the man confessed that he believed, and he worshiped Yahshua (Jesus).

We see from this example of the blind man, Yahshua (Jesus) is the one who takes the action to find the person and Yahshua (Jesus) is the one or you could say the Holy Spirit who opens the eyes of the individual that is the spiritual eyes of the individual so they can begin to see and understand their dilemma, then Yahshua (Jesus) finds them again and brings them to salvation.

We'll take a look at another example we are given in the Gospels of a person coming to salvation. For this we will go to (John chapter 11) and take a look at a man named Lazarus who was from a town called Bethany. He had two sisters named Martha and Mary; this was the Mary that anointed Yahshua' (Jesus') feet. These two sisters sent to Yahshua (Jesus), that Lazarus their brother was sick.

John 11:1-4

1 ¶ Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

4 When Yahshua (Jesus) heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of Elohim (God), that the Son of Elohim (God) might be glorified thereby.

In (verse 4) Yahshua (Jesus) says this sickness is not unto death. What Yahshua (Jesus) is telling them is there is a reason for the sickness Lazarus has and Yahshua (Jesus) continues in the verse to tell them the purpose Lazarus is sick and that is, "for the glory of Elohim (God), that the Son of Elohim (God) might be glorified." We see from this it is much like the man who was born blind, the sickness of Lazarus was in order to teach something for the glorification of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ). To show he is the one to raise people from the dead, and that is spiritual. When Yahshua (Jesus) received the news of Lazarus he did not go directly to Bethany, rather he stayed in the place where he was for two days longer then decided to start his way back.

John 11:7-10

- 7 Then after that saith he [Yahshua (Jesus)] to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.
8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?
9 Yahshua (Jesus) answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.
10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

We see also a similarity with Lazarus as with the blind man. When we look at (verses 9 and 10) Yahshua (Jesus) is again talking about the day and the night as he says, "if a man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him." Here again, Yahshua (Jesus) is making a distinction between day and night. He is not talking about the physical day or the physical night, but it is spiritual the day representing being with Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) and the night representing being without the Messiah (Christ). Being with the Messiah (Christ) is representing salvation and being without the Messiah (Christ) is representing spiritual death. So Yahshua (Jesus) is preparing to teach another lesson about salvation.

John 11:11-15

- 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.
12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.
13 Howbeit Yahshua (Jesus) spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.
14 Then said Yahshua (Jesus) unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

In (verses 11-13), When Yahshua (Jesus) is telling his disciples that Lazarus is asleep he is referring to his death, because when a person is secure in Yahshua (Jesus) death is not permanent. In fact, we find in the (23rd Psalm) it uses the word shadow in reference to death "yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death," For those secure in the Messiah (Christ), death is merely a shadow, it is not the reality. However, the disciples thought he spoke literally of sleep until Yahshua (Jesus) finally told them plainly. He's dead.

The sisters of Lazarus, when Yahshua (Jesus) arrived were upset that he had not gotten there sooner because they thought Yahshua (Jesus) would have prevented him from dying. By Yahshua (Jesus) intentionally waited to give Lazarus time to die. Yahshua (Jesus) could teach them something about the resurrection of the dead.

John 11:17, 20-27

- 17 ¶ Then when Yahshua (Jesus) came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.
20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Yahshua (Jesus) was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.
21 Then said Martha unto Yahshua (Jesus), Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of Elohim (God), Elohim (God) will give it thee.
23 Yahshua (Jesus) saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.
24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.
25 Yahshua (Jesus) said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Messiah (Christ), the Son of Elohim (God), which should come into the world.

When someone dies, there is a limited time after their death, that someone may be able to revive them if they work quickly. However, in the case of Lazarus it indicates in (verse 17), Lazarus has been dead and in the grave for four days. This is well passed the time anyone; even with our technology today could revive them. There is no way he could be revived. After a discussion between Yahshua (Jesus) and Martha about the resurrection of the dead, which Martha said, she knew Lazarus would rise again in the resurrection at the last day that is at the end of the world. But Yahshua (Jesus) assured Martha in (verse 25) that he is the resurrection and the life and if anyone believed in him even though he were dead, yet shall he live. Yahshua (Jesus) was speaking spiritually and this life they live will be an everlasting life, there shall be no end to it, and they shall never die. And again this is spiritually.

However, Yahshua (Jesus) is preparing to raise Lazarus from the dead physically also and as we recall toward the beginning of this chapter. The reason for the death of Lazarus is that the son of Elohim (God), Yahshua (Jesus) may be glorified. What Yahshua (Jesus) is doing, he is taking a physical event in order to teach a Spiritual truth or to say it in another way being we cannot see the spiritual. Yahshua (Jesus) is taking that which we can see that which is physical, to teach us of something that we cannot see that which is spiritual.

John 11:32

32 Then when Mary was come where Yahshua (Jesus) was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

When Mary saw Yahshua (Jesus). Her response to him was very similar to that of Martha, she said, “If you had been here, my brother would not have died.” They are both unaware that Yahshua (Jesus) is preparing to raise him from the dead, and Yahshua (Jesus) asked where they have laid him.

John 11:34-37

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Yahshua (Jesus) wept.

36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

In (verse 35) it says that Yahshua (Jesus) wept. In the Jews thinking as they said in the following verse see how much she loved him. They were assuming Yahshua (Jesus) was weeping because Lazarus was dead, and some of the others responded with, could he not of saved his life. I mean he opens the eyes of the blind could he not do this also. But when it says Yahshua (Jesus) wept. He was not weeping over the death of Lazarus, because he knew he was going to bring him back to life. He wept over those who are unsaved and looking on. They had no idea about spiritual life or spiritual death.

John 11:39-42

39 Yahshua (Jesus) said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

40 Yahshua (Jesus) saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of Elohim (God)?

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Yahshua (Jesus) lifted

up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

As we see from the beginning of this passage people do not understand the spiritual side of things, even when they are told as the example of Martha after Yahshua (Jesus) said to roll the stone away from the mouth of the grave. Martha is telling Yahshua (Jesus), but he's been dead for four days. By this time he is going to stink and Yahshua (Jesus) reminded her did I not say to you, if you believe you will see the glory of Elohim (God). Then Yahshua (Jesus) began to pray out loud in (verse 42). The reason Yahshua (Jesus) was praying out loud was for the sake of those who stood by and were watching; so they may believe that Elohim (God) has sent him.

I would like to bring emphasis upon the condition of Lazarus as he lay in the tomb. Lazarus is dead! In his dead condition there is no way for him to respond to anything at all. There is no way for him to come to an understanding about salvation in the Messiah (Christ) and to accept Yahshua (Jesus). His physical condition he is in is the same condition we are in spiritually before we come to salvation. We are spiritually dead, there is no way in our Spiritual condition we are in, and we would never be able to respond by accepting Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ). In the following verses we see Lazarus being brought back to life.

John 11:43, 44

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Yahshua (Jesus) saith unto them, loose him, and let him go.

In (verse 43) is the call to Lazarus by Yahshua (Jesus) and as you recall when we were looking at John chapter 10, where Yahshua (Jesus) is saying that he is the good Shepherd of the sheep, and he is the door by which you enter in, one of the things Yahshua (Jesus) said in that passage was he knows his sheep and is known of them and that he calls his sheep by name and they follow him. We see in (verse 43), Yahshua (Jesus) put a call out to Lazarus and called him by name and said, come forth. Lazarus came forth out of the grave still with the grave cloths around him.

In the condition that Lazarus was in there was no way he could decide from his own free will whether he was going to accept Yahshua (Jesus) or not, and come alive. The only possibility for such a decision to be made from Lazarus is after he came alive, but, by that time he was already alive and it was too late to make any type of decision whether he was going to come to life are not.

This has all been done on a physical level to teach a spiritual truth. Prior to salvation everyone is spiritually dead, as dead spiritually as Lazarus was physically having no knowledge of any spiritual truths possessing no righteousness whatsoever, and not having the ability to seek Yahshua (Jesus) at all. As we recall from reading (Romans 3:10 and following). Because of the spiritual condition we are in prior to salvation we do not possess the ability to make any decision one way or the other regarding our life in the Messiah (Christ).

In wrapping up I want to look at the Sabbath. There is a lot of misunderstanding about the Sabbath. There are many people who believe that the Sabbath is exclusively on Saturdays, just as there are others who believe the Sabbath is exclusively on Sundays. There has been numerous discussions and debates as to when or what the Sabbath is. It is my belief that after the resurrection of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) the Sabbath is every day.

There are two books in the Bible that introduce the law of the Sabbath. One is in (Exodus 20:8-11). Another is in (Deuteronomy 5:12-15). We will take a close look at both passages. The law of the Sabbath is the fourth command in the 10 Commandments.

Exodus 20:8-11

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy Elohim (God): in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Whether someone is under the belief the Sabbath is on a Saturday or that the Sabbath is on a Sunday. They both agree during the Old Testament times when the Sabbath law was given prior to the New Testament the Sabbath was on Saturday, the last day of the week. Part of the instructions that Elohim (God) gave in (Exodus 20) on the Sabbath day there was to be no work done on that day at all, not by you, your manservant, your maidservants, your son, your daughter, your cattle, or any stranger, no work at all was to be done on the Sabbath.

Another thing I would like to make note of from (Exodus 20) is the reason for the Sabbath day law. We see in (verse 11) it says, "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Two things I would like for you to keep in mind about the Sabbath is no work to be done and in Exodus, it was after Elohim (God) created the heaven and earth he entered into his Sabbath rest.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

12 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy Elohim (God) hath commanded thee.

13 Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work:

14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy Elohim (God): in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.

15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy Elohim (God) brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy Elohim (God) commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

Here we have the Sabbath day law from the book of Deuteronomy. It is very similar to the Sabbath day law that was given in the book of Exodus. From the account in Deuteronomy it does bring out one additional thing when you get to (verse 15). It brings out the fact of Israel being held captive in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy Elohim (God) brought them out of their captivity by mighty hand and an outstretched arm: therefore the Lord thy Elohim (God) commanded them to keep the Sabbath day. In Deuteronomy it brings out the fact of Israel's bondage in the land of Egypt, and being brought out of their bondage. I don't think that we have a contradiction of the two descriptions of the Sabbath day law from Exodus and Deuteronomy. One thing that you could take away from this and make a notation of is in (Exodus 20), it speaks of Elohim (God) creating the earth and the heavens in six days in entering into his rest on the seventh day. Thereby hollowing the seventh day. We see the action of Elohim (God) and after the creation Elohim (God) the Father entered into his rest, because everything was now complete. The stage was all set for the salvation of mankind. Whereas in Deuteronomy it brought out the fact of Israel's bondage in Egypt, and their deliverance from bondage. This I believe highlights the work of

Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) and his sacrifice on the cross and resurrection to bring his people out of their bondage to Satan and sin and release them from their bondage. After Yahshua (Jesus) made the way for salvation by the cross. He also entered into rest, the same rest that Elohim (God) entered. There isn't a contradiction of the two I believe that they complement each other because the Sabbath has to do with salvation. We can see this more clearly when we look at (Hebrews 4).

Hebrews 4:2, 3

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

The children of Israel of the Bible times do not believe in the Messiah (Christ) as the Savior. It says in (verse 2), "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them." When the Bible uses the word "us", it's talking about people who have become saved. When the Bible uses the word "them", it's talking about people who have not become saved. The reason they have not become saved is because it was not mixed with faith in them that heard it. As it begins the next verse it says "for we which have believed do enter into rest." The rest it is speaking of entering into is the Sabbath rest of Elohim (God), and we know that this is talking about the Sabbath rest of Elohim (God) as we look to the next verse, (verse 4).

Hebrews 4:4

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And Elohim (God) did rest the seventh day from all his works.

We see that he is definitely speaking of entering the Sabbath rest. As it brings out in that fourth verse. "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day in this wise, and Elohim (God) did rest the seventh day from all his works." So he highlights the seventh day and Elohim (God) entering into rest. This is Elohim's (God's) Sabbath rest. So with that fresh in our minds about entering Elohim's (God's) Sabbath rest. It continues in the next verses to say.

Hebrews 4:5, 6

5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

It says in (verse 6) "seeing therefore, it remains that some must enter therein." What it is referring to, that they enter into is Elohim's (God's) rest, his Sabbath rest that he entered into after creating the heavens and earth, and those to who it was first preached to did not enter it says, because of unbelief. So this is definitely speaking of salvation as to the way we enter into Elohim's (God's) rest. By believing in the name of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ). Those who it was first preached to means Elohim's (God's) people of the Old Testament times. Therefore, Elohim (God) appoints another Sabbath day.

Hebrews 4:7

7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

The word limiteth is a word that means *to appoint* so backing up to (verse 6) it is saying, "seeing therefore it remains that some must enter therein, and those who it was first preached to did not enter because of unbelief: again he appointed a certain day. That is he appointed another day, saying in David "to day." If you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. This is a quotation of David from the Psalms.

Psalms 95:7, 8

7 ¶ For he is our Elohim (God); and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

What it means by today, this is not encompassing only one day because David said this over 1000 years before the time of the Messiah (Christ), so that day when David said that has already come and gone. For the writer of Hebrews to re-quote it after the resurrection of Yahshua (Jesus) is showing that it is not speaking of one literal day. If you hear the voice of the Messiah (Christ) today, harden not your hearts. This day that it is speaking of is the day of salvation. The day of salvation is the appointed time of entering Elohim's (God's) Sabbath rest which we enter by belief in the Son of Elohim (God), Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ). Therefore the time for entering into Elohim's (God's) Sabbath rest begins at the resurrection of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) and continues until the return of the Messiah (Christ). We can also see how the Sabbath is speaking about salvation and the appointed time of salvation. When we look to Matthew.

Matthew 28:1

1 ¶ In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

In our English translation you cannot see it as well, because I think the translators had a problem translating this verse. I can show you what I mean when we look at this verse in the Greek.

1 ουπε δε σαββατων τη επιφωσκουση εις μιαν σαββατων ηλθεν μαρια η μαγδαληνη και η αλλη μαρια θεωρησαι τον ταφον

Here is (Matthew 28:1) only in the Greek. I have underlined two of the Greek words. You can see both underlined words are the same word, the English translation of that word is Sabbaths.

So we can see Sabbaths is in this verse two times. I will put the Greek verse here again and this time, translate the words for you in brackets and bold type.

1 ουπε δε [**now in the end**] σαββατων [**Sabbaths**] τη επιφωσκουση [**as began to dawn**] εις [**towards**] μιαν [**first**] σαββατων [**Sabbaths**] ηλθεν [**came**] μαρια [**Mary**] η [**the**] μαγδαληνη [**Magdalena**] και [**and**] η [**the**] αλλη [**other**] μαρια [**Mary**] θεωρησαι τον ταφον [**to see sepulcher**]

You should be able to see from this verse in Greek of Matthew 28:1 how it is I was saying I believe the interpreters had trouble with this verse. As you see from the English translation that I have in brackets and bold type. The word Sabbaths appear twice in this verse. Once as it was saying at the end of the Sabbaths, there's no problem with this one because Yahshua (Jesus) laid in the tomb on the Sabbath day after he was crucified. However, the next day when he rose from the dead. Here is where I believe the interpreters had a problem, because it said in the Greek as it began to dawn towards the first Sabbaths came the two Mary's to the sepulcher.

I can visualize them talking amongst each other ... Yahshua (Jesus) laid in the tomb over the Sabbath day, so when it dawned on the next day, how could that also be the Sabbath? ... What the interpreters

ended up doing was to change the second word Sabbaths, to the first day of the week. However, as we have been studying the Sabbath and see the Sabbath is the appointed time that Elohim (God) has appointed for us to enter into his Sabbath rest, and you recall also as we spoke of the laws and ceremonies of the Old Testament day, were not the reality, they were only a shadow of the reality to come Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) is the fulfillment of these shadows to come. He is the reality. Elohim (God), not wanting his people to forget about the coming Sabbath; the time of entering into the rest that Elohim (God) has entered into, if Elohim (God) said to only observe this Sabbath once or maybe three times during the entire Old Testament era they would undoubtedly forget about the Sabbath. Elohim (God) wanted them to keep the Sabbath in the very forefront of their thinking Elohim (God) set it at the end of every week to observe the Sabbath throughout the Old Testament times. Elohim (God) did not want them to forget about it because it is of great importance. This is the time that Elohim (God) has appointed for his people to enter into Elohim (God)'s rest. We do that by salvation.

The time for us to enter into Elohim's (God's) Sabbath rest began when Yahshua (Jesus) rose from the dead and it will continue until the return of the Messiah (Christ). This entire time is the time for entering into Elohim's (God's) Sabbath rest. We can see how this word Sabbath was used twice in the original writings. It was at the end of the Sabbaths (the Old Testament era for observing the Sabbath of Elohim (God) which was a shadow of the real Sabbath), the time to enter Elohim's (God's) rest, which began at the resurrection of the Messiah (Christ). At the end of these Sabbaths, as it began to dawn on the new Sabbaths came the two Mary's to the sepulcher.

Elohim (God) also placed specific instructions that apply to Elohim's (God's) Sabbath rest that we enter into, for example, there was no work to be done on the Sabbath; absolutely no work at all, no matter how minor it may be. There is recorded in the book of numbers where a man went out on the Sabbath and picked up a few sticks and that was considered working on the Sabbath.

Numbers 15:32-36

32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

As we read over these verses in numbers. It is not Moses, Aaron, or any one of the congregation that is carrying this Sabbath law to an extreme. I don't believe they were really sure if it was breaking the Sabbath law, because it says in (verse 34) that they put him in ward, that is like to put him in cell because they didn't know what was to be done with him picking up some sticks. I am sure it didn't look as though it was work, but it was Elohim (God) who said he must be put to death because he broke the Sabbath law.

As we have examined the law of the Sabbath, we have seen it is pointing to the time Elohim (God) has appointed that we may enter into the same rest that Elohim (God) and Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) has entered into, which is by the way by salvation and we don't work for our salvation. This is why there was no work to be done on the Sabbath, no matter how small or insignificant it may be to us. Yet the truth remains the same, there is absolutely nothing that is required for people to do in order to

be saved. If there is anything, anything at all; no matter how minor it may be that people must do as a requirement for their salvation, then that is a salvation of works. We are not saved by our works no matter how insignificant the work may be we are not saved by works. However, when we are truly saved we are saved to a working faith, but we are not saved by works.

As I was beginning this paper I mentioned I knew there was the teaching of free will. But I held to the belief of election; that we are elected to our salvation by Elohim (God) and saved by Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) through the faith of Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) and Yahshua (Jesus) alone. We do nothing for our salvation and even though I knew there was a difference in the beliefs I did not at first regard it as something of great significance until I realized that the teaching of free will choice and acceptance to be saved, People must out of their own free will accept Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ), as the teaching goes because Yahshua (Jesus) can't save anyone against their own free will. As I began to realize if somebody has to do something of their own in order to be saved, no matter how insignificant it may appear that is a salvation by works. It would be equivalent to a person gathering sticks on the Sabbath. This made it of importance to me to get the warning out.

I began to realize something else concerning the teaching of free will. Ever sense the sin of mankind in the Garden of Eden that plunged all of humanity on the road toward hell resulting in all of mankind being bound to eternal separation from Elohim (God). With the teaching of free will in a manner of speaking, this teaches that a person can save themselves simply by accepting Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ). This is the age old lie of the devil when he was with Eve in the garden the serpent asked Eve if Elohim (God) said you cannot eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden and Eve replied no, we can eat of any of the trees of the garden only the tree of knowledge of good and evil we are not to eat of, because in the day that we eat of it, we shall surely die. Satan said you shall not surely die for Elohim (God) knows in the day that you eat of the fruit you will be like Elohim (God). Elohim (God) is the one with the power of life and death. He is the one with the power to save someone from hell. But in a manner of speaking, the teaching of free will says you can be like Elohim (God) with the power of life and death for yourself. You can save yourself simply by accepting Yahshua (Jesus) because Yahshua (Jesus) will not save someone against their will. So you must save yourself. In this way you can be like Elohim (God), this is the age old lie of the devil. Elohim (God) is the one with the power of life and death. He is the one with the power of salvation. There is nothing, nothing at all that we do to enter Elohim (God)'s Sabbath rest.

I will leave you with this final paraphrase the day shall come when there will not be one stone left upon another, that will not be thrown down or as Lamentations put it, the stones of the sanctuary shall be cast out on the tops of every Street.

For there shall be many who come in the name of Yahshua (Jesus) professing that Yahshua (Jesus) is the Messiah (Christ), but shall deceive the many. For there shall be many false Messiah's (Christ's) taught and false prophets that teach of these false Messiah's (Christ's) and their message shall be so close to the true gospel that if it were possible, it would even deceive the very elect of Elohim (God). So when you see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place that was taught by Daniel the prophet, beware.

His first actions shall be to remove the daily sacrifice, which is salvation through Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ), and shall place in its place a teaching that is an abomination that leads to desolation.

Praise be to Elohim (God) through Yahshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Christ) our Savior, who has made the way for the salvation of his people and for the Holy Spirit who teaches us these truths. Amen