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An Open Letter from the Staff...

Your Bible challenges you to “prove all things, hold fast that which is good” (**I Thessalonians 5:21**). Are you willing to do as the Bereans did, who “... received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so”? (**Acts 17:11**.)

YEHOVAH God says, “To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (**Isaiah 8:20**). The Messiah himself was inspired to say, “You shall know the TRUTH, and the truth shall make you free” (**John 8:32**), and he said, “THY WORD IS TRUTH” (**John 17:17**).

Is the Word of YEHOVAH God the source to which you go for what you believe and practice? Is it, or is it not? If you are a Christian, and you claim to believe in the Messiah -- how incongruous, how ridiculous, how impossible, how utterly amazing it would be if you rejected the very word of that Messiah, and admittedly turned to pure human reason for your deepest and most personal beliefs and practices!

Yeshua said, further, “The scripture cannot be broken” (**John 10:35**). He said, “Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled” (**Matthew 5:17-18**).

So people are RIGHT when they say, “Even if you should be right about SOME things, that does not mean you are right about everything!” That’s true of EVERY human being. But it’s not true of the Messiah! HE is RIGHT about EVERYTHING! And that’s precisely why we give you, in the pages of this Correspondence Course and in our articles, what YEHOVAH God and the Messiah say, and NOT our own “human ideas”! We don’t trust our own ideas! How about you?



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A Few Words Before You Start...

RECENTLY we received a letter, saying:

"Your idea of doing away with Easter is immature. Sure, there are things connected with it that are unchristian, but some Christians make them really Christian. No matter what you have, somebody will desecrate it or misuse it. Why should everyone do away with it because some use it wrongfully? Why NOT take a pagan holiday and make it into a Christian one?"

WHY NOT?

It's a good question -- and, if there IS NO GOD -- it has an obvious answer!

You see, if there IS NO GOD, and if man is left to decide for himself what is "good" and what is "bad," then your question is self-answerable, self-evident. But since you seem to indicate, in your letter, a belief in things "Christian" and, therefore, belief in YEHOVAH God, we will answer your questions thoroughly. A large number of our readers have asked the same questions.

Many have wondered, "What DIFFERENCE does it make what we do, so long as no one else is hurt by it, and so long as we enjoy it?" It's the same question being asked by millions of youths today.

People often reason: If a "good" Hindu does the best he can, living up to HIS religion the best he knows how, and if a "good" Catholic, or a "good" Jew, or a "good" Protestant does the same, then won't they all be able to reach their reward?

It actually sounds GOOD to people -- this little bit of human reasoning -- so good it becomes a part of their PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE!

What is "right" -- what IS "wrong"? Who is to say?

Today, philosophers and educators tell us there are no absolutes!

They say the ONE thing we CAN COME TO KNOW is that we DON'T KNOW!

They're POSITIVE they shouldn't be positive, SURE they can't be sure; absolutely absolute about no absolutes!

But how silly!

Life is positive. Things do exist. Laws work upon you, upon life, upon things. There are absolutes. You can't SEE wind, thunder, sound, the law of gravity, or friction. You can't see inertia, centrifugal force, or, for that matter, the microbes which aid in your digestion (without the aid of powerful microscopes) -- but you believe in them, nevertheless.

There is such a thing as absolute authority. There IS absolute truth. There are absolutes!

Is there anyone who really should know what is right, and what is wrong?

Surely, if there is a God, and if the Messiah is ALIVE today as he says he is, then THE MESSIAH SHOULD KNOW!

Or would you say to the Messiah: "Well! Just because you're right about some things doesn't mean you're right about everything!" Probably, sadly enough, MUCH of this present world would say exactly that! But for those who have the spiritual courage to prove the Messiah, to prove YEHOVAH God, to prove the Bible, and to anchor their faith on the inspired writing of YEHOVAH God Almighty as He led His human instruments -- let's continue.

Yeshua said, "He that rejects me, and receives not my words, has One that judges him: the WORD that I have spoken, the same SHALL JUDGE him in the last day" (**John 12:48**). Then it is the Word of YEHOVAH God that will judge -- the inspired Word of YEHOVAH God that will decide -- YEHOVAH's Word that tells us whether it is right, or wrong, to adapt purely pagan customs into our "Christian" lives!

It is not, mind you, our interpretation that will decide. It is not the "ideas" of men that will decide, or the accepted customs of men, nor is it that which "seems right" to the majority (read **Proverbs 14:12; 16:25**) which will decide!

Yeshua said, "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, He gave

me a commandment, what I should say; and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is LIFE EVERLASTING: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak" (**John 12:49-50**).

The letter we received said: "Your idea of doing away with Easter is immature."

It's not OUR idea.

Don't misunderstand. We don't print any placards saying, "Help Stamp Out Easter!" We have no intention of starting a movement to "do away" with it. That would be a mountainous task, indeed!

And, as to what is or is not "immature" -- just what is "mature" about Easter?

The pagan goddess "Ishtar" (pronounced, today, "Easter") was an imaginary figment of a weird, pagan fool (only the fool has said in his heart there is no God!). Mark that. A goddess "Ishtar" didn't exist! But ancient Babylonians -- including their poor deceived little children, and their mothers, thought she did.

So they busily perpetuated customs accompanying their belief in this would-be goddess of sex, fertility, productivity, and perpetual life.

They even made it a family-type ceremony. It's described in your Bible! YEHOUVAH God inspired Jeremiah to describe some of the pagan ceremonies carried down into our societies today -- "Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven [again -- the same wildly imaginary figure, dreamed up by superstitious heathens!], and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, THAT THEY MAY PROVOKE ME TO ANGER"! (**Jeremiah 7:17-18**.)

YEHOUVAH God asserts, "I change not"! (**Malachi 3:6**), and Paul wrote, "Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today and forever" (**Hebrews 13:8**). Then, according to your Bible, your Creator and the God who gives you every

breath of air you breathe, is provoked to ANGER by such pagan and heathen practices! Yes, even today!

Notice they made a nice "family" custom out of it. Even the kiddies had a part to play! The "daddies" and "mummies" all entered into it. And -- it probably seemed pretty good to them.

After all, isn't a pleasant hearthside chat good? Isn't the smell of baking cakes around the home-fire good? And isn't it fun when the children can play with the dough, and perhaps make quaint little designs of their own? It really APPEALS to children!

And the SYMBOLS on the cakes? Well -- such historical problems never occur to children, unfortunately -- nor to their mothers. If it's colorful, fun, exciting, and the kiddies ENJOY it -- that's "good enough for them."



And, again, all this is good old-fashioned human reasoning -- even sounds logical -- if there is no God. But there IS a God, and that great God has utterly condemned the practices of heathen, pagan, sun-worshiping savages; just as He has condemned the seemingly innocent COPYING of those identical practices, and then calling them by a different Christian-sounding name.

But mark this. YEHOUVAH God, out of mercy, allowed the sudden slaughter of those rebellious people for such customs. (Read the succeeding chapters in the **book of Jeremiah!**) Why. Because departing from His laws led them into such unspeakable wretchedness it brought

only untold MISERY and SUFFERING on them! And, further, THEIR sufferings are intended as a monumental witness and warning to us! (**I Corinthians 10:11.**)

When YEHOVAH God described the terrible ABOMINATIONS of our ancestors through the pen of the prophet Ezekiel, He included as the very WORST of their heathen practices the sunrise services acquainted with the pagan ideas of sun worship!

The direct carry-over into our times is unmistakable.

“Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Eternal’s house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz” [the “sun” god, and fake “divine son” of the pagan goddess called the “queen of heaven,” and appearing in dozens of guises in many different pagan religions].

“Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these! And he brought me into the inner court of the Eternal’s house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Eternal, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Eternal, and their faces toward the east; and they worshiped the SUN TOWARD THE EAST.” (**Ezekiel 8:14-16.**) The sun is “toward the east” at its rising!

Here was a SUNRISE service -- utterly CONDEMNED as the most blasphemous and abhorrent abomination IN YEHOVAH GOD’S SIGHT.

But, had the prophet Ezekiel waited to get the men’s opinions on what they were doing, he would have heard a far different story!

“Why sure we observe these sunrise services,” they would have said. “Doesn’t everybody?” “And besides,” others would have chorused, “What difference does it make?”

Again, we say, not a bit -- if there is no God!

But the God who inspired that little fact of human corruption says IT MAKES A

UNIVERSE OF DIFFERENCE to Him! Not to people, no. But to GOD!

So what’s so “mature” about Easter?

Today, the kiddies grow up believing rabbits lay eggs. Maybe even their mothers do. Admittedly, bright colors, having a hand in the cooking, dyeing and hiding of eggs is exciting. Admittedly, being invited to the White House lawn for the annual egg-rolling party is exciting. The Easter ads are attractive; the new suits and hats are exciting. Chocolate bunnies taste good. So do egg-shaped jelly beans.

In fact, just about everything acquainted with Easter is exciting to people -- including the early morning forays to the mountain top, the new clothes, the parades, the well-known song, “In Your ‘Ishtar’ Bonnet” (pronounced Easter!) -- with the conceivable exception of going to church.

And if human involvement in it -- which is to say, human excitement, joy, “fun” and what may appeal to human reason -- were to decide whether or not it is right, the “decision” would be obvious!

But, again, whose opinion counts?

Ours doesn’t.

Neither does yours. Nor does anyone else’s!

But YEHOVAH God’s does!

And YEHOVAH God Almighty says such pagan mementos of sex (rabbits for their fantastic reproductive qualities; eggs as symbols of fertility and life; the sun at its daily “rebirth” etc.) are a stench in His nostrils.

So: It’s not “our idea” about Easter -- but what YEHOVAH God says that shall decide. And it’s ANYTHING but immature! YEHOVAH God has held the same opinion for billions of aeons! And that’s pretty mature! The letter said: “But some Christians make them [some of the things connected with it -- Easter] really Christian!”

Do “Christians” decide what is or is not Christian?

Does a “Christian,” observed eating mud, make the mud clean? Do “Christians” who



Painted eggs are a common sight on Easter Sunday, but are in reality ancient symbols of fertility and life! (See *The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop, pp. 103-113.

quarrel, fight, divorce, beat their children, go to war, hate, kill, rob, steal, commit adultery, cheat, lie, and often commit suicide render all these things lawful?

Does each “Christian” become, then, a perfect law unto himself -- and, like Midas, render whatsoever he touches perfectly golden in character?

Do “Christians” who freely admit their **DISBELIEF** in the Bible, their contempt for the Ten Commandments, their utter hopelessness toward a resurrection, and their acceptance of evolution, alter, change, or substantiate all of these things by their opinions?

Hardly!

Millions more believe in Islam than in Christianity. But not

one Christian, whether real or professing, would give an inch on the idea that such majorities render the belief of the minority incorrect!

Suppose you believe in the good properties of all poison?

You’ve probably never met such a person, but, in this world of addleheaded, mixed-up, freakish, weird, distorted, twisted, frustrated, defeated, confused, “beat” and hopelessly lost individuals -- there could conceivably be such a person.

And suppose you believe it so thoroughly you’ve convinced millions of it?

Would all poison then cease to be poison, simply because you began to believe it nontoxic?

“Christians” do not make Christianity. Christianity makes a Christian! And “Christians” did not invent the Christian truths, beliefs, practices, and way of life! Christians are only true Christians when and if they obey what the Messiah commands!

Is it possible for really “good Christians” to change pagan practices into Christian ones?

Would you admit that the Apostle Paul was one of the greatest Christian men who ever lived?

But Paul didn’t have the power to change even one tiny point of what the Messiah has

Seaside Easter sunrise service -- an abomination in YEHOVAH God’s sight!



commanded!

Notice the proof!

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel" (**Galatians 1:6**).

Paul was rebuking the Galatians, who were GENTILES, for allowing themselves to be entrapped back into believing in a completely physical type of "religion" which included all sorts of carnal, physical customs!

He said, "Which is NOT another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of Christ. 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"! (**Galatians 1:7-8**.)

Note that well! Paul put a careful and perfectly honest control over himself! He warned those people that, even if he, PAUL, should CHANGE his doctrine, and begin living by different customs, that such personal, human change would definitely not "change" anything in the unalterable truth of the Messiah!

He included -- and he was inspired by YEHOVAH's holy spirit to do so -- angels from heaven! So even lesser spirit beings do not have the power to change anything YEHOVAH God has set down in His Word!

YEHOVAH God, your Creator, has said He will not change! And He has put an absolute, unshakable, unbreakable and inviolable guarantee that no other being or power can change His laws!

The "use" of a thing does not alter its essential character! Poison sparingly used is still poison. Paganism in small amounts, and with "Christian" window dressing, is still paganism.

Professing Christians cannot alter or change the basic character of pagan customs by "using" them as a so-called "Christian" custom!

The letter said, "Why should everyone do away with it (Easter, I suppose?) because some use it wrongfully?"

There is, in this case, no right "use" for it! We know of no one who is guilty of "using it"

(if the "it" in this case is still Easter) wrongfully. Since all observance or use of it is pagan, there is absolutely no possibility of any RIGHT or GODLY use.

How does one misuse murder? How do you commit adultery "wrongfully"? What is the "wrong use" of war?

The letter continued: "Why not take a pagan holiday and make it into a Christian one?"

The answer is obvious!

Because YEHOVAH God Almighty our Creator, our Boss, our Ruler and our Judge thunders with all His power "DON'T DO IT!"

But He won't force anyone to obey -- now!

That's still your own private decision.

YEHOVAH warned, anciently (and remember, He never changes!), "When the Eternal thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods [which were only weird figments of their wild imaginations!] saying, 'HOW DID THESE NATIONS SERVE THEIR GODS?' [Or, 'How did the pagans observe various religious customs? Let's find us a cute, interesting, quaint, piquant pagan custom, dress it all up until it looks "right" to us -- more to our taste, more like we would like to have it! Besides, it's probably all right to use pagan customs, as long as we use them for a good cause!' one might reason]. But YEHOVAH God continued, "THOU SHALT NOT DO SO UNTO THE ETERNAL THY GOD: for every ABOMINATION to the Eternal, which HE HATETH, have they done unto their gods ..." (**Deuteronomy 12:29-31**.)

YEHOVAH God expressly commands His true people not to adapt pagan practices into so-called "Christian" ones!

And why does He expressly command it?

Simply because He knew human nature would not be able, of itself, to see the terrible

wrong in it -- that it would "look good" to the average carnal human! So YEHOVAH pointed out it is not good, and commands those who are willing to be obedient to Him NOT to indulge in pagan customs, regardless as to the wrapping, window dressing, changed names, or seemingly "harmless" and colorful celebrations connected with it.

That, we hope, fully answers the comments made in the letter.

Permit us to explain, lest there be any misunderstanding. We are engaged in no campaign to "do away" with any of the customs or practices of this World! Our calling is to preach the truth of YEHOVAH God, the Gospel of the soon-coming Kingdom of YEHOVAH God, without fear or favor, and without apologizing for it.

Each person is free to feel, think, say and do as he chooses. He is free to reject truth, dodging behind the ancient, shopworn little bit of human idiocy of "Just who does he think he is!" or some other tart barb of ridicule -- thus absolving himself of the responsibility to prove his own beliefs.

But Yeshua the Messiah said the truth will make us free from the shackles of this world; free from the traditions and ideas of other fallible human beings -- and, best of all, free from ourselves!

May YEHOVAH God grant you a love for His TRUTH!

TEST NUMBER FOUR

THIS FOURTH examination is given to help you BETTER UNDERSTAND your Bible and EVALUATE your own progress.

You should by all means take this test after finishing lesson 16. It is a SIMPLE EXAMINATION covering your studies in this present group of four lessons. It's a quick review to help you REMEMBER and put to PRACTICAL USE the vital Truth of YEHOVAH God you have learned. It also lets us know of your CONTINUED interest in the study

of your Bible.

Notice that there are 42 questions in this test. Also notice that FOUR CHOICES are given under EACH question. These are labeled A, B, C, D. YOU ARE TO SELECT THE RIGHT ANSWER(S) FROM AMONG THESE FOUR CHOICES. You do this by CIRCLING the letter of the answer(s) you feel to be correct. Repeat this procedure for each question. (Generally speaking, the INCORRECT answers are FALSE ideas which are taught and believed about the subject.)

Notice that the questions are divided into four parts -- corresponding to this present group of four lessons. We advise you not to cover more than one lesson at a sitting. Take sufficient time to understand each question. Try to answer as many questions as you can without referring to the lessons. If you find any difficult questions, then REFER TO THE LESSONS. We expect you to do so -- it isn't cheating!

Once you have finished going over the questions and are satisfied with your answers, FILL OUT your ANSWER SHEET by placing an "X" in the box(es) which corresponds to the selection you have chosen (circled) to be the correct answer(s) FOR EACH QUESTION. (Notice that the first two questions are already marked correctly for you on your answer sheet as examples.) That's all there is to it! It's very simple and fast

You are to SEND ONLY THE ANSWER SHEET in to us when filled out. Handle your answer sheet carefully at all times. A SMOOTH SHEET is easier to grade.

We will CONTINUE to send you further lessons as long as you sincerely desire to understand more of the Bible. So be sure to TAKE THIS TEST and send us your completed answer sheet.

Lesson 13

The Judeans of the New Testament

1. New Testament Judea was inhabited by --

- A. Samaritans only.
B. a variety of people.
C. Jews.
D. a combination of Romans and Idumeans.
2. All Judeans were of --
A. Jewish ancestry.
B. Israelite ancestry.
C. Samaritan ancestry.
D. various ancestries.
3. Synagogues were patterned after --
A. the "Great Synagogue" in Jerusalem.
B. the Temple in Jerusalem.
C. the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
D. the Forum in Rome.
4. Aquila, who was born in Pontus and resided in Corinth, was known as a --
A. Corinthian.
B. Roman.
C. Judean.
D. Greek.
5. The apostle Paul was a --
A. Pharisee.
B. Sadducee.
C. citizen of Athens.
D. member of the Essenes.
6. The oral law of the Pharisees eventually became known as --
A. the Book of Mormon.
B. the Talmud.
C. the Book of Hebrews.
D. the New Testament.
7. The ancient Khazars were a people of mainly --
A. Israelitish stock.
B. Arab stock.
C. Greek stock.
D. Turkish stock.
8. The term "Jew" --
A. was not coined and used until hundreds of years after the 1st century A.D.
B. was a common name for those living in Judea 2,000 years ago.
C. always refers to those descended from Jacob's son Judah.
D. is equivalent to the word "Judean" in the Bible.
9. Much of the "oral law" and "traditions of the elders" was developed while the Israelites were --
A. encamped at Mount Sinai.
B. under the rule of King David.
C. captive in Babylon.
D. under siege by the Romans in 70 A.D.
10. Circumcision was one of many religious customs adhered to by --
A. the New Testament church.
B. the Romans.
C. the Greeks.
D. the Judeans.
11. The Sanhedrin was --
A. the group that carried out the Temple services.
B. the Judean high court or supreme council.
C. comprised of Pharisees only.
D. directly controlled by the Roman Senate.
12. The Pharisees --
A. did not believe in the resurrection of the dead.
B. believed in angels and spirits.

- C. were strict adherents to the “written” law.
- D. were identical in beliefs to the Sadducees.

Lesson 14

Day of Pentecost -- The Church in YEHOVAH’s Master Plan

13. The third step in YEHOVAH’s Plan is pictured by --

- A. the Feast of Trumpets.
- B. the Day of Pentecost.
- C. the days of Unleavened Bread.
- D. the season of Lent.

14. The Day of Pentecost pictures --

- A. the very small, early harvest.
- B. the return of the Messiah.
- C. the large fall (autumn) harvest.
- D. the giving of YEHOVAH’s holy spirit.

15. The barley for the Wave-Sheaf Offering was harvested on --

- A. Nisan 10.
- B. Abib 15.
- C. Nisan 21.
- D. Nisan 16.

16. The count towards the Day of Pentecost begins --

- A. on Nisan 16.
- B. on Abib 21.
- C. on the day after the solar Sabbath that falls during Unleavened Bread.
- D. on Nisan 16 but does not include that day.

17. The 50 days to Pentecost --

- A. do not include the Sabbath days.
- B. end in the month of Tammuz.
- C. include the New Moon periods.
- D. always end on Sivan 6.

18. The two loaves of the Pentecost offering (Leviticus 23:17) represent --

- A. Judah and Israel.
- B. the firstfruits to YEHOVAH god.
- C. the Old Testament only.
- D. the Pharisees and Sadducees.

19. YEHOVAH God’s holy spirit is --

- A. the power of YEHOVAH God.
- B. part of the holy trinity.
- C. also known as Yeshua the Messiah.
- D. not needed to enter into eternal life.

20. Which Sabbaths (following the Days of Unleavened Bread) were spent in the Wilderness of Sin?

- A. The second and third.
- B. The sixth and seventh.
- C. The third and fourth.
- D. The fourth and fifth.

21. What happened at Mount Sinai on the Day of Firstfruits?

- A. The Israelites received the holy spirit.
- B. YEHOVAH God gave Israel His Law.
- C. Moses disobeyed YEHOVAH God by building the golden calf.
- D. Absolutely nothing!

22. In what modern-day country is Mount Sinai located?

- A. Egypt (Sinai peninsula).
- B. Jordan.
- C. Saudi Arabia.
- D. Syria.

Lesson 15

The Traditions and Practices of the Judeans

23. The tradition of “corban” refers to --

- A. dedicating oneself to serving YEHOVAH God.
B. anything dedicated to the Temple could not be used for anything else.
C. a practice that YEHOVAH God assigned to the Judeans.
D. a practice that the Judeans followed in Babylon.
- 24.** The true purpose and intent of the weekly Sabbath was --
- A. made void by the Judeans.
B. highlighted by the traditions of the Judeans.
C. promulgated by the Pharisees and Sadducees.
D. observed by the Israelites when they were in Egypt.
- 25.** The idea that the Judean leaders could escape YEHOVAH's wrath because they were descendants of Abraham --
- A. was based on the precepts found in the Old Testament.
B. also applied to the Judeans in general.
C. was recognized and condoned by Yeshua the Messiah.
D. is known as racial indulgence.
- 26.** At the time of the Messiah the Judeans believed --
- A. that hell is a place where Satan and the demons live.
B. that the practice of astrology and sorcery was pagan.
C. the soul did not separate from the body at the time of death.
D. that usury was not to be practiced at all.
- 27.** How did the Judeans try to become righteous in YEHOVAH's sight?
- A. By obeying YEHOVAH God.
B. By closely observing what Yeshua the Messiah told them.
C. By keeping their own traditions.
D. By teaching the people to keep the commandments.
- 28.** The Judean "teachers of the law" were mainly from which Judean group?
- A. The Essenes.
B. The Pharisees.
C. The Sadducees.
D. The followers of John the Baptist.
- 29.** The Judean practice of washing hands was done --
- A. purely for hygienic purposes.
B. because they were obeying YEHOVAH's laws.
C. as part of their traditionary law.
D. to impress YEHOVAH God and the Messiah.
- 30.** Fleshly circumcision was a strict requirement --
- A. practiced by the Greeks.
B. according to Judean tradition.
C. that the Messiah placed upon New Testament Christians.
D. that meant anyone not circumcised must be shunned.
- 31.** The idea of "personal salvation" by works alone is known as --
- A. a humanist doctrine.
B. a precept of YEHOVAH God.
C. having been handed down to Moses at Mount Sinai.
D. a true New Testament doctrine.
- 32.** While in Assyria and Babylon the Israelites --

- A. were able to obey YEHOVAH God.
- B. did not learn the popular teachings of Zoroaster.
- C. were able to teach their captors YEHOVAH's way of life.
- D. absorbed pagan beliefs and practices.

Lesson 16

The Feast of Trumpets -- Return and Enthronement of YEHOVAH God and His Messiah!

33. The massive blowing of the shofar on the first day of Tishri was understood by the Judeans as --

- A. the beginning of their trial before the heavenly court.
- B. the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles.
- C. the normal celebration for a New Moon day.
- D. a warning that the Romans were approaching Jerusalem.

34. The blowing of the seven trumpets in the book of Revelation corresponds to --

- A. the seven days of Unleavened Bread.
- B. the blowing of trumpets at the seven New Moon festivals in the Old Testament.
- C. the trumpet blasts when YEHOVAH God descended onto Mount Sinai.
- D. the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles.

35. The blowing of trumpets on the six New Moon days leading up to Tishri served to --

- A. keep the Israelites ready to carry out aggression against their neighbors.
- B. remind the Israelites of the Day of Pentecost.
- C. warn the people to prepare themselves for the final judgment that would begin on Tishri 1.
- D. remind the Israelites of the seven days of creation.

36. The first of the seven New Moon trumpet blowings occurred on --

- A. Abib 15.
- B. Tammuz 1.
- C. Sivan 1.
- D. Nisan 1.

37. To receive YEHOVAH God's holy spirit you must --

- A. follow in the footsteps of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
- B. be born again and give your heart to the Lord.
- C. follow the dictates of the Roman Catholic Church.
- D. repent and be baptized.

38. The resurrection of YEHOVAH's elect will --

- A. occur at the very moment that they die.
- B. occur at the end of the Millennium.
- C. occur at the second appearance of Yeshua the Messiah.
- D. occur on the Day of Pentecost.

39. The central theme of the Feast of Trumpets is clearly --

- A. that of continual warfare for the people of Israel.
- B. that of the enthronement of YEHOVAH God when He returns to this earth to reside in the Temple once again.
- C. depicted by the lighting of candles in St. Peter's at Rome.
- D. revealed in the gnostic works of Judas.

40. The term "good news" refers to --

- A. the "Gospel of the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God."
- B. the weekly reports issued by the pope in the Vatican.

- C. the fact that YEHOVAH's Law has been done away with.
D. the announcement of the Messiah's birth.

41. The great, earthshaking, awesome event of the End Times is --

- A. YEHOVAH's Shekinah Glory returning to Jerusalem to reside once again in the Temple.
B. the giving of YEHOVAH's spirit to all Christians.
C. the resurrection of King David.
D. the introduction of YEHOVAH's true calendar.

42. The ten days between Tishri 1 and the Day of Atonement are known as --

- A. the time of Yeshua's vengeance against the Pharisees.
B. the days of awe or repentance.
C. the time when the resurrected David will be proclaimed king over all Israel.
D. the time YEHOVAH God prepared Moses and the Israelites for the giving of the commandments.

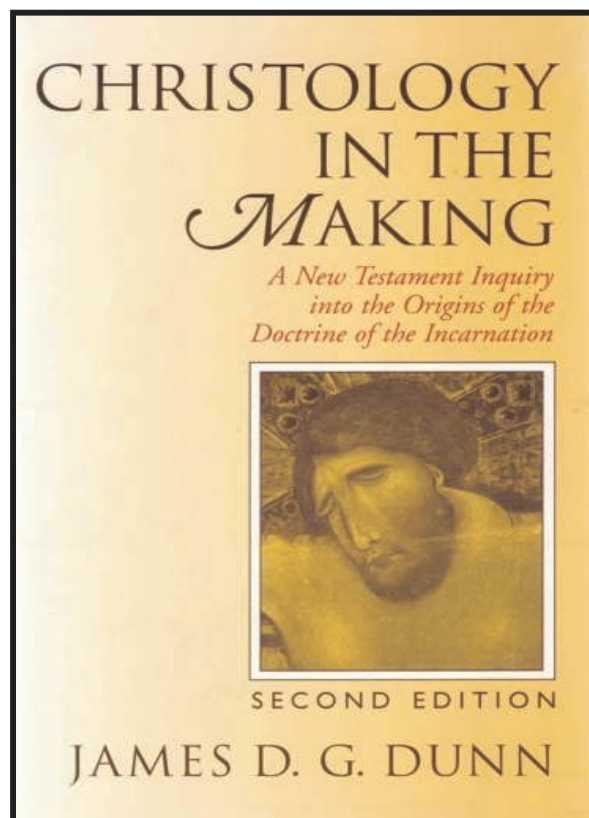
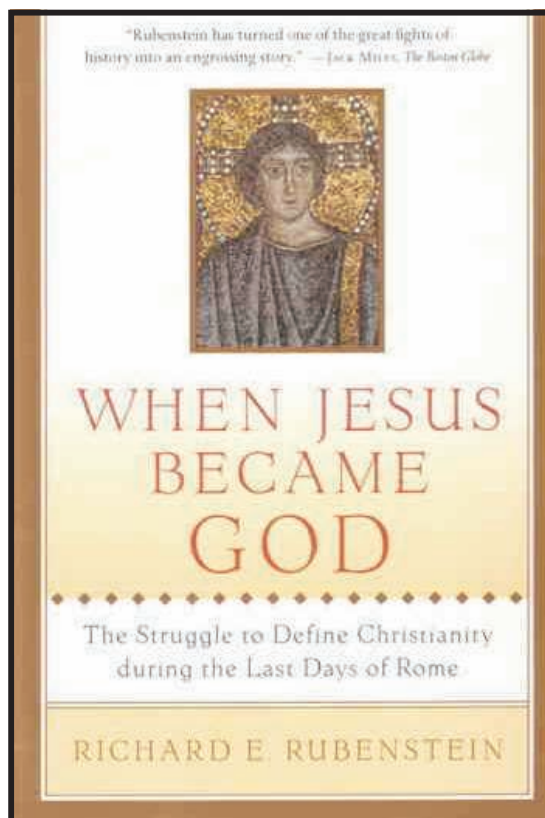
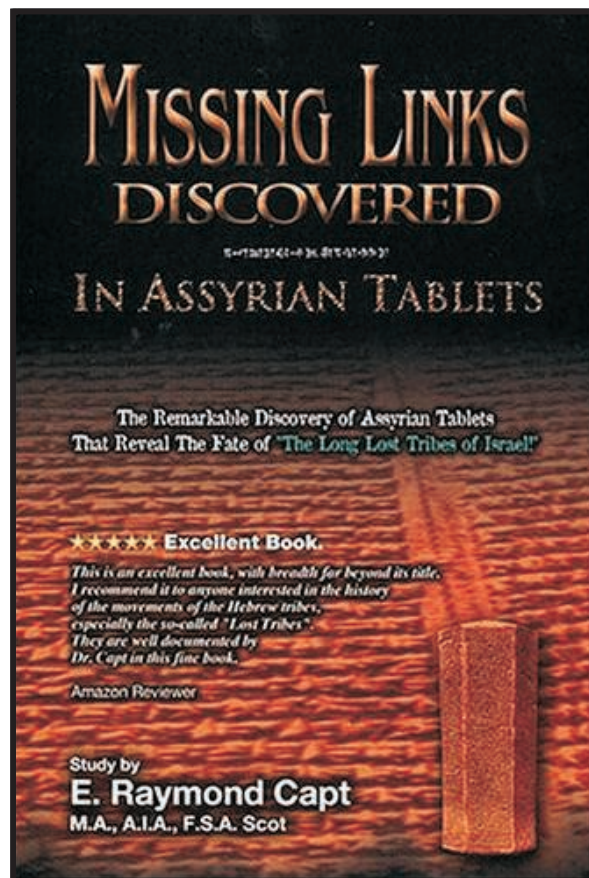
Recommended Reading...

Should Christians *Observe* the New Moons?

Answers to Questions in Lesson 16

1. Completion and perfection 2. Ram's horn 3. The Final Judgment 4. Yes 5. The chemical existence of physical, human flesh 6. The priests; sons of Aaron 7. The Second Coming of YEHOVAH God 8. YEHOVAH God the Father 9. The Gospel of the Kingdom of YEHOVAH God 10. Tammuz 11. Yeshua the Messiah 12. The enthronement of YEHOVAH God 13. Shekinah Glory 14. Yes 15. New Moon

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