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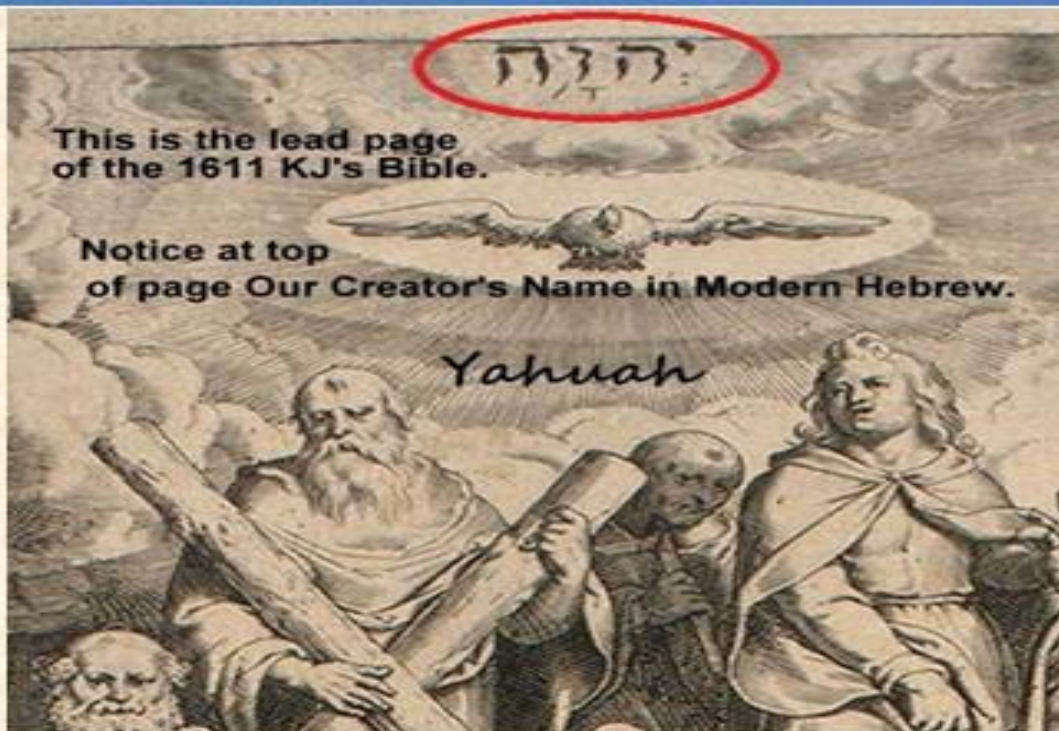
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Proverbs 30:4

Who hath ascended up into
heaven, or descended?
who hath gathered the
wind in his fists? who hath
bound the waters in a
garment? who hath
established all the ends of
the earth? what is his
name, and what is his son's
name, if thou canst tell?

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This is the lead page
of the 1611 KJ's Bible.

Notice at top
of page Our Creator's Name in Modern Hebrew.

Yahuah

*Our personal study on why
we have come to trust the
importance of calling on
The Creator's Name and
His Son's Name using as
close to the original
pronunciation as possible.*

In Part 13 C will be looking at the study by Craig Winn. We have gleaned from his insights before on other topics. We will give a few thoughts (in comic sans as always) from this lengthy teaching. The author takes words and gives all the meanings of the Hebrew-Greek words in detail, including grammar explanations. It will make things very clear what אֱלֹהִים has said about this topic from a wide range view. While he is comfortable using 'God', we are not and will put in its place, Yahuah or "Everlasting" or Almighty, since that is the meaning of Yahuah's name. He also has a different take on the pronunciation of Yahuah and that is fine. We will let that stand. We pick up in the PDF on page 85.



While it may be upsetting to read if you are still stuck in a religion, it is none-the-less words directly from אֱלֹהִים. We have also included the KJV with Strong's numbers so you can look up the Hebrew/Greek words as well.

You then will have to face the fact that you are not serving the Almighty you think you are. If folks don't have a clue of what אֱלֹהִים said is important to Him, or who He is talking to, then people have an issue that is much bigger than how to pronounce His name. You have no idea how in אֱלֹהִים's eyes- the only eyes that matter, how to be saved! He is the one that is doing the saving. We would hope, you would be interested to read this.

By this time, you have to know that you have been lied to by pastors, Rabbis, scholars and political/religious figureheads about how important Yah's name is to Him. The plan of salvation has also been covered over by the adversary.

We do not apologize for including this. This is salvational and that is what this part is about. We would be remiss if we did not include issues that need to be addressed of this importance. Unless you do your own homework on what is going to be presented, you have no place to criticize it. You must check out everything. Not doing this is what has gotten us into this mess in the first place.

There is a passage which we must consider relative to the religiously-inspired substitution of Lord / *Ba'al* for Yahowah's name. The discussion in which it is found is also prophetic of Yahowsha's return. It begins in the twenty-third chapter of Yirmayahuw / Yah Uplifts / Jeremiah.

So that we comprehend אֱלֹהִים's perspective on religious and political leaders, are aware of why He was addressing, indeed condemning, this specific audience, and so that we understand and appreciate His message in this regard, we are going to invest the time required to properly evaluate our Heavenly Father's teaching on the consequence of religious rhetoric, especially as it relates to the substitution of His name, Yahowah, for the adversarial title "*Ba'al* – Lord."

We hope your eyes will be opened to a perspective you may not have otherwise considered. What follows is a wholesale repudiation of religion, its means and consequence. Through His prophet, Yahowah offered the following indictment:

Yirmayahuw / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:1-2)

Woe to (howy – alas, consider this a warning to) **those acting as shepherds** (*ra'ah* – those who tend to, care for, and feed the flock) **who have destroyed** ('abad – have ruined, have caused others to go astray and die, **ceasing to exist**, and whose actions have caused things of value to be squandered and wasted) **and** (wa) **who have scattered** (puwts – who have chaotically and or violently displaced) **the flock** (*ts'on* – the sheep) **from My shepherding and pasturing** *mar'iyth* – My guidance, leadership, protection, and nurturing) , **' prophetically declares** (*na'um* – foretells) **Yahowah. So consequently** (la ken – therefore accordingly) **this is what** (koh) **Yahowah** (יהוה), **the Everlasting** ('elohym) **of Yisra'el** (*Yisra'el* – a compound of 'ysh – individuals, who *sarah* – strive and contend with, engage, endure, and persist with, and are set free and empowered by 'el – Everlasting) , **has to say** ('amar) **concerning** ('al – on behalf of and because of) **those acting as shepherds** (*ha ra'ah* – those who tend to, care for, and feed the flock) : **—Those tending to and feeding the flock** (*ha ra'ah* – the shepherds) , **you** ('atem) , **yourselves, have led astray and scattered** (puwts – you have dispersed, separated, and exiled) **My family** ('am – My people who were related to Me), **and thus My flock** ('eth so'n – My sheep).

You have compelled them and driven them away (nadah – you have impelled, seduced, and enticed them, lured and drawn them away, preying upon them, exerting enormous pressure and thereby thrust them aside, exiling and banishing them, making them outcasts, causing them to be cast down) , **and (wa) you have not been concerned about them** (*lo' paqad 'eth* – not taken them into account, attended to them, or considered them) . **So behold, I** (hineh – so pay attention to this, I Myself) **will hold you accountable** (paqad – will consider, and take into account, and be concerned) **for ('al) the wickedness** (*roa'* – the bad, harmful, displeasing, injurious, unethical, mischievous, sinful, and evil nature) **of your deeds** (*ma'alal* – actions and practices; from *'alal* – ruthless actions, wanton dealings, and deceptive practices) , **'prophetically declares** (*na'um* – promises) **Yahowah** . (Yirmayahuw / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:1-2)

Jer 23:1 Woe^{H1945} be to the pastors^{H7462} that destroy^{H6} and scatter^{H6327} As a strong covenant mark^(H853) the sheep^{H6629} of My pasture!^{H4830} says^{H5002} Yahuah.^{H3068}

Jer 23:2 Therefore^{H3651} this^{H3541} says^{H559} Yahauh^{H3068} Everlasting^{H430} of Israel^{H3478} against^{H5921} the pastors^{H7462} that feed^{H7462} As a strong covenant mark^(H853) My people;^{H5971} You^{H859} have scattered^{H6327} As a strong covenant mark^(H853) My flock,^{H6629} and driven them away,^{H5080} and have not^{H3808} visited^{H6485} them: behold,^{H2009} I will visit^{H6485} upon^{H5921} you As a strong covenant mark^(H853) the evil^{H7455} of your doings,^{H4611} says^{H5002} Yahuah.^{H3068}

While Craig is very passionate and absolute about this subject, Yahuah specifically said Woe to the pastors that are doing this. He did not condemn every Shepard. We have to be very careful of broad stroke condemnation on people. We are individuals, and believe it or not there are still some good shepherds out there. We just have to find them.

The shepherds of Yisra'el were kings and priests, so this indictment is directed exclusively against political and religious institutions and their rulers. Rather than guiding, protecting, and nurturing Yah's flock, concerned only with themselves, they have become unethical, harmful, ruthless, wanton, and deceptive. But they are not alone. The same could be said of those who have followed in their footsteps. Even today, religion and politics remain the root of much evil. They are the most deceptive, destructive, deadly, and damning institutions on Earth. But, אֱלֹהִים will hold them accountable. He will treat clerics and kings as they have treated their victims.

And that is why *She'owl* H7585 “the place of separation” will be a very religious and political institution, a prison filled with presidents, priests, and pastors.

Yahowah has just revealed one of life's greatest ironies. Religious establishments which claim to be providing access to אלהים are actually driving people away from Yah. The political institutions which claim to be concerned about their people, and to be engaged in leading, feeding, and protecting them, are actually exploiting the masses for their own personal gain. In other words, Yah has put us on notice that religious and political rulers are not only hypocrites whose enticing rhetoric is the opposite of their actual agenda, but also in mind, heart, and soul they are "roa' – wicked, harmful, injurious, unethical, mischievous, and downright evil."

Collectively, the amalgamation of church and state has "nadah – exerted enormous societal, cultural, economic, militaristic, political, and religious pressure to forcibly impel and seductively seduce" those they oppress, effectively "exiling and banishing" billions from Yah, —thrusting them aside and casting them down.

This is "Babel – Babylon" personified, exemplifying the oppressive nature of human institutions.

It is indicative of the very things Yahowah wants us to walk away from before we walk to Him. There are those who will allege that Yah was only criticizing Judaism as it was promoted in Israel in this condemnation and those which follow. And in all fairness, such an accusation would be partially accurate. Yah is absolutely criticizing Judaism as it was being promoted in Israel at the time. But the Hebrew verbs being deployed require us to conclude their misconduct back and forward in time, to encompass religion from its inception to its demise.

This conclusion is further underscored by the evolving prophetic nature of this entire discussion — one which focuses on the now previous arrival of Yahowsha', as well as upon his future return. Moreover, the specific charges of wrong doing which will be brought to bear against religion throughout this discussion are all manifest in Christianity and Islam — in fact these crimes are central to those religions. For example, it's Christians, not Jews, who regale in the role of shepherd.

The Pope even carries a staff as a symbol of his authority. But more than this, if a person uses the argument that Yah was only interested in, and therefore addressing Yisra'el, and not all of us through them, then Gentiles would have to disregard most everything Yahowah and Yahowsha' revealed, as the same argument would apply.

Gentiles would be left with nothing, apart from the fact that Yahowah routinely instructed us not to embrace any of the disgusting religious customs practiced by the Gowym — many of which have become interwoven into the fabric of Christianity.

If this argument limiting the audience is deployed here, then to be consistent, those who wield it must also conclude that Yah's conversations with Adam, Noah, and Abraham cannot be extrapolated beyond them, leaving all of us, including Yahuwdym, without a Covenant Relationship. Further, if the beneficiaries of what Yahowah revealed through Moseh and Yahowsha' are to be limited to those they actually addressed, then salvation would be afforded only to Hebrews, and no one else.

And yet Christians and Muslims almost universally attribute all the instructions and admonitions they do not like or understand to Judaism, as if it were appropriate for humankind to discard almost all of Yah's Testimony. So it is in this way that Fridays and Sundays have replaced the Shabat, Ramadan and Easter have replaced Yahowah's Called -Out Invitations to Meet Together, and the Mosque and Church have replaced Yisra'el and Yahuwdym.

The simple and indeed obvious truth is that Yahowah chose a people and a place to make Himself known to everyone. Everything He says to and of them is true for and of all of us. Yahuwdym and Yisra'el are the paradigm. There is one dispensation. So now that we know that Almighty Yah is addressing political and religious leaders, and that He is angry with them for having separated the souls they have "shepherded" from Him, let's see if we can ascertain any additional insights regarding the timing of this prediction. The discussion continues by telling us that Yah will reassemble those whom men have dispersed:

“And (wa – also then) I (*any*), **Myself, will obtain and gather** (qabas – collect, harvest, pick up, engage relationally with, and assemble) **the remnant** (*sha’eryth* –the rest and remainder) **of My flock** (*ts’on* – My sheep) **from** (min) **all** (kol) **the lands** (*ha ‘erets* – the realms, places, and nations) **in which** (*‘asher* – as a result of the relationship) ***** **they have been driven away from My** (*‘eth nadah* – have been scattered, banished, exiled, strayed, seduced, and hunted because of My) **name** (shem – status, renown, designation, and reputation), **and** (wa) **I will restore and return them** (*suwb ‘eth* – bring them back, change and renew them) **upon** (*‘al*) **My pasture, abode, and home** (naweh – My beautiful dwelling place and campground). **And** (wa) **they will be fruitful and flourish** (parah – they will grow and live abundant lives) . **And** (wa) **they will increase and become great** (rabah – will be empowered, their status will be elevated, their lives will be prolonged, and they will remain, continuing forever).
 ‘(Yirmayahuw / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:3)

Jer 23:3 And I^{H589} will gather^{H6908} As a strong covenant mark (H853) the remnant^{H7611} of My flock^{H6629} out of all^{H4480 H3605} countries^{H776} whither^{H834 H8033} I have driven^{H5080} them, and will bring them again^{H7725} As a strong covenant mark (H853) to^{H5921} their folds;^{H5116} and they shall be fruitful^{H6509} and increase.^{H7235}

הִדְדָתִי *hid-dāh’-tî* from all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them

נדח *ndh* to drive away, scatter from one another; to push away, oust; to entice; to...
 verb, Hif’îl, first person, singular ± qātal (perfect), active, suffixed (perfect), common

Sense: to banish – to expel from a place of residence to another place.

BDB impel, thrust, banish

GHCLLOT TO THRUST; TO IMPEL; to thrust forth, to expel; to thrust against; to...

CHAL be scattered, go astray; be banished, an outcast; be diverted, be led...

DBL Hebrew be scattered; be driven, be hunted; exiled; be enticed; seduce; be thr...

Craig gives the impression that the clergy (they) have scattered the sheep when in fact due to the grammar it is Yahuah that did the scattering. It was probably the safest thing He could do for His flock. Nothing happens that He does not have control over. Yes, it was due to the clergy's actions that He caused it, but He scattered them, (in the perfect tense meaning it was a completed action) where He wanted everyone to end up. Remember as a loving Father, it is His job to keep His family safe. Since He already planned He would bring us all back, generations later, this was a good solution as it tests us to stay away from the corruption of our surroundings. Always a double coupon with Yahuah!

You will notice that Yah's concern here was that His flock had been driven away from His name -from Yahowah. And what's inferred is that He will restore them by returning them to His name. Therefore, He is underscoring the consequence of removing Yahowah from His Word, and thereby from our collective awareness.

Literally, Jews will become Yahuwdym again. And Israel, including all of the West Bank and the Golan Heights, and parts of Gaza, the Sinai, and Lebanon, will once again be known as Yahuwdah. A precursor to the prediction listed at the end of this passage occurred in 1948 when Yisra'el became a nation. For the first time since the Roman destruction of —Yahuwdah / Judea in 135 CE, the —Yahuwdym / Jews they exiled and enslaved throughout the world were allowed to return to their homeland. And yet, these six million Israelis today, are not the *sha'eryth*" remnant of whom Yahowah was speaking, because Yah's flock has not yet been "suwb"— restored or renewed. They still remain in many nations and have not yet " parah — flourished" nor "rabah — become great" at least to the extent required by this promise.

Therefore, this prophetic pronouncement is directed toward the remnant which will greet Yahowah by name upon His return on the Day of Reconciliations. It depicts the time when He will renew His Covenant with Yahuwdym and Yisra'el.

On that day...

“Then (wa) I will stand up for them (quwm ‘al – I will take a stand on their behalf, and I will confirm and fulfill My promise to establish and restore them) as a Shepherd (ra’ah – as One who does what is required to tend to, nurture, guide, and protect) and (wa) will do what is required to nurture, guide, and protect them (ra’ah). And (wa) they shall not be afraid (lo’ yare’ – they shall not be terrorized) ever again (‘owd –any longer). And they will not be dismayed or discouraged (wa lo’ hatat –they shall not be confused or abused, shattered or terrified) , nor will they be discounted or disregarded (wa lo’ paqad – not be taken into account as a result of not being properly considered or appropriately evaluated) , ‘prophetically declares (na’um – promises) YAhawah (יְהוָה).
‘(Yirmayahuw / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:4)

Jer 23:4

And I will set up^{H6965} shepherds^{H7462} over^{H5921} them which shall feed^{H7462} them: and they shall fear^{H3372} no^{H3808} more,^{H5750} nor^{H3808} be dismayed,^{H2865} neither^{H3808} shall they be lacking,^{H6485} says^{H5002} Yahuah.^{H3068}

Our Heavenly Father loves contrast, choices, and their consequences. While man was created in אֱלֹהִים's image, men and women have chosen to corrupt themselves by ingesting religious and political poison, thus causing their nature to be remarkably different than Yahuah's—rendering mankind's actions evil and promises unreliable.

But Yahuah does not change. He is not susceptible to corruption. He never fails to honor His promises. As such, He remains trustworthy and reliable. He will do exactly as He has testified. He created a plan that took a stand for us on Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits, affirming this promise, and will stand up for us again on Reconciliations and Shelters, further confirming the Torah.

As an interesting aside, had Yahuah authorized a “New Testament,” as Christians protest and require; He would have immediately ceased to be trustworthy or reliable. Having altered and changed His Word, annulling many of it's provisions, He would no longer be honest, making it foolish, indeed ignorant and irrational, to rely on any new covenant such a god promoted. That is one of many reasons the concept of “Jesus having established a renewed covenant” is a myth.

The Shepherd in this metaphor is very real. That is what the Torah is designed to do. Through its instructions it guides and leads us. Yahusha, being the perfect representative of the Torah and Yahuah's will, when describing his job, the Ma'aseyah's favorite depiction of himself was in the role of a shepherd caring for and tending to his sheep, leading, nurturing, and protecting them. In the Shepherd's Teaching on the Mount, he explicitly told his sheep that nothing, not even the smallest stroke of any of the individual letters which comprise each of the Hebrew words contained in the Torah and Prophets would change, be neglected, go unfulfilled, or be annulled — so long as this material world exists. That realization alone makes the whole concept of the Christian New Testament: “*roa*’ – wrong, harmful, injurious, unethical, unreliable,” and yes, “evil.”

Lastly, since Muslims have been conditioned by Muhammad and Allah to despise Yahuah's Chosen People, Israelis remain one of the most terrorized population on the planet. In the last few years however, the Christian persecution has grown to a staggering degree.

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Report: 75 Percent of Religious Persecution Is Against Christians

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Seventy five percent of religious persecution in the world is against Christians, claims a new report by a U.K. Catholic organization.

Examining 33 countries, the British branch of Aid to the Church in Need reported that most of the persecution was occurring in the Middle East, Africa and Asia in its 2011 "Persecuted and Forgotten? A Report on Christians oppressed for their faith."

Besides the usual suspects – China, Iran, North Korea, and Saudi Arabia – the report also reveals that countries such as Venezuela, Zimbabwe and even the Holy Land are guilty of religious persecution. The report also finds that Christians face increased persecution in 22 countries among those examined, with Egypt, Iraq, Nigeria, and Pakistan being among the worst countries for believers to live in. The report also says that now 100 million Christians worldwide are facing persecution.

Besides the persecution from Islamic extremists, the report also highlights that Christians are harassed by rising nationalism in countries such as Burma, India, and Sri Lanka. There is also the rising threat of Islamic extremism in North Africa and parts of Asia. Meanwhile, some communist and atheist countries are suppressing the religious rights of minorities.

Dying for Christianity: millions at risk amid rise in persecution across the globe 2015

According to David Alton, a crossbench peer who campaigns on religious freedom, “some assessments claim that as many as 200 million Christians in over 60 countries around the world face some degree of restriction, discrimination or outright persecution”. That is about one in 10 of the 2.2 billion Christians in the world. Christianity remains the faith with the most adherents.

“Whatever the real figures the scale is enormous. From Syria, Iraq, Iran and Egypt to North Korea, China, Vietnam and Laos, from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to Indonesia, Malaysia, Burma, from Cuba, Colombia and Mexico to Eritrea, Nigeria and Sudan, Christians face serious violations of religious freedom,” Alton said. Persecution ranged from murder, rape and torture to repressive laws, discrimination and social exclusion.

In the past 15 months, a number of egregious attacks have highlighted the targeting of Christians by Islamic extremists in the Middle East and Africa. They include:

- the abduction of more than 270 [Nigerian schoolgirls](#); A group of Boko Haram militants attacked a school in Chibok, a primarily Christian village in Nigeria, on the night of 14 April 2014. They kidnapped schoolgirls who had returned to the school to sit their final physics exam. It is uncertain how many girls were kidnapped, but estimates put it at between 276 and 329 girls, with 53 escaping in the few weeks following the attack. The girls were taken to Boko Haram strongholds and attempts by the Nigerian government and the girls' families to rescue them have been unsuccessful. Less than a month after the kidnapping, Boko Haram released a video showing 130 of the kidnapped girls, all wearing Islamic dress. It is believed they are being held as sex slaves and have been forced to convert to Islam.

- the beheading of 21 [Egyptian Coptic Christians in Libya](#), and other attacks by Isis militants in Iraq and Syria; Iraq's Christian population has decreased dramatically since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime, as large numbers have fled because of escalating persecution. Christians, as well as other minority groups, have been targeted by Isis in the large parts of Iraq and Syria under its control. It is believed that more than 100,000 people, many of them Christians, fled Qaraqosh, Mosul and the Nineveh plain in 2014 as Isis swept through. The Islamic extremists present Christians with the choice of converting to Islam, paying a very high tax or being murdered. In February 2015, Isis posted a video purporting to show 21 Coptic Christians being beheaded on a beach in Libya. Two months later, a second Isis video apparently showed another 30 Ethiopian Christians being shot or beheaded.

- the killing of 147 people on a [university campus in Garissa](#), northern Kenya.

On 2 April this year, gunmen from the militant Islamic group al-Shabaab attacked Garissa University in Kenya, killing 147 people and injuring 79. The gunmen released Muslim students and shot those who identified themselves as Christians, in some cases telling the students to call their parents and talk to them as they died. The gunmen held the university in a state of siege for 15 hours, with more than 700 students trapped inside. The siege ended when four of the gunmen were shot by police; the fifth was able to detonate his suicide vest, killing himself and injuring Kenyan commandos. It was the deadliest attack in [Kenya](#) since the bombing of the US embassy in 1998 and one in a series of al-Shabaab attacks on the country, which the terrorist group claimed were carried out in retribution for the “unspeakable atrocities against the Muslims of East Africa by the Kenyan security forces”.

In addition, a heavily pregnant woman, [Meriam Ibrahim](#), was sentenced to death in Sudan for alleged apostasy, triggering worldwide protests. a Sudanese Christian, was sentenced to death for adultery and apostasy after marrying a Christian man, with whom she had a young son. Ibrahim was raised as a Christian by her Christian mother after her Muslim father left the family when she was a young child. The Sudanese court said she should have followed the religion of her absent father, which would have prohibited her from marrying a Christian, and found her guilty of abandoning her Muslim faith. Ibrahim was arrested when she was eight months pregnant and held in a Sudanese prison with her 21-month-old son to await hanging after the birth of her second child. She was denied medical care and prison staff refused to take her to hospital when she went into labour; she gave birth to a daughter in prison with her legs shackled. Amid international outrage, Ibrahim was released on the order of the Sudanese appeal court, but was rearrested as she was boarding a plane with her husband and two children the next day. After intense diplomatic negotiations the whole family were allowed to leave and they are now living in the US.

But monitoring groups say the persecution of Christians goes far beyond high-profile cases. According to the [Pew Research Center](#), Christians face harassment in 102 countries – more than any other religion. The US government advisory body the [Commission on International Religious Freedom \(USCIRF\)](#), [recommended this year](#) that eight countries – the Central African Republic, Egypt, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria, Tajikistan and Vietnam – be added to the State Department’s existing list of nine “countries of particular concern”.

The [2014 report on religious freedom in the world by ACN](#) said conditions had deteriorated in 55 countries, and significantly so in six countries: Iraq, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan and Syria. Although Muslims “also face terrible and systematic persecution ... and Jewish communities have also suffered increased threats and violence”, Christians were by far the most persecuted faith group, the report said.

The rise of Islamic extremism is driving much of the increase in Christian persecution, said campaigners and church leaders who point to militant groups such as Isis, Boko Haram and al-Shabaab. “One of the 21st century’s major challenges to freedom of religion or belief [is] the actions of non-state actors in failing or failed states,” said USCIRF’s 2015 annual report.

Social media has allowed religious extremists to push their message beyond geographical boundaries. Jonathan Sacks, the former chief rabbi, speaking in a recent debate on religious freedom in the House of Lords, said the internet was “to radical political religions what printing was to Martin Luther. It allows them to circumvent and outflank all existing structures of power. The result has been the politicisation of religion and the religionising of politics, which, throughout history, has been a deadly combination.”

100% of Christians Face Persecution in These 21 Countries 2017

Over 215 Million Christians Suffered 'High Levels' of Persecution for Their Faith in 2016

Open Doors USA [released on Wednesday morning](#) its 2017 World Watch List, which is the 25th annual ranking of the top 50 countries where Christians face the most persecution. "It is worth repeating that nearly one in every 12 Christians today lives in an area or culture in which Christianity is illegal, forbidden or punished. Yet, today the world is largely silent on the shocking wave of religious intolerance," he continued. "The [2017 World Watch List](#) and the information it represents presents one of the most complex and pressing challenges to President-elect Donald Trump and his administration."

According to a [fact sheet](#) provided by Open Doors, the organization documented as many as 1,207 Christians who were killed around the globe for faith-related reasons during the 2017 list's reporting period — Nov. 1, 2015, to Oct. 31, 2016.

However, that number is a conservative estimate since it doesn't include statistics from the list's No. 1 persecutor of Christians for the last 16 years — North Korea — and areas of Iraq and Syria. Additionally, there were likely many other Christian killings that went unreported.

The top 21 countries on the list include in this order: North Korea, **Somalia**, Afghanistan, Pakistan, **Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Yemen**, Eritrea, **Libya**, Nigeria, Maldives, Saudi Arabia, India, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Kenya, Turkmenistan, Qatar and Egypt. ****travel ban****

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In North Korea, Christians are prohibited from practicing their faith and can be killed or jailed for simply owning a Bible. As the Communist Kim regime forces citizens to accept the cultic belief that the Kim family is divine, thousands of Christians have been killed and entire families have been thrown into torturous labor "reeducation" camps for practicing their faith or trying to defect.

Although little is reported about the persecution in Somalia, Curry said that no organized church is allowed to be established in the country and every citizen of Somalia is registered as Muslim despite what they believe.

"Small groups of Christians remain even though nobody knows the secret of their faith," Curry explained. "If their faith is discovered it means instant death, executed without trial and often on rumor alone."

Pakistan ranked as the fourth worst country in the world for Christians, which is the highest the Muslim-majority country has ranked on the World Watch List.

Christians in Pakistan are subject the public ridicule and are often accused of the capital offense of blasphemy by Muslims looking to settle personal scores. Additionally, hundreds of Christian girls and women in Pakistan are kidnapped, raped and forced into Islamic marriage. Police protection of the Christian community is inadequate and Muslim persecutors are often granted a level of impunity

The fact sheet states that "Pakistan had the most overall violence against Christians."

"Cities have been burned to the ground, people have been roasted alive, girls are increasingly being raped and forced into Islamic marriage in attempts by Muslims to gain a special place in Heaven through proselytizing in this manner," Wilson Chowdhry, chairman of the British Pakistani Christian Association, told CP on Wednesday. "Government and statutory authority inactivity have built a sense of impunity for crimes against Christians."

It's no secret that Christians have been direly persecuted in the Middle Eastern nations of Iraq and Syria, considering the rise of the Islamic State terrorist organization forced hundreds of thousands of Christians to flee their homes or risk being killed by the Islamic death cult.

As very few Christians remained in the Nineveh Plains of Iraq until Iraqi-coalition forces began a liberation effort there in October, there is serious concern that Iraqi Christians could become extinct in their ancient homelands if nothing is done to assure that they will be protected if they return.

While Christians continue to languish in displacement camps in Kurdistan and neighboring Middle Eastern countries, Congressman Chris Smith, R-N.J., told the press conference that the United States government has gone "AWOL" when it comes to helping displaced and persecuted Iraqi Christians. Smith said he recently visited the U.S. General Consulate in Erbil, which he says is about a 10-minute drive from a major displacement camp where thousands of Christians are being housed.

"The United States government has not been helpful to the Christians that have fled Mosul in the Nineveh Plain. We have been AWOL when it comes to humanitarian aid," Smith said. "I went to a camp that I was told I couldn't go to because it was so dangerous. So, I went without the consulate general or the diplomatic security people only to find 6,000 wonderful families and clergy that were helping these people who are really on the edge, physically, with not even food, medicine and shelter."

"If it wasn't for the Christian community rallying for them, raising approximately \$30 million, there would have been deaths and sicknesses. The camp is about 10 minutes max by car away from the consulate's office and no one had been there from the embassy or the consulate, except one who went almost before I went. Are you kidding?" Smith asked. "I had nine hearings on the genocide against Christians — nine of them. ... They left 70,000 Christians in Erbil with no help by the United Nations and the United States government."

Also speaking at the press conference was Knox Thames, the State Department's special advisor for religious minorities in the Near East and South/Central Asia, who was asked by The Christian Post to respond to Smith's complaint and answer why the U.S. government hasn't done more to help Iraqi Christians.

"I can speak to what we [the State Department Office of International Religious Freedom] have been doing. We met with the Christian leadership — Archbishop Warda [of Erbil] and [a bishop from] the Assyrian Church of the East — to hear those concerns. We have had conversations with USAID about how we can get resources to the Christian community," he responded. "But this is also in the context of incredible need and not enough resources and that has been the challenge that we have had to navigate. This is something that is very much on our radar screen and will continue to follow it across the transition."

Persecution of Christians is on the rise, Americans say 2016

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A poll finds that, in just two years, the number of Americans who think Christians are facing growing intolerance in the U.S. has drastically increased.

Sixty-three percent of respondents in the LifeWay Research [survey](#) said they agree or strongly agree that Christians are facing growing levels of persecution, up from 50 percent in 2013. The bulk of that surge comes from respondents who said they “strongly agree” with the statement, a number that increased from 28 percent to 38 percent.


A similar number, 60 percent, said religious liberty is on the decline in America, up from 54 percent in 2013.

Although the poll shows higher rates of anxiety about the state of religious freedom, it also indicates that the issue is increasingly becoming polarized. A growing number of people in the survey said Christians “complain too much about how they are treated,” up from 34 percent in 2013 to 43 percent in 2015.

The poll was published March 30 and has an error margin of 3.6 percentage points. It was conducted shortly after the Supreme Court decision in June striking down state laws defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

That decision has intensified the debate about where religious liberty ends and discrimination begins. Gay couples contend that their rights are violated when religious wedding vendors decline to service same-sex wedding ceremonies, while religious bakers and florists believe their right to religious freedom is the one being trampled.

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As Covenant Family Members
we find ourselves wedged
between Judaism and
Christianity and as Yahuah's
covenant family grows,
anyone being loyal to
Yahuah's instructions and
Yahusha will also be in the
crosshairs. We should take
their persecution seriously.
Speaking of the Shepherd,
the Ma'aseyah Yahowsha',
Yahowah said:

“Now pay attention (hineh – behold, look now and see) , **the day** (yowm) **is coming** (*bow*), **‘ prophetically declares** (*na’um*) **Yahowah, when** (wa) **I will take a stand, establish, and raise up** (quwm – stand upright to accomplish, affirm, fulfill, and restore) **through** (la – by way of and as a result of) **Dowd / Love** (Dowd – meaning love, but errantly transliterated —David) , **an upright** (tsadyq – a righteous, just, proper, innocent, guiltless, and completely moral vindicating, and acquitting) **branch** (tsemach – a source of growth). **And** (wa) **he shall reign** (malak) **as king** (melek – implying royal lineage and sovereign authority). **And** (wa) **He will understand** (shakal – prudently prosper by teaching that which is proper) **and He shall act upon and actively engage in** (*‘asah* – will endeavor to respond to, profit from, and celebrate) **the means which will be used to achieve justice and resolve disputes** (mishpat – the basis upon which judgment will be exercised and sound and just decisions will be made) **and** (wa) **that which is required according to the standard** (tsadaqah – upright, righteous, just, proper, moral, vindicating, and acquitting) **in** (ba) **the** (ha) **and** (*‘erets* – the material realm).”
 ‘(Yirmayahuw / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:5)

Jer 23:5 Behold,^{H2009} the days^{H3117} come,^{H935} says^{H5002} Yahuah,^{H3068} that I will raise^{H6965} unto David^{H1732} a righteous^{H6662} Branch,^{H6780} and a King^{H4428} shall reign^{H4427} and prosper,^{H7919} and shall execute^{H6213} judgment^{H4941} and justice^{H6666} in the earth.^{H776}

The “ tsemach – branch “ is something which visually depicts the source of our growth, and thus serves as one of Yahowah’s favorite titles for the Ma’aseyah. He is an expression of Yahowah’s “dowd – love.” As Yahwah’s only begotten Son, He has “ melek – royal lineage and supreme sovereignty. “ But it is what he “ shakal–understands and teaches,” and what he “*asah* – actively engages in,” which should garner our undivided attention. For there is but one standard, one means to achieve justice and resolve disputes, one path to vindication which is just, proper, and moral— the Towrah. And that is why the Ma’aseyah Yahowsha’ taught, observed, and fulfilled the Torah— never wavering so much as even one aspect of a single letter of any word away from it.



“ **In (ba) his day** (yowm), **Yahuwdah** (Yahuwdah – Yah is Abundantly Sufficient, Of Yah, From Yah, and Those Who Are Related to Yah) **will be saved** (*yasa’* – rescued and delivered) **and** (wa) **Yisra’el** (*Yisra’el* – a compound of *’ysh* – individuals, who sarah – strive and contend with, engage, endure, and persist with, and who are set free and empowered by *’el* – Eternal) **will live and dwell** (*sakan* – will campout and reside) **accordingly** (la) **in confidence, expressing their trust and reliance** (*betah* – totally assured and worry free, safe and secure) . **And thus, this is** (wa zeh) **His name** (*shem* – personal and proper designation and renown) **which** (*’asher* – as a result of this relationship) **he shall be called** (*qara’* – summoned, invited, met, and encountered, proclaimed, read about, and recited):
“Yahowah Is Our Righteousness, Our Justice, and Our Vindication (Yahowah Tsadeq – Yahowah who is upright, just, honest, fair, and right enables us to stand upright, be acquitted, and appear innocent, restored in His presence, by doing what is right).”

‘(Yirmayahuw/ Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:6)

Jer 23:6 In his days^{H3117} Yahudah^{H3063} shall be saved,^{H3467} and Israel^{H3478} shall dwell^{H7931} safely:^{H983} and this^{H2088} is His name^{H8034} whereby^{H834} he shall be called,^{H7121} Yahuah^{H3068} **OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**^{H6664}

Yahuah's Chosen People will be saved. They are the ones who will live. And they are Yahuwah and Yisra'el. This list was specific and complete and it is repeated elsewhere in Scripture. This short list of beneficiaries never includes Gentiles, Babylonians, Assyrians, Philistines, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Druids, Mayans, Incas, Aztecs, Animists, Africans, Asians, Indians, Europeans, Russians, or Americans, much less Hindus, Roman Catholics, Orthodox Christians, Protestants, Muslims, Mormons, or Secular Humanists.

אֱלֹהֵינוּ is not returning for His church, because He has no interest or association with any such institution. He is not returning for believers or the faithful, because it is only those who know, trust, and rely upon Him who will endure.

Therefore, Yahowah is not bringing salvation to any religious or political organization. So, to be saved, and to live with Yahuah, we must become: Yahuwah of Yahuah, be from Yahuah, and be related to Yahuah or become "Yisra'el – individuals," who strive and contend with, engage, endure, and persist with, and who are set free and empowered by Yahuah. Or both.

There is no room for Replacement Theology here, the unsupported notion that the promises made by Yahuah to Yahuwah and Yisra'el were somehow transferred to the Christian Church. This prophecy speaks of Yahowsha's return, which is still in our future, and yet Yahuah remains focused upon a remnant of His original audience. There has been no transfer of power, authority, or legitimacy, rendering the religions of Christianity and Islam moot.

One of the many things almost everyone fails to understand is the (shem) name of the set -apart and Anointed One, engaged in the process of saving us so that we might live. To receive these benefits he must be “ *qara’* – summoned as” -Yahowah Tsadeq – Yahowah is our Vindication.

This is most certainly not the manmade moniker. Jesus Christ as Christians recite from their New Testament, nor “Issa,” as the recital known as the Qur’an protests. Our vindication, our salvation, and life eternal, all come from the same source: Yahowah. Period. End of conversation.

And do not fall into the trap of personally justifying your preference for “the Lord Jesus Christ,” by suggesting that this is “His name in English,” or worse, that it doesn’t matter what name you call him because he knows who we are talking to.

Before we are finished with this chapter, Yahowah will impugn that myth, creating an insurmountable divide between His testimony and the pontifications of man.

“Yahowah Tsadeq –Yahowah is our Vindication,” *Yahowsha’* Yahowah Saves, and *Ma’ase yah* – the Work of Yahowah, all communicate the same message: it is Yahowah, Himself, who is responsible for doing everything which is required to save us. Yahuah could not have made this any clearer for us. In the previous verse, speaking of the Shepherd and Branch, He said:

“and He shall act upon and actively engage in (‘asah – He will profit from and celebrate) the means which will be used to achieve justice and resolve disputes (mishpat) and that which is required according to the standard (tsadaqah –that which is upright, righteous, just, proper, moral, vindicating, and acquitting) in the land (‘erets)

Then, in His next breath, He said that —

“those who are related to Yah (Yahuwdah) and —those who strive to engage and endure with YAH (Yisra’el) —will be saved (yasa’). “

He thereby explained the meaning of the titles:

Ma’aseyah, Yahowsha’, and Yahowah Tsadeq. Christianity, Judaism, and Islam require Yahowah and Yahowsha’ to be disassociated, which is why they changed both names.

Collectively, more people have been separated from Yahowah as a result of this religious act than all other doctrinal crimes combined. Yahowah’s means to resolve disputes are delineated in His Torah. And it is Yahowah, Himself, who has done what was required according to His Torah to vindicate us. But the instant the *Ma’aseyah Yahowsha’* is disassociated from Yahowah and His Towrah there is no hope of salvation or eternal life. The Shepherd, the Branch, and Yahowah Tsadeq are...

“from and part of (min) Yahowah’s (Yahowah’s) presence (paneh), and (wa) from and part of (min) the presence (paneh) of His (huw’) set-apart and purifying(qodesh) words (dabar).”
‘(Yirmayahuw / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:9)

Jer 23:9 Mine heart^{H3820} within^{H7130} me is broken^{H7665} because of the prophets;^{H5030} all^{H3605} my bones^{H6106} shake;^{H7363} I am^{H1961} like a drunken^{H7910} man,^{H376} and like a man^{H1397} whose wine^{H3196} has overcome,^{H5674} because^{H4480} ^{H6440} of Yahuah,^{H3068} and because^{H4480} ^{H6440} of the words^{H1697} of His Set Apartness.^{H6944}

But unfortunately...

Jer 23:10 For^{H3588} the land^{H776} is full^{H4390} of adulterers;^{H5003} for^{H3588} because^{H4480} ^{H6440} of swearing^{H423} the land^{H776} mourns;^{H56} the pleasant places^{H4999} of the wilderness^{H4057} are dried up,^{H3001} and their course^{H4794} is^{H1961} evil,^{H7451} and their force^{H1369} is not^{H3808} right.^{H3651}

“Indeed (ky), the world (*ha ‘erets* –the land and material realm) is filled with (*male’* – is replete, satisfied, and content with(scribed in the qal perfect, telling us that this problem is real not hypothetical, that it is complete and thus not partial, and that it has continued to exist uninterrupted over time)) idolatrous adulterers (*na’ap* –with those who are not faithful or monogamous and who engage in illicit relationships with false deities).Therefore surely (ky), as part of and from (min) the presence (paneh) of this curse (*‘alah*), the world (*ha ‘erets* – the land and material realm) mourns for the dead and dries up (*‘abel* – weeps and grieves for the departed, becoming parched, lifeless dust without water (qal perfect)); the pasture and the encampment (*nawah* –the source of nourishment and the place where one lives) wither and shrivel (*yabes* – are gone, ceasing to exist (qal perfect)) becoming a barren wasteland (*midbar* –becoming a desolate and lifeless place; a compound of *midad / ma’ad / min* – to reject, deny, leave, and waver away from *dabar* – the Word). And (wa) their course of action, whereby they use oppression and extortion to facilitate their wayward lifestyle (*maruwtsah* –their illicit financial dealings where money is stolen by those in power [read: religious and political authorities] to fund a fast-paced, misguided, aggressive, and impulsive way of life) was, is, and will continue to be completely (*hayah* –exists as (scribed in the qal stem which tells us that the subject, which is the oppressive extortion, has and will actually occur, and imperfect waw consecutive which affirms that this choice of behavior will eventually cease even though its consequences will endure)) wrong (*ra’ah* – evil, wicked, distressful, disastrous, troubling, misfortunate, and harmful), and their use of power, influence, and authority (*gebuwrah* – their religious supremacy, and to a lesser degree their political, economic, and military might) is not (*lo’*) right, honest, or trustworthy (*ken* – valid, correct, or just).

‘(Yirmayahuw / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:10)

אֱלֹהֵינוּ is criticizing religious leaders as well as the institutions which empower them. He is upset that they are promoting false gods, and says that as a consequence, the world has become a wasteland in which most people now waver away from His Word. Of special interest, we must recognize that Yahuah is particularly displeased with the propensity for religious leaders to fund their often lavish lifestyles by extorting money from the masses and by oppressing those they claim to serve. With religion, it's all about amassing money and power. It always has been. But Yahuah has put us on notice. Their illicit financial dealings and way of life are not right, honest, or trustworthy.

And this problem is not partial or limited, but instead pervasive and complete. Pay them, listen to them, and follow them at your own risk. That said, there is a subtle truth revealed in this passage. One of the reasons the masses buy into religion is that most promise that they will see their loved ones again in heaven. So it is in the mourning for the dead that the living are beguiled. Should you suspect that singling out religious leaders in particular, but also political potentates, was unjustified, consider this...

“**Indeed** (ky – surely and truly), **moreover** (gam –also), **the prophet** (*naby’* –the person who claims to speak on behalf of a deity) **in addition to** (gam) **the priest** (kohen –the religious official and ruler, the cleric and minister, the royal advisor and priesthood) **are defiled dirt** (hanep – filthy, morally corrupt, internally polluted, crooked, spineless, wavering) . **And even** (gam) **in** (ba) **My house** (beyth - family and home [speaking of the Promised Land]), **I have found** (*masa’* –I have obtained sufficient evidence to determine that) **they are evil** (*ra’ah* –wrong, wicked, disastrous, troubling, and harmful),‘ **prophetically declares** (*na’um* – affirms in advance) **Yahowah.**‘(Yirmayahuw / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:11)

Jer 23:11 For^{H3588} both^{H1571} prophet^{H5030} and^{H1571} priest^{H3548} are profane;^{H2610} yes,^{H1571} in My house^{H1004} have I found^{H4672} their wickedness,^{H7451} says^{H5002} Yahauh.^{H3068}

There is no denying that prophets and priests are religious leaders. Therefore, **AYAZ's** indictment is focused upon the sectarian establishment. That however, does not exonerate politicians because for most of human history religious and political power has been inseparable. Even today in nations which feign separation of church and state, most candidates draw their support from religious constituents.

In America, the Republican Party and Christianity are wed, just as Socialist Secular Humanism has become ingrained within the Democratic Party. We must therefore conclude, at least according to Yahuah, that those most intent upon appearing “godly” do not know Him. Those who pretend to be moral are among the most immoral. Religion, rather than being a source for good which leads believers to Yahuah, is a bastion of evil, where the foolish and faithful are led astray.

“ **‘So therefore, likewise** (la ken – so much more so then) **they have actually become** (hayah – they have genuinely, continuously, and habitually come to exist as (qal imperfect)) **their own way** (derek –their path) **to** (la – on behalf of and namely) **the slippery walk associated with their slick, empty, and treacherous words** (ka ha halaqlaq –the slippery slimy slope comprised of their flattering and yet unfulfilled promises which serve to divide and plunder) **in** (ba) **the darkness** (*ha ‘apelah* –the absence of light where wickedness and calamity thrive; from *‘aphel* –the setting sun). **They will stumble** (dachah –they will trip, slip, and stagger (niphah imperfect, telling us that they will consistently trip on their own words)) **and** (wa) **they will fall** (napal –they will bow down and they will be cast down) **into it** (ba – being cast into the place where there is no light). **Indeed** (ky), **I will bring** (*bow’*) **misfortune upon them** (*ra’ah ‘al* –distress, misery, and suffering, trouble, distress, and ruin on them) **the year** (sanah– the time of change and transformation) **of their appointed judgment and punishment** (paqudah – of reckoning, of exercising authority and assigning responsibility which results in imposing a penalty whereby they are placed into custody), **‘prophetically declares** (*na’um*–affirms in advance) **Yahowah** .‘(Yirmayahuw / Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:12)

Jer 23:12 Wherefore^{H3651} their way^{H1870} shall be^{H1961} to them as slippery^{H2519} ways in the darkness:^{H653} they shall be driven on,^{H1760} and fall^{H5307} therein: for^{H3588} I will bring^{H935} evil^{H7451} upon^{H5921} them, *even* the year^{H8141} of their visitation,^{H6486} says^{H5002} Yahauh.^{H3068}

אָפֶלַח is fair. Those whose empty words and slimy ways have caused so many to fall, will stumble into the pit of darkness. The clerics and kings who have forced others to bow down before them, will ultimately find themselves prostrate before Yahuah in judgment. Those who sought to elevate themselves by demeaning others will be cast down. The miserable misfortune of Divine punishment awaits the advocates of religion and politics their just recompense for having misled so many for so long. Yahuah is light, so “*ha ‘apelah*- the darkness” represents total separation from Yahuah. This place is translated “the Abyss” from the Greek *abussos* by way of the Latin *abyssimus* in Revelation 9:11. Therefore, “*ha ‘apelah* –the darkness “ is the lightless prison Yahuah built for Satan, his fellow fallen spiritual messengers, and all of the human souls who have allied with them.

It is the bitter and unpleasant place of darkness which serves as an eternal detention center for those who have led others away from Yahuah. In other words, their punishment will mirror their crime. And because being separated from Yahuah is the greatest plague of all, *ha‘apelah* is used to describe the final judgment before Passover: there will be a darkness (*‘apelah*) over the land of Egypt, a darkness (*‘apelah*) which will be felt...in the land of Egypt for three days.

אָפֶלַח is life, so “*ha ‘apelah* –this darkness” is attributed to the shadow of death in Yowb/ Job 34:21-22 **And while death is the opposite of eternal existence, death is not a punishment. It is simply the end of life.**

Yahuah is good, so “*‘apelah* –darkness” speaks of the arrival of evil the opposite of Yahuah —in Yowb / Job 30:26. It is the intent of evil men to keep the masses in the dark, because those who are not enlightened are easier to fool, to mislead, to abuse, and to fleece. And since “*ha Towrah* –the Teaching, Instruction, Guidance, and Direction of Yahuah” is equated to “*‘owr* –light in Masal/ Word Pictures”- Proverbs 6:23, the prophet *Yasha’yahu*/ Isaiah writes:

“And on that day the deaf shall hear Him, the words written on the scroll, and from the darkness (‘apel / ‘opel – the place devoid of light) and from the blackness (hosek –ignorance which results from insufficient light), the eyes of the blind shall see.” (29:18)

Isa 29:18 And in that^{H1931} day^{H3117} shall the deaf^{H2795} hear^{H8085} the words^{H1697} of the book,^{H5612} and the eyes^{H5869} of the blind^{H5787} shall see^{H7200} out of obscurity,^{H4480 H652} and out of darkness.^{H4480 H2822}

The way from ignorance to enlightenment, the path from darkness to light, from being deaf to hearing, and from being blind to seeing, from man to Yahuah, is found in the – “dabaryseper –words written on the scroll” known to the world as the Torah. With the focus still on religious leaders, the reference to Shomarown/Samaria, the capital city of the Northern Kingdom, often depicted as Ephraim, can only be understood from Yahuah’s perspective. In Yasha’yahu / Isaiah 28:1-4, Yah reveals:

“Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower...which shall be cast down.”

Isa 28:1 Woe^{H1945} to the crown^{H5850} of pride,^{H1348} to the drunkards^{H7910} of Ephraim,^{H669} whose glorious^{H6643} beauty^{H8597} is a fading^{H5034} flower,^{H6731} which^{H834} are on^{H5921} the head^{H7218} of the fat^{H8081} valleys^{H1516} of them that are overcome^{H1986} with wine!^{H3196}

In this light, please consider...

“ And (wa) among (ba) the prophets (naby’ –those who claim to speak for Yah) of Shomarown (shomarown –those who are observers, capital city of the Northern Kingdom (transliterated Samaria)), I have seen (ra’ah) their repulsive, foolish, and abhorrent (tiplah – their insipid, characterless whitewash, their wrongful and offensive, criminal and sinful, unsavory and unseemly) claims to divine inspiration (naba’ –messages communicated on behalf their gods) in the Lord (ba ha ba’al). And (wa) they caused My family (‘am –My people), Yisra’el (yisra’el –those who strive to engage and endure with God) to be misled and to go astray (ta’ah –to be deceived and wander away) .’(Yirmayahuw/ Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:13)

Jer 23:13 And I have seen^{H7200} folly^{H8604} in the prophets^{H5030} of Samaria;^{H8111} they prophesied^{H5012} in Baal,^{H1168} and caused as a strong covenant mark ^(H853) My people^{H5971} as a strong covenant mark ^(H853) Israel^{H3478} to err.^{H8582}

When trying to save Christians from their religion, I am often confronted with the argument: While Yahuah's Word may say what you are suggesting, "the spirit of god" has personally revealed something different to me. You'd be surprised by just how many people claim to have received their own private message, all of course received "in the name of the Lord." They will even protest: If you let the holy spirit guide you, then the translations don't matter, because "the Lord" will reveal the truth. The fact that this position is wholly inconsistent with Yahuah's Instructions on the matter never fazes the faithful. אַחַד sees the pronouncements of those who speak "in the name of the Lord" as being —tiplah —repulsive, foolish, and abhorrent. That which is conveyed "ba ha *ba'al*—in the Lord is —tiplah —wrong; it is offensive a

Speaking "in the name of the Lord" is an unforgivable sin. Yahuah is intolerant of those who deceive His family and who lead His people astray especially away from His name. So while Yahowah is indifferent to those who are indifferent to Him, He pays attention to those who mislead on behalf of "the Lord," because He intends to hold them accountable for this transgression. Replacing Yahowah's name with "*ha ba'al* —the Lord" is the single most deceptive, destructive, deadly, and damning crime ever perpetrated by those claiming to speak on behalf of Yahuah. But this malady was not limited to Samaria or to religion. It was also occurring in the heart of Yisra'el,

“**And with** (wa ba) **Yaruwshalaim’s** (yaruwshalaim –the source of restoration (transliterated Jerusalem’s)) **prophets** (*naby’* – those who claim divine authorization and inspiration), **I have seen** (*ra’ah*) **something horrible, shocking, and abominable** (*sa’ruwr* –a terrible and astounding abomination). **They are unfaithful to the covenant** (*na’ap* –idolatrous and adulterous), **and walk** (wa halak) **in the lie** (ba ha seqer –vainly and egotistically in the utterly false and useless deception, in the fraud). **And** (wa) **they become powerful by empowering** (hazaq –they use extremely harsh and severe tactics to gain control by strengthening) **the hands** (yad) **of those who are evil and wicked** (*ra’a*). **Accordingly** (la), **they do not disassociate or turn away from** (bilthy suwb) **man** (*’iysh* –mankind) **—from** (min) **his wickedness** (*ra’ah* –his wrongdoing and immorality, his adversity and misfortune). **They are** (hayah – they were, are, and continue to be) **to Me** (la –and according to Me) **all** (kol) **like** (ka –the same as) **Sodom** (sodom –that which is scorched and burning) **and** (wa) **they live** (yasab) **like** (ka –similar to) **Amorah** (*’amorah* – a place where tyrants manipulate the people, treating them as merchandise and slaves, usually rendered Gomorrah).‘(Yirmayahuw/Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:14)

Jer 23:14 I have seen^{H7200} also in the prophets^{H5030} of Jerusalem^{H3389} an horrible thing:^{H8186} they commit adultery,^{H5003} and walk^{H1980} in lies:^{H8267} they strengthen^{H2388} also the hands^{H3027} of evildoers,^{H7489} that none^{H1115 H376} doth return^{H7725} from his wickedness:^{H4480 H7451} they are^{H1961} all^{H3605} of them unto me as Sodom,^{H5467} and the inhabitants^{H3427} thereof as Gomorrah.^{H6017}

Throughout time, religious and political leaders have allied to authenticate and empower one another. The cleric claims that the king was authorized by Yahuah and the king forces everyone to submit to the cleric's religious authority. There is no better example of this abomination than Catholicism's Holy Roman Empire.

It's sad, but nonetheless true: many of the world's most popular religions flow out of Jerusalem. Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Socialist Secular Humanism are all examples of doctrines inspired by Jewish prophets. Collectively, they have embittered and poisoned the world with their insincere hypocrisy.

Speaking specifically of religious leaders, ﷻ compares their dissatisfaction with His Covenant, their lies, their quest for power, and their wicked behavior as He saw Sodom and Gomorrah. And you know what He did to them. But now that you know that ﷻ is always consistent, you may not want to stand too close to a church, synagogue, or mosque.

“Accordingly therefore (la ken) this is what (koh) Yahowah (Yahowah) of the vast array of envoys (saba’ –the spiritual command and control regime who serve by following orders) says (‘amar) concerning (la) those who claim to speak for God (naby’ –the prophets), Behold, I (hineh – be aware, I) will cause them to consume (‘akal ‘eth –will feed and destroy them with) unpleasantness and bitterness (la’anah –a very bitter and extremely unpleasant substance (sometimes interpreted to be wormwood)), and I will cause them to drink (saqah) poisonous (ro’sh –venomous and deadly (sometimes interpreted as gall or hemlock)) water (maym). Indeed because (ky) from (min –and out of) the prophets (naby’) of Yaruwshalaim (yaruwshalaim –the source of reconciliation) comes forth (yasa’–comes out) wicked profanity, vile pollution, insincere hypocrisy, and complete unrighteousness (chanuphah –that which is unclean, defiled, corrupt, unreliable, and hypocritical) to all (la kol) the earth (ha ‘erets – the material world).” ‘(Yirmayahuw/ Yah Lifts Up / Jeremiah 23:15)

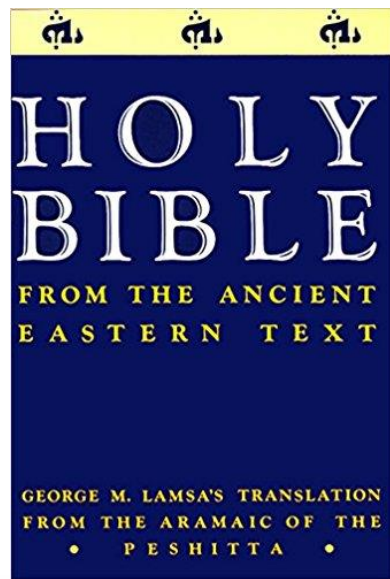
Jer 23:15 Therefore^{H3651} thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} Yahauh^{H3068} of hosts^{H6635} concerning^{H5921} the prophets;^{H5030} Behold,^{H2009} I will feed^{H398} them with wormwood,^{H3939} and make them drink^{H8248} the water^{H4325} of gall:^{H7219} for^{H3588} from^{H4480 H854} the prophets^{H5030} of Jerusalem^{H3389} is profaneness^{H2613} gone forth^{H3318} into all^{H3605} the land.^{H776}

Next time in Part 13D we continue looking at the pitfalls and how to maneuver safely on this path back to Yahuah as we run head long into His waiting arms, otherwise known as salvation.



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