

## Out of Darkness into the Light

*In His Will there is a Way...*

The Middle East is ablaze in war. The tiny nation of Israel is struggling to survive the onslaught. Jews are being terrorized. Their country is assaulted each and every day by a cadre of belligerent foes, militant and military, religious and political. The future appears bleak. Israel's foes vastly outnumber her friends, and her enemies are threatening nothing short of eliminating every last Jew, wiping all traces of their nation from the face of the earth.

There has always been something about their God and His approach to life, that has infuriated a world rife with religious and political schemes, bringing out the worst in human behavior. It has been this way since the time of the Egyptians, Philistines, Babylonians, Assyrians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Ottomans, the Holy Roman Empire, the Nazis, and the Soviets. It remains so today, particularly in places devoted to Islam and Socialist Secular Humanism.

While the past eighty years have been particularly horrific, considering the belligerence demonstrated by enraged Nazis and then Muslims against Jews, it has been much worse. Rome was incomprehensibly savage. But there was a time even more dire than what occurred two-thousand years ago, when Imperial Rome was downright beastly in their vicious suppression of *Yahuwdah* / Judah.

The worst Yisra'el would receive would come from the birthplace of religion: Babylon and its accomplice, Assyria, 2600 or more years ago. The nation's impending doom, the reasons for it and the means to prevent it, became part of God's most compelling open letter to His people. But alas, it was not a warm and welcoming greeting. He was not impressed with the character or plight of the nation.

By way of review, this is how that letter began...

**“The revealing communication of Yasha’yahuw, Salvation is from Yahowah, son of ‘Amowts, the Trustworthy and Steadfast, whereby beneficially he compiled and revealed a written prophetic record of the covenant relationship concerning Yahuwdah, meaning Related to Yah, and Yaruwshalaim, the Source from which Teaching and Guidance Regarding Reconciliation and Restoration Flow, in the days of ‘Uzyahuw, Boldness and Empowerment are from Yah, Yowtham, Yahowah is Perfect, ‘Achaz, He has Grasped Hold, and Yachizqyah, Strengthened by Yahowah, rulers of Yahuwdah, the Beloved of Yahowah. (1:1)**

**Listen, Spiritual Realm, and choose of your own accord to pay attention and respond, Material Realm, because Yahowah has spoken, ‘I reared My children, lifting them up, helping them grow, and enabling them to be great, and I raised them, taking them to a higher place, but they have actually rebelled against Me. (1:2)**

**A cow, one who looks, sees what is around him, and views the world from the proper perspective, is aware of and recognizes his creator as the one who gave birth to him, and an ass, a stubborn domestic beast of burden, his Lord. Yisra’el, Individuals who Struggle and Fight with God, does not know and remains unaware. My people have failed to consider this connection and thus do not understand. (1:3)**

**Woe to an errant and blameworthy nation akin to Gentiles, severely stubborn and heavily laden, dulled and unresponsive with the corruptions and the guilt associated with perverted distortions, the offspring of errant, harmful, and evil children who corrupt and destroy, lacking integrity. They have rejected and abandoned Yahowah.**

**They have come to despise and they actually revile, genuinely feeling contempt, accordingly, for the Set-Apart One of Yisra’el, Individuals who Engage and Endure with God. They have become strangers, alienating themselves, having gone backwards in the wrong direction. (1:4)**

**For what reason, and on whose account, do you want to be continually afflicted and destroyed over and over again, associating with and adding to your obstinate and hostile rebellion? The entire head is impaired with disease. The entire heart, and thus the ability to exercise good judgment, is cramped up and infirmed. (1:5)**

**From the sole of the foot and all the way up to the top of the head, there is nothing in it that is healthy or sound. Emasculated and castrated, slashed, battered, and bruised, with wounds associated with a devastating and deadly plague which are raw and rotten, they have not been cleansed nor medicated and bandaged, not even soothed with olive oil. (1:6)**

**Your land will become lifeless and ruined. Your cities and towns will be consumed by fire. Your soil before you and conspicuously in your presence will be devoured and destroyed by illegitimate, unauthorized, and foreign foes, the most nauseating of whores. They will bring devastating perversity and adversarial transformations, similar to being overthrown by estranged adversaries. (1:7)**

**But the daughter of Tsyown, the Conspicuous Signs Posted to Mark the Way, will be preserved and left as a reminder. It will be like a sheltered place for living in a vineyard, like an overnight cottage for a watchman in a challenging, ill-treated garden filled with vehemently difficult stubble and chaff, like an awakened encampment preserved by the observant.’ (1:8)**

**If Yahowah of the host of spiritual messengers had not spared and preserved a remnant on our behalf, as a few survivors, then like Sodom, scorched and burning, we would have been, and approaching Gomorrah, a tyrannically manipulated depressed habitation, we would be likened and compared. (1:9)**

**Choose to listen to the Word of Yahowah, leaders of the Scorched and Burning, and listen intently, perceiving what is said and then respond appropriately to the Towrah Teaching, Guidance, Direction, and Instruction of our God, you people of the Tyrannical, Manipulated, and Depressed Habitation. (1:10)**

**‘By what means do you think that I can be approached by the great multitude, exalted aspects, and rabbinic nature of your sacrifices?’ asks Yahowah. ‘I have literally and actually fulfilled, satisfied, and completed the uplifting offerings to rise associated with the male lambs. In addition, the lipid tissue of overfed fatlings and the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats, I do not want or desire. (1:11)**

**Because if you come to approach to look upon My presence, who or what was it that sought this beggary from your hand, thereby to tread upon the blowing of My trumpets in My court? (1:12)**

**You should not increasingly and habitually come, continuing to bring devastatingly worthless, completely invalid, and deceptively futile tributes, gifts, and offerings. Incense is a detestable abomination to Me.**

**I cannot comprehend, endure, or overcome the deceptive and disastrous falsifications associated with your oppressive and lifeless religious assemblies which hinder and withhold the benefits of the Time of Renewal and the Shabat, the calling out of the Miqra' – Invitation to be Called Out and Meet. (1:13)**

**Your Times of Renewal, and your designated meeting times, My soul hates. They have literally become an annoying problem to Me. I am weary of enduring their duplicity. (1:14)**

**And with the spreading out of the palms of your hands, I will hide My eyes, My appearance and presence from you. Also, because you choose to make many worthless rabbinic prayers, abhorrent pleas, and repulsive petitions, I will not be listening. Your hands are full of the shedding of blood and your fingers are full of iniquity. (1:15)**

**Choose to actually wash yourselves, and of your own freewill, remove the impurities, bathing yourself using an abundance of water, demonstrating a desire to be free of foreign sediment and impure substances, to be upright and acquitted.**

**And then of your own volition, reject and turn away from your evil and counterproductive rituals and endeavors, these things you have done before My eyes, thereby refraining from being invalidated or seen as unethical, improper, or errant. (1:16)**

**Desire learning, be receptive to being taught, and be open to instruction, to being right, to being better, and to prosper. Seek, choosing to enquire about the means to justly resolve disputes and to exercise good judgment.**

**Live an upright life, walking the right way, serving as a guide for those who are oppressed by human institutions. Be judgmental, pleading on behalf of the fatherless child, especially those who are searching. Quarrel, verbally contending with, even ridiculing the congregation of the bound, dumb, and forsaken. (1:17)**

**Please, let's go for a walk, because I want to continuously engage in rational dialog,' says Yahowah.**

**‘Even if your sins are as crimson, like snow, they shall be made white. Even if they are continually as ruddy red and as dirty as ‘Adam, like crimson, they shall be like wool. (1:18) If and whenever you are genuinely willing, and listen, by way of the good and beneficial qualities of the Land, you shall actually and continually be nourished. (1:19)**

**But if you consistently refuse to agree and continually withhold your consent and are rebellious, by the sword, you shall be devoured, because, the mouth of 𐤃𐤃𐤃𐤃 has spoken it.” (Yasha’yahuw 1:1-20)**

This was, however, just the beginning. Yahowah had a great deal more to say to His people and to us through them...

**“How, and by what means, has this city which was once filled with enduring truth become like a whore? The upright and vindicating path to execute good judgment regarding the righteous means to justly resolve disputes had once dwelled in her, even through the darkest hours. But now, they have become murderers. (1:21)**

**Your silver, your money, and that which you yearn for have become impure, worthless dross. Your alcoholic drinks are diluted in the sea. (1:22)**

**Your political and religious officials are defiant and obstinate in their rebellion, and they are closely associated, sharing a common agenda, with kidnappers, slave traders, and thieves. Every one of them loves a bribe and chases after illicit inducements to buy influence, for payoffs, and rewards.**

**They do not bring justice to the fatherless child. Quarreling with the congregation of the bound, dumb, and forsaken is not pursued by them.” (1:23)**

Years ago, I was accused of being an Anti-Semite by the author of a number of books on Islam, because I held the Jews in Yahthrib, today’s Medina, accountable for selling Talmud readings to Muhammad. Had they not done so, there would be no Qur’an, no Islam, and no Islamic terrorism. My defense against the false accusation was to affirm that the basis of my allegation was undeniable and irrefutable, and that God, Himself, holds us all accountable. He routinely criticizes His people, just as He has done throughout the opening chapter of Yasha’yahuw. The truth isn’t always pleasant, but it is what those lost in the murk of myths need to hear.

Now that Yahowah has our undivided attention, let's listen to what He had to say about a rather nasty Whore, one whose agenda is averse to His own. And as we do, you'll notice that time seems to blur as we go from the provocations surrounding Yaruwshalaim circa 745 BCE to the events preceding Yah's return in 2033 CE. I suspect that the transition from one period to the next over the course of 2,777 years is amorphous because the malfeasance the Whore concocted in Babylon endures unabated, spanning these great chasms of time.

**“How** (*'ekeh* – by what means) **has a city** (*qiryah* – densely populated area; from *qarah* – place to meet, reveal one's presence, and encounter one another) **once filled with** (*male'* – existing as a complete, wholly abundant and fully satisfying) **enduring truth** (*'aman* – that which is established and trustworthy, verifiable and reliable, confirming and building confidence in the relationship, unfailing throughout the duration of time, always nurturing and dependable, a pillar of upholding support serving as the right doorway (nifal passive participle – the subject carries out and receives the action of the verb passively as a verbal adjective)) **become like** (*hayah ka* – has she come to exist as (qal perfect)) **a whore** (*la zannah* – the approach of a prostitute and the arrival of a harlot, of a wanton woman who solicits and fakes affection, compassion, and love for monetary gain)?

**The honest, fair, accurate, upright, and vindicating path to the righteous** (*tsadaq* – the right, just, correct, appropriate, proper, righteous, and acquitting and saving) **means to justly resolve disputes** (*mishpat* – way to exercise good judgment and make rational decisions free of deception and bias regarding the acceptable prescriptions) **had once dwelled in her, even through the darkest hours** (*lyn ba hy'* – remained with her during the night (qal imperfect active)).

**But now** (*wa 'atah* – at this point in time and in relation to the speaker what follows is logical), **they are murderers** (*ratsah* – there are those guilty of manslaughter, premeditated murder, and governmental sanctioned execution (piel participle active)).” (Yasha'yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 1:21)

The contrast is obvious. Yaruwshalaim, as the Source from which Guidance and Direction Regarding Reconciliation Flows, serves as the epicenter of “*aman* – enduring truth, that which is established and trustworthy, verifiable and reliable.” It exists as the “doorway to the enduring and nurturing relationship.” It “instills confidence.” It is the gateway to life. But the Whore is the opposite of these things, because the Devil is deceptively unreliable, necessitating faith in that which is not

credible. And as is the case with all of Satan's religious endeavors, they serve as a catalyst to death.

Yaruwshalaim exists as the place where “*tsadaq mishpat* – the honest, fair, accurate, upright, and vindicating path to the rightful means to justly resolve disputes” leads to life. But alas, the Whore of Religion was, is, and always will be a “*ratsah* – murderer,” seeking to shortchange God's gift. Satanically inspired religions have robbed the faithful of life and demented governments have systematically executed millions, verging upon billions. In that three horrid religions would ultimately claim to have received their god's authority to rule over men in Jerusalem – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – the source of life was quickly becoming the leading cause of death. Even the first experiences with Socialism, man's most lethal dogma, took occurred in the environs surrounding Jerusalem.

Religious faith is a product of yearning. Believers long for salvation and for the hope of a better life after death. But such desires are futile because faith is dross.

**“Your money and that which you yearn for (*’ath keceph* – your metal coinage and that which you long for [plural in DSS and thus addressing more than one thing]) have become (*hayah* – exists as (qal perfect)) impure and worthless dross (*cyg* – is of no value, becoming refuse by backing away from that which is valuable; from *cuwg* – being repulsed, hedging, and turning away). Your alcoholic drinks (*cobe’* – your liqueur, your wine and beer, your drunkenness, your inebriation) are diluted (*mahal* – are weakened and cut, even circumcised) in the sea (*ba ha maym* – with the waters and with urine).” (Yasha’yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 1:22)**

The currency of the world today, fiat money, is based entirely on debt, and thus it has no value, no matter how many people desire it. It will not buy life, nor purchase happiness. It is a source of corruption. And as a result, I suspect that God is describing our day, the world as it exists currently.

All the way up to a hundred years ago, money was metal and had intrinsic value. While that is no longer the case, by saying that their silver was now dross, God is underscoring the fact that our money has no value, and that a fiat currency is actually a liability to those who are relying upon it. This is to suggest that the source of prosperity and security the people seek is not what it purports to be. Man's political, religious, economic, and militaristic institutions are impure and ultimately worthless. Humans have “*cuwg* – turned away” from God, “building a

fence around” that which is valuable, “hedging around, prevaricating, equivocating, circumventing, dodging, and evading” the truth.

Yahowah often uses “*cobe*’ – inebriation from alcoholic beverages” as a metaphor for the “spirit of intoxication” associated with religious beliefs. Alcoholic spirits and demonic spirits both impair judgment. And that is the comparison and contrast being presented here, especially since the city had once served as “*tsadaq mishpat* – the honest, fair, and accurate means to execute good judgment regarding justly resolving disputes.”

To properly appreciate the metaphor in light of what was actually happening with regard to their alcoholic beverages, and specifically wine and beer, a little background may be useful. Without brewing, civilization would have been impossible. Untreated, the bacteria and parasites in water supplies are deadly – typically as a result of men and animals fouling them with excrement. And long before humankind came to realize that this problem could be resolved by boiling, alcohol solved the issue. So almost everyone drank beer and wine. However, if one pours water back into the fermented or brewed beverage, diluting it, there isn’t enough alcohol to kill the microscopic pathogens. And that may be all that God is suggesting, that by mixing in polluted ingredients, something that was once safe becomes deadly. But there is also the possibility, since *maym* is symbolic of the “seas,” and the seas of “Gentiles,” that it is the pagan religious ways of those who are estranged from God that were being mixed in and consumed along with the truth. Also, since *maym* can be translated “urine,” there is the inference that the people were drinking theirs.

By contrast, Yahowah’s wine cures what ails. His wine perfects. His waters purify, cleaning our souls.

Based upon God’s next statement, it is obvious that the “Whore” is indicative of something which is broad-based and popular, and thus of the societal influence of religion and/or politics. As proof, consider where this discussion on the Whore leads...

**“Your political and religious officials** (*sar ‘ath* – your leaders and high-ranking officers, your government rulers and wardens, your nobility and overseers, your most influential merchants and your contentious and adversarial lords) **are defiant and obstinate in their rebellion** (*carar* – are stubborn in their defiance), **and they are closely associated with** (*wa chaber* – they are companions of and partners with, united with based upon the common goal of) **kidnappers, slave traders, and thieves** (*ganab* – criminals who buy and sell

humans as chattel, seizing people for sale and servitude, stealing and subjugating by stealth, deception, and force, taking away that which is valuable).

**Every one of them** (*kol huw’* – all of them) **loves** (*‘ahab* – is fond of and desires (qal active)) **a bribe** (*sochad* – gifts and presents, tributes and ransom) **and chases after** (*wa radaph* – and pursues (qal participle active)) **payoffs and rewards** (*shalmonym* – backhanded and illicit inducements to influence).

**They do not bring justice to** (*lo’ shaphat* – they do not plead on behalf of, they do not aid, they do not adjudicate by making and promoting informed, reasonable, and rational conclusions which encourage good judgment and lead to the vindication of (qal imperfect)) **the fatherless child** (*yatowm* – the orphaned child who is searching without sufficient resources).

**And quarreling with** (*wa ryb* – choosing to contend with, bringing a legal argument against, showing hostility in willful opposition to, filing a complaint against, using words to plead in opposition to, even taunting, insulting, mocking, and ridiculing (qal imperative active)) **the congregation of the bound, dumb, and forsaken** (*‘almanah* – the silent and silenced who are unable to speak, those who have joined and are now bound to a religion, the widow whose spouse has died and by extension is in a state of abandonment; the prolonged and feminine of *‘alam* – the bereaved worshipping congregation of the silenced and dumb who are bound [note, religion is from the Latin *ligare* – to join and bind], the forsaken stronghold of political and military power and the structures within a society at the center of governmental authority, the estranged and separated, those who have been silenced by religion) **is not pursued by them and does not dawn on them** (*lo’ bow’ la hem* – is not pursued by them and is not included in their approach (qal imperfect active)).” (Yasha’yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 1:23)

*Sar* depicts the leaders of religious, political, governmental, economic, and militaristic institutions, as they were yesterday and as they will be tomorrow. They are considered “wardens” by God, and as “adversarial lords” who are “contentious.” As such, there is no rational way to ignore the connection between the Whore and all forms of human influence and control: religious, political, societal, economic, and militaristic. This renders the notions of “onward Christian soldiers” and “god blessing the military industrial state” ludicrous.

Should you concur with the majority and believe religions and governments are more good than bad, and like all institutions just suffer from a few bad apples, God has squashed such notions by saying “every one of them pursues ill-gotten

gain.” They are all “defiant and rebellious” in their attitude toward Yahowah. Further, they are counterproductive, actually working against the will of God.

Yahowah liberates and man subjugates. Yahowah reconciles and man rebels. God frees and governments enslave. God gives and governments take. Yahowah’s means to enrich and empower are trustworthy and open for inspection. Man’s means to rob and reduce to servitude are deceptive and covert. God ransoms while man seeks ransoms. God cannot be influenced at any price and yet man solicits bribes. Who should you trust? With whom would you want to spend your eternity?



The following pronouncements have not yet been fulfilled. The first two will commence on *Yowm Kippurym* in 6000 Yah (the Day of Reconciliations, October 2, 2033 Roman Pagan Calendar). The third will occur five days later on *Sukah*.

**“Therefore, this is the prophetic announcement of the Upright One of Yahowah of the spiritual implements, the Mighty One of Yisra’el, ‘Woe, I will be relieved of My adversaries. I will take vengeance on My enemies. (1:24)**

**So I will turn My hand upon you, desiring to remove your impurities in the manner of natural laundry chemicals. Your repulsive rubbish, and your worthless divisions, all of which I will choose to remove. (1:25)**

**Then I will opt to restore your judges as it was at the beginning, along with your counselors who provide advice and direction as it was from the start. Thereafter, for you to approach, it will be called the “City of Righteous Vindication” and the “City of Confirmed and Enduring Truth.” (1:26)**

**Tsyown – the Signs Marking the Way, by the means to exercise good judgment regarding the way to justly resolve disputes, shall ransom and redeem those who change their attitude and return the right way, justly causing them to become innocent and upright. (1:27)**

**Then the downfall and destruction of the revolting rebels who defiantly transgressed the agreement, along with the errant, blameworthy, and sinful, will occur all together at the same time with those who have rejected, abandoned, and forsaken Yahowah. For they will perish, be destroyed, and vanish from sight, ultimately being incarcerated.” (1:28)**

So much for the New Testament's notion that we should love our enemies. God is not going to turn the other cheek. He is not going to forgive and forget. Bygones will not be bygones. Yah is not in an accepting, tolerant, or multicultural mood. He is not only going to relieve Himself of His adversaries, of those *tsar* depicts as "binding," and thus "religious," as "adversely vexing and afflicting by narrowing the way," He is going to "*naqam* – punish them."

**"Therefore** (*laken* – assuredly as a result, truly on behalf of the upright, to affirm the proper approach), **this is the prophetic announcement** (*na'um* – the emphatic proclamation on the authority) **of the Upright One** (*ha 'edon* – the Upright Pillar of the Tabernacle (note: every time the letters Aleph Dalet Nun appear in the Towrah, it is in reference to the upright pillar of the Tabernacle)), **of Yahowah** (יהוה) **of the spiritual implements** (*tsaba'* – of the command and control regimen of heavenly envoys), **the Mighty One** (*'abyr* – the Almighty) **of Yisra'el** (*Yisra'el* – Individuals who Engage and Endure with God), **'Woe** (*hwh* – alas, this is a warning signaling very great anguish [from 1QIsa vs. *howy* in MT]), **I will be relieved** (*nacham* – I will find a measure of relief, avenging Myself) **of (min) My adversaries** (*tsar 'any* – My enemies, My foes; from *tsarar* – those who bind, tying up others, narrowing the way, adversely vexing, afflicting, and distressing those they treat with contempt) **and (wa) I will take vengeance** (*naqam* – I will seek justice and therefore punish, inflicting retribution) **on (min) My enemies** (*'oyeb* – on those in open and hostile opposition to Me, showing animosity and rancor towards Me)." (Yasha'yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 1:24)

As a loving Father and honest Judge, Yahowah must hold those who have blocked the way and distressed His children accountable for these criminal acts. Those who are openly hostile to Yahowah, His name, His Towrah, His Covenant, His People, His Land, and His City, will be judged and sent to She'owl. This will include almost every overtly political and religious individual on Earth. Goodbye and good riddance.

When there is a conflict, as there is here, between the Christian New Testament's "judge not lest you be judged" along with "love your enemies as yourself" and Yahowah's prophetic testimony in Yasha'yah, we have a choice. We can trust that which is easily verifiable and proven to be inspired and reliable, or that which is consistently shown to be suspect. We have a complete copy of this scroll, written in the original language, dating to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BCE. It is filled with prophetic pronouncements which have proven to be accurate throughout the

whole of time. The oldest copies of the three eyewitness accounts, Mattanyah / Matthew, Yahowchanan / John, and the Revelation to Yahowchanan, are fragmentary translations prepared by scribes who collectively produced more variants than recorded words.

With *'edon* we have a choice. We can accept Yahowah's definition or man's religious alternative. From Yahowah's perspective, every time He uses *'edon* in His Towrah Teaching, it is deployed to describe the Upright Pillar set into the foundation of His Tabernacle which was used to support, secure, and enlarge the canopy which serves as its roof, turning the resulting enclosure into a protective shelter, or *Sukah*. The Masorettes, however, discarded this symbolism and deployed their diacritical markings to vocalize *'edon* as *'adon*, which means "lord," thereby ascribing the Adversary's name and title to Yahowah.

Christians, who are of the opinion that the "Second Coming of Christ" will be a cause for celebration, will be in for an unpleasant surprise, as will be the Muslims anticipating the arrival of their Mahdi. Both will be among those upon whom Yahowah will take vengeance for their adversarial opposition to everything He values.

While Yahowah is punishing His adversaries, He will be purifying Yisra'el. The repulsive rubbish of religion will be removed as will be the worthless divisions man has created to separate God from His family.

**"So I will turn My hand** (*wa shuwb yad 'any* – then I will return (hifil imperfect)) **upon you** (*'al 'ath* – on and over you), **desiring to remove your impurities** (*tsaraph* – choosing to refine you by purifying and perfecting you, making you flawless (qal imperfect active cohortative)) **in the manner of** (*ka* – like) **natural laundry chemicals which clean** (*bowr* – purging and purifying using alkaline salts, potash, or lye (note: in Ezekiel 20:31, Yahowah uses *bowr* to say that He "will purge out from among you the rebels and those who transgress against Me); from *barar* – to purge and purify, polishing to make shiny and bright [note: 1QIsa has *ba 'alyl* – in a furnace]). **Your repulsive rubbish** (*cyg* – your impurities and useless dross which has no value; from *cuwg* – your repulsive garbage caused by hedging and turning away) **and your worthless divisions** (*wa badyl* – and in addition your filth which will be removed and separated from you; from *badal* – that which separates and divides, causing you to be excluded), **all of which** (*kol*), **I will elect to remove** (*cuwr* – I will choose to abolish, retract, reject, take off, and drag away (hifil cohortative imperfect))." (Yasha'yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 1:25)

For God to live on this planet among His creation, He must first cleanse it. The Earth will be returned to the conditions both man and God enjoyed in the Garden of Eden. We will be returning to where we began.

In this light, you should know that there was no religion, no politics, no government, no militaries, no weapons, no police, no schools, no courtrooms, no shrines, temples, churches, or mosques in the Garden. And it was the lack of these things which made it so enjoyable.

What follows serves to prove that the Towrah still stands, thereby destroying the myth of a Christian New Testament. During the Millennial *Shabat* of *Sukah*, Yahowah is going to reestablish the “*Shaphat* – Judges” as was prescribed in the Towrah. They will do as they once did, resolve disputes based upon God’s Towrah Guidance.

When this occurs, *Yaruwshalaim*, not Rome, not Washington D.C., not London, not Mecca, nor Moscow or Beijing, will once again reign supreme. The place man has sought to demolish will be transformed into the place of restoration. It will be as it was intended, serving as a reaffirmation of Yahowah’s original plan.

**“Then (wa) I will choose to restore** (*shuwb* – I will want to return to and bring back (hifil imperfect cohortative)) **your judges** (*shaphat* – the parties who adjudicate and decide your conflicts and misunderstandings by exercising good judgment, resolving controversies) **as it was at first** (*ka ba ha ri’shown* – consistent with the initial commencement) **and your counselors who provide advice and direction** (*wa yow’ets* – and those who can offer considered, thoughtful, and valuable guidance) **as it was in the beginning** (*ka ba ha tachilah* – consistent with the way it was previously at the start).

**Then afterwards** (*’achar* – some time thereafter, subsequently), **therefore** (*ken*), **for you to approach, it will be called** (*qara’ la ’ath* – the invitation for you to approach, reading and reciting to be welcomed will be called out (nifal imperfect passive)) **‘the City of Righteous Vindication** (*’iyir ha tsadaq* – the Right and Just City, the Inhabitation of the Upright, of the Honest, Fair, Innocent, and Acquitting) **and the City of Confirmed and Enduring Truth** (*wa ’iyir ’aman* – and the Reliable and Dependable City, the Firmly Established Inhabitation of Perpetual Nurturing).” (Yasha’yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 1:26)

Some individuals by birthright, and others by choice, will be serving Yahowah and His Family during the one-thousand-year period in which God camps out with His children here on Earth. So while He could personally serve as the Judge, He’d

rather enjoy being a Father. Moreover, God prefers working with His children, accomplishing things together. And it's not going to be difficult, because according to Yirma'yah / Jeremiah, Yahowah is going to place a copy of His *towrah* – guidance inside each of us, making it far easier to understand and apply His instructions than it has ever been.

Muslims and Socialist Secular Humanists alike, as well as many if not most Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians, have become overtly anti-Zionist. This disease plagues American universities, European cities, and Middle Eastern nations. Those who are anti-Zionist have allied themselves with the mythical people marketed as “Palestinians,” the jihadi terrorists who have bequeathed the name of Yisra’el’s former enemy upon themselves. You do not want to be counted among these people when Yahowah returns because this adversarial opposition to Tsyown will associate you with individuals God is going to punish.

Before this occurs, those who recognize that Tsyown marks the way from the City of Dowd through the Temple to the place Passover was fulfilled will be ransomed and redeemed.

**“Tsyown – the Signs Marking the Way** (*Tsyown* – the Directions Along the Path, the Monuments and Signposts to Proper Guidance) **by the means to exercise good judgment regarding the way to justly resolve disputes** (*ba mishpat* – with the means to make rational decisions free of deception and bias regarding the acceptable prescriptions) **shall ransom and redeem** (*padah* – will free from bondage, release from the custody and ownership of the lords, rescue, deliver, and save (nifal imperfect passive)) **those who change their attitude and return** (*shuwb* – those who reverse course and adjust their approach, capitalizing upon the homecoming (qal participle active)) **the right way, justly causing them to become innocent and upright** (*ba tsadaqah* – righteously, honestly, and truthfully, justifiably, ethically, and correctly).” (Yasha’yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 1:27)

Since Tsyown marks the way to becoming redeemed and vindicated, it is in our interest to know where this path is located. And based upon what Yahowah has to say about Tsyown, I am convinced that, rather than existing as a separate mountain, it actually runs the length of Mount Mowryah, from the City of Dowd, through the Temple Mount, and up to the summit above Golgotha. Tsyown, as it is depicted in the Prophets and Psalms as Signs Posted Along the Way, denotes the three parts of Mowryah which are relevant to Yahowah’s story: the City of Dowd, the Temple Mount above it, and the actual summit of the mountain where

Yahowah met with Abraham and against which Yahowsha' fulfilled *Pesach*, *Matsah*, and *Bikuwrym*. As we make our way through this prophecy, I'll explain reasons for this conclusion.

If I am correct, the three locations of Tsyown represent the Towrah, the Covenant, and Yahowsha'. Collectively, they tangibly and visually represent Yahowah's nature and plan, and they explain how to "*Mowryah* – Revere Yahowah."

Yahowsha', the Sign of the Towrah, walked along this path, observing and revealing the Way Home. He enabled the Covenant's benefits, becoming *Tsyown* on *Mowryah*. Collectively then, this would explain why *Mowryah* is the most revered place on earth, the home of Dowd, the home of Yahowah known as the Temple, the place which once bore the body of the Sacrificial Lamb of God, and where the Ark of the Covenant is now hidden.

Should this perspective hold water, the Mount of *Zeitym* / Olives, which lies due east of the Temple Mount, may then represent the non-visible attributes of God, including the Set-Apart Spirit. The light-giving, healing, and nurturing nature of olive oil serves as the principle metaphor for the *Ruwach Qodesh*. This would explain why the post-*Bikuwrym* spiritual Yahowsha' left and will return by way of the Mount of Olives. Later in this chapter, and then throughout the next, we will return our attention to this topic.

Moving on, since Yahowah is returning to this place, and since He calls it home, He will not tolerate religious scum in His abode. The religious and political invaders who have sought to conquer and control Yisra'el will be conquered and controlled. They will be exterminated and then imprisoned.

**"So (wa) the downfall and destruction (sheber – of the fracturing and crushing, of the fracturing, breaking, crippling, tearing down, shattering, and afflicting) of the revolting rebels who have defiantly transgressed the agreement (pasha' – of the defiant criminals who are angry and indignant in their revolt, holding a grudge against the ultimate authority, having conspired to act in an organized fashion in direct opposition to the authorized standard) along with the errant, blameworthy, and sinful (wa chata' – and the grievously wrong and guilty, and those erring by completely missing the way, those who have failed in their goals and are bereaved as a result, faulty and offensive), will occur all together at the same time (yahdaw – alike, with each other, and completely) with those who have rejected and abandoned ('azab – who have deserted and forsaken, neglected and left, letting go of (qal participle active)) Yahowah (𐤏𐤍𐤅𐤍),**

**for they will perish, be destroyed, and vanish from sight, ultimately being incarcerated** (*kalah* – they will be finished, no longer existing, gone and eliminated, completely wiped out in full, and then restrained, retained, and restricted, shut up and withheld, kept securely away and forbidden (qal imperfect jussive – actually, continually, and as a result of their choices)).” (Yasha’yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 1:28)

This is a direct result of their own choices, something the jussive mood affirms. It is also cause and consequence, and therefore deserved, necessary, and fair. It is even compassionate, because without doing so, living in the Land with them would continue to be hellish.

Since we have returned to where we began, here is what Yahowah had to say when He introduced us to *pasha’*, *chata’*, and *‘azab* at the commencement of His open letter...

**“Listen, Spiritual Realm and Abode of God, and choose of your own accord to pay attention and respond, Material Realm in the Land, because Yahowah has spoken, ‘I reared My children, lifting them up, helping them grow, and enabling them to be great, and I raised them, taking them to a higher place, but they have actually rebelled** (*pasha’* – they have revolted and are openly defiant, having stepped away, they have transgressed the agreement, and in so doing they have become offensive, even indignant, because they have conspired to act in an organized fashion in direct opposition to the authority) **against Me. (1:2) Woe to those in serious trouble, the errant, blameworthy, and sinful** (*chata’* – the grievously wrong and guilty, those who have erred by completely missing the way, those who have failed in their goals and are bereaved as a result, faulty and offensive) **nation of heathens and pagans who are estranged, severely stubborn and heavily laden, dulled and unresponsive, with the guilt associated with their perverted distortions. They are the offspring of harmful and evil children who corrupt and destroy. They have rejected and abandoned** (*‘azab* – they have deserted and forsaken, neglected and left, letting go of) **Yahowah** (𐤆𐤃𐤁𐤀). (1:3) **They have come to despise and they revile the Set-Apart One of Yisra’el. They have become strangers, alienating themselves, having gone backwards in the wrong direction.”** (Yasha’yahuw / Isaiah 1:2-4)

This context, which brings the past and future together, reveals that nothing has changed – that is, except God’s approach to the problem. The religious corruption that tarnished Yisra’el 2700 years ago is still present. And while

Yahowah stepped away from Yahuwdah back then because He could neither comprehend, endure, nor resolve the religious blight, He has an appointment with His destiny. He is coming home. And as promised, He is going to reconcile His relationship with Yisra'el and Yahuwdah upon His return in Year 6000 Yah. But He will not be so accommodating with those upon whom the stench of religious rubbish remains. They will vanish from the face of the earth.



The Source and His scribe remain the same as we move out of the first chapter and into the second, as does the focus of the message: the Family Home in Yaruwshalaim, Yahuwdah. The timing remains the same as well. The giant step forward from 745 BCE to 2033 CE – which is a leap of 2,777 years – initiated between Yasha'yah 1:21 and 1:24 is evocative throughout what follows.

So then, here by way of summation is what we have covered thus far in the second chapter of Yasha'yah...

**“This is the Word that relationally and beneficially Yasha'yah – Salvation is from Yahowah, son of 'Amowts – the Trustworthy and Steadfast, observed in the prophetic vision concerning Yahuwdah – Relate to Yah and Related to Yah and Yaruwshalaim – Source from which Teaching, Guidance, Direction, and Instruction Flow Regarding Reconciliation and Restoration. (2:1)**

**It shall come to pass in the last days, established and firmly fixed, completed and enduring, the House, Home, and Family of Yahowah, existing in proximity to the summit of the first and foremost mountain of the mountains, lifted up, supported, and sustained as part of these elevated places.**

**So then every Gentile shall flow forth with a joyful countenance, beaming with happiness, and shining brightly upon [the home and family]. (2:2) And many people who are part of the family shall travel, and they shall say, 'Walk because we can of our own volition ascend to the mountain of 𐤃𐤏𐤅𐤃, to the House and Family of the God of Ya'aqob [serving as a synonym for Yisra'el and the Covenant], so that He can fulfill His will and teach and guide us by means of His ways so that we can choose to genuinely and continually walk in His manner.**

**For indeed, because from Tsyown, the Conspicuous Signs Posted to Mark the Way, shall bring forth the Towrah – the Source from which Teaching and Guidance Flow and the Word of Yahowah from Yaruwshalaim. (2:3)**

**Then He shall execute good judgment, being discerning by making appropriate connections regarding the Gentiles, and He shall reasonably conclude that the enriched and empowered people who are part of the family are right, deciding to vindicate them once and for all.**

**Then they shall beat their weapons for plows and their spears for pruning hooks. And Gentile nations shall not rise up towards Gentile nations deploying weapons of war. They will no longer train or teach war ever again. (2:4)**

**House of Ya'aqob, choose to walk because then we can genuinely and continuously journey throughout space and time of our own volition in the light of ☩☩☩. (2:5)**

**Except, indeed, your people have rejected and abandoned the house and family of Ya'aqob, because they are full of the ways of Eastern antiquity and of fortune tellers, magicians, and those who practice sorcery by attempting to communicate with dead souls and demonic spirits like the Palishty, the foreign foes who invade the Promised Land, invoking fear, while separating and terrorizing, and with the offspring of foreigners, they clasp hands and engage in the business of mockery and ridicule. (2:6)**

**Their land is filled and satisfied with silver and gold. And there is no end to their treasures. Their land is filled with swift stallions, and there is no limit to their chariots of war. (2:7)**

**Their land is filled with religious images and false gods, the work of their hands. They convey their intent by bowing down in homage and allegiance to that which they have made with their fingers. (2:8)**

**So humankind bows down in submission and fear, each and almost every individual is humiliated and humbled. So do not accept them, support them, endure them, or respect them.” (2:9)**

Among the many amazing revelations found in these words is the realization that Yahowah remains focused upon this one place, these specific people, and this singular process. For those paying attention, this provides additional proof that God has no regard for the Vatican, for Mecca, Beijing, Rome, London, Paris, Berlin,

Moscow, New York, Hollywood, or Washington. And even worse for those who favor these places, and the institutions they spawned, immediately after reestablishing His Home in Yaruwshalaim, Yahuwdah, Yahowah is going to eradicate these things and the people who promote them.

**“This is the Word (*ha dabar*) that relationally and beneficially (*‘asher*) Yasha’yah (*Yasha’yah* – Salvation is from Yahowah [from 1QIsa versus Yasha’yahuw in MT]), son (*ben*) of ‘Amowts (*‘Amowts* – Trustworthy and Steadfast, Confirming, Upholding, Supportive, Nourishing, and Establishing), observed in the prophetic vision (*chazah* – received from God, beheld, looked upon, and perceived) concerning (*‘al*) Yahuwdah (*Yahuwdah* – Relate to Yah and Related to Yah) and (*wa*) Yaruwshalaim (*Yaruwshalaim* – Source from which Teaching, Guidance, Direction, and Instruction Flows Regarding Reconciliation and Restoration).”** (*Yasha’yah* / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:1)

Considering the realization that God remains focused upon *Yaruwshalaim*, *Yahuwdah*, and is reestablishing it as the location of His Home, why is it that billions of people have been beguiled into believing that God transferred the promises He made to *Yisra’el* and *Yahuwdah* to *Gowym* and their Church in Rome? If you are a proponent of Replacement Theology, which is the Achilles’ heel of Christianity, you can kiss it goodbye, along with your soul.

These essential truths acknowledged, set your watch and mark your calendar. In *Yaruwshalaim*, *Yahuwdah*, between *Yowm Kippurym* in year 6000 Yah (beginning at sunset, 6:22 PM in *Yaruwshalaim*, a Monday evening October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2033 CE) and *Sukah* five days later (Friday after sunset, a Shabat on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2033), this will occur...

**“It shall come to pass (*wa hayah* – it shall come to exist (qal perfect)) in the last days (*ba ‘acharyth yowmym* – in the end of days, at the conclusion of the last point of a period of time; from *‘achar* – afterwards, following something and in conjunction with it), established and firmly fixed, completed and enduring (*kuwn* – fashioned and formed, appointed and developed, prepared and readied, constituted and furnished, erected upright and steadfast (nifal passive – the subject, Yahowah’s Home, carries out and receives this action)), the House, Home, and Family (*beyth* – the household) of Yahowah (𐤏𐤃𐤁𐤀), existing (*hayah* – explicitly coming to be, arising, and appearing, remaining and enduring, situated upon and accompanying, abiding (qal imperfect active)) in proximity to (*ba* – by and within the vicinity of, with and among [note: written *ba* not *‘al* – upon]) the summit of the first and foremost (*ro’sh* – the most crucial, the top and uttermost,**

the initial and beginning, the choicest and finest, the summit) **mountain** (*har*) **of the mountains** (*ha harym* – of the hilltops), (*wa*) **lifted up, supported, and sustained** (*nasa'* – be respected and honored, raised and desired, supported and sustained (nifal passive)) **as part of** (*min* – from and by way of, made of and because of) **these elevated places** (*giba'ah* – the knolls, hilltops, and rounded summits).

**So then** (*wa*) **every** (*kol*) **Gentile** (*gowym*) **shall flow forth with joyful countenance, beaming with happiness, and shining brightly** (*nahar* – exuberant expressions of jubilation shall flow like a stream of radiant light in a linear motion, traveling en masse like an illuminated and shimmering river (qal perfect active)) **over this** (*'al huw'* – as a result of this [from 1QIsa, MT has *'el* – to it]).” (Yasha’yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:2)

This is prophetic of Yahowah erecting His Home among His mountains, in the first and foremost location, in the place He began, in Yaruwshalaim. Man will not be constructing a Third Temple. God, Himself, will be the Architect and Builder.

Before we consider the when and where this will be accomplished, a word about the “*Gowym*” is in order. Since Yahowah previously equated “*Gowy*” with the religious corruption He found so revolting in Yisra’el, and has just revealed that those who remain infected with this deadly plague will vanish upon His return, *kol gowym* must therefore be describing reconciled *Yahuwdym* and the remaining Gentiles – each of whom survived the eradication of religion because they all had walked away from man’s perversions to engage in the Covenant. That is why they are all beaming, radiating Yah’s light, with expressions of great joy. They were the beneficiaries of Yasha’yah 1:27: “**Tsyown – the Signs Marking the Way** (*Tsyown*), **by the means to exercise good judgment regarding the way to justly resolve disputes** (*ba mishpat*), **shall ransom and redeem** (*padah*) **those who change their attitude and return** (*shuwb*) **the right way, justly, causing them to become innocent and upright** (*ba tsadaqah*).”

Now addressing the timing, since *'acharyth* speaks of the last days preceding the end of a period of time, and that it is from *'achar*, which has this timing following something that it is in conjunction with, we should be thinking about the five days after *Yowm Kippurym* and before *Sukah* in Year 6000 Yah (sunset on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> and sundown on Friday evening, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2033). That is when Yahowah, after incinerating all of man’s garbage, will fashion and complete His enduring home for His family. It will appear on the highest and foremost summit of His mountain. And while that is somewhere along the ridgeline of

Mowryah, it is not upon the Temple Mount. The Temple Mount is neither the summit of Mount Mowryah nor the place Yahowah initiated the Covenant.

Based upon what has been said, “*Tsyown* – the Signs Posted Along the Way” serves as an expression of all three events which took place on *Mowryah* over the course of sixty to eighty *Yowbel* (3000 to 4000 years). This story begins with the arrival of Abraham and Yitschaq to Mowryah / Moriah to affirm the Covenant with Yahowah in Year 2000 Yah (1968 BCE). So while the mountain was correctly identified as “*Mowryah* – Revere Yah,” the meeting which foreshadowed Passover on this day, in this place, and for this reason serves as one of the most important “Signs Posted Along the Way” in that it established the Covenant.

The next step on this journey includes the establishment of the Kingdom of Dowd on this same mountain, culminating with his son, Solomon, building Yahowah’s Temple in Year 3000 Yah (968 BCE). According to God, the Kingdom of Dowd will be reestablished upon His return, so it is especially relevant to this story.

Then, exactly one thousand years after the cornerstone of the Temple was set into place, Yahowsha’ and the Set-Apart Spirit fulfilled the promise Yahowah had made regarding Passover, UnYeasted Bread, Firstborn Children, and the Promise of the Shabat, all on Mowryah, all in 4000 Yah (33 CE), thereby enabling the benefits of the Covenant, the ultimate *Tsyown*. This is especially germane, because Golgotha is located above Yirma’yah’s / Jeremiah’s Grotto where the Ark of the Covenant is currently stored, and the summit of Mount Mowryah, where Yahowsha’s body was taken at the conclusion of Passover, is directly above.

And finally, in Year 6000 Yah (2033 CE), God will do as He foretold, and return to this place, just as Yasha’yah predicted, erecting His Home. He will personally prove that Mowryah is where the Signs Along the Way have been Posted. From this perspective, *Tsyown*, like Yahowsha’, is more a statement of purpose than an actual name.

In the next chapter, we will devote even more time to affirm each of these conclusions. But now, before validating the final resting place of Yahowah’s Home, let’s complete our review of this segment of Yasha’yah’s prophetic portrayal of Yahowah’s return.

Now that Yahowah has reaffirmed, restored, and reestablished His family, He tells us that His children will come home. Also interesting, *Tsyown* reappears at the end of this text, reinforcing the idea that the Covenant’s children will walk

along Tsyown to the summit of Mowryah. Further embellishing this understanding, Tsyown and the Towrah are juxtaposed in the prophecy, connecting them, just as we have done.

**“And then (*wa*) empowered (*rab* – numerous, many, and great) people who are part of the family (*‘am* – related individuals who share a common language, characteristics, and kinship who follow the same example) shall travel (*halak* – shall walk, making their way (qal perfect active)), and they shall say (*wa ‘amar* – they will profess, declare, and affirm (qal perfect active)), ‘Walk (*halak* – travel, making one’s way) because we can of our own volition ascend (*wa ha ‘alah* – so as to choose to rise, being lifted up, ascribed a high status, increasing and growing, being brought to meet the light (qal imperfect active cohortative)) to (*‘el*) the mountain (*har*) of Yahowah (𐤆𐤃𐤇𐤃), to the House and Family (*‘el beyth* – to the Household and Home) of the God (*‘elohym*) of Ya’aqob (*Ya’aqob* – for the Consequence and Reward for One who Supplants His Heels, a synonym for Yisra’el and the Covenant) so that He can fulfill His will and teach and guide us (*wa yarah ‘anahnuw* – so that He can do what He wants with us, which is to provide the source from which guidance, direction, instruction, and teaching flow from Him to us (note: *arah* is the verb that defines *towrah* and it serves as the basis for the name, Yaruwshalaim – Source of Teaching and Guidance Regarding Reconciliation and Restoration) (hifil imperfect jussive active – an expression of third person volition, making this Yah’s will, whereby there is a continuing and unfolding benefit of the instruction because the subject, which is God’s Family, causes the object to participate in the guidance) [1QIsa uses the pronoun “they” to suggest that Yahowah and Ya’aqob are guiding us]) by means of (*min* – from and as part of) His ways (*derek huw’* – His path and direction, His journey and route, His way of life and way to walk, His means to vigor, empowerment, and enrichment) so that (*wa*) we can choose to genuinely and continually journey through life (*halak* – we can consistently travel of our own freewill, actually electing to make our way by walking (qal cohortative imperfect active)) in His manner (*ba ‘orah huw’* – in His way of traveling, journeying from one place to another along His route and way of living as a wayfarer and voyager).**

**For indeed, because (*ky* – truly) from (*min* – out of and by way of) Tsyown, the Conspicuous Signs Posted to Mark the Way (*Tsyown* – Zion, the signposts providing directions along the route and the instructive markers on the path), shall be brought forth (*yatsa’* – shall serve to produce and bring forth, shall mark the source of (qal imperfect active – actually and continuously with genuine ongoing and unfolding benefits)) the Towrah (*Towrah* – the Source from which**

Teaching, Guidance, Direction, and Instruction Flow) **and (wa) the Word (dabar – the speech, communication, statements, and account) of Yahowah (יהוה) from (min) Yaruwshalaim – the Source of Guidance on Reconciliation (Yaruwshalaim – the place from which direction and teaching regarding restoration flows).**” (Yasha’yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:3)

When we walk, Yahowah wants us to be upright and unwavering, and thus supplanting our heels. That way we will not veer away nor be pulled off of the path. This is what Ya’aqob means and it explains why Ya’aqob became a synonym for Yisra’el.

Our Heavenly Father’s role, His will, as a parent, is to “*arah* – guide and teach” His Covenant children. His instructions are found in His Towrah, which is comprised entirely of His words, His answers, and His promises, and most especially the terms and conditions for participating in His Covenant Family. This path that we are invited to walk in conjunction with the Towrah is guided by Tsyown. Moreover, Tsyown, the Towrah, the Word of Yahowah, and Yaruwshalaim are being presented as an integrated whole, as parts of the same path to God, with the first providing guidance, the second answers, and the third promises, each of which became manifest in Yaruwshalaim. This is akin to the *Miqra’ey* of *Pesach*, *Matsah*, and *Bikuwrym* being a single event, a celebration which leads to *Shabuw’ah*.

As we approach God’s next statement, Yahowah reveals that the basis for determining the fate of Gentiles will be the *Towrah*, expressly as it was revealed on *Shabuw’ah* fulfilled on *Tsyown*. This is good news for those who have embraced the Covenant, but bad for those who think that God discarded His original plan and replaced it with a new testament for a new covenant.

**“Then He shall execute good judgment (*shaphat* – He shall adjudicate and litigate, bringing justice as the judge (qal perfect active)), being discerning by making appropriate connections regarding (*bayn* – showing understanding among; from *byn* – comprehending and understanding though intellectual observation, discernment, and consideration) the Gentiles (*gowym* – the people of nations other than Yisra’el), and (wa) He shall reasonably conclude that many enriched and empowered (*rabym* – numerous and great) people who are part of the family (*am* – related individuals who share a common language, characteristics, and kinship who follow the same example) are right, deciding to vindicate them once and for all (*yakah* – He shall prove the case, arbitrating and arguing on behalf of those He chooses and prefers (hifil perfect active)).**

**They shall beat** (*wa kathath* – they will grind) **their swords** (*chereb* – their weapons of war) **for plows** (*la 'eth* – for implements designed to till the ground) **and** (*wa*) **their spears** (*chanyth* – their piercing projectiles) **for pruning hooks** (*la mazmerah* – for husbandman's tendrils knives to dress vines). **And Gentile nations** (*gowy* – foreign people) **shall not rise up** (*lo' nasa'* – shall not elevate or promote, exalt or honor, showing acceptance and tolerance, never lifting up) **towards** (*'el* – to) **Gentile nations** (*gowy* – nations of foreign people) **deploying weapons of war** (*chereb* – using swords). **They will not train or teach** (*wa lo' lamed* – they will not accept submission, becoming accustomed to, responding to or learning) **war** (*milchamah* – continuous battles, combat between nations, fighting between militias and militaries) **ever again** (*'owd* – any longer, and forever).” (Yasha'yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:4)

It is telling that the first thing Yahowah states that will be different now that all of the religious and political types have been eradicated, and only reconciled Yahuwdaym and Gentiles remain, is that there will be no weapons and no wars. This not only suggests that war is the common denominator throughout time among Gentile nations, and that a continual state of conflict has been inspired by religion, but also that combat is disdained by God. He does not support or bless troops. He does not engage in any battle on behalf of any nation – save Yisra'el.

Now that there are no religions and no politicians, no weapons and no wars, it is time for Yisra'el to fulfill her destiny...

**“House** (*beyth* – home and family) **of Ya'aqob** (*Ya'aqob* – Consequence and Reward for One who Supplants His Heels, a synonym for Yisra'el and the Covenant), **choose to walk because then we can genuinely and continuously journey throughout space and time of our own volition** (*halak wa halak* – we can consistently travel of our own freewill, actually electing to make our way (imperative – second person volition active qal – actually cohortative – first person volition imperfect – continuously with unfolding consequences)) **in the light** (*ba 'owr* – with the illumination) **of Yahowah** (יְהוָה).” (Yasha'yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:5)

This has always been the purpose of creation. It is the reason we exist. Yahowah conceived us to walk with Him, to travel throughout time and space in His Light. It is the way God intends to perfect us, to make us immortal, to enrich us, empower us, enlighten us, making us ever more like Him. With His light, we will emerge from our three-dimensional constraints, and be capable of

experiencing every aspect of the six-dimensional universe He created for us explore together.

This statement reveals the difference between where we are and where we will be, who we are and who we will be. Currently, we are all mortal material beings stuck in the flow of time, and thus also stuck on the rock we call Earth. But once Yahowah empowers us in accord with  $E=MC^2$ , we will become infinitely more capable and powerful, fully liberated in time and space. The universe will be our playground. And Yahowah will be our BFF.

But in the here and now, almost everyone is estranged from God and denied these benefits because they have been beguiled by one of mankind's many religious or political schemes. So in spite of Yah's marvelous offer, most will keep wallowing in Babel's trash.

**“Except indeed** (*ky* – on the contrary, truly, because), **your people** (*'am* – your family) **have rejected and abandoned** (*natash* – have forsaken and discontinued all associations with, withdrawing and dispersing from (qal perfect)) **the house and family** (*beyth* – household and home) **of Ya'aqob** (*Ya'aqob* – Consequence and Reward for One who Supplants His Heels, a synonym for Yisra'el and the Covenant), **because** (*ky*) **they are full** (*male'* – they are satisfied with and loudly proclaim) **of the ways of** (*min* – that which comes out of) **Eastern antiquity** (*qedem* – an orientation toward the rising sun and prior times (serving as a reference to Satan's name, Shachar – of the rising sun, while denoting the religious practices previously born in *Babel* – Babylon, east of Yisra'el); from *qadam* – to anticipate and confront beforehand and then meet and receive) **and** (*wa*) **of fortune tellers, magicians, and those who practice sorcery by attempting to communicate with dead souls and demonic spirits** (*'anan* – false prophets, those who attempt to cast spells, astrologists, those who conjure up spiritualism and witchcraft, enchanters, frauds, and barbarians who make things appear differently than they really are, those using smoke and mirrors to misdirect people's attention and to invert reality, in order to cloud and conceal the truth) **like** (*ka* – similar to) **the Palishty, the foreign foes who invade the Promised Land, invoking fear, while separating and terrorizing** (*Palishty* – to invade and to divide as adversarial foreigners, transliterated Philistines, invasive militant barbarians; from *palesh* – to attack, overrun, attempt to occupy, divide, and separate, *paleth* – to wander away and to flee, and *palash* – to roll, turning over and over again; akin to *palats* – to terrorize and invoke instability and fear; place of sorrow).

**And with** (*wa ba*) **the offspring** (*yeled* – the youth, children, young boys, and descendants) **of foreigners** (*nakry* – of those who are alien and estranged as a result of the whore), **they clasp hands and engage in the business of mockery and ridicule** (*capheq* – they shake hands and form agreements for money, possessions, and a life of ease).” (Yasha’yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:6)

Our Heavenly Father consistently affirms the benefits afforded those who choose to participate in His Covenant, while delineating the most common reasons the preponderance of people will not receive any of them. The primary source of estrangement, and reason most reject the family of Ya’aqob, and thus the Covenant, is *Babel* / Babylon – the ways of Eastern antiquity, the religious myths promoted by frauds and false prophets, by spiritualists and astrologers.

Born and bred in *Babel*, astrology may be more popular today than it was thousands of years ago, with horoscopes appearing in virtually every major newspaper. Ronald Reagan, a god-like figure for many conservative Republicans, consulted with astrologers prior to making important decisions. His beloved wife, Nancy, held séances in the White House. People greet one another today by asking “what’s your sign?”

But the religion with the most in common with Babel is Christianity. Its Bible shares the same spelling as Babel – BBL. It features the same Trinity. Both have an affinity for crosses and steeples, for Sunday services and worship, for Easter and Christmas, for a dying and resurrected god, for baptism and communion. And both call their god, “the Lord.”

The only people who claim an affiliation with the Palishty today embody the meaning of the word. The Muslims known as “Palestinians” are “foreign invaders” trying to “separate” Jews from the Land and from life through “terrorism.” Considering the fact that their entire existence is based upon a myth, and that all of their claims are fraudulent, it’s truly amazing that the one thing religious zealots and secular humanists have in common is a desire to “clasp hands and engage in the business of mockery and ridicule” with these “militant barbarians.”

America claims to be “exceptional,” a nation of “manifest destiny.” It boasts the world’s largest military and spy apparatus, more extensive and menacing than the rest of the world combined. There is no end to the nation’s weaponry. And the bankrupt country flaunts its wealth, claiming to be the richest on earth. It is the same nation which is demanding that Israel carve out a homeland for the

Palestinians. And it may be the most *Babel*, I mean Christian, on earth, with churches on almost every street in every city and town.

**“Their land** (*‘erets* – their material realm) **is filled and satisfied** (*male’* – vociferously boasting) **with silver and gold** (*keceph wa zahab* – yearnings for money, property, and gold). **And there is no end** (*wa ‘ayn qeseh* – and there is no limit) **to their treasures** (*la ‘owtsar* – their wealth, treasury, storerooms, arsenals, and vaults). **Their land** (*‘erets* – their material realm) **is filled** (*male’* – vociferously boasting and satisfied) **with swift stallions** (*cuwc*), **and there is no limit** (*wa ‘ayn qeseh* – and there is no end) **to their chariots** (*la merkabah* – to the approach of their vehicles ridden by soldiers for war).” (Yasha’yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:7)

The richest and most militant land on earth, is also the one whose Constitution prohibits any sanction against the free expression of religion. Moreover, while the most overtly Satanic religion is Islam, since it prohibits the kind of religious art and statuary found elsewhere, God still seems to be pointing His finger at the West, Europe and the Americas.

**“Their land** (*‘erets* – their material realm) **is filled** (*male’* – vociferously boasting and satisfied) **with religious images and false gods** (*‘alyl* – worthless exhortations to worship, the artifacts of ineffectual faith, false prophets and fraudulent shepherds, pagan beliefs which are for naught), **the work of their hands** (*la ma’aseh yad* – nearly in accord with the proper and required approach with regard to the hand). **They convey their intent by bowing down in homage and allegiance** (*chawah* – they announce their position and display their faith by prostrating themselves in an act of worship) **to that which they have made** (*la ‘asher ‘asah* – to approach the object of their relationship by engaging, acting, and performing) **with their fingers** (*‘etsba’* – with their grasping, dipping, diversity, and dyeing).” (Yasha’yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:8)

*Ma’aseh*, the verb underlying the phrase, “work of their hands,” serves as the root for the closest name to the assumed title “Messiah” found anywhere in the Word of God. “Ma’aseyah” means the “Work of Yah.” While it is used as a name twenty-two times, the touted title “*ha mashiach*” was never written as such. Even in the two references found in Daniel, the definite article required to properly distinguish a title was not provided. Further, *mashach* was used as an adjective modifying “*qodesh qodesh* – the most set apart” in Dany’el 9:24. So while *mashah* conveys the idea of “dedicating a person or object for service, setting it apart through the process of anointing,” Christianity’s fixation on “Christ” as the

“Messiah” is delusional. In the context of mankind “*ma’aseh* – working” to “create religious images of false gods,” it’s hard to miss the fact that the world’s most popular religion derives its very name from a corruption and counterfeit of this artifact.

The notion that a God capable of creating an entire universe and filling it with life would want a product of His creation to bow down and worship Him is so utterly preposterous and demeaning, it begs the question: why is bowing down in fear and submission so ubiquitous among believers, we call those who do it “religious?”

**“So (*wa*) humankind (*’adam* – mankind) bows down in submission and fear (*shachach* – is reduced, collapsing in grief, is downcast through prostration and desperation, cast down to the blackness of the pit, sacrificed, slain, and slaughtered). Each and almost every individual (*’iysh* – mortal man) is humiliated and humbled (*shaphel* – is defeated and shamed, subjugated and abased, brought down by becoming lowly and little).**

**So do not accept them, support them, endure them, or respect them (*’al nasa’ la hem* – do not lift them up, do not promote, tolerate, or accommodate them, do not forgive them or envy them, do not pick them up or bear them, do not provide for them or be in debt to them, nor receive them in a friendly manner because they are *nasha’* – beguiling, deceitful, delusional, conniving, and confiscatory).”** (Yasha’yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:9)

So much for coexisting, tolerance, inclusion, and multiculturalism. If you want to be accepted by God, reject religion. Do not bow down. Do not submit. Never fear. Do not respect, support, or accept any religion.

The following statement is found in the Masoretic Text, but it is neither in the Great Isaiah Scroll from Qumran or even in the Septuagint. I’ve translated it from the Masoretic just in case it might have been inspired and intended. The Essene scribes were as accurate as could be expected considering the conditions they were working in and the tools at their disposal, but they occasionally made mistakes.

**“Come into (*bow’ ba* – return, arrive, and be included among) the rock (*ha tsuwr*) and conceal yourself (*wa taman* – lie in wait, hidden)) in the earth (*ba ha ’aphar* – in the dust and among the dirt and rubble) from the presence (*min paneh*) of the impending and troubling dreadful trembling (*pachad* – being awed and afraid, terrorized by the fearsome approach) of Yahowah (יהוה) and**

**from** (*wa min*) **His majestic and dramatically increasing** (*ga'own* – His glorious and radiant, excellent and exalted, substantially empowered; from *ga'ah* – increasing, growing, and rising) **appearance and aura** (*hadar* – splendor, status, adornment, nobility, and nature).” (Yasha’yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:10)

Since it’s Yahowah’s job as Father to conceal His children in the face of danger, since God does not dirty His family, and since He never wants His children to fear Him or worse, to be terrorized by Him, I strongly suspect that what is currently labeled Isaiah 2:10 was added by a first century CE scribe, most likely during one of the Roman assaults.



The following statements address future events, all less than twenty years away. In context, this seems to affirm that the critical assessments found in Yasha’yah 2:6-9 were in fact, addressing our time and circumstances.

**“Then the haughty and arrogant appearance, perspective, and vision of mankind shall be diminished and degraded, reducing and collapsing the spatial dimensions of those individuals. So approaching the set-apart aspect of Yahowah will be inaccessible in that day which is His day. (2:11)**

**Indeed, surely the day for the approach of Yahowah of the spiritual implements shall be a time of degrading diminishment against all of the arrogant and haughty elitists who have risen to positions of authority, those who have ascended to power, also [against] the highest ranking and most prominent. (2:12)**

**And so, against all the cedars, the strong and established of Lebanon, those who whitewash and pave over, the highest ranking, most overbearing and haughty, and the exalted and honored, also against all of the oaks, the high and mighty, especially the religious worship of Allah as the Greatest of Bashan, the Serpent. (2:13)**

**I am against all of the mountainous powers which have sought or ascribed high status for themselves, and against all of the hills which are exalted and honored. (2:14) I am against every official and exalted podium and pulpit and against every fortified and impregnable barrier and wall.**

**(2:15) I am against all the ships of Tarshysh and against all of these vessels' coveted treasures. (2:16)**

**So then, the arrogant man shall bow down in submission after being brought down and humbled and then reduced in stature, and the rebellious nature and special dimensions of men shall be diminished. And so approaching the set-apart aspect of Yahowah will be inaccessible in that day which is His day. (2:17)**

**The artifacts of worship, the ineffectual ideas, the worthless idols, and the false gods shall utterly and completely go away, be removed, be discarded, and vanish. (2:18) And they will go into the caves in wastelands of rocks and into holes in the ground from the presence of their dread of אֱלֹהֵי הַיָּם, and from the overwhelmingly impressive splendor of His majesty in His stand to inspire the Land. (2:19)**

**In that specific day, His day, He will throw away human objects of worship, their ineffectual religious ideas, their money, and their worthless idols and false gods of gold which they made for themselves to provide explanations, pontificating using words, while bowing down in worship, giving them to the rodents, dung-beetles, moles, and bats. (2:20)**

**Therefore, they will enter into the crevices of the rocks, and thus be securely confined for being adversarial, and into the fissures of volcanic stone, all from their dread of Yahowah, and from the overwhelmingly impressive splendor of His majesty in His stand to inspire the Land. (2:21)**

**You should refrain from approaching and you should forsake, staying away from the provision and lot of the man whose conscience promotes hypothetical equivocations which inflame resentment and kindle animosity, because of what he plans and plots." (Yasha'yah 2:22)**

Yahowah has, indeed, taken us through these words to an amazing time and place. I can almost picture this occurring in my mind's eye.

Returning to the opening statement in this discussion, and now digging in to glean further insights, we find Yah critical of human arrogance. This is interesting because God's favorite person, Dowd / David, had an ego. So God isn't opposed to a healthy appraisal of one's self. In fact, it may be impossible to love someone who wallows in self-pity. But, Dowd, unlike those in positions of human influence, didn't edit God's testimony to suit himself, didn't change God's name, did not discard His Towrah, nor claim another means to salvation. Unlike Secular

Humanists, Dowd did not disavow God's existence nor mock His creation narrative. And these are the expressions of arrogance that God detests, because people tend to believe such fraudulent claims – a crime against humanity that cannot be justly overlooked.

**“Then** (*wa* – and [from 1QIsa]) **the haughty and arrogant** (*gabhuwth* – the conceited attitude of high-ranking officials, the inappropriate pride and artificially elevated status of the exalted and empowered; from *gobah* – the lofty spatial dimensions) **appearance, perspective, and perceptions** (*'ayn* – observations, eyes, sight, and looks) **of mankind** (*'adam* – humankind) **shall be diminished and degraded** (*shaphel* – will be brought down and lowered, humbled and shamed, humiliated and abased, overthrown and depressed [from 1QIsa]), **reducing and collapsing** (*shachach* – crumbling and disintegrating, bowing down while grieving) **the spatial dimensions** (*ruwm* – the height and mass, the power and ability, the unwarranted status and self-proclaimed superiority, the exalted rebellion as a result of the overbearing haughtiness) **of those individuals** (*'iyshym*).

**So** (*wa*) **approaching** (*la*) **the set-apart aspect of** (*bad* – alone, by one's self, set apart from all else, a portion that is part of the whole of) **Yahowah** (יהוה), **will be inaccessible** (*sagab* – too high and lofty) **in** (*ba* – within and with) **that day which is His day** (*ha yowm ha huw'*).” (Yasha'yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:11)

Those who are self-reliant, in addition to those who choose to rely on their religion or country, will find themselves estranged from God. The second codicil of the Covenant requires God's children to trust and rely upon Yahowah instead of these human constructs – thereby walking away from man to engage with God. Based upon the first of ten statements He etched in stone, Yahowah will not accept divided loyalties.

There are several ways to be “diminished.” First, those who seek authority and status will have it taken away from them by God. The most highly esteemed will become the lowest regarded.

Second, those who have no affinity for the things of God, along with those who are beguiled into believing religious rubbish, will die. Their souls will be reduced to nothingness, to the point they cease to exist.

And third, those who have abused their status and authority to deceive others regarding God will pay for this crime by having their souls diminished to a

singularity. They will be incarcerated in a black hole, existing forever as a single dimension in time.

God's closing statement can also be interpreted two slightly different, albeit related, ways. After He returns, it will be too late to change allegiances. For those outside of the Covenant, Yahowah will become inaccessible. The gap between man and God will become too great to bridge, especially for the elitists who will be further diminished.

The second, and more common, rendering, disregards the "approaching" aspects of the preposition *la*, narrows the connotations of *bad* to "alone," and then translates *sagab* as "high" or "lofty" to suggest that **"Yahowah, alone, on that day, will be esteemed."**

Christian leaders expect to be exemplified, and treated as honored guests at the "Second Coming" of their "Lord." They envision this as a grand and glorious, especially joyous, religious celebration. But on the contrary, God will be degrading and diminishing them upon His arrival, all so that those of us who remain can enjoy a return to Eden.

**"Indeed, surely (*ky* – surely for this reason), the day (*yowm*) for the approach (*la*) of Yahowah (ﷲ) of the spiritual implements (*tsaba'* – heavenly envoys deployed into the material universe out of the seventh dimension) shall be a time of degrading diminishment (*shaphel* – it will be an occasion to be brought down and lowered, humbled and shamed, humiliated and abased, overthrown and depressed) against (*'al* – as the Almighty upon and in opposition to) all of the arrogant and haughty elitists who have risen to positions of authority (*kol ge'eh* – the proud, the exalted, the nobility, and those holding high office, the dignified, illustrious, and high-ranking officials), those who have ascended to positions of power (*ruwm* – those who are esteemed, lifted up, and honored, those with status), and (*wa* – then [rendered from 1QIsa]) the highest-ranking and most prominent (*wa 'al* – and so in opposition to all those who are lifted up, respected, and honored),..." (Yasha'yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:12)**

If there was any residual doubt in anyone's mind that Yahowah holds the world's elite accountable for their devastating impact on humanity, or that He will judge and punish the world's religious, political, economic, and military leaders for having abused His creation, that has now been resolved. And in this regard, you'll notice that God did not say that He was going to kill the world's leaders, but instead that He was going to degrade and diminish them. While their victims, the

patriotic, political, and religious, will die, ceasing to exist, those who robbed the faithful and foolish of their lives, through deception and indoctrination, will be reduced from three dimensional beings in a six dimensional universe to a singularity, incarcerated in a lightless, Godless realm bereft of all dimensions except time.

In what follows, we have to use our *neshamah* - conscience if we want to understand the references. God has nothing against cedars or oaks, tall ones, short ones, new ones, or old ones, no matter if they are rooted in Lebanon or Bashan. They are just plants, without souls, wills, consciences, or independent capability. So it is what these things may represent that matters.

With *'arez*, it is likely the projection of political and religious power. And with *'alown*, it is probably the worship of false gods as a result of human revelations, specifically those of Paul and Muhammad.

Lebanon was once home to the Phoenicians, who became wealthy traders and merchants as a result of their seaports which were ideally located between Babylon, Assyria, and Persia in the east and Egypt, Greece, and Rome to the west. Its capital, Beirut, is known as either the Paris or Las Vegas of the Sea depending upon the culinary or lascivious mindset of the visitor. There are seventeen different religions practiced in this tiny, fractured, and shattered rectangle of land along the Mediterranean. But of particular interest in this context, Lebanon is the only nation where the highest offices are proportionately reserved by their constitution for representatives of the two dominant religions: Islam and Christianity. As a result, every political party is sectarian.

This overt integration of religion and politics is likely the reason Lebanon has been singled out for chastisement, but there is also the problem of Hezbollah – Allah's Party. They exist to conquer Israel and to kill Jews. Further, these arrogant jihadists cloak their perverse nature under flowing white robes – all in support of a moon-god religion that seeks to whitewash the Towrah, zealously paving over Tsyown with their mosaic-floored mosques. Moreover, the confessional scream of these Satanically-inspired Islamic terrorists is "Allahu-Akbar."

As for Bashan, it is the Serpent, Satan, himself. God is against his every manifestation in every religion, and most especially in Pauline Christianity and Muhammad's Islam, where the Adversary becomes "the Lord God" and "Allah."

**"... and (*wa*) [I will be] upon and against (*'al* – above) all (*kol*) the cedars, the strong and established (*'arez* – the projection of power, tall trees used to**

erect large public civic and religious buildings and to panel over walls, concealing what's underneath) **of Lebanon, who whitewash and pave over** (*ha Labanown* – of the whitewashing; from *laban* – to make white and to wear white robes and *labenah* – building bricks, mosaic flooring tiles, clay writing tablets, incense, and moon), **the high, overbearing, and haughty** (*ha ruwm* – the improper and elite who have sought or ascribed high status for themselves, the independent and self-willed, the exalted and proud, the rebellious and arrogant, the pretentious who seek to be seen as superior and above others) **and the exalted and honored** (*wa ha nasa'* – the lifted up and forgiving, the accepting and tolerant, and those who promote their longings and desires, those who claim to support and assist while actually taking away), **and against** (*'al* – upon and above) **all of (kol) the oaks, the mightiest, and especially the religious worship of Allah as the Greatest** (*'alown / 'elown* – the strong hand of idolatry, the promotion of false gods, the site and symbol of pagan religious shrines; from *'allah* – larger, greater, and mightiest god or oak (known today as Allah), and related to *'aluwl* – incitement to worship a false god based upon someone claiming to have received a revelation from the deity with the message being worthless) **of Bashan, the Serpent** (*ha Bashan* – the snake and the disgrace of the lowly and little who tramples underfoot),...” (Yasha'yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:13)

*'Arez* is the Hebrew word for “cedar,” but it is being used as a metaphor to convey a “projection of power.” Yahowah is in opposition to the “strong and established who erect edifices to religion and politics.”

As noted above, *'alown* can be rendered “oaks” or “mighty.” It is used throughout the prophets to depict the sites where false gods were worshipped as if they were high and mighty. And since it is akin to *'aluwl*, it is symbolic of “the strong hand of idolatry whereby the masses are compelled to worship false gods based upon the revelations of individuals,” such as either Paul or Muhammad, “who claimed to have received a message from the deity.”

While their pronouncements would indeed be “worthless,” there is something far more sinister at play, something that drives right to the heart of the world's most popular and anti-Semitic religion, to the very motivation of Satan. *'Elowah* is the root of *'el* and *'elohym*, of “God” and of “gods.” It is used to describe a rather notorious and nefarious false god in Daniel 11:37 (the god of the Towrahless One, a.k.a., the Antichrist) and in Habakkuk 1:11 (as a depiction of Paul's false god). It is, therefore, being used to describe Satan's desire to be worshipped as if he was the *'Elowah*, even as if he was greater than *'Elowah*. Can you say “*Allahu-Akbar* –

Allah is Greater?” And indeed, the principle Hebrew word for “oak,” *‘allah*, is spelled identically to the name of the Qur’anic god, Allah.

Also worth mentioning, *‘aluwl* is the sixth month on the Babylonian calendar. And ‘Elah is the valley where Dowd brought down the Philistine, Goliath, so there is some additional symmetry here.

*Bashan* needs no elucidation. It is the Serpent, Satan, seeking to be worshipped as if he was *‘Elowah* – God. Bashan is the Lord of Christianity and Allah in Islam.

God has an affinity for mountains. Having created them, and having chosen one for His own, He assuredly has nothing against tectonic movement resulting in uplifted geological formations. So it is what these mountains have come to represent that matters.

**“...and [I will be] against all (*wa ‘al kol*) of the mountains and elevated positions (*ha har* – uplifted geographic formations), which have sought or ascribed high status for themselves (*ha ruwm* – which are considered high and mighty, overbearing and haughty, which are improper and elitist, independent and self-willed, which are exalted and proud, rebellious and arrogant, which are pretentious, seeking to be seen as superior and above others), and against all (*wa ‘al kol*) of the hills (*gib’ah* – hilltops or knolls (while variations appear 69 times, *gib’ah* is used exactly seven times to denote seven specific hills (Judges 7:1, 1 Samuel 23:19, 1 Samuel 26:1, 1 Samuel 26:3, 2 Samuel 2:24, Isaiah 10:32, and Jeremiah 31:39) (also a town of Benjamin and a Philistine outpost)) which are exalted and honored (*wa ha nasa’* – which are lifted up, forgiving, accepting and tolerant, which promote their longings and desires, claiming to support and assist while actually taking away),...”** (Yasha’yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:14)

Rome, the modern incarnation of the Whore of Babylon via Roman Catholicism, is the “city on seven hills.” So this is an inside indictment against Christianity.

If I may turn your attention to the Revelation of Yahowchanan, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter, we’ll find further affirmation of this assessment. The prophecy speaks of the malignancy which emanates from the city on seven hills. It also ties Satan, the Whore, Babylon, Rome, and Roman Catholicism together as a singular menace to mankind – one whose influence is about to be truncated.

**“And one of the seven messengers who has the seven bowls** (speaking of judgments) **came and spoke with me** (the disciple, Yahowchanan), **saying, ‘Come here. I will show you the judgment, verdict, condemnation, and separation of the great Whore who sits on many waters** (who influences many Gentile nations), (1) **and with whom the rulers of the earth commit immoral acts** (prostitute themselves by engaging in idolatry and religious worship for financial gain), **and those who dwell on the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her immorality** (religious worship of false gods).’ (2)

**And he carried me away into a wilderness in Spirit, and I saw a woman sitting on a crimson** (dyed with an extract of the female coccus from a thorny oak) **beast, full of foreign and abusive, scurrilous and slanderous, injurious and reviling, improper and blasphemous names** (the Lord God, Jesus Christ, and Allah), **having seven heads and ten horns** (a reference to Daniel’s prophecy concerning the beast that grows out of Imperial Rome to trample the entire earth, i.e., the Roman Catholic Church). (3)

**And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet** (the colors of royalty and death), **and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations** (abhorrent and detestable religious concoctions) **and of the unclean things of her immoral acts** (involving the religious worship of false gods). (4)

**And upon her forehead a name was written, ‘Mystery** (the myths and religious secrets confided upon the initiated of) **Babylon** (Gateway to the Gods, from Babel – Confusion and Corruption) **the Great, the Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations** (Abhorrent and Detestable Religious Concoctions) **of the Earth.’”** (5)

Since establishing the connection between the Whore, Babylon, and Satan is the purpose of this writing, combined with gaining an appreciation for how their influence is manifest today through religion, we have found pearls in the poison. So long as we pull our minds out of the gutter of the Greek lexicon and recognize that this prophetic pronouncement was revealed in Hebrew, and therefore interpret these words through the lens of Yahowah’s prophets, we can tie everything together and gain a full appreciation of how Satan uses religion to position himself as God.

**“And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the set apart, and with the blood of the witnesses of Yahowsha’. And when I saw her, I was**

**astonished and amazed, marveling and wondering** (suggesting that Satan is impressive, even awe-inspiring, but also surprising and bewildering). (6)

**So the spiritual messenger said to me, ‘For what reason are you amazed, surprised, or bewildered?’** The question was asked because the answer was provided to Daniel. Since God explained all of this to us, we shouldn’t be surprised.

**“I will explain to you the religious myths and mysterious doctrines of the woman and of the beast that supports, tolerates, and carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.”** (7) As we shall see, this yet future beast is a reincarnation of Imperial Rome, and thus the Roman Catholic Church.

**“The beast that you saw was and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss (*She’owl*) and to be cut off and go into total separation.**

**And those whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world** (those who are estranged from the Covenant), **who dwell on the earth will be awestruck and astonished, amazed and surprised, when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.”** (8)

This encounter between Yahowchanan and the spiritual messenger occurred sometime in 66 CE, which means that the demonic spirit which had possessed Sha’uwl / Paul by his own admission three decades prior to this revelation in 36 CE, had just returned to the abyss following Paul’s death earlier this same year. This explains the “was and is not” reference. Paul was Yahowchanan’s most nefarious foe as is noted in Paul’s letters to Timothy and Yahowsha’s statements regarding Ephesus, where Paul was overtly critical of Yahowchanan. The same demon, however, would emerge to possess Hadrian six decades later when he destroyed Jerusalem, renaming it after himself while erecting a shrine to deify himself on the Temple Mount, all occurring between 126 and 136 CE.

This most vile of Satanic Messengers would then possess Muhammad in in 610 CE, creating Islam. But that is not the last we will see of the Satanic envoy. The dark spirit who possessed Paul, Hadrian, and Muhammad, will return to possess the Towrahless One, more commonly known as the Antichrist. And since this demon is the living embodiment of religion and politics, those who do not know God will be scratching their heads befuddled as to why the “Antichrist” will have so much in common with the individuals they have been beguiled into revering. Collectively, Paul, Hadrian, and Muhammad serve as prototypes for the evil one on our horizon.

**“Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits.”** (9) Rome is irrefutably the city on seven hills, identifying Roman Catholicism as the power against which God is in opposition. Five of the seven hills, Aventine, Caelian, Esquiline, Quirinal, and Viminal are festooned with religious, political, and religious monuments. Of the other two, Capitoline Hill became the basis for “Capitol Hill” and represents political power, and Palatine Hill, which has been transliterated “Palace,” symbolizes royal authority. Palatine is the centermost hill in Rome, and overlooks the Colosseum (military interests), while standing forty meters above the Roman Forum (economic interests) on one side and the Circus Maximus (religious interests) on the other. Palatine Hill was the mythical site of the Cave of Romulus and Ramos, the Temple of Apollo, and the Palace of Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, and Nero, and later Vespasian and Titus (who destroyed the Temple).

**“And there are seven rulers, five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes, he must remain a little while.”** (10)

This refers directly to the five Imperial Roman rulers who had fallen, specifically: Julius (d. 44 BCE), Augustus (d. 14 CE), Tiberius (d. 37 CE), Caligula (d. 41 CE), and Claudius (d. 54 CE). The Imperial Roman ruler still alive at the time of the revelation was Nero (d. 68 CE). Galba, Otho, and Vitellius were all killed in 69 CE, so we can skip them and look to Vespasian (69 -79 CE) as “the one who had not yet come” and would “remain a little while.” And come he would: under his leadership three Roman legions invaded Yahuwdah and then destroyed Yahowah’s Temple. His son, Titus, would haul the treasure away, using it to finance the Roman Colosseum – the ultimate shrine to man’s immoral fascination with war, with conquest and killing.

The revolt against Roman taxation which initiated the invasion commenced in 66 CE when Rome plundered Yahowah’s Temple. Then later the same year the Revelation to Yahowchanan was written, Vespasian brought the brunt of the Legion XII Fulminata against Yahuwdah.

**“And the beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.”** (11) Since the “beast” is a reference to one of Satan’s demons and its influence over political and religious doctrine, the one which “was and is not” depicts the demon which had until just recently, from Yahowchanan’s perspective, possessed Paul. And since it was “also an eighth,” this is a reference to the demonic spirit who would later possess Hadrian, Muhammad, and the Towrahless One, ultimately “going to destruction” upon Yahowah’s return

circa 2033 CE. The reason this demon is mentioned as “one of the seven” is because Hadrian and the Towrahless One represent the beasts of Imperial Rome which evolved into Roman Catholicism. This is the essence of Mystery Babylon.

If some of the terminology is a bit confusing, I suggest turning to the Seventh Volume of *Yada Yah*, where Daniel’s revelation regarding how the beast of Roman Catholicism grew out of Imperial Rome, having previously evolved from Greece, Persia, and Babylon over a millennium – 539 BCE to 395 CE – to become Roman Catholicism during the reign of Theodosius, the last Emperor to rule over Eastern and Western Rome. He was the first Caesar to impose the Roman Catholic Church on the entire Roman Empire.

The final evolution of evil, from the imposition of the Roman Catholic Church to the political power manifest by the Towrahless One, is explained using this same terminology and presented to Daniel between his arrival in Babylon in 605 BCE and the empire’s destruction in 539 BCE. It was, as is what follows, addressing the period from 2026 to 2033 CE (5993 Yah to 6000 Yah)...

**“And the ten horns which you saw are ten rulers, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they will receive authority as rulers with the beast for one hour. (12) These have one purpose; and they give their power and authority to the beast. (13) These will wage war against the Lamb (Yahowsha’ as the Sacrificial Lamb of Passover), and the Lamb will overcome them. (14)**

**And he said to me, “The waters which you saw where the Whore sits are multitudes of Gentiles of different nations and languages. (15) And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the Whore and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.” (16)** One thing that you can count on when it comes to Satan, no matter the guise, or the Devil’s minions is that they are in it for themselves and they will turn on one another.

**“And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the rulers of the earth.” (17:18)** Since Rome no longer rules over kings, and since the Vatican has limited political influence, the city which reigns over the earth’s rulers is Babylon – the name of the capital city of Babylonia. Therefore, the religion whose Bible contains this revelation, and shares the same root as Babel, will fall along with its inspiration. It’s ironic that Christians seldom consider the implications of these words.

**“After these things, I saw another Messenger coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with His glory. (1) And He cried out with a mighty voice, saying, ‘Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great!’”** This means that the religious legacy of Babel is alive and well today, and that it is going to grow right up to the end, when God, Himself, will terminate Satan’s confusing and corrupting influence.

Demons are Satan’s messengers, his representatives and envoys. They epitomize “unclean spirits.” Wine then serves as a metaphor for the intoxicating influence of these spiritual beings and their ability to impair judgment. Further, since almost every Hebrew reference to immorality in this regard addresses “idolatry and the religious worship of false gods,” we should continue to read the variations of *porneros* as such. None of this has anything to do with sexual immorality, but instead marital infidelity in the sense of breaking the vows associated with the Covenant. **“And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hated bird of prey. For all of the Gentile nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality (the religious worship of false gods), and the rulers of the earth have committed acts of idolatry with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.”** (3) Power corrupts. It always has and will continue in this vein, temporarily enriching the lords of the earth.

Immediately prior to His return, God is asking His people to walk away from the corrupting and confusing influences of Babel, away from religion, patriotism, and politics. He is doing so because these things are a plague of death, and none is more so than the religion founded by the troubadour of Babel, the one which sits on the city of seven hills, the one which grew out of Imperial Rome: Pauline Christianity. The choice you make in this regard is literally life or death. **“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, ‘Come out of her, My people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues. (4) For her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. (5)**

As we have read throughout the prophets, God is fair. He is a proponent of responsibility and accountability. **Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds, in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. (6) To the degree she glorified herself and lived inappropriately, to the same degree give her torment and mourning, for she**

**says in her heart, “I sit as a Queen** (a reference to Astarte, the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God so venerated by Roman Catholics), **and I am not a widow and will never see mourning.”**” (7)

**“For this reason, in one day, her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire, for Yahowah who judges her is powerful. (8) And the kings of the earth, who committed immoral acts and lived inappropriately with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, (9) standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying “Woe, woe to the Great City of Babylon, the mighty city. For, in one hour, your judgment has come.” (10) If nothing else, we have absolute affirmation that the Whore of Babylon and Roman Catholicism are one in the same, both serving Satan.**

Little do Christians know, God considers their religion “sorcery.” And while they only killed one prophet, at least literally (Rome took the life of Yahowsha’, the ultimate prophet), Roman Catholicism assassinated the purpose of all of the prophets by negating their testimony. Further, as is made clear in Machiavelli’s *The Prince*, almost every medieval pope was an affluent merchant. **“Our merchants were the great men of the earth because all the Gentile nations were deceived by your sorcery. (23) And in her was found the blood of the prophets and of the set apart, and of all who have been slain on the earth.” (18:24)**

Since *halal* means “to radiate light,” and Yah is the familiar form of Yahowah’s name, it’s a mystery that so few know it, and fewer still recognized that Hebrew is the language of heaven. **“And after these things, I heard, as it were, a loud voice of the great multitude in heaven, saying, ‘HalaluYah – Radiate Yahowah’s Light! Salvation and Glory and Power belong to our God.’” (1)**

Then quoting Psalm 19:9, they said, **“Because His judgments are true and right. For He has judged the great Whore who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His servants on her.’ (2) And a second time, they said, ‘HalaluYah – Radiate Yahowah’s Light! Her smoke rises up forever and ever (from Yasha’yah 34:10 and Psalms 104:35).” (Revelation 17:1 - 19:3)**



Returning to Yasha'yah, we find God in opposition to those who stand proudly upon political podiums and religious pulpits. He also reveals that the impregnable walls nations have become so fond of erecting for their protection will be as formidable to Yah as France's Maginot Line was to the German war machine.

**"...and [I will be] against every (*wa 'al kol*) official, high, and exalted (*gaboah* – lofty and elevated, powerful and improper) podium and pulpit (*migdal* – tower and steeple, defensive building, spy network, and elevated platform where religious and political speakers stand before a rostrum; from *Magowg* – the land of Gog (a region associated with the Magog Islamic War in Ezekiel 38-39)), and against every (*wa 'al kol*) fortified and impregnable (*batsuwr* – strengthened and inaccessible, ancient and even incomprehensible) barrier and wall (*chomah* – defensive and protective structure, including oceans as barriers to invasion),..."** (Yasha'yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:15)

While I realize that the reference was subtle, this entire section of Divine counsel has been nuanced with symbolism. So since it has snuck up on us, and since God is clearly opposed to it, *Magowg* is worth considering. It is the subject of Ezekiel 38, which says: **"Son of man, direct your presence against Gog, of the Land of Magowg, the leader of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy concerning him. Say: Thus says Yahowah, 'Behold, I am against you, God, the ruler of Meshech and Tubal... Persia, Cush, and Put will be with you, ...also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Towgarmah from the far north with all its troops – the many Gentile nations with you.'"**

To locate the people and places that will engender God's wrath a little over a decade from now, you should know that Gog's allies, Meshech and Tubal (the Meshech and Tubal tribes coalesced circa 500 BCE to form the first Georgian kingdoms), were 7<sup>th</sup>-century kingdoms in central Anatolia to the north of Israel. The region includes all of present-day Turkey (a growing menace to Israel) and Syria (currently under the control of jihadi groups like the Islamic State) and may include some or all of Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan, in addition to portions of northwestern Iran and Iraq. The Georgian Republic is particularly interesting because, before the fusion of the Meshech and Tubal tribes, it was under the dominion of the Hittites. And following that merger, they were conquered by Persia, Greece, Rome, and Byzantium. Then after having being scared by countless conflicts and deluged in every popular variation of the Babylonian religion, the Georgians were forced to endure four centuries of Muslim domination, beginning

with the Mongols and concluding with the Ottoman Turks. So when it comes to false gods and reckless conquests, Georgians are expert.

Persia represents the totality of present-day Iraq and Iran. At its zenith, it included everything from southern Macedonia and eastern Greece, to Turkey, Syria, and Lebanon, much of Egypt, northwestern India, western Pakistan, portions of Afghanistan, all of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Some think that Cush is Ethiopia, but I am of the conclusion that it is located in Northern Egypt. Put is Libya. Gomer depicts the area surrounding the Black Sea, and would include Georgia (which is important because Tbilisi the only city in the region sharing the TBL root of Tubal), Armenia, Moldova, southernmost Russia and the overtly anti-Semitic Ukraine.

In the first century CE, Hebrew scholars also associated Magog with the Scythians from the Caspian Sea and Caucasus Mountains. If correct, this would once again include Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, a tiny portion of extreme Southern Russia, and northwestern Iran.

There is more to this exercise of extrapolating from the past to the present than simply applying new names to old places. Not long ago, the notion that a large cohesive militant coalition could be brought to bear against Israel from a region that included a democratic Sunni Turkey, a dictatorial Shia Syria, mostly Christian Lebanon, Shia Iran, anti-jihadist Iraq, pro-jihadist Pakistan, and Soviet Muslim Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Azerbaijan, along with the Soviet and Orthodox Georgian Republic plus the Ukraine, in addition to US-dependent Egypt and anti-American Libya, was preposterous. It isn't today, however.

Turkmenistan was part of the USSR prior to 1992, as was Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, and the Georgian Republic. Craving independence from the suffocating dominion of the USSR, they would no more have fought for the Soviets than they would have gone off to fight any war that did not facilitate their own freedom. And until just a few years ago, the Ukraine, without fifty-billion dollars in IMF loans and without large caches of US military hardware to annoy the Russians, or without the desire to be seen as an independent nation, would never have joined an assault on Israel. But keep in mind, while the Ukraine is Orthodox Christian, not Muslim, the Ukraine is the most violently anti-Semitic Christian nation on earth and has perpetrated the most widespread and public atrocities against Jews.

Iran and Iraq were at war with each other and would never have fought in a common cause, that is, until the United States invaded Iraq and gave it to Iran. And speaking of Iran, the nation's ability to project a meaningful force was nil as a result of the debilitating sanctions leveled against it. But Obama removed that roadblock as well, lifting the sanctions and freeing Iran to acquire the necessary military hardware to invade Israel. And in the case of Iraq, the Bush administration simply supplied the weapons that will be used against the Promised Land.

Turkey, as part of NATO, and desiring admittance into the EU, would never have considered risking either proposition, and antagonizing one of their largest trading partners, that is until Erdogan sought to be anointed Caliph and turned the nation back into an Islamic theocracy. In fact, as I write these words, Ismail Kahraman, the leader of Turkey's Islamist AK Party, called for secularism to be removed from Turkey's new constitution, arguing that the nation must be governed by Sharia. And under the influence of fundamentalist Islam, Turks will either go to war against Israel in accordance with their Qur'an, or they will be labeled "hypocrites," called "apostates," and then killed by good Muslim terrorists in harmony with the 9<sup>th</sup> Surah.

Mubarak, knowing that his military was the source of his power, and that it was funded and equipped by the United States, would not have gone rouge, especially against a foe that had defeated his nation so easily in the past. Next door, the syphilitic, pajama-wearing, Kaddafi would never have risked losing his cushy lifestyle by diverting the attention of his army from protecting him against his own people, to a massive invasion of Israel. While not as comical, but yet even more maniacal, and resolutely practical, Assad was in the same boat. These self-indulgent men are no longer calling the shots, and their nations, once sidelined, are now poised for invasion.

Then there was the issue of the Kurds, some forty million of them. They represented the world's largest ethnic group without a nation of their own. Turkey, Iran, and Iraq each devoted enormous military resources keeping them in check, resources they could not risk diverting south without enduring a civil war. But this too has changed following America's invasion of Iraq and subsequent engagement in Syria. The Kurds have now carved out a homeland in Northern Syria and Iraq. Equipped with American weapons, they can protect themselves. Sure, Turkey is still sparring with them, but since the US is allying with the Kurds

in Syria, the Turks risk losing access to American weapons by attacking America's surrogate army.

Once foes, today, Russia and Iran are close economic and military allies – as a result of Caspian Sea gas and American sanctions. Putin is bombing Syria on behalf of Assad for the benefit of Iran. Thanks to America, Iraq no longer exists, with its territory divided between Iran, the Kurds, and the Islamic State. Syria has become a sea of jihad. Hezbollah, serving the Ayatollahs in Iran, is defending the city state of Damascus. Not only have the Kurds established their own state, they are defending it with the Peshmerga – Embracing Death militants. And the remainder of Syria is divided between the Islamic State and al Nusra.

There have been two coup d'états in Egypt, from Mubarak to Morsi, and from the Muslim Brotherhood to a military dictatorship under General Fattah 'el-Sissi. And now Libya is jihad central of the world – the chief exporter of Islamic terrorism and munitions throughout the region.

Pulling back a bit, Europe is awash in Muslim migrants, and is no longer in a position to thwart a Turkish invasion of Israel. America has become the merchant of death, not only by turning the Islamic Middle East into a killing field, but also by supplying hundreds of billions of dollars in advanced weaponry to Israel's most ardent enemies. Even Russia has done an about face, from avoiding conflict in the region to engaging in it. Worse, the world is now divided, with Europe, America, and Sunni Islam on one side and Russia, China, and Shia Islam on the other. The Magog War has already begun, just as Yahowah predicted – and where He predicted (in Syria). And it is inevitable that these conflicts will not only progress to an invasion of Israel, but will also evolve as was predicted into World War III.

Returning to God's diatribe against those He opposes, remember that during the Revelation prophecy regarding the ultimate fall of Mystery Babylon / Roman Catholicism, the spiritual messenger spoke at length of the Whore's influence on economics, especially on multinational corporations, merchants and their international shipping interests. That would not be the first time God spoke of these things.

**“...and [I will be] against all (wa 'al kol) the ships (‘onyah – the fleet of ocean-going, open-water transport vessels used to carry soldiers, military equipment, and cargo internationally) of Tarshysh (Tarshysh – of the supreme commanders and most influential merchants, especially of Carthage and Persia, thus the Islamic Middle East and Northern Africa) and against, over, and above all (wa 'al kol) of the vessels' coveted treasures (sakyah ha chemdah – the**

dubious value of the cargo, the objects and ignorant images the craft convey which are perceived as desirable, the phenomenon that the things in their ships are somehow precious).” (Yasha’yah / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:16)

The moral of the story is that God is not impressed by wealth or power. Money means nothing to Him nor does human influence. What man treasures, God rejects.

Participation in Yahowah’s Covenant is the most enriching and empowering experience in the universe. And it is free.

Aside from the etymological associations with the Persian and Assyrian military command and economic interests, there has been heretofore little certainty about the location of Tarshysh. But this we know: Yownah set sail in a small trading ship headed to Tarshysh from Yowpha’ / Jaffa, a port on the Mediterranean Sea in central Yisra’el. So Tarshysh must be located somewhere on the Mediterranean within reach of a small sailing vessel.

Also interesting, there is an Akkadian inscription with a reference to Tarshysh in the annals of the Assyrian King Esarhaddon circa 669 BCE – so it was within the sphere of Assyrian / Babylonian / Persian influence. There is also a Phoenician inscription on the Nora Stone referencing Tarshysh as a substantial trading partner. This depiction reveals that Tarshysh was part of a seafaring nation of merchants, further affirming the prophetic depiction of the place.

According to Ezekiel 27 and Isaiah 23, Tarshysh is where King Solomon, in partnership with King Hiram of Tyre in Phoenicia, acquired great amounts of important metals, including silver, gold, tin for making bronze, and iron. Based upon these insights, therefore, ancient Carthage, located near Tunis, Tunisia today, would seem a likely suspect, especially since they were best known for their superior fleet of military and trading vessels. This assessment is also supported in the Septuagint.

The Israeli traitor, turned Roman historian, Flavius Josephus, in the first century CE, insisted that Tarshysh was Tarsus in Cilicia, today’s south-central Turkey. That’s a tantalizing suggestion, not only because the spelling is similar but because it was the hometown of the individual God opposes more than any other, the author of Mystery Babylon and actual founder of Roman Catholicism, Sha’uwl.

But also viable, and in association with Carthage and Rome, the Nora Stone inscription insinuates that Tarshysh is Tharros, a seaport on the island of Sardinia off the coast of Italy, southwest of Rome. This Tharros was founded over three

thousand years ago. It was claimed by the Phoenicians, in the eighth century BCE, supporting the prophetic testimony inscribed in Yasha'yah at this same time.

Tharros fell under the control of the Carthaginians, thereafter, and became part of a regional trading network that included what is now Tunisia, Libya, Corsica, Sicily, Malta, all of Sardinia, and coastal Iberia (Spain, where the Punics mined silver, lead, and tin ore for bronze). At this time, the Punic navy enabled Carthaginian merchant ships to trade throughout the entire Mediterranean, up past France and Spain to the British Isles and south along the West Coast of Africa – imposing a complete monopoly throughout this enormous region.

While Tharros, Sardinia, was assimilated into the Roman Empire following the Punic Wars between 264 and 146 BCE, during the time addressed by the prophets, it was under Punic control, and the Carthaginians were known for a proprietary process using lacustrine limestone to vastly improve the purity of molten metals, especially iron, serving as yet another affirmation of Yahowah's historical portrait of Tarshysh. In fact, not only was Carthage founded and built by Phoenicians, not only was it the world's most acclaimed trading empire boasting a naval force and merchant fleet that would rival Rome and Greece combined, not only was the Punic culture ruthlessly warlike and aggressively expansionist, their prowess with molten metals and their flourishing international trade made them the first nation to develop and deploy a comprehensive monetary system of coinage. They were also bestial, engaging in child sacrifice, and resolutely religious. Ultimately, they carved out a monopoly in precious metal trading, gold and silver, tin ore for bronze, and iron. And they used their wealth to gild the most garish religious shrines and to fund the world's most powerful navy. They became the wealthiest and most extravagant merchants in ancient times.

Further, the name Punic, which applies to all things Carthaginian, is derived from the language of its mother city, none other than Tyre, Phoenicia – once again affirming Yah's prophecy. This Phoenician – Carthaginian alliance, called "Tarshysh" by God, represents a seafaring trading region that extended throughout the Mediterranean, from Turkey to Spain, including Greece and Rome, and everything from Egypt to France, as far south as Nigeria and as far north as Great Britain. And at its center, lay Tharros off the coast of Rome.

These things considered, since this is a prophetic statement from God regarding our future, and not a study in ancient history, the location of Tarshysh is vastly less important than what Tarshysh represents. And that is why we paused to ponder Punic power. It is in this light that the nation most like Carthage

today is America, especially in the sense of a dominating monetary system, international trade, naval prowess, and expansionist mentality. While the ships of Tarshysh transport crude oil from Northern Africa and the Islamic Middle East to Europe, Asia, and the Americas today, as a singular nation, beware, the metaphor of Tarshysh is fulfilled in the United States.

This should not come as a surprise, considering that this reference is in Yasha'yah. The entire 18<sup>th</sup> chapter is devoted to exposing and condemning the warmongering approach of the United States, calling out the nation for the way it uses its Navy to project power and adversely affect the Islamic Middle East.

Those wielding religious or political power who would have others bow in submission to their authority will bow down before God in judgment. Worse for them, better for us, they will be muted and then diminished.

**“And (wa) the arrogant (gabhuwth – the conceited and haughty, the those with immoral attributes who perceived themselves worthy of status by demonstrating an improper sense of self-worth, the highest authorities in the most majestic surroundings) man ('adam) shall bow down in submission after being brought down and humbled and then reduced in stature (shacach – shall collapse, falling prostrate in surrender, crouching cowering down in capitulation, and be reduced to a lowly and little existence, muted and diminished (qal perfect)) and the rebellious nature and special dimensions (wa ruwm – the relative elevation and pride, the sense of independence and exalted nature, the raised and lofty expectations) of men ('adamym) shall be diminished (shaphel – will become lowly and little, depressed and humiliated, cast down and leveled, lowered and reduced (qal perfect)).**

**So (wa) approaching (la) the set-apart aspect of (bad – alone, by one's self, set apart from all else, a portion that is part of the whole of) Yahowah (𐤃𐤏𐤅𐤃𐤏) will be inaccessible (sagab – too high and lofty) in (ba – within and with) that day which is His day (ha yowm ha huw').”** (Yasha'yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:17)

As we have discussed previously, while I have rendered *wa la bad yhwh sagab ha yowm ha huw'* based upon the preferred definition of each word, using their secondary connotations it would also be correct to say, **“Then, accordingly, alone and set apart from all others, Yahowah will be lofty and lifted up at this time.”**

But either way, the message is clear and consistent. The arrogant shall be humbled and those holding lofty positions in society will be brought down. This would not be a good day to be a pope or king, a president or prime minister, the pastor of a mega church or a corporate titan.

A time will come when there will be no wars or weapons of war, when no one will claim authority to rule over anyone else. And a time will come when there will be no religion.

**“And the artifacts of worship, the ineffectual ideas, the worthless idols, and the false gods** (*wa ‘alyl* – so then religious imagery, idolatrous exhortations and reverence, ineffectual shepherds, and good for nothing notions; from *‘al* – that which above all negates and leads to nothingness) **shall utterly and completely** (*kalyl* – totally and absolutely, entirely to perfect) **go away, be removed, be discarded, and vanish** (*chalaph* – will be rejected, cast off, and abolished (qal imperfect)).” (Yasha’yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:18)

If you want to see the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount, the pyramids in Egypt, the acropolis in Greece, the colosseum in Rome, St. Peters in the Vatican, the Blue Mosque in Turkey, the Kaaba in Saudi Arabia, the St. Ivan’s alongside the Kremlin in Russia, or the US Capitol and surrounding presidential shrines in Washington, you’d better go now. They won’t be here come the fall of 2033. Every church, every mosque, every shrine, every temple will be abolished, along with every religious work of art. He will empty the British museum, the Louvre, and the Hermitage.

As we proceed, the pronoun “they” associated with “*bow*’ – go or enter,” cannot refer to the “religious artifacts, ineffectual ideas, worthless idols, or false gods” delineated in the previous sentence because they are inanimate objects. So after being removed and discarded, those who deployed them will be ground up and tossed into recesses in the earth, existing as dust in caves of stone.

**“And** (*wa*) **from the appearance** (*min paneh*) **of their dread** (*pachad* – the severe distress over impending trouble eliciting awesome fear) **of Yahowah** (𐤏𐤃𐤁𐤇), **they will go** (*wa bow*’ – they will enter) **into the caves in wastelands** (*ba ma’arah* – into holes in the ground, exposed, stripped naked, and laid bare) **of rocks** (*tsuwr* – in stone) **and into holes in the ground** (*wa ba mahilah ‘aphar* – and into hollowed out depressions as dust, becoming the smallest particle of material and considered rubbish), **all from** (*wa min*) **the overwhelmingly impressive splendor of His majesty** (*chadar ga’aown huw*’ – the glorious adornment that elevates everyone’s status and facilitates growth, the best

possible qualities that define His character and nature) **in His** (*ba huw'* – with His) **stand** (*quwm* – His proven, confirming, and fulfilling restoration (qal infinitive)) **to inspire** (*'arats* – to prevail, to become awesome, and to be respected and revered) **the Land** (*'erets* – the material realm).” (Yasha'yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:19)

Great parenting requires repetition. For Yahowah to camp out with His children here on earth, He will first have to remove all of the religious trash man has accumulated throughout the millennia. All traces of human pollution will be buried. In the process, Earth will be like Eden.

**“In that specific day, His day** (*ba ha yowm ha huw'*), **He will throw away** (*shalak* – He will reject and cast off, flinging and hurling away) **human** (*'adam*) **objects of worship, their ineffectual religious ideas** (*'alyl* – their sacred imagery, idolatrous appeals and reverence, their incompetent shepherds and counterproductive notions which negate and lead to destruction), **their money** (*keceph huw'* – their silver and coinage, their property and belongings, the things they value and long for), **and their worthless idols and false gods** (*'alyl* – their sacred imagery, idolatrous relicts and artifacts) **of gold** (*zahab* – of precious metal), **which** (*'asher*) **they made for themselves** (*'asah la huw'* – they manufactured and assigned for themselves, approaching them, and they, themselves, created and acted upon them, caressing and fondling them, they designed them and engaged by approaching them to profit, expending considerable effort and activity in the process of (qal perfect)) **to provide explanations, pontificating using words, while bowing down in worship** (*la chawah* – to verbally announce, displaying with speech, informing about so as to encourage prostration in homage to and in alliance with their deities (with the hitpaal stem, the subject acts upon itself while causing the object to suffer the effect, while making it clear that the subject, religious clerics, are not being assisted in their speeches or their religious devotion, while the infinitive construct reveals that these things have taken place everywhere and in every place)), **tossing them to the rodents, dung-beetles, and moles** (*la chapharpharah* – to the diseased rats and insects that feed on dead and rotting remains; from *chapher* – the confounded and ashamed, those who were confused during their search and should be embarrassed and mortified) **and to the bats** (*wa la 'ataleph* – nocturnal flying vermin; from *'ataph* – to turn aside growing feeble and weak as a result of being overwhelmed and covered in that which disables).” (Yasha'yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:20)

*Chawah* is one of the most misunderstood words in the whole of Yahowah's testimony. In this regard, it reminds me of *yare'*, a word which can be rendered "fear" or "revere," depending upon the context. With a light and dark side, *chawah* is also similar to *'anah*, where the primary meaning is "to respond and answer," but in an entirely different circumstance, it can also be rendered "to afflict." The reason that these and other Hebrew words convey contrasting meanings in different contexts is to demonstrate cause and effect under the auspices of freewill. If we choose to revere Yahowah, we will never be afraid of Him, but those who oppose Him will come to fear Him as is being foretold here in Yasha'yah. Similarly, by responding to and answering Yahowah's Miqra'ey Invitations, our souls will not be troubled or debased. But those who ignore them, or worse, reject them, will be judged and afflicted.

The primary meaning of *chawah* is "to inform using words, to make a declarative statement, to announce an explanation, and to verbally show one's intent, making known one's perspective, opinion, or conviction by breathing it out, and thus declaring the intent of one's soul." Yowb / Job uses *chawah* in this manner five times (Job 15:17, 32:6, 10, 17, and 36:2). Dowd deploys the same word, to convey a similar message in one of my favorite *Mizmowr*, Psalm 19:3. Therefore, so long as we are affirming our commitment to accept and convey Yahowah's message, His guidance and instruction, *chawah* is a marvelous term.

However, when the message is man's, when it is proclaimed to justify the worship of false gods, a person's *chawah* becomes their undoing. And in the context of "*'adam 'alyl* – human objects of worship," *chawah* is an unforgivable offence. It means that the cleric is "making pronouncements on behalf of idols, declaring their support for false gods, while pontificating ineffectual religious ideas" which compel the foolish into *chawah's* secondary connotation: "to bow down in worship showing religious devotion by prostrating oneself in homage to a deity."

Yahowah is going to collect the trash, bundle it up, pulverize it, and then conceal the resulting debris in volcanic stone. The rubbish, of course, is comprised entirely of those who claim to be serving God as His ministers. Ironic, isn't it?

**"Therefore, they will enter into** (*la bow' ba* – approaching by being brought to, they will go into, coming and returning to and being included as part of) **the crevices** (*naqarah* – the cracks, recesses, and depressions) **of the rocks, and thus be securely confined for being adversarial** (*ha tsuwrym* – of the stone; from *tsuwr* – to besiege and confine, to cramp and secure, to show hostility toward an

adversary treating them as a foe) **going into** (*wa ba*) **the fissures** (*ca'yph* – the clefts, tubes, and fractures) **of volcanic stone** (*ha cela'* – of hardened magma) **from and before the presence** (*min paneh*) **of their dread** (*pachad* – the severe distress over impending trouble eliciting awesome fear) **of Yahowah** (יהוה), **and from** (*wa min*) **the overwhelmingly impressive splendor of His majesty** (*chadar ga'aown huw'* – the glorious adornment that elevates everyone's status and facilitates growth, the best possible qualities that define His character and nature) **in His** (*ba huw'* – with His) **stand** (*quwm* – His proven, confirming, and fulfilling restoration (qal infinitive)) **to inspire** (*'arats* – to prevail, to become awesome, and to be respected and revered) **the Land** (*'erets* – the material realm)." (Yasha'yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:21)

The lone prerequisite for participating in the Covenant is to walk away from Babel – the confusing corruptions associated with religious, governmental, and militaristic institutions. So this prophetic advice is consistent with that request.

**“You should refrain from approaching, and you should forsake** (*chadal la'atem* – you should refuse, reject, disown, and abandon, ceasing and desisting from any association with, stop and undo what you have done by discontinuing all relationships with (qal imperative)), **staying away from the provision and lot** (*min / men* – being part of or associated with; if vocalized men – the food, share, portion, or provision) **of the man** (*ha 'adam*) **whose** (*'asher*) **conscience** (*neshamah* – ability to reason and capacity to distinguish between right and wrong, good and bad, true and false, beneficial and counterproductive) **promotes hypothetical equivocations which inflame resentment and kindle animosity** (*'aph* – in addition, nevertheless, reveals displeasure over their situation and subsequently evokes and encourages misdirected anger, becoming an arrogant and enraged, wrathful, snorting blowhard, ferociously demonstrating a haughty, conceited, and contrarian countenance while promoting and harboring angst), **because** (*ky* – for indeed) **of what** (*ba mah* – with whom) **he plans and plots** (*chashab huw'* – he imputes credit and determines value, considering only himself while formulating opinions, inventing schemes and ascribing merit (nifal passive))." (Yasha'yahuw / Salvation is from Yahowah / Isaiah 2:22)

This is the fourth time I've had the opportunity to translate “*neshamah* – conscience” in a statement from God. The first time the world is used, Yahowah reveals that He gave Adam a *neshamah* in order to uniquely make man in His image. Although God clearly states that He gave every animal a “*nephesh* – soul,” and thus consciousness, Adam alone was given a conscience. Without this

marvelous tool we would not be able to communicate with or understand God. Deprived of our *neshamah*, the relationship would be degraded to the point it would be akin to God trying to have an intellectual conversation about the ill effects of religion with a swarm of gnats.

The second time the word appears, Yahowah reveals that the purpose of the flood was to eliminate men with a *neshamah*, save Noah and the seven others aboard the Ark. This was because humankind had used this unique ability to reason, to devise and deploy means to become overtly religious and ubiquitously vicious. Making the connection between then and now, man is using his *neshamah* the same way. And that is why God chose to use this term at this time. Once again, Yahowah will resolve the issue by eliminating the source of the problem.

Then in Yowb we discovered that the purpose of our *neshamah* – conscience was to enable us to think rationally, to differentiate between good and bad, right and wrong, true and false, distinguishing between that which is reliable and beneficial as opposed to that which is untrustworthy and counterproductive.

So now, Yahowah is encouraging His children to stay away from, to reject, and to forsake any association with those whose “*neshamah* – conscience,” whose “ability to reason and capacity to distinguish between right and wrong,” “‘*aph* – promotes hypothetical equivocations which inflame resentment and kindle animosity.” *Neshamah* ‘*aph* is “religious man,” “political man,” and “militant man.” An affiliation with them, is, in essence, akin to accepting the Mark of the Beast.

It is interesting to note that when Satan beguiled Chawah, ‘*aph* was the first word out of the serpent’s mouth...

**“Now the serpent (*wa ha nachash*) was (*hayah* – is and will be) **subtle, crafty, and clever** (*‘aruwm* – cunning, tricky, and treacherous, shrewd and sly), **more than** (*min* – from) **all** (*kol*) **living creatures** (*chayah* – life, animals, and beasts) **of the environs** (*ha sadeh* – of the expanse, cultivated environment, and countryside) **with which** (*‘asher* – beneficially) **Yahowah** (אֱלֹהִים) **Almighty** (*‘elohym*) **had engaged** (*‘asah* – had acted upon, assigned to a task, created, and made).**

**And he said** (*‘amar* – he conveyed) **to the woman** (*‘el ha ‘ishah*), **‘Hypothetically, while kindling some animosity** (*‘aph* – nevertheless, to some extent, surely and conditionally harboring bitterness while inflaming resentment, revealing overall displeasure with his situation and subsequently evoking and encouraging misdirected anger, displaying an enraged arrogance, as a wrathful,

snorting blowhard, ferociously demonstrating a haughty, conceited, and contrarian countenance while promoting hypothetical equivocations), **because and to the contrary** (*ky* – verily and indeed, making an exception), **God** (*'elohym*) **said** (*'amar* – conveyed and promised, mentioned and expressed), **“You should not eat (*lo' 'akal*) of any and every (*min kol* – from all) tree (*'esh*) of the garden (*ha gan*).”** (*Bare'syth* / In the Beginning / Genesis 3:1)



Since these concepts all arose as a result of the last statement we read in Yasha'yah, let's take a moment and consider our *nephesh* – soul, *neshamah* – conscience, and the problem associated with *'aph* – hypotheticals which kindle animosity, all in light of what God told us in the Garden. While addressing such things at this time in the midst of Yahowah's prophetic depiction of the circumstances surrounding His return, may seem like a diversion, as part of Yahowah's Covenant Family, we always share what we have come to understand with those who may be interested. Presuming you are, here are my thoughts on some of God's most thought-provoking concepts.

To begin, during His creative testimony, Yahowah revealed that *nephesh* – souls are common to all animals and are not unique to humankind. The conscience is conveyed genetically, and it serves as the operating system for animal life. Coded with DNA, and serving as read-only memory, the *nephesh* enables animals to respond in a programmed way to external stimuli. Feeding as infants, hunting for food, mating, and fight or flight scenarios serve as examples.

The “*nephesh* – consciousness” makes it possible for animals to be observant and to be responsive. It enables us to survey our surroundings and then determine a course of action.

But there is much more to being fully human. In our case our “*nephesh* – consciousness” is combined with a “*neshamah* – conscience.” This addition equips mankind with the ability to find and validate, to come to know and understand, to connect with and to relate to, then engage with God.

Yahowah revealed that He made Adam in His image or likeness when He gave him a *neshamah*. Our conscience provides us with a way to think, to be rational, and to be moral which makes us like God in these ways. It not only empowers us

with the ability to reason, and thereby to distinguish between right and wrong, good and bad, true and false, it provides the capacity to understand why these things are so and then to appreciate the consequence of advancing one or the other. With a *neshamah*, humans can make connections which lead to understanding. We can predict future outcomes based upon past occurrences. We can deduce cause and effect, even ascertain the consequences of our actions and those of others. We'll explore this idea further in just a moment.

Turning to the trees in the garden, since these things are all related, Yahowah told Adam that he could eat freely, without any restriction or reservation, whatever he chose. However, He let him know that if he elected to consume the fruit of the Tree of Perceptive Thinking About Good and Evil, he would disengage and die. Yah knew that the consumption of errant notions would cause man to lie, cheat, steal, abuse, and kill – which is what has happened as a result of an improperly aligned *neshamah*.

This choice, to act upon Yahowah's advice and guidance or reject it, made the relationship subject to freewill. It would either be mutually desirable and beneficial or nonexistent. The parties would either come to know one another, like one another, and have fun together, or they would go their separate ways.

For a loving and mutually beneficial relationship to be entertaining and enjoyable, both parties have to have the choice not to participate. Otherwise, man would be nothing more than a robot, a toy, from whose programmed responses God would soon tire. Further, a relationship is of no value, and actually becomes a burden, if one side makes all the contributions while the other gives nothing in return.

Now since Yahowah is wholly good, so good He is perfect, the choice to avoid Him and go in a different direction required access to evil. However, there is a vast middle ground between completely good and totally bad, so these gradations from white to black were made possible by way of the Tree of the Perceptive Thinking About Beneficial and Counterproductive. Each individual would therefore be afforded the opportunity to engage with the One who is good (by choosing to participate in the Covenant), to ignore Him (by choosing to believe something else), or to ally with the one who is evil.

And while these trees were planted for Adam and Chawah, metaphorically, they exist for all of us as well. By using our *neshamah* correctly, we can progress from one to the other, ultimately nourished by the Tree of Lives.

In this regard, let me share some insights from Yahowah's Word relative to these trees and their association with our continued existence. Let's begin with *Mashal* / Proverbs 11, where we will once again encounter the consequence of 'aph.

**“He who diligently seeks** (*shachar* – earnestly desires, deliberately looks for, and carefully searches) **that which is agreeable and good** (*towb* – that which is beneficial, generous, desirable, admirable, pleasing, enjoyable, pleasant, delightful, joyful, and correct), **procures information leading to** (*baqash* – inquires and learns about, searches for and acquires) **acceptance and approval** (*ratsown* – the pleasure and satisfaction associated with receiving their wish, implying that a choice is being made with regard to a pleasing and fortuitous relationship).

**But** (*wa*) **he who consults with and petitions** (*darash* – enquires about, seeks to learn from, looks to, cares about, resorts to, or desires) **that which is evil and harmful, perverted and corrupt** (*ra'ah* – that which shepherds and guides to that which is wrong and immoral, even fraudulent, feeds their flock that which is troubling, malignant, and ruinous), **such things will come to him** (*bow' huw'* – she will pursue him, arrive, and associate with him, cohabitating with him). (11:27)

**By trusting and relying** (*batach* – by believing and placing confidence) **in** (*ba* – with) **wealth** (*'osher* – riches and an abundance of possessions, even pretending to be enriched), **he** (*huw'*) **will fall** (*naphal* – fail, bowing down prostrate, and then be diminished, taken from a higher position to a lower one).

**But** (*wa*) **like** (*ka*) **the growing and uplifted foliage that absorbs the light** (*'aleh* – the branch extended from the trunk of the tree and the green leaves it nourishes supports, growing and ascending as a result of the light; from *'alah* – to go up, to meet and to visit), **the one who is right** (*tsadaq* – he who is upright, righteous, and vindicated) **will flourish and grow, taking flight** (*parach* – will fly, blossom, and thrive). (11:28)

**He who brings trouble to** (*'akar* – he who stirs up chaos and causes anguish as a result of excommunication or disassociation from) **his family** (*beyth huw'* – his home and household [*beyth* is the basis of *beryth* – Covenant]), **he will inherit and take possession of** (*nachal* – he will receive, be allotted, and assigned, even be possessed by) **a spirit** (*ruwach* – a spiritual being [and in this case, a demon aligned with Satan]).

**And (wa) as a slave** (*'abed* – a servant, worshipper, and coworker, a subordinate) **to foolishness and perversity, he will mock** (*'ewyl* – to ignorance and obstinate stupidity, as part of the idiotic citizenry under a perverse governmental authority, he will quarrel with) **the approach (la) of one with the capacity to reason** (*chakam* – of one open to learning who is intelligent and prudent, a trustworthy guide and advisor), **the one who exercises good judgment** (*leb* – whose heart processes information properly so as to make informed and rational decisions). (11:29)

**The fruit** (*pary* – the product produced, results, and harvests) **of being right** (*tsadaq* – being upright, righteous, and vindicated) **is a tree** (*'ets*) **of lives** (*chayym* – of nourishment and growth), **and (wa) it receives and accepts** (*laqah* – grasps hold of by the hand) **souls** (*nepesh* – consciences who are observant and responsive) **of those with the capacity to reason and to understand by being discerning** (*chakam* – of those open to learning and instruction who are intelligent and prudent, therefore receptive and open to a trustworthy guide and advisor). (11:30)

**Surely** (*hen* – look now and behold, emphasizing the point), **those who are right** (*tsadaq* – the upright, righteous, and vindicated) **in the Land** (*ba 'erets* – within the realm) **will be completely recompensed** (*shalem* – totally repaid and compensated).

**But indeed, also** (*ky* – surely and truly, also emphasizing this point), **those who promote hypothetical equivocations which inflame resentment and kindle animosity** (*'aph* - to some extent those conditionally harboring bitterness while inflaming resentment, revealing overall displeasure with their situation and subsequently evoking and encouraging misdirected anger, displaying an enraged arrogance, as wrathful, snorting blowhards, ferociously demonstrating a haughty, conceited, and contrarian countenance while promoting hypothetical equivocations), **those who are vexing and wrong** (*rasha'* – who are unrighteous, guilty of condemning, and wicked), **and those who bear the blame for missing the way** (*wa chata'* – and those who are guilty of promoting error, failing to reach the goal, bearing the loss of having retreated by being objectionable and forfeiting the opportunity), **[will also be repaid for what they have done].”** (*Mashal / Proverbs 11:27-31*)

This wonderful expression of cause and consequence, of choice in an environment of good and bad, right and wrong, serves to reveal that life and God

are fair. We receive what we seek. We are equipped to be responsive and are thus responsible.

Now turning to *Mashal* / Proverbs 15, we find another juxtaposition of *'ets* and *'aph*. And in the opening statement, we are again confronted by the dualistic nature of Yahowah's terminology, whereby words can mean different things to different people depending upon their choices and circumstances.

**“A responsive and merciful (*rak* – a gentle, positive, and kind) reasoned reply (*ma'annah* – response which is thoughtful, planned out, and proper and answer which is appropriate, from a thoroughly furrowed, well plowed, and cultivated path; from *'annah* – to answer and respond, testifying as a witness) can turn away or be confronted by (*suwb* – turns around and changes, but also returns and restores) venomous wrath (*chemah* – poisonous anger, hostile antagonism, and indignation, but also to paying close attention, being perceptive, and observant), but (*wa*) an offensive (*'etseb* – painful, troubling, and difficult, but also idolatrous and religious) word (*dabar* – statement) increases (*'alah* – raises, upholds, and intensifies) the promotion of hypothetical equivocations which inflame resentment and kindle animosity (*'aph* - to some extent nevertheless will inflame resentment, revealing an overall displeasure with someone's situation, while subsequently evoking and encouraging misdirected anger, a display of enraged arrogance, as wrathful, snorting blowhards ferociously demonstrate a haughty, conceited, and contrarian countenance while promoting hypothetical equivocations while conditionally harboring bitterness). (15:1)**

**The language (*lashown* – the tongue and speech) of those with the capacity to reason and to understand by being discerning (*chakam* – of those open to learning and instruction who are intelligent and prudent, therefore receptive to a trustworthy guide) enriches and enhances (*yatab* – improves, succeeds, and prospers) by way of understanding and intelligent insights (*da'ath* – the perceptive and discerning application of knowledge), but (*wa*) the mouths (*peh* – declarations, the orifices and openings, the communications, hungers, and desires) of ignorant and irrational fools (*kacyl* – of the confidently stupid and belligerently rebellious, insolent and arrogant dullards) profusely belch out (*naba'* – pour and gush out, bubble forth, fermenting and uttering a prolific effusion (hifil imperfect)) perverted foolishness (*'iweleth* – confusing folly devoid of wisdom and understanding, perversity and corruption). (15:2)**

**In every place where people take a stand (*ba kol maqowm* – in every stand in homes, offices, and public places; from *quwm* – to rise and stand), the eyes (*'ayn***

– the perception) of **Yahowah** (יְהוָה) **are observant, keeping watch** (*tsaphah* – are on the lookout) **over the fiercely troubling and wildly harmful** (*ra'* – evil, malicious and injurious, improper and afflicting, noxious and mischievous) **in addition to** (*wa*) **the agreeable and enjoyable** (*towb* – festive, friendly, pleasing, prosperous, generous, beneficial, favorable, good, and correct). (15:3)

**Calm and composed** (*marpe'* – restoring and reconciling, unemotional and even-tempered, healthy and healing, sound and profitable) **language** (*lashown* – speech) **is a Tree of Lives** (*ets chayym* – a prosperous, reviving, nourishing, flourishing, and vital tree), **but** (*wa*) **duplicitous and deceit** (*celeph* – that which is essentially false and unfocused, perversion and corruption) (*ba hy'* – with her) **create fractures and fissures** (*sheber* – crushes and cripples, creating a breaking apart from breach) **with the Spirit** (*ruwach*).” (*Mashal* / Proverbs 15:1-4)

What we say matters, not only defining who we are, but also influencing others. We ought to be deliberate and careful, diligent in our research, thoughtful in our approach, disciplined in our response.

Exploring the Tree of Perceptive Thinking About of Good and Evil leads informed and rational individuals to Yahowah while equipping many more to duplicitously and viciously impose their will on others. The information at our disposal, beneficial and counterproductive, helpful and harmful, truthful and deceptive, is the same for everyone. So it is how we choose to use what the tree provides that matters. We can ascend it to heaven, climb it to lord over mankind, sit beneath it content to let others experience what it offers, or just ignore it all together. The Garden’s landscape Architect designed it so that the souls He created could choose to grow with Him, supported by His roots, trunk, and branches, or climb out on a limb on our own.

A couple more parting thoughts before we leave the Garden. First, immediately after providing Adam with the choice to accept His advice and enjoy a relationship with Him based upon His guidance, we find:

“**So** (*wa*) **Yahowah** (יְהוָה) **Almighty** (*‘elohym*) **said** (*‘amar* – mentioned and answered (qal imperfect)), **‘It is not** (*lo’ hayah* – nor will it be) **pleasing, beneficial, appropriate, or good** (*towb* – moral, pleasant, enjoyable, or desirable) **for ‘Adam** (*ha ‘adam* – for the man) **to be by himself** (*la bad huw’* – to approach by himself, alone). **I will act and prepare for him** (*‘asah la huw’* – I will engage and make for him (qal imperfect)) **one who provides support in accordance with his needs** (*‘ezer ka* – one who is of suitable assistance, proper help, and appropriate support) **who is near him** (*neged huw’* – beside him, in his

presence, and in proximity to him, corresponding to him).” (*Bare’syth* / Genesis 2:18)

These things are related in a way most people miss. Beyond providing Adam with the choice to reject Him, God gave Adam another companion. He realized that if the choice was only God or abject loneliness, we would always choose God by default. In this way He foreshadowed our choice as well. We can associate with the things of man, with religion and politics, or with the things of God, His Towrah, Covenant, and Spirit. This is an amazing realization.

And lastly, if I may, I’d like return to *‘aph*, and how it applies to Satan, Babel, the Whore, and religion. If you recall, Yahowah revealed:

**“Now the serpent (*wa ha nachash*) was (*hayah* – is and will be) **subtle, crafty, and clever** (*‘aruwm* – cunning, tricky, and treacherous, shrewd and sly), **more than** (*min* – from) **all** (*kol*) **living creatures** (*chayah* – life, animals, and beasts) **of the environs** (*ha sadeh* – of the expanse, cultivated environment, and countryside) **with which** (*‘asher* – beneficially) **Yahowah** (יְהוָה) **Almighty** (*‘elohym*) **had engaged** (*‘asah* – had acted upon, assigned to a task, created, and made).**

**And he said** (*‘amar* – he conveyed) **to the woman** (*‘el ha ‘ishah*), **‘Hypothetically, while kindling some animosity** (*‘aph* – nevertheless, to some extent, surely and conditionally harboring bitterness while inflaming resentment, revealing overall displeasure with his situation and subsequently evoking and encouraging misdirected anger, displaying an enraged arrogance, as a wrathful, snorting blowhard, ferociously demonstrating a haughty, conceited, and contrarian countenance while promoting hypothetical equivocations), **because and to the contrary** (*ky* – verily and indeed, making an exception) **God** (*‘elohym*) **said** (*‘amar* – conveyed and promised, mentioned and expressed), **“You should not eat** (*lo’ ‘akal*) **of any and every** (*min kol* – from all) **tree** (*‘esh*) **of the garden** (*ha gan*).”” (*Bare’syth* / In the Beginning / Genesis 3:1)

That isn’t an accurate citation. This is what God actually said:

**“So then** (*wa*), **Yahowah** (יְהוָה), **Almighty** (*‘elohym*), **provided instruction and direction** (*tsawah* – verbally communicated the message, providing some terms and conditions (*piel* imperfect – the object, man, benefits or suffers based upon the choices made regarding the guidance on an ongoing basis with unfolding consequences)) **for** (*‘al* – before, in front of, and on account of, concerning) **the**

**man** (*ha 'Adam*), **by saying** (*la 'amar* – approaching by communicating and promising),

**'From** (*min* – out of) **every** (*kol* – all of) **tree** (*'ets*) **of the Garden** (*ha gan* – of the enclosed and protected environment that promotes growth) **you can continually eat, consuming whatever and whenever you want** (*'akal 'akal* – you may absolutely eat as often and as much as you'd like (qal infinitive absolute qal imperfect)), (16) **and** (*wa*) **from** (*min* – out of) **the Tree** (*'ets*) **of the Perceptive Application of Information** (*da'ath* – understanding and intelligent insight, knowledge and discernment; from *yada'* – to know, to be acquainted with, to acknowledge, to learn about and experience, to consider by being discriminating) **of Good** (*towb* – agreeable and enjoyable, festive and friendly, pleasing and favorable, prosperous and generous, beneficial and correct) **and** (*wa*) **Evil** (*ra'* – of the fiercely troubling and wildly harmful, malicious and injurious, improper and afflicting, noxious and mischievous), **you should not continually eat** (*lo' 'akal* – you should actually not consume on an ongoing basis (qal imperfect)) **from it** (*min huw'* – out of it), **because** (*ky* – for the reason) **in the day** (*ba yowm* – within the period of time) **you eat** (*'akal 'atah*) **from it** (*min huw'* – out of it), **you will be dispatched and die** (*muwth muwth* – you will be sent away and lose the attributes necessary to sustain life, may be killed, become absent of life, perishing and possibly destroyed (qal infinitive absolute qal imperfect)).” (*Bare'syth* / In the Beginning / Genesis 2:16-17)

Satan's out of context, truncated, and inaccurate rendering of Yahowah's instructions defines what it means to “*'aruwm* – cleverly and craftily, subtlety and cunningly, trickily and treacherous, shrewdly and slyly” “*'aph* – hypothetically, while kindling some animosity, conditionally harboring bitterness while inflaming resentment, reveal one's overall displeasure with their situation and subsequently evoke and encourage misdirected anger, displaying an enraged arrogance, as a wrathful, snorting blowhard, ferociously demonstrating a haughty, conceited, and contrarian countenance while promoting hypothetical equivocations.” It isn't a game to be played without concern because the consequence is death.

This is how Satan worked with Paul and then Muhammad. Before them, it was the basis of Babel. After them, it became the *modus operandi* of Roman Catholicism and Christianity. It is the way Galatians was written. It is the way the Qur'an was scribed. Satan knows of nothing but corruption and counterfeit. He is not creative. And thus, his duplicity is easy to spot.

In fact, Paul was all about *'aph*. Like Satan, he opened with it. After labeling God's Old system/Testament "disadvantageous" near the conclusion of his first sentence in his initial letter, Paul devoted his second sentence, running from Galatians 1:6 to 1:8, to *'aph*...

"Grace to you and peace from God, Father of us and Lord Iesou Christou, (1:3) the one having produced and given Himself on account of the sins and errors of us, so that somehow, through indefinite means, He might possibly gouge or tear out, pluck or uproot us from the past circumstances and old system which had been in place which is disadvantageous and harmful, corrupt and worthless, malicious and malignant extended downward from and in opposition to the desire and will, the inclination and intent of God and Father of us, (1:4) to whom the assessment of the brilliant splendor, the opinion regarding the glorious radiance and appearance of the shining light, the characterization of a manifestation of God's reputation, by means of the old and the new systems, Amen, let it be so. (1:5)

I marvel, am amazed and astonished, wondering and surprised that namely in this way quickly and in haste you change, desert, and depart, becoming disloyal apostates and traitors away from your calling in the name of Grace to a different healing message and beneficial messenger, (1:6)

which does not exist differently, if not conditionally or hypothetically negated because perhaps some are the ones stirring you up, confusing you, and also wanting and proposing to change and pervert the beneficial messenger and healing message of the Christou, (1:7)

but to the contrary, if we or a messenger out of heaven conveys a healing messenger or beneficial message to you which is approximate or contrary to, beyond, or positioned alongside what we delivered as a beneficial messenger and announced as a healing message to you then a curse with a dreadful consequence exists. (1:8)

As we have said already, and even just now, immediately thereafter, repetitively, I say, if under the condition someone delivers a helpful messenger or communicates a useful message to you contrary or in opposition to, close or approximate to, even greater than that which you received, it shall be (in fact I command and want it to exist as) a curse with a dreadful consequence. (1:9)

For because currently and simultaneously, men I persuade, I presently, actively, and actually use words to win the favor of, seducing, misleading, coaxing, convincing, appeasing, and placating, or alternatively, the God? Or by comparison

and contrast, I seek and desire to please and accommodate humans? Yet nevertheless, if men, I was pleasing and accommodating, exciting the emotions of and lifting up a slave of Christou, certainly not was me. (1:10)

But nevertheless, I profess and reveal to you brothers of the beneficial message which having been communicated advantageously by and through myself, because it is not in accord with man. (1:11) But neither because I by man associating myself with it. Nor was I taught or instructed as a disciple. But to the contrary, by way of a revelation, an appearance serving to uncover and unveil Iesou Christou. (1:12)

For because indeed you heard of my wayward behavior in some time and place in the practice of Judaism, namely that because throughout, showing superiority, surpassing any measure of restraint, to an extraordinary degree, and better than anyone else, I was aggressively and intensely pursuing, persecuting, oppressing, and harassing the Called Out of God, and I was and am devastating her, continuing to undermine, overthrow, and annihilate her. (1:13)

And so I was and continue to progress, accomplishing a great deal, and I persist moving forward in the practice of Judaism, over and beyond many contemporaries among my race, excessively and over abundantly enthusiastic, zealous and excited, devoted and burning with passion, vehemently adherent to belong to the traditions and teachings handed down by my forefathers. (1:14)

But at a point in time when it pleased and was chosen enjoyable and better for God, the one having appointed me, setting me aside out of the womb of my mother (1:15) to reveal and disclose, uncovering and unveiling the Son of Him in order that I could announce the healing message among the races, immediately. I did not ask the advice of or consult with flesh or blood. (1:16)

If you believe that this man was telling the truth, I pity you.



For those who are interested, here is some more to contemplate relative to our *nephesh* – consciousness and *neshamah* – conscience. A *nephesh* is a God-given spark of life, one that all animals genetically pass on at conception. In this regard, researchers from Northwestern University in Chicago recently announced that they had photographed the explosion of light which erupts from the egg at the

moment of conception. Proteins, known as a “zinc finger,” are abundant in eukaryotic cells associated with DNA and RNA. The energy stored in the binding process is released when a first sperm penetrates the egg, thereby prohibiting further ingress of other spermatozoa. Once the encapsulated DNA in the sperm combines with the egg’s DNA, the flash of light signals the unfolding of these zinc fingers, releasing the genetic code of life.

Scientists had previously seen the phenomenon occur in other animals, but it is the first time it has been shown to happen in humans. The spectacle, highlighting the very moment that a new life begins was called “breathtaking” by the Professor directing the research. And while the flash of light has a natural explanation, the spark could be seen as Yahowah’s signature.

Even though the process is the same, every *nepesh* – soul is unique. Each operating system, through genetics, programming, and life experiences expresses itself as a unique individual, with a distinct personality and character traits, attitudes, attributes, and abilities. Everything we are, do, and become is facilitated by and stored in the *nepesh* operating system we call consciousness.

Based upon the evidence Yahowah has provided, we can conclude that our *nepesh* – consciousness is passed on genetically at conception. Our bodies operate like automated machines. Our basic physiology and chemistry work without any conscious thought on our part. We have an autonomic nervous system that controls most bodily functions without our input. Our hearts beat and we breathe without being aware of these functions most of the time. We express very little control over any of them. And yet this system plays a critical role in the operation of our bodies at both the macro and cellular levels.

Our physical, machine-like structure, our central nervous system, and the sophisticated computer we call our brain, are inextricably bound together into a single viable, self-aware, conscious individual with a distinct persona. This beautifully designed machine, replete with its sophisticated operating system and high-speed processor, was bequeathed to the living by Yahowah. It has to operate in an environment that is highly unpredictable, which is the only way to keep life interesting, freewill viable, and consequences credible. As humans, we are designed to navigate through the chaos and confusion to grow from childhood to adults who can fend for themselves, find a mate, and continue the species by reproduction, hopefully finding Yah and contributing something along the way. We were equipped to deal with a multitude of dangers and challenges. Aware of our environment, we are able to react to the opportunities that surround all of us.

And we were given the capacity to remember, so that we can learn from our experiences, passing what we have learned on to our offspring so they can thrive and grow. In this regard, Yahowah's Towrah is our Operating Manual, teaching us how to use what we were given to mitigate harmful influences and get the greatest possible benefit out of life.

So far then, we have a basic physical structure that works in combination with a *nephesh* to allow us to observe our surroundings and respond to what we experience, as is the case with almost all animals. But God wants more from us so He gave something additional to us. For humankind to know, to communicate with, and relate to, our Creator, we were afforded an attribute that transcends those bequeathed to the animal kingdom. We were given a "*neshamah* – conscience."

Commencing with Adam, this amazing gift equips us with the ability to seek and know God, to appreciate the difference between right and wrong, good and bad, truth and deception – things that animals cannot do.

With a *neshamah* we can reason, solve problems creatively, anticipate future outcomes based upon past experiences, and appreciate consequences of our actions. We can think abstractly, transcending what we can see, to envision the nature of a God we cannot touch and to model the basic structure of a universe that exceeds our grasp using mathematics, physics, and chemistry.

Inclusive of the influence of what is called "dark energy" and "dark matter," the universe in which we live is a six-dimensional construct. Its Creator, Yahowah, exists in the seventh dimension. For us to know Him, for us to understand what He is offering and expects in return, for us to engage in a relationship with Him, and for us to approach Him, we require the capabilities provided by the *neshamah* – conscience.

The *neshamah* augments, complements, and extends the functions of the basic machine and *nephesh* operating system, providing us with a third level of development. The *neshamah*, however, does not control our actions. It simply makes us responsible for them. It affects the way our brains develop and function, giving those who exercise it vastly improved cognitive capability, especially when it comes to making the kind of connections which enable us to transcend knowing to understanding.

Our *neshamah* provided humanity with the capacity to create things which are beautiful and beneficial in the arts, architecture, sciences, and business. But it

is a gift that can also be used for evil, as a catalyst exacerbating our violent, deadly, and destructive tendencies – especially our propensity for deception and war.

If passed on from Adam’s genetic material, the *neshamah* would be written into the portion of our genome which modulates gene expression. In each cell there are twenty-two paired autosomes (the same number of letters in the Hebrew alphabet), and one set of sex chromosomes, XY in the male and XX in the female. The autosomes and the sex chromosomes carry all of the coding sequences within our genes. The non-coding DNA is referred to as “junk” DNA because scientists initially didn’t recognize its role in subtly modulating the expression of genes, such as those in the central nervous system and brain.

Therefore, transmission from Adam and Chawah could have occurred via a sex-linked gene, by way of an autosome, or through modulation of non-coding sequences of this “junk” DNA. It could be dominant or recessive. The evidence suggests that it is passed along via a dominant allele, so that either Adam or Chawah mating with Homo-Sapiens outside of the Garden would convey the *neshamah* to their offspring.

With the *neshamah* being transmitted through the non-coding DNA sequences, it would be undetectable, and essentially impossible for mankind to manipulate the capability – simply because we wouldn’t be able to locate it. And this is a good thing, because given the capacity to regulate the human *neshamah* – conscience, mankind would likely produce the Aldous Huxley dystopian fantasy presented in *Brave New World*, with alphas, betas, gammas, and deltas bred as beasts of burden to be prodded and manipulated by an evil ruling class. By design and from birth, humanity would be stratified into a master or slave society, a genetic variation of the cast system that existed in Imperial Rome and later during the feudal expression of the Roman Catholic Church and again throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

Knowing our propensity for evil, I think that God designed our conscience in such a way that it would be difficult to detect and manipulate the genetic processes behind its expression. This was done just to keep us from coding the catastrophe conditioning has already wrought.

The questions then become, how many humanoids exist today without a *neshamah*, and how many have a dysfunctional conscience as a result of ineffective modulation due to indoctrination? And while I do not know the answer to either question, we know that every carrier of the *neshamah* save the eight on the Ark were wiped out in the flood in 2968 BCE. Moreover, according to what we have

just read, we are on the cusp of witnessing a second mass extinction of humans with an improperly calibrated conscience. If yours is functioning, you may want to put it to good use at this time. It is in the best interests of your *nepesh*.

If we consider the most common denominators found amongst mass murderers and terrorists, first among them would be religion. Islam, for example, is responsible for 99% of the acts of terrorism perpetrated around the world today, with the vast preponderance of those atrocities being carried out by fundamentalists and aimed against defenseless civilians. Not only does the Qur'an compel Muslims to act horrifically, they are ordered to follow Muhammad's example, and Islam's lone messenger was a rapist and pedophile, kidnapper and slave trader, mass murderer and savage terrorist. The undeniable and irrefutable common denominator between Islamic terrorism and the religion's "scriptures" and "prophet," explains what the world is wont to ignore. The religion has rendered the *neshamah* of over a billion people dysfunctional, causing far too many of them to be terrorists.

But in the West, where Islam isn't nearly as prevalent, we also find commonality among those who commit the most horrific crimes. Most were abused, or at least perceived that they were treated unfairly. Most were prescribed mind altering drugs, medications which were designed to regulate mood, dull pain, facilitate focus, or mitigate depression. Most played murderous video games, where killing became a form of entertainment, and life could be reset in a mythical world detached from reality. And all of them were indoctrinated in academic institutions where political correctness corrupted their ability to exercise good judgment. These factors cause serial killers and psychopaths to develop a sense of detachment from the rest of the world from a very early age. This ultimately leads them to feel a lack of empathy for their victims.

So while genetic mutation appears to play a role in curtailing the *nesamah's* functionality, indoctrination through the application of Political Correctness in Western academia, in politics and the media, plays a larger role. It has effectively deactivated the *neshamah* in most humans. While reversible, it has rendered most people incapable of processing evidence in a rational way. Such individuals are not only easily fooled, readily manipulated, and effortlessly controlled, they lack the capacity to find and know God.

But before we consider the genetic mutations, let's also consider apathy. We lose the ability to speak a language when we stop using it. Our muscles atrophy if they are not used. If we spend too long in the dark, we become blind. Removed

from human interaction, we grow insane. Likewise, those who don't care to know God, who prefer feelings over thinking, opinions to conclusions, distractions to evidence, faith to understanding, eventually lose the ability to process information in a rational and reasonable manner. Their *neshamah* withers without use.

Recently, scientists using MRI brain imaging techniques and analysis of the chemistry of neurotransmitters, have discovered that some people are born with a propensity for violence as well as a predisposition to murder. This suggests that the expression of our *neshamah* – conscience is also subject to mutation. Judgment can be impaired genetically. Anatomical changes in the pre-frontal cortex and the limbic systems of serial killers reveal common genetic traits. And while these mutations by themselves do not guarantee that an individual will become a serial killer or terrorist, when combined with religion, abuse, medication, preoccupation with the surreal, or indoctrination, horrible behaviors often result.

If I'm correct in my assessment, the *neshamah* – conscience is dysfunctional in 2.4 billion Christians, 1.2 billion Muslims, 1.1 billion politically correct Secular Humanists, and 1.0 billion Hindus. It has been seared in several hundred million more as a result of abuse, drugs, or the games they play. In the billion who remain, it has atrophied from lack of use in most of them. This would leave precious few, perhaps the one in a million, fully functioning *neshamah*'s. And the preponderance of them have come to know Yahowah and engage in His Covenant. In this regard, just as nutrients are required for life, I'm convinced that the Towrah was designed to nurture our *neshamah*.

Therefore, while our *nepesh* – consciousness reflects our unique persona, it's our *neshamah* – conscience that gives those who possess it and use its character, a proper perspective on life, and an ability to know Yah. But fed the errant ways of man, it also enables those who wish to rule over others and to exhibit their cruel and homicidal tendencies, the power to do so.

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