A RADICAL VIEW OF SET-APARTNESS THE MESSAGE AND EXAMPLE OF QUMRAN

Hebrews 12:14: "...without set-apartness, no man shall see Elohim". Matthew 5:8: "The pure in heart will see Elohim."

Leviticus 11:44: "For I am Yahuweh your Elohim, and you shall set yourselves apart. And you shall be set apart, for I am set-apart."

Leviticus 19:1: "...Be set apart for I, Yahuweh your Elohim, am set-apart" Leviticus 20:7-8, 23-24,26: "And you shall set yourselves apart, and shall be set-apart, for I am Yahuweh your Elohim and you shall guard My laws and do them. I am Yahuweh who sets you apart...And do not walk in the manners of the nations which I am driving out before you, for they commit all these things and therefore I abhorred them. You are going to possess their land...I am Yahuweh your Elohim, who has separated you from these people...And you shall be set-apart to Me, for I, Yahuweh, am set-apart, and have separated you from the people to be mine."

I Peter 1:16: "Be set apart for I am set-apart".

Ephesians 1:4: "According as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be set-apart without blame before Him in love". I Peter 1:1-2: "Kepha, an emissary of Yahushua Messiah, to the chosen strangers of the dispersion in Pontos, Galatia, Kappadokia, Asia and Bithunia, chosen according to the foreknowledge of Elohim the Father, set-apart by the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Yahushua Messiah, favor be unto you and peace be multiplied".

Hebrews 12:14 "...without set-apartness no man shall see Elohim". Revelation 22:11: "...let the set-apart be more set-apart".

Near the shores of the north Dead Sea, not far from Jerusalem, lie the ruins of a desert community inhabited from about 150-68 BCE. What happened there laid much foundational groundwork for the early assemblies of Torah guarding believers in Messiah Yahushua, and for the forerunning company—the Eliyahu Company—remnant of these last days. The community was comprised of mostly men—Jews and Zadok priests—who fled the wickedness of Greece and Rome to discipline themselves in purity and set-apartness. There they preserved the precious scrolls of the Tenach for us, as well as other books, like The Book of Enoch that would also later appear in the Messianic Writings. They also gave us a general outline of community life that would be modified and adapted for the early communities of Torah-guarding believers in Messiah Yahushua. The men of the Wadi Quman community also preserved for us their instructions for community life and for the final war between the sons of light and the sons of Belial that give us valuable wisdom for the times ahead. Josephus called the men at Wadi Qumran "the Essenes".

The Essenes had other communities of families, some who lived in villages

around Jerusalem, and some in Jerusalem. But, all of them as a whole were symbolically representative of the marked ones of **Ezekiel 9:1-11** who signed and cried for the abominations done in Jerusalem, and thus were preserved in their set-apartness as an example to us in our day.

Notes from the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem regarding the Essenes: "The community at Qumran was profoundly religious and devoted all its energies to the worship of God. The sectarians believed that the angels were their companions and that their spiritual level elevated them to the border between the human and the divine. The atmosphere of sanctity that enveloped them is evident from the 100 Biblical Psalms and more than 200 extra-Biblical prayers and hymns preserved in the scrolls",

The world looks on this radical view of set-apartness as being "religious". Yet a simple reading of the Word shows that this is to be the norm for the set-apart children of Yahuweh, whether they live out in the desert or in a city. People should be able to look at our lives and see our devotion to Yahuweh and be changed by the anointing that flows from our mouths, and from our lifestyle. On April 12th, while the Old City of Jerusalem was under heavy guard by the IDF on Easter Sunday morning because of fighting that goes on in the Arab Quarter around the "Church of the Holy Sepulcher" and the Via Dolorosa between the different factions of Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy, my friends and I exited the City and went south along the Dead Sea. In all the approximately thirty times I had been in Israel, I had yet to see Qumran. I had been to the Shrine of the Book at the Israeli Museum and seen the Dead Sea Scrolls from Qumran. I had read books on Qumran. I love archeology, so the finding of the scrolls by Bedouin youth in 1947 really intrigued me. I have studied and taught the Tenach in depth on and off since at least 1963. So to see the Isaiah scroll I the Shrine of the Book gave me chills. One copy of Isaiah was found in its entirety. It is the oldest copy of the book of Israel in existence.

1947 was a year marking the last generation that would end with the coming of Messiah (Matthew 24:32-34). November 29, 1947 saw the United Nations approving the partitioning of Israel, which gave Israel its statehood May 15, 1948. It also was the year of the formation of the CIA, the crashing of alien craft at Roswell, New Mexico, and many other strategic end time things that began a multitude of prophetic fulfillments. It also began the last generation time-period before Messiah returns, and unleashed the prophecies of the end times.

Israel is called His "fig" tree in Joel 1:7 and Hosea 9:10. In Matthew 24:32-34, Yahushua says that when the fig tree once again begins to put out leaves then the time of His coming is "at the doors". After 2,500 years of not being an independent nation, from May 15, 1948, Israel once again had the right to govern themselves—the fig tree began putting out its leaves again.

It was a miracle - a nation born in a day! (Isaiah 66:6-12) And, as Zechariah 12:7 tells us, He "saved" the tents of Judah and restored the tribe of the

scepter-holder <u>first</u>, so that as **Zechariah 8:19-23** tells us, the rest of the tribes of Jacob could come home.

The strategically timed "accidental" finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls by a Bedouin shepherd boy was a major event that helps us get an understanding of life in community for survival in the days head in which the set-apart ones will be attacked who, like the Essenes, stand against the systems of Greece and Rome. The Essenes did not have Messiah Yahushua, but their writings were true to those who wanted freedom from the defilement of the Roman puppets in the Temple, and we can learn a great deal from them, modified of course through our knowledge of our Savior and Redeemer. It is amazing that Peter, Jude, John, Paul, John the immerser, and even Messiah Himself quoted and/or alluded to the concepts in the writings of the Essenes and the Book of Enoch. My friends and I got to Qumran before the tour group onslaught. Only one small group was there. My friends walked around faster than I could go, so I just sauntered and prayed. But, I had not gone far into the ruins before tears began flowing down my cheeks, and Father's Spirit moving in my spirit like a baby in the womb moves. Interesting that the meaning of the Hebrew word for "loving kindness", which is used in the Tenach to a characteristic of Yahuweh means: "to nurture like a baby in the womb". His anointing Presence was strong on me there.

He began training me in set-apartness from age four. At age four, while riding in the backseat of my parent's car, I felt and saw Him put a clear bubble around me, and hear Him speak to me "You don't belong here anymore". From that point on, the world system meant little to nothing to me. That in itself set me apart from the "normal" children I grew up with. I also had a Levite personality from an early age, seeing only in the reality of "right and wrong". I never went looking for what was wrong, but wrong revealed itself to me. I had a passion for His Word from early childhood. Therefore, what was not of His Word was obviously wrong, and I confronted it. Now to confront wrong causes masks to come off, and ugliness to comes out. Now, the ones that tell the truth are made out to be the bad ones, and the evil ones come off "smelling like a rose". (Isaiah 59:14-15; Amos 5:10)

The rise in the jezebel spirit is huge. The set-apart ones are the targets of the most satan-minded wickedness, which is done under cover for the most part by those who appear to be so good on the surface. We are called to align to the plumb line of His Truth, but also to be living plumb lines as examples of true set-apartness to others, in humility, love and peace. (Amos 7:7-8) I never have felt at home in this world. I latched onto the Prophets in the Tenach, and especially Eliyahu and Yohanan the immerser (John the Baptist) early-on. After college I taught in Bible Colleges in America and Africa -- mostly "Old Testament Survey", as well as <u>Revelation</u>. I'm always grieved to hear of people who have snatched their free ticket to heaven but who have no love of the Word. To most so-called "believers" the Prophet's messages are unknown. Yet it is through the Prophets that we learn the nature of Yahuweh

and His plans for His set-apart ones in our day. To me, the Prophets are like my brothers. But, then again, few take time to study the Word with the Spirit of Yahuweh as their Teacher. It is too easy and convenient to just listen to a bigname speaker at a conference, go to a study group with friends, read a book, or watch a DVD, than to be alone with Him. Such tragic laziness will result in a tragic ending. Yet He is the only source of pure, undiluted Truth. Many avoid the book of Revelation because they say it is "cryptic" and hard to understand. But, understanding comes by the Spirit of Yahuweh.

Around 2003, Yahuweh took the seals off of <u>Daniel</u> and the cryptic façade off of <u>Revelation</u>. <u>Revelation</u> was written to the servants of the Master Yahushua. (Revelation 1:1-2) Thus, it is the servants of Yahuweh who are being taught by Him to understand the books of <u>Daniel</u> and <u>Revelation</u>. It is also to His servants that He is revealing His deep secrets in these last days. (Amos 3:7) Isn't it interesting that Communist China has outlawed the teaching of two books of the Bible in particular - <u>Daniel</u> and <u>Revelation</u>. Isn't it interesting that the world community as a whole, including the United States, has condemned teaching on the second coming of Messiah--not teaching on the rapture, but on His return as in **Revelation 11:15-18**, in which He takes over the kingdoms of this world. The leaders of this world are terrified of His take-over, and they should be!

We are bought with a price—the price of His blood. The bondservant only lives to please the Master. (II Corinthians 6:20; 7:23; Acts 20:28) It is His servants that get His rewards according to their faithfulness.

Matthew 25:21: "Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things—enter the joy of your Master".

Those set-apart to Him alone, who joyfully obey His every command and His will on a daily basis, have a relationship with Him that no others have. When He comes to rule His Kingdom, His servants will be known as His closest friends. Around 1985-1986, I began studying the prophets with great zeal. At Qumran I touched base with them--especially the one I call "my mentor"—Yohanan the immerser. He was in the desert wilderness until the time of his appearing to Israel. It is most probable that he was with the Essenes during part of his wilderness experience. The Essenes put heavy emphasis on the mivah - the ritual immersion for purity and set-apartness, which was done each day. In the ruins of Qumran many mikvah baths were found. Yohanan did not baptize like Christians do—holding the person while dunking them backwards into the water and up. Nor did he sprinkle water on their heads. For baptism means total immersion. Yohanan called the people to mikvah—to dunk themselves under the water totally as a public display of their repentance.

Qumran, like nothing before, brought together and defined my calling and my direction for these last days. I walked through the ruins in peace and joy, knowing that I had "come home" in a spiritual sense.

I remember when I was twenty: I was out on the backside of the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, back where white people rarely came, bouncing along in the back of an old truck with my bedroll and backpack. I looked up at the big sky. I said Father: "I would love to spend my life like this, with a backpack and a bedroll". I suppose He heard me, just like He heard my age 14 prayer when I told Him I didn't want a normal life, but a life of adventure in His service, because I didn't want to miss anything that He was doing. I told Him I wanted to be in the middle of everything He was doing. He heard that one! Later on, however, I told Him, that I would go anywhere He wanted me to go EXCEPT to Africa and the Middle East. He must have had a belly laugh on hearing that—for at His leading, I spent seven years in and out of Africa, and have spent, to date, ten years in the Middle East...and loved it! At Qumran, the extreme depth of the training He had put me through since early age all came out. I knew that in the future, the communities of those who would endure to the end and overcome would be like the Essenes in their desire for purity and set-apartness. Yes, the Essenes went overboard with some of their rigorous rules of discipline—but their example lives on for us, and their warnings, so that we walk in the fruit of the re-born spirit in love, joy, peace, longsuffering, faith, gentleness, kindness, purity, humility, patience, faithfulness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) with one another. Of course, the rule of the leaders of Qumran was not tempered by the words of Messiah or by an understanding of the Father's nature in some ways, still we can learn much wisdom from their Community Rule. They did what they felt they had to do to keep out the sons of Belial and their defilement. We must learn the basics of guarding ourselves against defilement. For in the western world we have been mind-programmed into Greek philosophy and Roman thinking, and do not understand the plumb line lifestyle required to live in the Kingdom of Yahuweh Eloheinu.

In entering the land, He told Joshua to have the people to smash and completely destroy the altars of the heathen. Yet, today, people take in a cheap religious belief-system and some even add Hebrew roots to doctor up the mundane boredom of religion, but they have not repented and come out totally from the kingdom of darkness—the kingdom of this world, the sin nature, and of Lucifer the god of this world. Therefore they still have uncircumcised hearts, and retain their altars to the gods they worship—money, social status, academic status, possessions, people, sex, security, and on and on. There is much more to this story of my experience at Qumran, for it continued on for many days after April 12th with all-night dreams, visions, words of knowledge, revelation knowledge, and His personal instruction--all connecting to His preparations for the community of the Bridal remnant and the remnant of the forerunning companies in the Judean wilderness in the final days of exploits and activity before going to Edom.

There will be a community of refugees of all types in Petra/Mt. Seir/Edom.

(Please refer to the article: "Petra, Edom, and the Re-gathering and Preservation of All The Tribes of Israel in the Last Days" for details) I spent eight years in Aqaba, Jordan, on the Red Sea, watching the fulfillment of all the prophecies to do with that region of preservation. It is an amazing thing to see the prophetic fulfillment of that region for His set-apart ones. There will be some of His people preserved in the tunnels under Jerusalem, and some preserved, at least during their trek east, in communities in the Negev, most likely before and during the reign of the "beast" in Jerusalem—the chief son of Belial.

Our Father is now preparing a remnant for the time when we will be very happy to have a bedroll and a backpack, and be with others of like kind. On April 13th, I visited the Shrine of the Book again, and again went through with tears as I saw the representative scrolls from Qumran on display. I did not want to leave the Isaiah scroll, nor the War Scroll. The War Scroll teaches of the last day's battle between the sons of Belial (Satan) and the sons of Light.

The true disciples of Yahushua Messiah are called "children of light" in the Word. This last day's spiritual battle is getting more intense right now. The term "sons of Belial" or "Belial" is found in 16 verses in the Bible, beginning with **Deuteronomy 13:13-14:** "Some of the men of Belial have gone out of your midst and led the inhabitants of their city astray, saying, `Let us go and serve other gods - mighty ones whom you have not known'...this is an abomination...done in your midst".

These sons of Belial are equated with wickedness of all types, and leading Yahuweh's people astray, yet they are found in the congregation of the righteous. They work from within and without to do the works of wickedness. They are children of darkness, of the evil one—the children of Lucifer/Satan/the Devil. Their fruit is often hidden in secret agendas and ambitions of their own. Tragically, many hide behind the mask of Christianity

and the "Messianic movement".

I Samuel 2:12: "The sons of Eli were sons of Belial—they did not know Yahuweh". The overwhelming majority of those that call themselves "believers" do not know Yahuweh. They have adopted a belief system that fits into their lifestyle. Eli was the High Priest at the tabernacle of Shiloh. His sons were ministers in the Tabernacle. Like so many ministers today, Eli's sons used their important position to practice all sorts of sin.

The physical battle belongs to Yahushua, and **Revelation 19** tells us it will be fast and decisive. We are now at war with demonic forces that have not been on the earth since before the Flood. We are now targets of the forces of Belial that are human as well as demonic...the rulers of darkness in the world system. We must learn to wield the sword of the spirit (**Ephesians 6:17**), and walk in His authority with His backing, because we are trusted with His authority due to our track record in obedience. Those untrained in battle will fall in battle. Many of the scrolls of Qumran sound just like the writings of the Apostle Sha'ul (Paul), Peter, Jude, John and Messiah Himself. They also correspond to themes in <u>The Book of Enoch</u>, <u>The Book of Jubilees</u>, <u>The Book of Jasper</u>, <u>The Genesis</u> <u>Apocryphon</u>, and other books about the end times that are quoted by "New Testament" writers.

"The Messianic Apocalypse" speaks of Yahushua: "Over the poor His Spirit will hover and will renew the faithful with His power. He will glorify the pious on the throne of the eternal Kingdom. He who liberates the captives, restores sight to the blind, straightens the bent...forever I will cleave and hope in His mercy...for He will heal the wounded, and revive the dead and bring good news to the poor".

From **"The War Scroll"**: "...The sons of light shall battle with the company of darkness amid the shouts of a mighty multitude and the clamor of gods and men to make manifest the might of Elohim. And it shall be a time of great tribulation for the people which Elohim shall redeem; of all its afflictions none shall be as this, from its **SUDDEN beginnings** until its end in eternal redemption". (Matthew 24:21-22)

From "The War Scroll": "Truly the battle is Yours and the power from You! It is not ours. Our strength and the power of our hands accomplish no mighty deeds except by Your power and the might of Your great valor. This has been taught us from ancient times...By the hand of Your anointed, who discern Your testimonies, you have revealed to us the times of the battle of Your hands that You may glorify Yourself in our enemies by leveling the hordes of Belial, the seven nations of vanity, by the hand of Your poor whom You have redeemed by Your might and by the fullness of Your marvelous power. You have opened the door of hope to the melting heart. You will do to them as You did to Pharaoh and to the captains of his chariots in the Red Sea. You will kindle the downcast of spirit and they shall be a flaming torch in the straw to consume ungodliness and never to cease until iniquity is destroyed...and You will establish in a community for Yourself the elect of Your set-apart people. The list of the names of all their hosts is with You in the abode of Your set-apartness...You have recorded for them with the graving-tool of life, the favors of Your blessing and the Covenant of Your peace, that You may reign over them forever and ever, throughout all the eternal ages." (I Peter 1:1-3; Matthew 25:34; Ephesians 1:4)

From "The War Scroll": "Be brave and strong for the battle of Elohim! For this day is the time of the battle of Elohim against all the hosts of Belial, and of the judgment of all flesh. The Elohim of Israel lifts His hand in His marvelous might against all the spirits of wickedness. The hosts of the warrior "gods" gird themselves for battle, and the formations of the Set-Apart Ones prepare themselves...For the Elohim of Israel has called out the sword against all the nations, and He will do mighty deeds by the set-apart ones of His people". "Righteousness shall rejoice on high, and all the children of His truth shall

jubilate in eternal knowledge. And you, the sons of His Covenant, be strong in the ordeal of Elohim! His mysteries shall uphold you until He moves His hand for His trials to come to an end".

This exhortation and encouragement is filled with His power and Presence! Can't you just envision this glorious battle? Do you have the same zeal against sin in your own life? Do you have such a passion for Yahuweh and His Word that your life is consumed with being involved in what is the passion of His heart the restoration of the House of Israel back to the Covenant of Yahuweh—the Good News of the Kingdom? Is your passion to know His Word to obey it, thus knowing Him, knowing His ways, His thoughts, His nature, His acts? **Hebrews 12:1-4:** "Wherefore, seeing that we are encompassed by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Yahushua, the Author and Finisher of our faith: Who for the joy set before Him endured the execution stake, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim. For consider Him that endured such a contradiction of sinners against himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your mind. You have not yet resisted unto blood—striving against sin".

The battle for your own soul (mind, will, feelings, and emotions—seat of the flesh, sin nature and lusts) is the greatest battle. Once you submit your soul realm to your eternal spirit, which contacts eternity and in which the Spirit of Yahuweh has made His abode, the discipline of your mind becomes easier. When the mind is submitted to the eternal spirit, which is perfected at the new birth, then you can walk in blamelessness before Him. The set-apart ones walk in blamelessness. Please refer to the "Word Fellowship Newsletter June 22nd" for a more comprehensive teaching on walking in the spirit, led by His Spirit. If you have no passion as a warrior of Elohim, you will not be counted worthy to do battle. As I wrote in "Gideon's 300", Gideon started out with 32,000 and because of no warrior spirit, Gideon was left with 300, but it was with these 300 that he won over insurmountable odds to the glory of Yahuweh.

II Corinthians 10:3-6: "For though we walk in the flesh we do not war after the flesh--for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of Elohim, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Messiah, and having a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled".

First things first: If you intend to be a warrior for Messiah, then you better have your own life disciplined under His absolute control—right down to your thoughts, or else you will not have His authority backing when you go against the enemy!

Four minutes after midnight, April 20th—Monday AM: Writing in my notebook with nightstand light on, but still shaking: I had awakened from a dream I was in. I see myself in many of my dreams. In this one, I was watching a group of

the sons of darkness outside the Qumran entrance (modern times) at the place where you buy your park entrance ticket. A group of men, about 10-12, cast in dark shadowy clothing and appearance were trying to enter the community. They were rejected from entering by those in the community. In the dream the Essenes were still there actively living in Qumran-a blend of the past and present. The community had sent word to the gatekeeper of the park not to let them in. The dark shadowy men were very angry. I woke up abruptly. It took me a few seconds to orient myself as to where I was. Just then I heard audibly the voices of the angry men in the air between my bed and the door in my room. I was shocked awake totally by these audible voices. In hearing the audible anger of the men, I did not hear the details of what was being said or what language they were using. Indeed the sons of darkness were trying to infiltrate the community of the sons of light, but true to the Word, the sons of light were not letting them enter. As we hedge ourselves in with His Truth, He will help us to put up blockades against the sons of darkness who are trying to force themselves into our lives, too.

At the Shrine of the Book bookstore I bought the English translation of the translated Dead Sea Scrolls and a book entitled <u>A Day at Qumran</u>. The author of <u>A Day At Qumran</u> said that the Essenes were probably against the open invitation of Yohanan (John the immerser) when he baptized people in general for repentance, since the Essenes did not believe the sons of Belial could repent and thus become children of light.

I began pondering this after I heard the voices. At first upon reading this I said, "NO-they have bad theology, anyone can repent and be saved". I said to myself, "the Essenes had Calvanistic theology". But, then I remembered the call of Father in **Ezekiel 18 and 33** for the House of Israel (Ya'cob/Jacob) to turn back to the Torah-the twelve tribes.

"Repentance" means to turn back. To turn back and be "redeemed"—or "bought back". He came to redeem His people. He calls for those already His people to turn back to Him—redemption was obtained for the twelve tribes of Ya'cob by the blood of Messiah Yahushua. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

He established a "renewed" covenant with the House of Judah and the House of Israel. He never made a covenant with "gentiles"—heathen, pagans, barbarians, strangers, foreigners, and aliens to the Covenant of Yahuweh. In **Matthew 26:28**: "For this is My blood, that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sin".

From **"The Damascus Document"** regarding the sons of light and the sons of Belial: "Patience and much forgiveness are with Him towards those who turn from transgression; but power, might and great flaming wrath by the hand of all the Angels of destruction towards those who depart from the way and abhor the Precept. They shall have no remnant or survivor...For from the beginning Elohim chose them not; He knew their deeds before they were ever created. He raised up for Himself men called by name that a remnant might be left to the Land and that the face of the earth might be filled with their seed. He made known His Holy Spirit to them by the hand of His anointed one and He proclaimed truth to them...But with the remnant, which held fast to the commandments of Elohim, He made His Covenant with Israel forever, revealing to them the hidden things in which Israel had gone astray. He unfolded before them His holy Shabbats and his glorious feasts, the testimonies of His righteousness and the ways of His truth, and the desires of His will, which a man must do in order to live."

I Peter 1:2: "...CHOSEN ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEGE OF ELOHIM THE FATHER, set-apart by the Spirit unto obedience..."

Ephesians 1:4: "ACCORDING AS HE HAS CHOSEN US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD THAT WE SHOULD BE SET-APART WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE."

Father selected a family from the sons of Eber through Abraham, Isaac and Y'acob, (II Samuel 7:22-24) and chose a remnant from all twelve tribes of Ya'cob before the foundation of the world, according to His foreknowledge of what each would choose. Today this remnant follows the same pattern - the pure in heart see Him and know Him. The resolutely determined, the obedient, the contrite and humble, tremble at His Word, and fear Him. He has much patience, love, and forgiveness for those turning from sin to walk with Him in truth. But, He, being all Light, has no tolerance for those who walk in darkness—going their own way in rebellion. This is reminiscent of II Thessalonians 2:8-12, that to those who do not love the truth, He will send a strong delusion that they will believe a lie and be damned.

In the dream of April 20th, the men of darkness—the sons of Belial—did not want into the community of the sons of light in order to repent and become believers in Messiah and guard the Torah of Yahuweh. They simply wanted in for their own wicked agendas. If they had been let in, it was obvious that they wanted to take over—to bring destruction, doubt, upheaval, trouble, deception, and to totally tear down what Yahuweh was doing.

Christianity, because its many unrealistic philosophies based on Greco/Roman thinking for the most part, would say that it was mean of the community to keep them out--maybe they would come in and be "saved". But, false responsibility, false mercy, and false love, are philosophical remnants of Greece within Christianity. No one can know the nature of Yahuweh or of Yahushua through Christianity, or through most Messianic teaching.

As I was out walking the day after the dream, a flood of Scriptures came into my mind, as I began going over the thoughts of the men at Qumran.

"Yahuweh is light, and in Him is no darkness at all". (I John 1:5)

Yahuweh is the "Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning". (Ya'cob/James 1:17)

Messiah said: "I am the light of the world". He also said, "You are the lights of

the world". (Matthew 5:14; John 8:12; 12:46)

Philippians 2:14-16a: "Do all things without murmuring and disputing, that you might be blameless, the sons of Elohim without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights of the world, holding forth the Word of life..."

I Thessalonians 5:23: "And the Elohim of peace Himself set you completely apart, and your entire spirit, and soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Master Yahushua Messiah!"

II Peter 3:13-14: "But according to His promise we wait for a renewed heaven and a renewed earth in which righteousness dwells. So then, beloved ones, looking forward to this, do your utmost to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless".

Psalm 119:1 "Blessed are the perfect in the way. Who walk in the Torah of Yahuweh."

I John 2:5: "But whoever guards His Word truly the love of Elohim has been perfected in him. By this we know we are in Him".

Hebrews 6:1: "Therefore, having left the word of the beginning of Messiah, let us go on to perfection..."

II Corinthians 3:17-18: "Now Yahuweh is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of Yahuweh is there is freedom. And, we all, as with unveiled face, see as in a mirror the esteem of Yahuweh, and are transformed into the same likeness from esteem to esteem, as from Yahuweh the Spirit".

Then there is the awesome teaching of **Haggai 2:11-14**, that if we go forth bearing what is undefiled and we touch what is defiled, if does not make what we touch undefiled, in fact, if we tough what is defiled, it defiles us. So many in their false sense of mercy, stay in defiled situations thinking they will help someone else, but fact is, the defilement breaks down spiritual strength and before long that which is undefiled becomes tolerant of what is defiled. He tells us "COME OUT" of defilement, and I will be your Elohim!

We daily allow the Spirit to transform our mind and emotions so that our thoughts align to the thoughts of Yahuweh in our re-born spirit, and thus we are totally changed into His image—the image, which is blameless. We become light...because we allow no darkness within us. We allow the Spirit to convict us and so we change on a daily basis into His image! One of the characteristics of the 144,000 is "blameless": **Revelation 14:5:** "And in their mouth was found no falsehood, for they are blameless before the throne of Elohim".

Guard your tongue. We are commanded to speak "the oracles of Elohim". Do you notice that blamelessness and set-apartness are almost always together in these Scriptures? Set-apartness unto Him, knowing Him—His ways, His thinking, His nature, and His acts—causes one to be blameless. It doesn't mean that we never sin—but it means that we are constantly in a state of awareness, so that the Spirit can convict us of wrong at any time, and we will quickly repent and go forward. It means: "we walk in the light as He is in the light, and the blood of Messiah continually cleanses us from all sin". (I John 1:7) Psalm 119:105: "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path". It is as we walk in obedience to His Word that we are continually cleansed. If you are a child of the light, then you cannot shine in darkness without the darkness feeling it. The demons know who holds forth the Word of life, and so do the spirits of the sons of Belial. If you are shining brightly, you will repel the sons of darkness, and you don't even have to say a word! (By "sons" I also means "daughters".)

We don't have to say a word, but if we are around the sons of darkness for very long, no matter how cheery we are, we will get the full blast of wickedness-not just a blast human naughtiness but satanic mindless evil that few humans even know exit. In fact, the human mind can conceive of much wickedness, but the mind controlled by Satan/Belial thinks evil that is beyond the realm of the normal human's thinking. The World War II Eastern European "Ustachi" are an example of that... humans with absolutely no conscious at all, many of them Catholic priests and nuns. Today America has torture camps in that same area. I understand what the Word calls "the depths of Satan", which very few outside of Satanism understand is possible. If we understand the reality of the spirit world—the supernatural world--we won't be horrified when the "other side" opens up on us. Yahuweh calls us to dwell in His realm—the Eternal realm, through our re-born spirit that contacts eternity.

Darkness cannot approach light—it is naturally destroyed. Even a candle flame destroys the darkness around it. The darkness pushes against the light, but the light holds the darkness at bay. If we are children of light, we must not allow darkness to influence our lives in any way.

We are entering a time of "gross darkness", but for those children of light, it is our time to shine! (Isaiah 60:1-2) Messiah says that no one puts a lamp under a bushel basket but puts it on a lamp stand. (Mark 4:21).

John 12:36: "While you have light, believe in the light, that you might be the children of light".

Ephesians 5:8: "For you were sometimes darkness, but now are you light in Yahuweh: **Walk as children of light**".

Yohanan was calling the House of Judah and the Levite, s as well as Israelites who left the Covenant and were scattered into all nations AMONG the gentiles, back to Yahuweh and His Covenant. We are now in the time of the

"restoration of all things" (Acts 3:19-21) and the message of repentance and return is the "Gospel of the Kingdom" that we are to preach.

But, Yohanan was also calling Roman soldiers to repentance, as he did to all, for their preparation for receiving the Messiah Yahushua, whom He had proclaimed as "the Lamb of Elohim". I believe these Romans were descendants of the lost sheep of the House of Israel, the ten northern tribes, that Yahuweh had to scatter into all nations among the gentiles by 722 BCE because of their wickedness.

Matthew 15:24: "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the House of Israel". He only sent His Apostles to the "lost sheep of the House of Israel", too, Matthew 10:5-6, and historically it was only to the lost sheep that the Apostles went!

The ministry of Yohanan was a forerunning ministry of the Messiah. His message was not fully understood by the Essenes. The Essenes were shocked at his murder but not surprised. If it isso, that Yohanan did live with them for a while, but left before making full commitment to the community, then his status was demoted from that point in their eyes since after two years of entrance training, to leave was very, very rare. He had to go into the Arabah (desert between the base of the Dead Sea and the Red Sea), and be by Himself for a season—though I am sure the community sheltered him long enough for him to get oriented to his calling.

Yohanan, coming in the spirit and power of Eliyahu (Luke 1:13-17; 3:67-79; Malachi 4:4-6:), preached repentance in preparation for the restoration of the Covenant of Yahuweh through the Lamb of Elohim. Without repentance there can be no salvation! His ministry set in motion the end time restoration of all things - calling the House of Israel back to the Torah through Messiah Yahushua. He was a forerunner for the return of the House of Israel - not the "sons of Belial".

Isaiah 40:3: "The voice of him who cries in the wilderness: `Prepare the way of Yahuweh! Make straight in the desert (*Arabah*) a highway for our Elohim' ". (Italics mine) I lived eight years in the Arabah, on the Red Sea. I have traveled on the straight highway—the Dead Sea Road—many times. I also cried out "Prepare the way of Yahuweh" while I was there. I traveled on the straight highway many times in Jordan—called the "Dead Sea Highway", as well as on the interior's restored (1998-1999) "King's Highway".

The scrolls talk about a good priest Yohanan in the community. It may have been Yohannan the baptizer. Yohanan was full-blooded Levite, and it is probable that he was the real ha Godal—the official Zadok High Priest. Only the High Priest can declare the sacrifice for the nation worthy. Messiah was not only the Passover Lamb, but also the sacrifice for the nation—the Yom Kippur Lamb. (John 11:49-52) Only the High Priest could declare such a sacrifice worthy.

John 1:29: "Behold the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world". The Romans had installed a puppet High Priest and other officials who would carry out the will of Rome. Therefore the true Zadok (descendants of David and Solomon's righteous and faithful High Priest, Zadok, of the lineage of Aaron through Eleazer and Phinehas) priests fled to places like Qumran to be set apart unto Yahuweh until the time of the coming of Messiah and the battle won over the sons of Belial. This is why the Essenes protected the Tenach scrolls in the caves of Qumran, many from the Temple in Jerusalem. They feared that they would be destroyed by the Romans. (For a study on the Zadok priesthood of past and present and future, refer to the article trilogy 1) The Zadok Priesthood, 2) Correct Intercession and Spiritual Warfare in the Garments of the High Priest and 3) Elijah and Zadok Unite.

They believed that Messiah was Deity. From Isaiah 53, they believed that He would come twice—once as the Suffering Servant and then as the Conquering King. Rabbi Akiva feared the truth about Messiah Yahushua, and when, in the 2nd century, he canonized the Tenach, he almost left out the book of <u>Daniel</u>, which gives the exact timing of the coming of Messiah into Jerusalem at Passover 28 CE, to die for the nation. Akiva also left out other books and changed the Hebrew text to smear over the prophetic truths that would point to Yahushua as the real Messiah. To this day most rabbis won't let their people read the book of Daniel. But, HalleluYah, there is a remnant in Israel now of Orthodox rabbis and members of congregations that are studying the prophets, and finding the Messiah!

After the incident of the voices and the dream of the sons of darkness wanting to get into the community of the sons of light by force-not to do good, but evil, I continued my examination of my previous Christian thinking. I began preaching the good news of salvation since age six. I preached the traditional "pray this prayer and go to heaven" doctrine of Evangelical Christianity. Then, while in Agaba, Jordan, after months of study on a related subject, I found that not one verse in the entire Word tells us that we spend eternity in heaven. That is a Roman pagan fabrication of their Elysian Fields theology. We spend eternity on this earth in a Kingdom, ruled by Torah, with a King who executes that Torah (Yahuweh's teachings and Instructions) with a rod of iron. Then Father brings the new Jerusalem down here, renews the heavens and earth, and we spend eternity on a perfected earth. Get into the Word for TRUTH! In the majority of my articles I come against the deceptions of Christian theology—a religion of the Greeks who opposed the teachings of the Apostles. In my mini-book, "The Foundation of Deception", I document the roots of Christianity. Messiah said that to be His disciple, we had to lay down all of the "self" life and die to self, pick up our execution stake, and have one Master. This is foreign to the Christian message, but not foreign to those of the remnant of the last days. The remnant follows the Lamb wherever He goes, and to do so, must have a simple, mobile lifestyle.

After awakening from the dream--the night of April 20th--I also realized I had "picked up" at Qumran, as Jeremiah calls it, a "fire in my bones" that connected with the zeal of those who had left all to know Him. It is the spirit of the forerunners who will forerun Messiah and set themselves apart from the world, so that they can do "exploits" in these last of the last days. (Daniel 11:32)

It all ties into a networking being done by the Spirit of Yahuweh through those who want to prepare communities for set-apart ones for the days to come within Israel. The story of this networking is incredible to say the least. Now is the time to pray it through. The spirit of the set-apart ones of Qumran is indeed in the set-apart ones of today—with refinement by the Messiah, with wisdom that the Qumran Essenes did not have. The Essenes were like rough diamonds, and now the diamonds are being cut to perfection. I touched base in identification with those set-apart ones of long ago. I have studied the prophets for so long that I feel like they are my brothers. I feel like they my family. It is the spirit of the prophets that separated themselves unto Him only... for the sake of eternity and the purposes of the Father to save the remnant few.

Matthew 11:12: "The Kingdom of Elohim suffers violence, and the violent (*the determinedly resolute*) take it by force". At Qumran I saw a vision and heard it clearly too, that the sons of Belial—Satan, darkness—will try to force themselves into the kingdom of light but won't be able to, while the sons of light—the determinedly resolute—will take it by spiritual force—by overcoming, by zeal for His Word, by zeal to know Him, by "the word of their testimony". These are the "good soldiers of Messiah Yahushua" that Sha'ul talks about in II Timothy 2:4: "No man that wars entangles himself with the affairs of this life that he might please only him who has called him to be a soldier".

I Peter 4:1-2: "For inasmuch then as Messiah has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his life in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of Elohim".

The Apostle Sha'ul put it like this in I Corinthians 7:23, 29-31: "You are bought with a price, be not the servants of men...But this I say brethren: the time is short. It remains that both they that have wives be as though they had none, and they that weep as thought they wept not, and they that rejoice as thought they rejoiced not, and they that buy as they who possess not, and they that use this world as not abusing it, the fashion of this world is passing away." <u>April 21, 2009</u>: In pondering the thinking of the Essenes about repentance, and set-apartness, I asked: Were they more right than wrong?

I think so. With the coming of Messiah to die and rise again, our understanding is broadened. He gives us the full picture that the Essenes did not have. More things He taught me as I was out walking this morning:

John 6:44-45: "NO man can come to Me unless the Father, who has sent Me, draws him: and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the prophets `And they shall all be taught by Elohim. Every man, therefore, that has heard and has learned from the Father comes to Me."

Only the ones that He draws to Himself will be given the spirit of repentance, and the desire to be taught by the Father, and thus come to Messiah.

Esau was not given the spirit of repentance, though he sought it with tears: **Hebrews 12:16**: "Lest there be any fornicators or profane persons as Esau,

who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For you know how afterwards, when he would have inherited the blessing he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears".

Malachi 1:2-3: "`I have loved you', said Yahuweh. But you asked `In what way have You loved us?' `Was not Esau Ya'cob's brother'? declares Yahuweh? `And I love Ya'cob, but I have hated Esau and have laid waste his mountains and his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness' ".

Romans 9:13: "As it is written, `Ya'cob I have loved, but Esau I have hated'." One has to be "drawn" by the Spirit of Elohim to be able to receive Messiah's salvation. This "drawing" is based on His foreknowledge of who would come to Him and who would not, from the foundation of the world. He knew that Esau would turn his back on Him. Therefore a spirit of repentance was not granted to Esau.

As we read above from "The War Scroll", Yahuweh knew before the foundation of the world who to draw and who not to draw. For this reason, He told Joshua to kill man, woman, child, and all of their animals, when conquering the land. Why? Because "a little leaven leavens the whole lump"—a little defilement destroys what is pure. You can put $1/8^{th}$ of a teaspoon of rat poop in a glass of pure water, and the whole glass of water is ruined. In order to have pure water to drink you have to dump out the whole glass of defiled yucky water and wash the glass and then re-fill it with pure water again. This is repentance--dumping out the defilement.

The new birth makes us a "new creation" - we are re-filled with the pure water of the Word. The Spirit does 26 things instantly when we are re-born from above. The new birth is a radical departure from life in the kingdom of darkness to becoming a citizen in the Kingdom of light.

I Peter 1:1-2: "Kepha, an emissary of Yahushua Messiah, to the chosen strangers of the dispersion in Pontos, Galatia, Kappadokia, Asia and Bithunia, CHOSEN ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF ELOHIM THE FATHER,

SET-APART BY THE SPIRIT UNTO OBEDIENCE AND SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD OF YAHUSHUA MESSIAH Yahushua, Favor be unto you and peace multiplied". **Psalm 139:1-18** tells us that He knew us from the womb, even knew our thoughts. Jeremiah was called as a prophet from the womb. Yohanan the immerser was filled with the Set-Apart Spirit of Yahuweh while yet in the womb. The children of light were known before He created the heavens and the earth. The children of darkness were also known.

Several passages in Revelation tell us that those who take the mark of the beast did not have their names in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world. (**Revelation 13:9 and 17:8**) Unless defilement is dealt with, it will continue to multiply.

Revelation 3:5: This is a warning to those whose names are in the Book of Life, but who turn away, and have their names removed from the Book of Life. One

can have their name removed for disobedience and rebellion that is unrepented of. This is a severe warning. In a state of rebellion, it is only His mercy that causes a spirit of repentance to come. But, if the Spirit of repentance is rejected, then there is no guarantee that He will return... and the edict of Jeremiah "do not pray for these people" will be in effect. Only those whom He has drawn to Himself and taught will walk in "newness of life" in the "fruit of the re-born spirit"—(Galatians 5:22-23)—in the footsteps of Messiah. Only the really born again from above will love His Word, obey it, seek to know Him by obedience, and grow up, maturing in His favor. Those who take a belief system into their heads to escape hell with no repentance and no turning to His Covenant are not born from above, and their fruit of darkness remains. Their façade might be nice and friendly, spiritual and lovely, but underneath the façade is the dark nature of one who still belongs to Belial (Lucifer/Satan) of the kingdom of darkness. The testing to come will rip off all masks!

Proverbs 8:13: "the fear of Yahuweh is to hate sin". You can't hate it and condone it at the same time! If you enjoy watching violence and wickedness on T.V. or in movies, for example calling it "entertainment", then you are condoning evil for the lusts of your flesh. Evaluate your thoughts and actions according to the Word, not according to our Luciferic-controlled culture's standards. Go through your house and get rid of anything with Luciferic symbols, or that picture pagan gods--on your clothes, in your decorations, on your child's clothes and on their toys. These symbols, like the ancient Luciferic spiral, are everywhere, on almost all products somewhere. From Matthew 10:34-38: "Think not that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I came not to bring peace, but a sword...and a man's foes shall be those of his own household. He that loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of Me. And he that takes not his execution stake and follows after Me is not worthy of Me."

Matthew 13:10-17: Messiah had been preaching to the multitudes. "The disciples came and said to Him, `Why do you only speak to them in parables?' He answered and said to them, `Because it is given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Elohim, but to them it is not given. For whoever has shall be given and he shall have more abundantly, but whoever has not, from him shall be taken even what he has. Therefore, I speak to them in parables because seeing they see not and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says, `by hearing you shall hear and shall not understand and seeing you shall see but you shall not perceive. For the people's heart is waxed gross and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes are closed, lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and should be converted and I should heal them'. But blessed are your eyes for

they see, and your ears for they hear." Yahushua quotes from Isaiah 6:8-13. We really must understand what He is saying here. Yahuweh tells Isaiah to make the people's heart unperceptive to Him. Isaiah asks "How long?" He tells Isaiah until only a small remnant (that which grows from a cut down tree's stump) will remain—these are the one's He has foreknown from the foundation of the world.

II Timothy 4:2-4--Sha'ul to Timothy: "Proclaim the Word! Be urgent in season and out of season-reprove, warn, appeal with all patience and teaching. For there shall come a time when they shall not hear sound teaching, but according to their own desires, they shall heap up for themselves teachers tickling the ear, and they shall indeed turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to myths". Sha'ul was warning against the new Greek religion of "Christianity" that was fighting against the message of the Torah-guarding Apostles, but now, this Greco/Roman attitude of ease and comfort—with its religion based on concepts, feelings, experiences, and philosophy--has prevailed to dominate the minds of so-called "believers", and few love Truth. In Mark 4 we read the parable of the sower. The seed is the Word. Only 1/4th of the groups who hear the Word receive and continue on to grow into maturity—the others either do not receive, or fall away at some point when tested. Within this $1/4^{th}$ are three groups, rewarded as to their obedience to His commands for them. The Word tells us clearly that it is best to never know the way of salvation than to accept it and then turn from it. The damnation is greater.

I am seeing the time of great apostasy taking place. Believers who are not born of the Spirit, thinking themselves spiritual and "saved", when tested are falling apart. They have no concept of "walking in the spirit". Messiah said that the secrets of the Kingdom were only to be given to the disciples—the "taught ones" of Messiah whom He trusted. Only His servants are counted as His friends (John 15:14). In fact, He only deals with servants, only protects servants, only helps servants, and only rewards servants.

Matthew 13:10-17 is profound! It reflects the thinking of the Essenes, but also of what I saw in the dream. After giving the parable of the sower to the multitudes, the disciples come to Him and asked: "`Why do You speak to them in parables?' And He answering said to them, `Because it has been given to you to know the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given...but blessed are your eyes because they see and your ears because they hear". Read this whole passage for context.

Matthew 15:24, 10:5-6: He only came for the lost sheep (the 10 northern tribes) of the House of Ya'cob. He only came to establish Covenant with the House of Ya'cob (Jeremiah 31:31-34). In restoring the House of

Ephraim/Israel/Joseph, he also expanded the Covenant with Judah-making "one new man"-the one of **Ezekiel 37:15-28**. He did not make a covenant with gentiles. So why was Yohanan calling not only for repentance among

Jews and Levites (Pharisees), and the northern-tribe Israelites who had returned to Jerusalem, but also among the Roman soldiers who had gathered by the baptism site?

Most of the people-groups of Rome and Greece, as well as most of the Arab nations, were pagan people—no relationship to the Covenant He made with the tribes that came from Jacob. With the centuries old open invitation by Yahuweh to gentiles to come into the Covenant of Israel by circumcision and guarding of the Festivals and Shabbats, beginning with the "mixed multitude" of Egyptians that came out of Egypt in the "Exodus", we only read about Rahab and Ruth doing so. The Greeks and Romans despised the Torah, and outlawed it. Circumcision, especially, disgusted them. The Greeks and the Romans killed those who guarded the Torah. So why were there Roman soldiers inquiring about baptism? Were they just plain old pagans who were curious of Yohanan's "religion", or were they of the House of Israel-truly convicted of sin? Matthew 8:5-10: "...there came to Him a Centurion beseeching him saying, `Master, my servant lies at home sick...' " Messiah says He will come and heal the servant. The Roman Centurion says: "Master, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my servant shall be healed". The Centurion says that he is a commander over 100 men and that they take orders from him. He said that if Messiah would command, the servant would be healed. Messiah is amazed at the faith of this man. I ask: Did this man hear the call to repentance by Yohanan and perform the mikvah? Was this man one of those Roman soldiers who was at the baptism site when Yohanan said: "Behold the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world"? What gave him such great faith in Yahushua! Remember: No one can come to Messiah unless the Spirit of Yahuweh draws him! And, Messiah only came for the lost sheep of the House of Israel. (Matthew 15:24) What about Cornelius and his family? (Acts 10) Cornelius was a convert to Judaism. He sent for Peter to come and tell he and his family about the Messiah who died and rose again. When Peter finally humbled himself because of the vision Yahuweh gave him, and went. Cornelius and all in his house were born again and filled with the Ruach Yahuweh. Did Cornelius hear Yohanan? Did he repent under the ministry of Yohanan? Had this man heard the Messiah's teachings? Was this man of the House of Israel? Definitely the Spirit of Yahuweh set up the meeting between Peter and Cornelius in a most dramatic way! Yes, definitely hearing Yohanan the immerser opened up many hearts to later receive the Messiah!

I believe that these Romans, and some of the Greeks, Parthinians, and those of other nations who repented under John and later received Messiah were definitely of the lost sheep of the House of Israel, known by Yahuweh and Yahushua before the foundation of the world—their names written in the Book of Life! Look at the lineup of those from other nations who came to the Festival of Sha'vu'ot in Acts 2. Many of these were Jews, yes, but many were also of the House of Israel who embraced the Torah, but who had yet to embrace Messiah Yahushua. After Kepha (Peter) preached to the multitudes there at the Temple during Sha'vu'ot, 3,000 were "saved". Thus we have an example of the fulfillment of the words of Messiah in John 6:45: "It has been written in the Prophets, `And they shall all be taught by Yahuweh' Everyone, then, who has heard from the Father and learned, comes to Me". The spirit of repentance was granted to these soldiers—Matthew 3:1-12; Luke 2:2-15-- because they were known before the foundation of the world by Yahuweh and were listed in the Book of Life.

Many Romans and Greek, even some <u>among</u> the Edomites (for 500 of Simeon stayed in Edom instead of continuing on with Moses and the others) were of the lost sheep of the House of Israel, who lost their identity as **Hosea 2 and 3** tell us. We lost our identity. Now, we are learning that if we are not Judah or Levi, we are still olive branches—part of the family of Ya'cob in one of the tribes. Remember there are only twelve gates into the New Jerusalem - each one named for one of the tribes. Not all will go through the gate of Judah. The 144,000 are of the twelve tribes—they are now sealed for their protection during the trumpet judgments and from the lawless one to come.

Today, in the time of the "restoration of all things" (Acts 3:19-21) many from all different countries of the world desire to know the real Elohim of Israel and His Messiah and to walk in the Covenant Torah of Yahuweh. It is a phenomenon that has only occurred in the last ten years or so—especially since the time of Ephraim's punishment is now over (Yom Teruah September 12, 2007). This is the passion of our Father -- **Ezekiel 37:15-28; Jeremiah 32:41**). You can read the Scripture passages about this in my 2-page study sheet: "Aliyah Scriptures". I believe that people like Cornelius and his family, like the Centurion, like Lydia the seller of purple in Thyatira, and the "gentiles" in the synagogues that Sha'ul taught in who were so excited at Paul's message, were all lost sheep from the House of Israel. It is known from the history of antiquity that the Apostles obeyed Messiah (Matthew 10:5-6) and only went to the lost sheep of the House of Israel when they knew the Israelites migrated to. It is recorded that many assemblies in England early on obeyed the Torah and believed in the Messiah because of the witness of the Apostles, for example.

I believe the Essenes were correct in their assessment that the spirit of repentance is given to those whom He foreknew—whose names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world.

But, for those who are sons of Belial there is no spirit of repentance given. The sons of Belial are those like those in **Revelation 9:1-6 and 14:9-13** who take the mark of the beast and are damned. This gives more impetus to **Luke 21:34-36**, that we should pray that we might be able to escape all these things and stand before the son of man. The "all things" are things like in Revelation 9 - the sting of the locusts, the wanting to die, the traps that are set for the

wicked, and etcetera.

And, there has been a remnant of the true Israel (descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Ya'cob) among the biological tribes of Ya'acob who did not worship idols like the golden calves Jeroboam set up in Dan and Beit El, and were not into rebellion, all through history. There has always been a remnant. Thus, He chose from the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Ya'cob those who would be saved unto eternal life.

Amos 7:7-8: The plumb line is dropped ONE FINAL TIME, THEN NO MORE. The little book of <u>Jude</u> addresses those like I saw in the dream and heard audibly in my room those who are of the darkness who come in appearing to be sons of light. They do nothing but destroy what Yahuweh has built. In the warnings of the assembly to Thyatira, **Revelation 2**, the symbolic Jezebel is given room to repent, but she doesn't repent.

Father wants all to repent and come to Him, but because of His foreknowledge, He knows that is impossible as long as man has free will. Therefore, He has always dealt with a faithful remnant. It breaks His heart, for He is love, that so few are willing to come to Him and know Him. He hates having to judge us, but He is light, and darkness has to be put away. You don't curse a shining light bulb because it dispels darkness—the light bulb is not bad in pushing away the darkness—it is just the nature of the light bulb. When our Father told Joshua to kill men, women, children, and animals, He was trying to rid the earth of the DNA mutates and the demonic hybrids (giants/Nephilim) once again - to keep His people from being defiled and infested. He always has a good motive for what He does—for our good and our protection.

Regarding true gentiles: Because there were millions of the House of Israel scattered into all nations before and up to 722 BCE, and their multiplying in the best areas especially, I would say that most of the world's people have biological lineage to the House of Israel. The promise to Abraham, Isaac and Ya'cob was that their seed would be as the stars of the heavens and the sand of the sea—uncountable. The Jews can be counted—there are under 20 million in the earth give or take a few, but the House of Israel cannot be counted. If all of the House of Israel were under the nickname "Jew" (nickname of the tribe of Judah) they sure wouldn't be as the sand of the sea or the stars of heaven now would they?

But, in passages like Exodus 12:48-49; Isaiah 56:6-7; and Ezekiel 47:22-23, we see that "gentiles" -- not biologically sons of Abraham, Isaac and Ya'cob -- could come into the promises of Israel through doing certain things. Ephesians 2:8-19 addresses those who are no longer gentiles because they have come into the Covenant of Yahuweh. (Please see the articles: "Are You a Gentile" and "Who are the Ten?") Ruth chose to join Naomi's faith in Yahuweh. Some Egyptians chose to go with the fleeing Hebrews. Even in the Kingdom, real gentiles can choose to stay with the children of Abraham, Isaac and Ya'cob, and get an inheritance in whatever tribe they choose to settle in (Ezekiel 47:22-23).

The "wild olive branches" (**Romans 11**) are olive branches, representing the House of Israel, as opposed to the "natural branches" which were the House of Judah. The ten northern tribes were wild all right—look in the mirror. But, according to the book of <u>Hosea</u>, which is written to the House of Israel— Ephraim—we will be restored by His grace and mercy if we return to the Covenant that we broke with by our idolatry. Only a few are hearing the call to return, but the few are being restored to the Covenant. Yes, look at Father's pleading to the House of Israel in **chapter 11 of Hosea** - He says they will come "trembling from the West". That includes most of us. It is interesting as I talk with people in different places, many times like with myself, I find that people are a mixture of Judah and one of the ten northern tribes, Judah, Levite and Ephramite. I'm glad Father has it all straight!

There is a lot more that we now understand regarding His choice of one family, the family of Eber, from Shem, through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Noah and his family were not DNA defiled as were most of the world's inhabitants. It was through this one family that Father kept the human DNA pure through the centuries, so that Messiah would be born with a human body that was pure of DNA contamination. Lucifer from the very beginning gave technology to evil men who used it to mix human DNA with reptile, bird, insect, plant and mammal DNA - and whose fallen angels created the Nephilim hybrid giants of demon and human mixture. They even mixed animal DNA with other species, contaminating the animal kingdom. This is why He had Noah take two of each unclean animal and seven of each clean animal onto the Ark, (as per Leviticus 11) for He had to destroy the hybrid animals along with the hybrid people in the Flood. Today this DNA tampering is going on big time! To preserve a pure DNA once again, He has chosen a remnant. We are now IN THE DAYS OF NOAH - and He seeks a pure people in body, spirit and soul who will continue with Him. It has been revealed that a schoolteacher in Japan is part human and part robot. This technology has been around a long time-there are a lot of such being among us.

You might be pure 100% human, but if your spirit is not born from above, you cannot know the Elohim of Israel. Repent of being in the kingdom of darkness, come out of the religion of man, and give your life to Yahushua who loves you and died for you. The risen Savior is coming soon as King, to set up His earthly Kingdom. You don't want to be left out!

The world and the church talks about unity—tolerance—bringing down walls between ideologies and religions. This is no more than a sickening plot to target the children of Light. There can be no peace, no unity, no coming together unless all obey Yahuweh and His Torah and have Messiah Yahushua as the Redeemer! We should love people and pray for them as long as He allows us to, and do kindness to them—but we must remain as we are, not lowering His standards in the name of false compassion. The Essenes, though austere, teach us to keep the standards high, even to death. The message of I Kings 18 has returned—the Carmel Contest is happening now once again, and its message is very clear: Turn back to Yahuweh with all your heart, mind, and strength, or die with the priests of Ba'al.

Repentance is a gift to the remnant of Yahuweh and Yahushua! Grace is extended to those who obey Him. Mercy brings one the spirit of repentance. By mercy, Yahushua has granted the spirit of repentance and the new birth to people like us who only knew "Jesus", because, for example, in 1995 He saw that I would embrace His Torah and learn His real Name and begin to know Him as the Elohim of the Israel.

Psalm 139 tells us that He foreknew us before we were born--even to our thoughts. It is because of this foreknowledge of our end that He has put up with us in all our messes. He caused new birth in many, like you, who were ignorant of their Hebrew roots, but who now are Torah-guarding, because of His foreknowledge. His mercy is extended to those He knows will pull out of falsehood and embrace pure truth. He works with those He foreknew to bring them into maturity.

But, we have a free will! Never forget that we hold our own destiny in our own hands. This is why He tells us: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12-13). If we choose to deny Him, He will deny us. (Matthew 10:32-33; II Timothy 2:12) If we choose to rebel—that is our choice, but the judgment will be severe. If we have tasted of His gifts and eternal life, and choose to turn back - He will remove the spirit of repentance from us - Hebrews 6:4-6.

Hebrews 12:1-14: He disciplines us severely if He has to—to keep us from deciding to turn from Him. He deals with us a wise parent - but even parents at times have to take their hands off their rebellious child and let them go. I believe that very few will have their names erased from the Book of Life because those in the Book of Life have a different attitude towards life in general than anyone else. They have desires towards Yahuweh and His Word that are very different than anyone else.

John 14:15, 21, 23-24: "If you love Me guard my commandments...He who possesses My commands and guards them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father and I shall love him and manifest Myself to him...If anyone loves Me, he shall guard My Word. And My Father shall love him, and We shall come to him and make Our stay with him. He who does not love Me does not guard My Words. And the Word which you hear is not Mine but of the Father who sent Me". Note the conditions for the Father and the Messiah loving someone?

Deuteronomy 7:9-10a: "And you know that Yahuweh your Elohim, He is Elohim, the trustworthy El guarding covenant and kindness for a thousand generations with those who love Him, and those who guard His commands, but repaying those who hate Him to their face to destroy them..." **Psalm 103:11, 13, 17-18**: "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His kindness towards those who fear Him...As a father has compassion for his children, so Yahuweh has compassion for those who fear Him...But the kindness of Yahuweh is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who guard His Covenant to those who remember His orders to do them".

Malachi 3:16: "Then shall those who fear Yahuweh speak to one another, and Yahuweh will listen and hear, and **a book of remembrance** be written before Him of those who fear Yahuweh and those who think upon His Name". Fear of Yahuweh guarantees our continued protection by Him.

I have studied the Word for the most of the last 46 years, and through the Word I have learned His nature. He will not condone those that disobey Him by transgressing His Torah.

"...sin is the transgression of the Torah" (I John 3:4) "Transgression" means: "to rebel, to revolt, to break away from, to be in apostasy". The whole Christian church system is in apostasy, from its inception in the first century by the Hellenistic Jews and Greeks, and later institutionalized by the Romans. It literally teaches open transgression against the Torah. He has been merciful in our ignorance, but once truth is known, we are responsible for it!

The over a billion plus who have just a belief system but are not born of the spirit will turn away from "Jesus" or "Yeshua" soon - for the time of the great falling away is at hand, because of the severity of fear and overwhelming horrors the mind won't be able to wrap around. Those born from above live in the spirit by the Spirit, and understand what it means to daily be "led by the Spirit" (Romans 8:14). The set-apart will indeed become more set-apart, as the hypocritical game players fall to our right and left.

Father cannot and will not give His mercy, love and compassion, or His grace, to those who **willfully choose** to transgress His eternal Covenant, **knowing** His eternal Covenant **but rejecting** it.

Isaiah 66:1-2: "Thus says Yahuweh, `The heavens are My throne and the earth is My footstool...And all these things My hand has made, and all these that exist' declares Yahuweh. `Yet to such a one I look, on him who is humble and bruised of spirit and who trembles at My Word.' "

For the repentant heart who humbly submits to Him in contrite attitude, seeking His forgiveness and His salvation, He has great compassion. But, the church system has made mercy and grace to be a license to sin. The teddy bear god of modern Christianity, and his cushy messiah, does not exist except in the mind of illusive philosophy, and in concepts of Greek mythological fantasy. The real Elohim of Israel can only be known personally through His eternal Word as taught by Him alone, untainted by man's imagination.

To the shock of many, the masks are coming off the game players. The children of Lucifer, masquerading as children of light, are gathering information on the

set-apart ones. The time of betrayal has come. (Refer to my article: "Betrayal") Beware of who you trust! (Jeremiah 9:3-8; Micah 7:5-6/Matthew 10:34-39)

II Corinthians 11:13-15: "For such are false emissaries, deceptive workers, masquerading as emissaries of Messiah. And no wonder! For Satan himself masquerades as a messenger of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works".

From the little book of Jude verses 11-16: "Woe to them! -- Because they have gone in the way of Cain and gave themselves to the delusions of Bil'am for a reward and perished in the rebellion of Korah. These are rocky reefs in your love feasts, feasting with you, feeding themselves without fear, waterless clouds borne about by the winds, late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots, wild waves of the sea foaming up their own shame, staying stars for whom blackness of darkness is kept forever. And Enoch, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied of these saying, `See Yahuweh comes with his myriads of set-apart ones, to execute judgment on all, to punish all who are wicked among them concerning all their wicked works'... these are grumblers, complainers, who walk according to their own lusts and their mouth speaks proudly, admiring faces of others for the sake of gain..."

The whole Word is filled with the division of the sons of light and the sons of Belial. It began with Cain who killed the set-apart one, Abel, who obeyed the Torah of Yahuweh, and it will end with the spirit of Cain taking over the earth, also seeking to kill the Abels of today.

But with all I've said about set-apartness, BEWARE! There is a fine line between true set-apartness in the love of Yahuweh and Yahushua and religious pride-filled self-righteousness and austerity, which is accompanied by judgment, condemnation, criticism, and lack of love. Genuine love for one another is the sign of who belongs to Them and who does not.

I Peter 4:7-9: "But the end of all flesh has drawn near. Therefore, be soberminded and be attentive to prayer. AND ABOVE ALL HAVE FERVENT LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, because love covers a multitude of sins. Welcome one another without grumbling".

We are called to "love our neighbor as we love ourselves" - Leviticus 19:18. We are also called upon to show His love to our enemies, to those who persecute us, and who "spitefully use us". We are called upon to walk in peace and kindness, gentleness and humility. He is our defender! He will take care of those who are evil to us! We are called upon to be kind - and let Him do the judging. (Matthew 5:9-12, 44-48)

Look at the characteristics of the Bride of Messiah, the forerunning companies, and the two witnesses in the article "The Two Witnesses, the Bridal of Messiah, the Forerunning Companies and the Fleeing Remnant". They have characteristics that hardly anyone else on earth has—their focus is entirely different. They see a "City" afar off, and do not look to the right or left, but press forward with one single mind and purpose.

Matthew 5:8: "The pure of heart will see Elohim". But what does the word "pure" mean? In Hebrew it means "single minded" - one who has one focus and one only. It is not talking about people who are "spiritual" in the eyes of the church.

I John 2:15-17: "DO NOT love the world, or that which is in the world! If anyone loves he world, the love of the Father is not in him. Because all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is NOT of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away and the lusts of it, but the ones doing the desire of Elohim remain forever".

It is those three things that trapped Eve into going along with Lucifer 1) Lust of the eyes, 2) lust of the flesh 3) the pride of life—"you shall be as gods". Ya'cob 4:4: "Adulterers and Adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with Elohim? Whoever, therefore, intends to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of Elohim".

How can we say we belong to Yahuweh and Yahushua and love the world system, which is controlled by Lucifer? We can't, honestly. Most think the ultimate in life is to get a college education, get a good job, get money, savings, and security, buy a nice house, get a good spouse with a good family and have good kids who are smart and good at sports, get good social standing, have high class friends, buy a house in a good neighborhood, have a good car, plus belong to a country club, have a boat and vacation house if possible, have a good retirement plan, and get the most out of this world. That is directly opposite of the way that Messiah Yahushua has called His disciples (taught ones) to live. Who needs Elohim with all that!

This world's illusion will all be gone in a short, short time. Panicky people won't be able to find Him in all the fear. Only those who know how to depend on Him totally by faith know Him well enough to peacefully trust Him, and who have obeyed Him enough to know Him well, will survive in the horrors of the tribulation.

Ya'cob 1:27: "Pure religion and un-defilement before Elohim is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world".

How do you keep yourself unspotted when you live in this world? -- You cut out all the influence of the world system, and flood your mind with His system—His Word of His Kingdom. By flooding yourself in the study of His Word, with Him as your Teacher, your mind is transformed and aligned to your re-born spirit. The spirit of this world drains our desire for His Word and His Presence. It is easier just to sit and watch TV, or socialize with friends, than to discipline yourself to build a relationship with the coming King.

But, few really face the return of Messiah as something REAL. Most like the

adventure of hearing what is coming on the earth, and what the Kingdom will be like, but their minds won't allow them to think in terms that it is really real. If a person really believes something, they'll act on it.

Romans 12:2: "Be not conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you might prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of Elohim".

The mind wars against the spirit. But, the Word can discipline the mind by the power resident in it. When the mind and spirit are in alignment, then is when you walk effortlessly in the Presence of Yahuweh and Yahushua in newness of life--in anointing, in power, in authority, in boldness and in the fruit of the reborn spirit.

You have a free will. You can choose your priorities. You can choose to discipline yourself in preparation for the coming Kingdom and be about your Father's business while we still have daylight, or you can go back to watch another re-run of CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) and become more mind-controlled, demonized, dumbed down, and useless. If you're too busy for Yahuweh and His business now, He will be too busy for you later on. **Deuteronomy 7:15**: Yahuweh told the children of Israel (Ya'cob) to smash down the altars of the gentiles. I'm talking radical stuff here. When the Philistines took the Ark of the Covenant in a battle they won, they put it before their god Dagon, the fish god. In the presence of the Ark, Dagon fell over a few times breaking its parts off. Are you smashing cultural idols, at least removing their presence from your house? Are you allowing the Ark, Messiah, to smash the idols in your heart? Yahuweh told the children of Ya'cob to smash altars of heathen because of the demonic power that is latent in objects that are demonically controlled.

The T.V. is Satan's #1 worldwide mind-programming device, and second is the Internet. (Refer to the articles "Mind Control, Hidden Manipulation, and the World Brain" and "Quiet Wars and Silent Weapons") But, now since the Sound of Silence has been implemented in D-TV, you are methodically being hypnotized and made into a controllable zombie. Check out "Project Blue Beam" and learn what extreme technology will soon be used on your mind, so that you will think you're hearing "God". This is why Yahuweh's Spirit chooses to speak to our re-born spirit - for our mind only contacts the world around us and thus can be manipulated by wicked men. The re-born spirit has the ability to contact the Eternal realm of Yahuweh, and thus can hear from the Spirit even when the mind shuts down. The mind will shut down to protect itself if necessary in traumatic situations, or in death situations -- I know, I've experienced this -- but you can still hear from Him in your spirit and continue on to victory.

Once you saturate your mind with the Word, if you see what is on the T.V., you will be sickened. In 1997, Father said I was not to watch any more T.V. except

a little news. I loved murder mysteries. Then He showed me Isaiah 33:14-15, which tells us what kind of people will be able to dwell with the wrath of Yahuweh--"everlasting burnings". One point refers to those who do not willfully look on violence, or hear of the shedding of blood. This means "murder mysteries" and all sorts of other movies.

There is nothing benign on TV anymore. The news is lying and deceiving, the game shows emphasize lust for money and some emphasize sex, the cartoons are teaching children to receive aliens and monster mutates as friends, the documentaries are pushing evolution and all sorts of other lies and deceptions, "Christian" TV is getting more whorish all the time because the big Evangelical and Charismatic leaders of America have re-joined with the Vatican.

The world's education system treats us as machines with a body and a mind. The world system does not deal with our spirit except to defile it with spirits of the "new age"—mysticism, occultism, arcane and esoteric knowledge of the pagan world, and gate-openers to the demonic world. Let's get real. You don't need it!

Every home I go into where the T.V. is on at night, I have dreams of people, places and things that I've never heard of before or seen before. I have deep dreams all night that leave me drained of strength. In homes where there is no T.V., I sleep well with no dreams except His dreams. You don't need to be entertained, especially by the devil's dung.

I've lived in and out of the Third World for about 14 years now. The children in primitive countries are happy and healthy making balls out of string, using rocks on plates for food, and making up games. You don't need but about 2% or less of what you've been mind-programmed to believe you need. And, we are not to look on the defilement of sexual perversions either. But, it is common to see men and women in bed with each other, on T.V. and in movies, who are not married. These things are abominations to Yahuweh, and they should be abominations to you. Do you want to see Him? Then you must be pure of heart, set-apart, and undefiled with the filth of the world system. Wake up! Takeover has happened! The world ruler already sits on the throne of the minds of most Americans and others of the "free world".

John 8:31-32: "...If you continue in My Word you are My disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". Choose! Do housecleaning—spiritual and natural. Go through your house, simplify,

downsize, sell what you can, give to the poor, pick up your execution stake and follow Him. (Luke 14:25-33) Go through your wardrobe and get rid of anything that smacks of the lusts of the flesh - tight and low this and that.

But DO NOT GET RELIGIOUS! -- That brings spiritual pride, self-righteousness, a critical, judgmental, and superior-acting spirit. Just conform to what is right in His eyes. Some are getting religious according to man's standards. I know of people who religiously guard the Torah but they have no idea of how to interact personally with the Persons of Yahuweh or Yahushua! Yet, they are so

proud of their spirituality-its pitiful!

I leave you with these admonitions from the heart of the Apostle Sha'ul--Philippians 1:20, 21; 3:10-14; Galatians 2:20; and II Corinthians 6:13-7:1: "...according to my intense longing and anticipation that I shall not be ashamed at all, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Messiah shall be manifested in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live in Messiah and to die is gain." "...to know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if somehow I might attain to the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have already received, or already been perfected, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Messiah Yahushua has also laid hold of me. Brothers, I do not count myself to have laid hold of it yet, but only this: forgetting that which is behind and reaching forth to that which lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in Messiah Yahushua". "I have been nailed to the stake with Messiah, and I no longer live. Messiah lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of Elohim who loves me and gave Himself for me".

"Do not become unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with Torahlessness? And what fellowship has light with darkness? And what agreement has Messiah with Belial? Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever? And what union has the Dwelling Place of Elohim have with idols? For you are a Dwelling Place of the living Elohim, as Elohim has said, `I shall dwell in them and walk among them, and I shall be their Elohim and they shall be My people'. Therefore, `come out from among them and be separate' says Yahuweh `and do not touch what is unclean and I shall receive you. And I shall be a Father to you and you shall be sons and daughters to Me' says Yahuweh the Almighty. Having, therefore, these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting set-apartness in the fear of Elohim".

Shalom with love,

Yedidah

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Note: On Sunday October 9, 2011, my son and I visited the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem. On display was a portion of the Temple Scroll about the rules for observing Yom Kippur. This day was Yom Kippur by the new moon sighted over Jerusalem. On October 10th, we drove to Qumran, my third visit, my son's first. Again, as before, the feelings of belonging, the spirit of praise of Yahuweh, was present. I asked Abba what the message of Qumran was to me. He replied: "I am calling you to be more set-apart".