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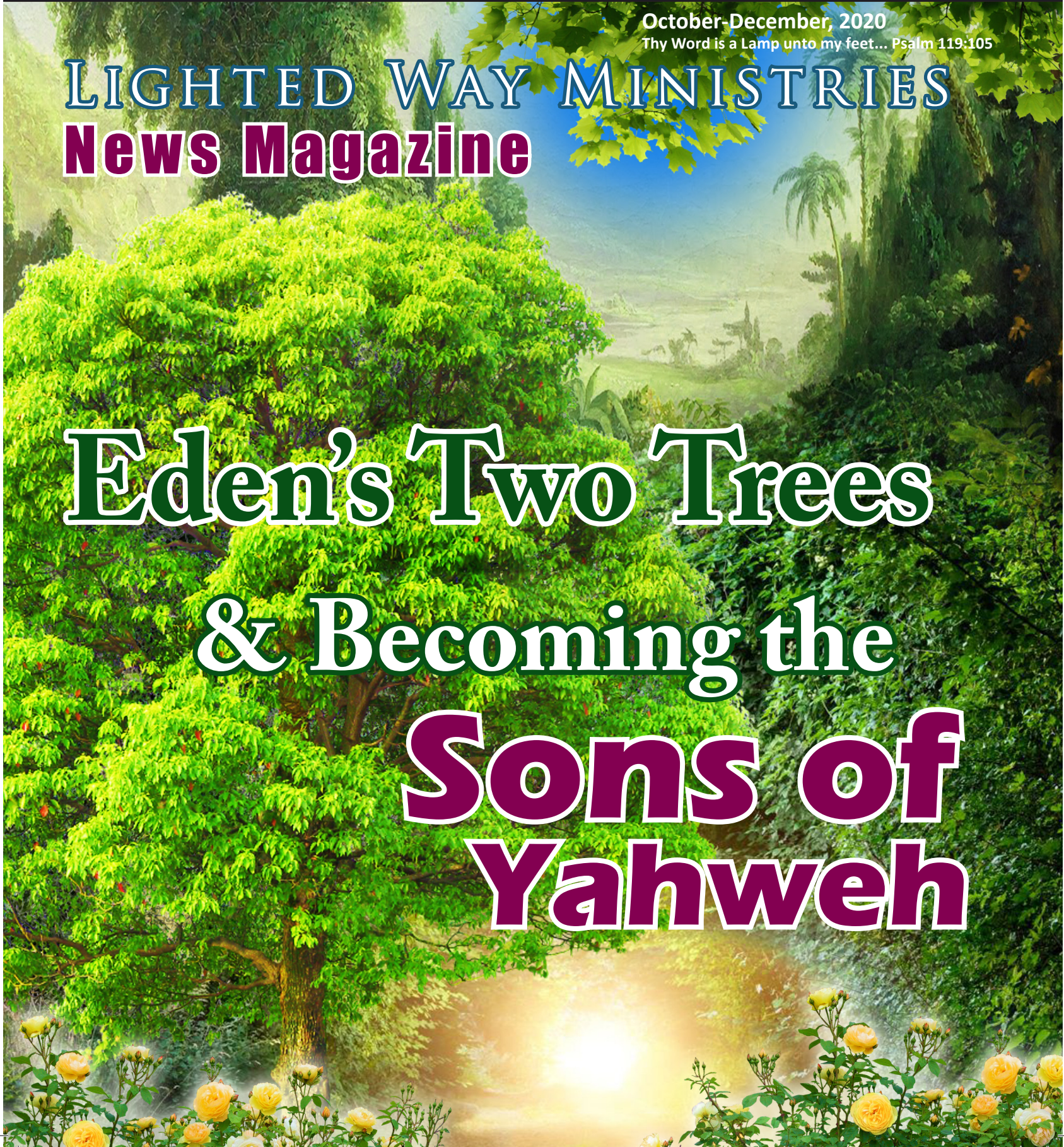
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What It Means to Be the Sons of Yahweh...

In Scripture the term, “sons of Yahweh” applies to all who are a part of the Kingdom of *Yahweh*. Adam was called a “son of Yahweh”, prior to the Fall (Luke 3:38). But mankind partook of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, mankind entered into an adulterous marriage covenant relationship with the Enemy of Souls.

Yahshua came to redeem mankind as the Second Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49). As the Second Adam, He was also called the Son of Yahweh—but not for the reasons we typically think. *Yahshua* came not only to redeem us, but also to live as our Example in all things (1 Peter 2:21). It is through *Yahshua*’s Death that we may be adopted as sons and daughters of Yahweh. It is also through *Yahshua*’s Life and Teachings that we may understand how to live as “sons of Yahweh”—citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, who are freed from the Serpent’s seed and from the realm of sin and death.

Let’s take a close look at what it means to be called a “son of Yahweh”...

EDEN'S TWO TREES & the SIGNIFICANCE of BECOMING the SONS of YAHWEH

1 John 3:1—“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not.”

In numerous Scriptures, we find that the saved people of *Yahweh* are called the “sons (and daughters) of God”. Scripture also tells us that in order to become the sons of *Yahweh*, we must be “born again” (1 John 3:1-10). This calling and concept is the thematic thread that flows throughout the whole Bible. It is the essence of Salvation and the most basic and personal part of the Plan of Redemption. Yet, as fundamental as it is, believers largely fail to grasp the full significance in our Calling to become sons of *Yahweh*.

One reason we cannot fully comprehend this Calling is that we have unknowingly assimilated the pagan understanding of *Yahshua* as “the Son of God”. In losing the significance of *Yahshua*’s Role as the Son of *Yahweh*, we also fail to discern what it really means that we are called to be sons of *Yahweh*.

Thus, we find that there is a critical distortion in our spiritual perspective—one which, if uncorrected, may even prevent us from becoming the true sons of *Yah*! Prayerfully then, we need to seek to understand what it really means to be the children of *Yahweh*.

To fully discern the significance of this Calling, we must return to the beginning—to the Biblical record of the Garden of Eden and to a deeper understanding of the two Trees it held—bastions of two kingdoms

which warred for the souls of men.

It is well-known that there were two epic Trees in the Garden of Eden: the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. It is also commonly known that when Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that they lost their sinless state and fell, plunging all their future descendents into sin, suffering, disease and death.

But what do these trees have to do with our main topic of sons of *Yahweh*? Prior to the Fall, as Luke 3:38 states, Adam was known as a “son of God.” In fact, it was by partaking of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that Adam (and mankind) lost his original sonship with *Yahweh*. Bearing this in mind, let’s take a closer look at the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil as we seek to more fully understand its spiritual significance.

Among most believers it is a commonly held notion that everything which grew in the Garden of Eden had been planted by *Yahweh*. But Scripture shows that the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was not planted by the Creator. Surprising as it originally may appear, there are several Scriptures which clearly show that *Yahweh* could not have planted the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Consider the Scriptural evidences... *(continued)*

Who Are the Sons of Yahweh?

In Scripture, the term “sons of God” refers to all beings who are a part of the Kingdom of *Yahweh*. It is not used exclusively for humans, according to Scripture:

SONS OF YAHWEH ARE UNFALLEN (non-human) BEINGS

—Sons of *Yahweh* applies to unfallen, non-human beings, We may know this because *Yahweh* told Job that the “sons of *Yah*” sang for joy, when He laid the foundations of the earth (Job 38:1-7). Of course, no human existed when the foundations were laid, since mankind was created on the 6th day (Gen. 1:24-31). Additionally, the Book of Job records Heavenly meetings, where unfallen representatives came before *Yahweh*’s Throne representing their areas of dominion among *Yahweh*’s Creation. These unfallen representatives are called sons of *Yahweh* (Job 1:6; Job 2:1).

SONS OF GOD ARE REDEEMED (human) BEINGS—Adam lost (*for mankind, as well as himself*) the title of “son of *Yahweh*”. But through the redemption of *Yahshua*, and in the in-dwelling of His Spirit, we may be counted among the “sons of *Yahweh*” once again (Romans 8:14; Philippians 2:15; 1 John 3:2).

YAHSHUA WAS “THE SON OF YAHWEH”—*Yahshua* was called the Son of *Yahweh*, not because He was less divine, but because He came as the Second Adam for our Redemption. As we will further explain in this article, *Yahshua* also lived and taught the principles of what is required to be true sons of *Yahweh*. He is our Example of “sonship”, teaching the principles of the Kingdom, by which all sons abide. Thus, His title as the Son of *Yah*, has far deeper significance than we previously may have known.

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EVIDENCE #1: CHARACTER OF YAHWEH

According to the Genesis Creation story, everything that *Yahweh* made was always, only “good”:

“And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and *Yahweh* saw that it was good.” *Genesis 1:12*

But the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil contained **both** “good” and “evil”. The word “evil” in the Tree’s name is translated from the Hebrew word *ra ah*, meaning “bad or evil... wickedness...”. It is true that Isaiah 45:7 credits *Yahweh* with creating evil, but this isn’t referring to Him **directly** creating wickedness. Wickedness isn’t part of His Character! “*Yahweh* is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in Him.”

Psalm 92:15

Rather, Isaiah 45:7 is showing that by creating sentient beings with the capacity to choose rebellion, *Yahweh* created the **capacity for** evil. Had He chosen to create beings with no capacity to turn against Him, we would all be automatons, incapable of really loving Him—for love, by definition involves choice. Thus, in order to create beings able to truly love, He also needed to allow us to choose not to love Him.

But over and over in Scripture we find that everything that *Yahweh* created was always, only good. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from Above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” *James 1:17*

It has long been assumed by

Believers that *Yahweh* planted the good and evil tree in order to tempt mankind, but this not only goes against the Creation account, which says that everything the Creator made was only good, it also goes against His Character. For as James 1:13 plainly states:

“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of *Yahweh*: for *Yahweh* cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man.”

Additionally, the *Torah* (Hebrew for the Law of *Yahweh*, being the Books of Genesis to Deuteronomy) is the written transcript of His Character. *Yahweh* always operates within the guidelines of His Own Law—to do otherwise is sin, by definition:

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the Law: for sin is the transgression of the Law.”

1 John 3:4

In the Law of *Yahweh*, He prohibits mingling the sacred (*what is good*) with the profane (*what is evil*).

“Ye shall keep My Statutes... Thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed...”

Leviticus 19:19

How, then, could *Yahweh* mingle “good” seed with “evil” to produce the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? To do so is sin (breaking *Yahweh*’s Law)! This is a great wickedness, for which He has indicted His followers, and admonished His people never to do:

“Her priests have violated My

Law, and have profaned Mine Holy Things: they have put no difference (separation) between the holy (good) and profane (evil), neither have they shewed (kept) difference (separation) between the unclean and the clean... I Am profaned among them.” *Ezekiel 22:26*

It would have been completely impossible for *Yahweh* to plant the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. To do so would have been a violation of His Law—a sin. It would be fully out of harmony with His holy Character!

EVIDENCE #2: MESSIAH’S PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND TARES

Often, when we read the Bible, we forget that the Bible wasn’t originally written in English. When we read



our English Bibles, we are reading a translation. Thus, to more fully... understand a Scriptural teaching, we do well when we look the words up in our concordances to gain the full meaning. On the topic of the two Trees in Eden, there is a significant linguistic connection between the Hebrew word for the Tree of Life and the Hebrew word for wheat. In fact, so close is this connection that one Hebrew scholar explained that the Hebrew view of the Tree of Life is that

it was a giant sheaf of wheat. Now of course, we know the Tree... ..is a tree, which grows fruit and that it is not a sheaf of wheat. But it is notable that the Hebrew terms for this Tree and wheat are that closely connected. In Hebrew, words that are closely connected are also connected in meaning.

Notably also, while the Tree of Life is linguistically connected with wheat, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is connected with tares! With this insight, we now find that *Yahshua's* story of the wheat and the tares was actually a parable of the two epic Trees, from the Garden of Eden! With this in mind, let's look at this parable which *Yahshua* told:

“Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them

in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into My Barn.” *Matthew 13:24-30*

Thus, by Hebrew word connection we see that the wheat represents the Good Seed, which are the saved people (who have the right to eat from the Tree of Life in the End) and the tares are the wicked (evil) who will be destroyed by fire at the End of the world.

In a clear Scriptural connection between the two Trees and the wheat and tares, we find that the Scriptural end of the Trees is the same as the end of the wheat and tares. Only Trees or plants which *Yahweh* has planted will be preserved in the End (see also *Matthew 15:13*). Spurious trees and tares will be burned.

“Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.”

Matthew 7:17 & 19

Notably, there is only a record of the Tree of Life existing in the sinless future!

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Yahweh.” *Revelation 2:7*

If the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil had been created by *Yahweh*, it—along with the Tree of Life and the rest of the Garden of Eden—would be present in Eden restored.

The fact that the Scripture doesn't show the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the future is a sign that it was a spurious tree, planted from mingled seed by the enemy. And its spiritual end is like all trees not planted by *Yahweh*—Fire.

In finding the connection between the parable of the wheat and tares and the two Trees from Eden along with the prophecy of the destruction of spurious trees, we find another evidence that *Yahweh* did not plant the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, rather it was planted by the enemy—exactly as *Yahshua* said in His parable!

EVIDENCE #3: THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT—WITHOUT ASSUMPTIONS

But doesn't the Bible say that *Yahweh* planted **both** the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? Actually, even though this is a commonly held belief, the Bible doesn't say that *Yahweh* planted the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil! It only says that His life-giving power was in the ground, causing everything planted in it to grow. Let's re-examine the Creation account of the two Trees, which is recorded in Genesis chapter two.

“And *Yahweh* God planted a Garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground made *Yahweh Elohim* to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the Tree of Life also in the midst of the Garden, and the Tree of Knowledge of Good

and Evil.” *Genesis 2:8-9*

The Genesis record shows that *Yahweh* planted the Garden of Eden (similar to the parable of the sower who sowed good seed in the field). We also see that *Yahweh's* life-giving power was in the ground, causing everything planted in it to grow. The life-giving power of God caused both epic Trees to grow, but Scripture never says that *Yahweh* actually planted both Trees.

Naturally, the idea that the enemy planted a Tree in the perfect Garden brings up questions. Why would *Yahweh* allow His life-giving power (put in the ground of Eden) to be misused, growing the enemy's Tree? Part of having sentient beings who are able to choose meant that the Creator's power could be misused. We see this in the Scripture where *Yahweh* speaks of needing to prevent fallen mankind from eating from the Tree of Life. Had fallen man eaten from the Tree of Life, sin would have been perpetuated into eternity!

“...And now, lest he (*fallen man*) put forth his hand, and take also of the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever: Therefore *Yahweh Elohim* sent him forth from the Garden of Eden... So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the Tree of Life.” *Genesis 3:22-24*

Clearly, there was a threat that *Yahweh's* life-giving Power could be misused... *(continued)*

(continued from page 7) But why was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil allowed to remain? Adam and Eve were instructed not to eat from it (Genesis 3:1-4). As sons of Yahweh, which Adam originally was, they were expected to obey and heed their Father's warning. And when mankind partook of the forbidden Tree, far more was going on than immediately meets the eye. So what was the full significance of this act?

In Hebrew, the word for "knowledge" and "to know" is far deeper than a mere comprehension of facts and theories as the English word implies. To "know", in the Biblical sense, is a deep connection—one involving a marriage covenant! For example, Scripture tells that Adam "knew" his wife and she conceived their firstborn son (Genesis 4:1).

Notably, Eden's spurious Tree was called the Tree of the **Knowledge** of Good and Evil. *Yahshua*, Who Scripture says came as the "Second Adam", "knew no sin"!

"For He hath made Him (*Yahshua*) to be sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of *Yahweh* in Him." *2 Cor. 5:21*

The Bible tells us that *Yahshua* was *Yah* manifested in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16)—and *Yah* knows everything! How then could *Yahshua* not know sin? The answer lies in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, of which fallen man had partaken in Eden. So what, exactly, happened at that Tree? The results of mankind eating the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil are poorly translated in Genesis 3:22, as follows:

"And *Yahweh Elohim* said, **Behold, the man is become as one of us, to**



know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the Tree of Life, and eat, and live for ever."

In the poor English translation of this passage, it almost appears that human-kind became more exalted after eating the fruit, so that now we are a threat to *Yahweh*. But actually, this isn't what the verse is saying. Let's look at the words in **Strong's**:

- **THE MAN:** "humanity, human-kind"
- **IS BECOME:** "to exist" "to become"
(a new existence, a negative transformation)
- **AS ONE:** "united" "one"
(a marriage reference—Genesis 2:24)
- **OF:** "from without" "outside of"
- **TO KNOW:**
(the Biblical term implying marital intimacy)
- **GOOD:**
(mankind already knew good at Creation)
- **AND EVIL:** "evil" "wickedness"

In other words, Genesis 3:22 is better translated to read: "**Human kind have become united**

(married) **from without** (without/outside) **the Covenant relationship with *Yahweh*.**"

Thus, when Adam and Eve partook, they entered into a marriage covenant relationship with the Serpent (Satan)—Spiritually causing the seed of the Serpent to enter mankind. This is why the Bible



likens sin to spiritual adultery (Jeremiah 3:1-6). And in that moment, with that spurious marriage covenant

meal with the “Snake”, Adam lost his status as a former “son of *Yahweh*” (Luke 3:22). And when the Serpent’s “seed” entered Adam and Eve, who are the parents of us all, his seed (*character, sinfulness, and the essence of the “Knowledge of evil”*) passed down through Adam to all of his descendents, just as it says in Romans 5:12:

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

This is why ***all people*** need the Saviour—from the newly born baby to aged great-grandparents. “All have sinned” (Romans 3:23), for all, even before we are old enough to act upon it, are born with the wicked seed of the serpent in us. Seeds and fruit are physically and spiritually connected. With the Serpent’s spiritual seed in us, the selfish and unholy character of Satan is our natural state, from conception to death. It is only through the Power of *Yahweh*, having been made “sons of *Yah*” again, that we can bear the lovely character of *Yahweh*, manifested in the Fruits of the Spirit.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no Law.” Gal. 5:22-23

There are only two Kingdoms: Heaven and Hell. There is no middle ground—no “neutral territory in which a person may exist outside of one of these two Kingdoms. There are only two Trees: the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. There are only two harvests connected with these Trees: the wheat and the tares. And there are two opposing “seeds”: the seed of *Yahweh* (the saved who are partakers of the Covenant made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—Genesis 17:19) and the “seed of Belial” (the wicked who are not redeemed from their marriage covenant

with Hell).

Considering this, we must prayerfully ask of which Kingdom we are a part. It is so simple—almost cliché—for believers to confidently assert their status as “sons of *Yahweh*”. But when we begin to grasp what it really means to be a “son of *Yahweh*”, we cannot be so foolishly glib or blindly confident. So, what does it mean to be a “son of *Yahweh*”?

To Scripturally answer this important question, we need to carefully consider the Example of *Yahshua*, Who was called “the Son of God.” To glean the full value of what this means, we first need to study why *Yahshua* was called the Son



of *Yah*. In the Bible, *Yahshua* is given 72 different titles, each representing a Role that He took for our Salvation. For example, *Yahshua* is known as the Bread, the Word, the Door, the Vine, the Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and many more. Of all these 72 titles, only one is taken literally, by most believers: “Son of God” (Son of *Yahweh*).

The reason we take the title “Son of *Yahweh*” and literally apply it to *Yahshua* is that we have unknowingly—without recognizing its pagan origin—come to think of *Yahshua* similar to the Greek Hercules. Thus, we wrongly believe that *Yahshua* was called the “Son of *Yahweh*”

because we think He was the half-god/half-human son of *Yahweh*, born to a human woman, just like Hercules. But not only does this false idea have nothing to do with why *Yahshua* was called the Son of *Yahweh*; it also lessens *Yahshua*’s divinity, playing right into the cunning deceptions of the spirit of Antichrist!

According to Scripture, *Yahshua* is fully God—not a lesser half-god! Isaiah foretold that nothing short of the mighty God of Heaven—the everlasting Father Himself—would be manifested in the Flesh in *Yahshua* Messiah!

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given... and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty



God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

“*Yahshua* saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?” John 14:9
“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...” John 1:1 & 14

The reason *Yahshua* was called the Son of *Yahweh* is because He was the Second Adam!... (continued)

(continued from page 9) As we have already seen, Adam, before he Fell, was a son of *Yahweh*. He was created as the son of *Yahweh*, as Luke 3:38 clearly states. However, after the Fall, Adam was no longer naturally a son of *Yahweh*. He and all his descendants naturally became the “sons of man” (spiritually known as the sons of Belial).

After the Fall, the only way for Adam or His descendants to become sons of *Yahweh* was through accepting *Yahshua* as their substitutionary Sacrifice. *Yahshua* was the Second (or last) Adam: **“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening Spirit.”**

1 Corinthians 15:45

It was because *Yahshua* came as the Second Adam—who was the son of God with a lower case “s”—that He was known as the “Son of *Yahweh*” with a capital “S”. In fact, when Luke gave the genealogy of Messiah, he traced *Yahshua*’s maternal lineage all the way back to Adam, to demonstrate His right to be known as the Son of *Yahweh*—being the Second Adam.

As the Second Adam, *Yahshua* was the Son of *Yahweh*—a title which (on a lesser magnitude) applies to all unfallen beings, as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Like Adam, before the Fall, *Yahshua* was never at any time under the spurious marriage contract with the Serpent. Never was He ever counted among the partakers of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. This is what Paul meant when he wrote that *Yahshua* “knew no sin”.

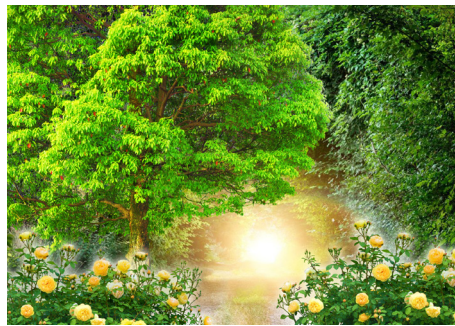
“For He hath made Him to be sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” *2 Corinthians 5:21*

As *Yah*, *Yahshua* was all-knowing. Certainly, He intellectually knew sin! But never had *Yahshua* partaken of the wicked, marital “knowing” of sin, which came from Adam eating of the forbidden Tree. There was no Serpent “seed” in Him! *Yahshua* was clean, holy, pure, and undefiled, just as the first Adam had been before the Fall.

Because *Yahshua* had no part in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, the devil had no legal rights in His Life, allowing Him to bear this powerful testimony:

“...The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me.” *John 14:30*

It was because *Yahshua* had this testimony that He was called the Son of *Yahweh*! Sons of *Yahweh*, in Scripture, are holy, undefiled, free from (or *having never partaken of*) the unholy alliance with the Serpent. Sons of *Yahweh* have no part with the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil! Instead, they all have the right to eat from the Tree of Life. In



missing why *Yahshua* was known as the Son of *Yahweh*, most believers fail to perceive that the testimony of *Yahshua* is the testimony of all true sons of *Yahweh*!

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of *Yahshua* Christ.”

Revelation 12:17

Yahshua’s Death paid for our redemption, making it possible for all who believe on Him to be restored as “sons of *Yahweh*” once again. *Yahshua*’s Life was lived as an Example (1 Peter 2:21-22) for us to “follow in His Steps”. His Example demonstrated what it looks like to live as the sons of *Yahweh*.

He lived in full submission to the Will of *Yah* at all times—as do all sons of God. *Yahshua*, being *Yahweh* manifested in the flesh, had the power to turn stones into bread. Had He not possessed this power, Satan would not have tried to tempt Him to do so. But *Yahshua* did nothing of Himself, because no son of *Yahweh* does anything that is self-willed or outside of the direction and Will of Heaven.

“Therefore *Yahshua* answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.” *John 5:19*

When *Yahshua* said “the Son can do nothing of Himself”, He didn’t mean that He possessed no power within Himself. He was *Yah* manifested in the flesh. But, since He came to live as our Example of obedient “sons of *Yahweh*”, He set aside His Elohim-power. He did only what all believers must do in order to truly be “sons of *Yahweh*”.

In order for believers to be adopted as “sons of *Yahweh*” (a.k.a. “children of *Yahweh*”), we must be baptized, for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38).

“For ye are all the children of *Yahweh* by faith in Christ *Yahshua*. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” *Gal. 3:26-27*

Yahshua had no sin. Certainly He didn't need to be baptized, which was for the "remission of sin" (Acts 2:38). Why, then, was He baptized? John the Baptist wondered the same, and even protested against baptizing *Yahshua*, proclaiming that he was unworthy to unlatch His shoes, let alone baptize Him. But *Yahshua* set John's concerns to rest by saying: "Suffer it to be so now: **for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness...**" (Matthew 3:15).

In other words, *Yahshua* was baptized to demonstrate that it was a vital step

Yahshua was not called "the Son of *Yahweh*" because He was only "half-god" as a Hercules-style figure! *Yahshua* was called "the Son of *Yahweh*" because He came as the second Adam to restore us to sonship and to demonstrate how to live as "sons of *Yahweh*"! And sons of *Yahweh* do not live for self. They are totally tuned in to the Will and Ways of Heaven, as *Yahshua* said:

"...for whatever the Father does, these things the Son (of *Yahweh*) also does in like manner" *John 5:19*

When the "s" in "Son" is capitalized, we know that it refers to Messiah. But there is no punctuation, nor capitalization in the Greek text, from which our English Bibles are translated! Thus, it is equally correct to read John 5:19 as not only a lifestyle of Messiah, but *Yahshua* was also teaching us how **we** are to live, as "sons of *Yahweh*". Thus, the verse can also be correctly read:

"...for whatever the Father does, these things the son (of *Yahweh*) also does in like manner" *John 5:19*

Clearly, we see that His statement was more than a personal testimony, it was also an instruction!

The most fundamental theme throughout Scripture is Redemption. But without a full understanding that we are being redeemed into sonship with *Yahweh*—and what that fully means—Redemption quickly degenerates into "cheap grace" or some other twisted notion. And failing to discern *Yahshua's* well-laid steps for sonship, we also fall short of partaking of the Grace of *Yah* for our Redemption. Considering this, perhaps the most important question we can ask (and Scripturally answer) is this: "What are the defining characteristics of a 'son of *Yahweh*'?"

1. SONS OF YAHWEH REFLECT HIS CHARACTER

Scripture makes a beautiful promise. Discerning the Saviour's exemplary Pattern of Sonship and transformed by His indwelling Grace, those who "see Him as He is" will be like Him, in Character, when He Comes:

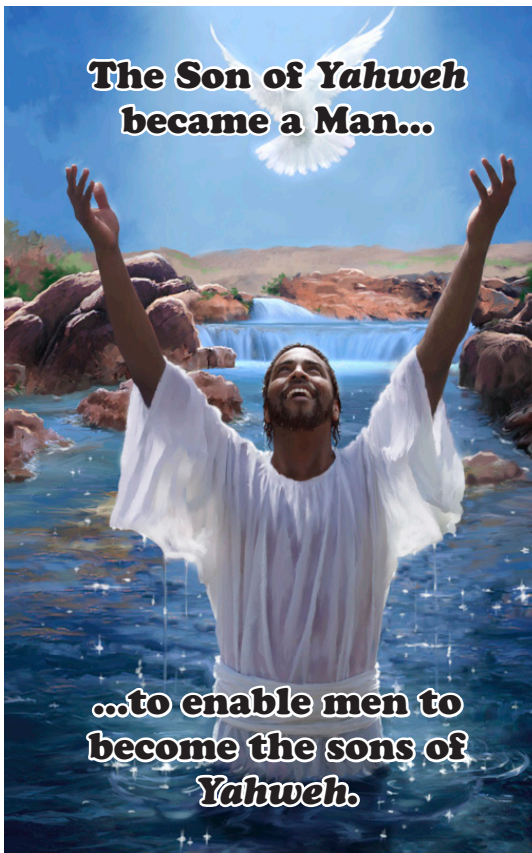
"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of *Yahweh*: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of *Yahweh*, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." *1 John 3*

2. SONS OF YAHWEH ARE FILLED WITH AND LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT It is impossible to be self-willed and self-governed and still be counted among the final sons of *Yahweh*.

Scripture teaches that the sons of *Yahweh* are filled with and led by the Holy Spirit: **"For as many as are led by the Spirit of *Yahweh*, they are the sons of *Yahweh*."** *Romans 8:14*

3. SONS OF YAHWEH ARE SPIRITUALLY BORN AGAIN

Yahshua said in John 3:7, "You must be born again." And in John 3:3: "Unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of *Yahweh*." In other words, being born again is infinitely serious. Heaven and hell are hanging in the balance! And it is impossible to be the Redeemed sons of *Yahweh* without being born again. Our nature, apart from the new birth, is opposite of what it needs to be. We hate what should be loved and love what should be hated. But in the spiritual rebirth, *Yahweh* gives us a new heart—one which loves Him and appreciates Truth and Light. This is why we must be reborn to be sons of *Yahweh*: **"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of *Yahweh*, even to those who believe in His Name..."** (continued)



in man's acceptance of righteous "sonship". Confirming this, *Yahweh* spoke... from Heaven, proclaiming, "this is My beloved Son". All of Heaven was working for the restoration of fallen mankind to "sonship". And every work of *Yahshua's* Life was purposely designed to be a living Example to us who would be the "sons and daughters of *Yahweh*."

(continued from page 11) **“...who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of Yahweh.”** *John 1:12-13*

4. SONS OF YAHWEH ARE OBE- DIENT TO HIM AND KEEP THE TORAH

Sin is part of the spiritual seed of the Serpent. As we have seen, sin and sinfulness (*defined as transgression of the Law*) entered into mankind when our first parents ate from the spurious Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Nothing about this Tree can pass into the next World. Thus, all who would be sons of *Yahweh* and would enter His Kingdom are to be overcomers who now live in Grace-empowered obedience to His *Torah*.

“...And **every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.** Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the Law: for sin is the transgression of the Law... And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because **we keep His Commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight...**” *1 John 3*

5. SONS OF YAHWEH CONTINU- ALLY ABIDE IN HIM AND ARE FREED FROM SIN

Yahshua didn't come to save us *in* our sins, but *from* them. Thus, we are to exercise spiritual warfare against temptation and gain victory over the tempter, in the same way that *Yahshua* did (for He is our Example). When we abide in Him, we will not sin (1 John 2:28).

“...And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. **Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not:** whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him...” *1 John 3*

6. SONS OF YAHWEH HAVE NO WORKS OF THE DEVIL IN THEM

As we have seen, the seed of the Serpent, which entered mankind through partaking of the forbidden Tree, caused humanity to naturally produce what the Bible calls “the works of the devil”. Certainly all works of the devil are sinful. These works are also Scripturally known as works of the flesh, because they became a part of our carnal nature through the unholy marriage alliance with the Serpent. Paul listed them in Galatians 5:19-21, which says: **“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of *Yahweh*.”**

Sons of *Yahweh* are those who will inherit the Kingdom of *Yahweh*. In the End, the “Father” who claims us (*whether *Yahweh* or the false Serpent*) will be the one whom we resemble in character. Thus we may plainly see that the Sons of *Yahweh* will no longer be falling prey to the serpent-like “Works of the flesh”. The works of the devil will be completely gone from the actions, attitudes, and character of the saved sons of *Yahweh*.

“...Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the begin-

ning. **For this purpose the Son of *Yahweh* was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil...**” *1 John 3*

7. SONS OF YAHWEH ARE LOV- ING AND DO NOT HATE

Love, which is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), is the motivational force of all true sons of *Yahweh*. We are not sons of *Yahweh* while we operate under any other spirit.

“...For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that **we should love one another... Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath Eternal Life abiding in him.** Hereby perceive we the love of *Yahweh*, because He laid down His Life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of *Yahweh* in him?...” *1 John 3*

There are only two Kingdoms: the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of Hell. There are only two Seeds: the spiritual Seed of Abraham (who are saved) and the spiritual seed of Belial (who are lost). There are two harvests: the wheat and the tares. And there are only two Trees, representing these two Kingdoms: the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Prayerfully, honestly, and without any self-deception, now more than ever we must ask and know, “what side am I on? Of which Tree am I a part?” Those are questions only you

and *Yahweh* can answer. But we must make no mistake, there is no time to be self-deceived. We are Called to fully receive the adoption of sons of God. But this Calling doesn't include us going into glory with any Serpent Seed or traces of the false marriage with the Serpent.

Now is the time to prayerfully make our Calling and Election

sure. Day-by-day we are deciding where we stand. And as Time grows shorter, we must now choose to fully and completely become (*by His Power and Grace*) the pure, overcoming, loving, obedient, and Holy Spirit led, Fruit-filled sons of *Yahweh*. May we each have done our parts, so that when the King returns He will count us among the saved sons of *Yahweh* and grant

us the right to eat of the Tree of Life in His Paradise where the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil has no place.

"To him that overcometh (the false marriage and influence of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil) will I give to eat of the Tree of Life..." Revelation 2:7



Sons of Belial = Tares / Unredeemed Partakers of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
 Evil "seed" is from the Serpent - Genesis 3:15
 The "seed" of the wicked are cut off - Psalm 37:28
 Sons of Belial are Idolatrous - Deuteronomy 13:13
 Sons of Belial manifest the Works of the Flesh - 1 Sam. 1:16
 Sons of Belial love darkness - John 3:19
 Sons of Belial despise reproof and instruction - Prov. 15:10
 Sons of Belial rebel against God's Law - Proverbs 28:4
 Sons of Belial have perverted tastes - Judges 19:22
 Sons of Belial are ungodly and wicked - 2 Sam. 22:5

Sons of *Yahweh* = Wheat / Redeemed, Future-Partakers of the Tree of Life
 Good "seed" are the "seed of Abraham" - Genesis 17:19
 The "seed" of the righteous are delivered - Proverbs 11:21
 Sons of *Yahweh* keep the *Shema* - Deuteronomy 6:4-9
 Sons of *Yahweh* manifest the Fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22-23
 Sons of *Yahweh* are children of the Light - 1 Thess. 5:5
 Sons of *Yahweh* humbly receive reproof - Proverbs 17:10
 Sons of *Yahweh* delight in and keep the Law - Psalm 1:1-3
 Sons of *Yahweh* are made pure and undefiled - Psalm 119:1
 Sons of *Yahweh* are like Him in character - 1 John 3:2

The Great Global Currency Reset - 2021

A Globalist' Agenda "Justified" by COVID-19...

For decades, globalists have attempted to use climate change to justify liberal policy changes. But their latest attempt—a new proposal called the “Great Reset”—is the most ambitious and radical plan the world has seen since our nations were formed.

Prince Charles announced the “Great Reset,” presenting world leaders’ plan to transform the economy, on November 10, 2020. At a virtual meeting earlier in June hosted by the World Economic Forum, some of the planet’s most powerful business leaders, government officials and activists announced a proposal to “reset” the global economy. Instead of traditional capitalism, the high-profile group said the world should adopt more socialistic policies, such as wealth taxes, additional regulations and massive Green New Deal-like government programs.

“Every country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed,” wrote Klaus Schwab, the founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, in an article published on WEF’s website. “In short, we need a ‘Great Reset’ of capitalism.” Schwab also said that “all aspects of our societies and economies” must be “revamped,” “from education to social contracts and working conditions.”

At the World Economic Forum, Prince Charles, one of the primary proponents of the Great Reset; joined Gina Gopinath, the chief economist at the International Monetary Fund; António Guterres, the secretary-general of the United Nations; and CEOs and presidents of major international

corporations, such as Microsoft and BP. Activists from groups such as Greenpeace International and a variety of academics also attended the event or have expressed their support for the Great Reset.

Although many details about the Great Reset won’t be rolled out until the World Economic Forum meets in Davos in January 2021, the general principles of the plan are clear: massive, global financial changes are soon-coming, along with government programs and far-reaching policies comparable to those offered by American socialists such as Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) in the Green New Deal plan.

The World Economic Forum has deliberately avoided labeling their Great Reset as “socialist”. But considering the countless socialist and “progressive” plans it involves, one can plainly see that the Great Financial Reset, proposed for 2021, is set to restructure the whole world into a form of socialism.

“We need to design policies to align with investment in people and the environment,” said the general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation, Sharan Burrow. “But above all, the longer-term perspective is about rebalancing economies.”

One of the main themes of the June meeting was that the “coronavirus pandemic”, which globalists say has



created an important “opportunity” for many of the World Economic Forum’s members to enact their radical transformation of capitalism, which they acknowledged would likely not have been made possible without the pandemic.

“We have a golden opportunity to seize something good from this crisis—its unprecedented shockwaves may well make people more receptive to big visions of change,” said Prince Charles at the meeting, adding later, “It is an opportunity we have never had before and may never have again.”

You might be wondering how these “progressive” leaders plan to convince the world to completely alter its economy, using the COVID-19 “pandemic” as a justification. COVID-19 is actually one of two excuses- which leaders are stretching to maximum benefit, with repeated COVID-19 shutdowns. But globalists

have also identified another “crisis” that will require expansive government intervention: Climate change.

“The threat of climate change has been more gradual [than COVID-19]-but its devastating reality for many



people and their livelihoods around the world, and its ever greater potential to disrupt, surpasses even that of Covid-19,” Prince Charles said.

Of course, these government officials, activists and influencers can’t impose a systemic change of this size on their own. Which is why they have already started to activate vast networks of left-wing activists from around the world. These strategically selected activists are in place to work in 2021 demanding changes in line with the Great Reset.

According to the World Economic Forum, its 2021 Davos summit will include thousands of members of the Global Shapers Community, youth activists located in 400 cities across the planet. The Global Shapers program was involved in the widespread “climate strikes” of 2019, and more than 1,300 have already been trained by the Climate Reality Project, the highly influential, well-funded climate activist organization run by former Vice

President Al Gore, who serves on the WEF’s Board of Trustees.

For those of us who support free markets, and freedom in general, the Great Reset is nothing short of terrible. Our current capitalist system may have flaws, but granting more power to the government agents who created that system and eroding property rights is not the best way forward. America is the world’s most powerful, prosperous nation precisely because of the very market principles the Great Reset supporters loathe, not in spite of them.

Making matters worse, the left has already proven throughout the COVID-19 pandemic that it can radically transform political realities in the midst of a crisis, so it’s not hard to see how the Great Reset could come to fruition.

Prince Charles was right: by labeling COVID-19 as a “pandemic” a fearful society is now more ready than ever, presenting what these globalists call a “golden opportunity” for radical change. And if Al Gore, Prince Charles and the rest of the World Economic Forum can convince enough people that attempting to stop “climate change” is also worth dramatically pushing humanity toward greater government control, then radical—and catastrophic—change is exactly what we’re going to get.

Of course, from a Bible prophecy perspective, these globalist’ moves are right on cue. Scripture foretells that the final political power will be a one-world government, with a one-world monetary system.

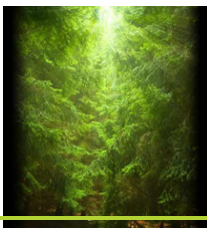
In his apocalyptic vision in the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John sees the “beast,” also called the Antichrist, rising out of the sea hav-

ing seven heads and ten horns (Revelation 13:1). Combining this vision with Daniel’s similar one (Daniel 7:16-24), we can conclude that global governance is the political climate of the Last Days.

John goes on to describe the ruler of this vast empire as having power and great authority, given to him by Satan himself (Revelation 13:2), being followed by and receiving worship from “all the world” (13:3-4), and having authority over “every tribe, people, language and nation” (13:7). From this description, it is logical to assume that this person is the leader of a one-world government which is recognized as sovereign over all other governments. In the past it might have seemed impossible for such a power to arise, subjugating all nations, but with the current events unfolding, this foretold prophetic event is becoming a soon-coming reality.

Once entrenched in power, the beast (Antichrist) and the power behind him (Satan) will move to establish absolute control over all peoples of the earth to accomplish their true end, the worship Satan has been seeking ever since being thrown out of heaven (Isaiah 14:12-14). One way they will accomplish this is by controlling all commerce, and this is where the idea of a one-world currency comes in. Revelation 13:16-17 describes some sort of satanic mark which will be required in order to buy and sell. Make no mistake, we are watching these Bible prophecies come to fulfillment before our very eyes. Time is short.





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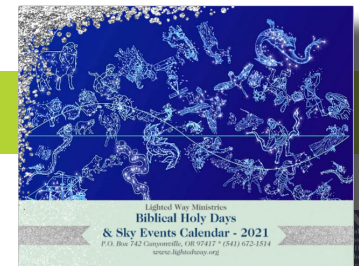
The Lighted Way News Magazine



One of the questions folks ask us the most is, “what’s new with Lighted Way Ministries”? Great question! We are so glad for your interest and prayers for the upcoming milestones and events in our ministry! Here’s the latest update on what’s new and what’s next:

WHAT'S NEW:

- **2021 SKY EVENTS/FEAST DAYS CALENDAR**-Lighted Way Ministries has made a 2021 12-month wall calendar. Calendar is 8.5x11 with a spiral binding. Top images show Constellations. Illustrations are from Shauna Manfredine’s book God’s Amazing Star Secret. Calen-



dars show the 2021 Feast Days as well as giving the sky events for 2021, with a short explanation of the spiritual meaning/significance of each. To order, select the calendar on the enclosed order form. Calendars are available (in a limited supply) for \$25.00 each plus \$7.75 for shipping (\$32.75) via Priority Mail.

- **WE NOW HAVE A NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL!** - Lighted Way Ministries now has a new Youtube channel. This means that we are now broadcasting (on Sabbaths and Feasts) on both Livestream and Youtube! We are very excited about this new broadcasting venue. And we prayerfully plan to use it for as long as our Heavenly Father allows. Already, there are new viewers and a new base of people which we are now having contact with, through this new venue! Thank you for your prayers and support, which help make this and other areas of outreach possible! To visit our Youtube channel, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS5K6VoMGH1Pysu3QkktJTA>

WHAT'S NEXT:

- **PASSOVER-UNLEAVENED BREAD—2021** -In difficult times, we need the holy appointments and Feasts all the more. As it says in Scripture, we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together - and so the MORE as we see the DAY approaching (Hebrews 10:25). With this in mind, we are already anticipating and praying for the Spring Feast.