

Just for clarification: In my presentations I am using YHVH (Yahuwah) instead of LORD, which is a title and not a name and I am using Yahusha instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration and really has no meaning, neither in Hebrew nor in English! YHVH (Yahuwah) and Yahusha are the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.

This presentation is **not intended to condemn or to judge anyone**, but to encourage individuals to study for themselves and find out if these things are so according to scripture. This is what the Bereans did and we are admonished to follow their example!

*The Bible **commands:** “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”
1. Timothy 5:21 – Let’s remember that this is not an option, but a command!*



*This presentation
is entitled: “Are
You Stuck in a
Box?”*

There are many ways to be stuck! Stuck in the mud! Stuck in the traffic!
Stuck with your I-phone! Stuck in a Fence! Stuck in a helpless situation!
Stuck in a Box and you even don’t want to get out, because you like it!
What about being stuck in a fixed belief system?

Over time, things happen to us and we create views about certain things, about people, situations and what we will accept and won’t accept, what we think is right and what we think is wrong. Many of these beliefs are formed to create boundaries to keep us safe, to stop us

avoiding and making the same mistakes, and for us to have a certain amount of control over our lives and feel protected.

The problem is, many of these beliefs are not the truth, but are based on decisions you made in the past, which you believe to be the truth. For example, you and I could experience exactly the same thing in reality, but you make it mean something completely different to me. These thoughts and beliefs shape your reality, and become the way life occurs to you.

The situations you create in your life will match your belief – you will meet people, who can't be trusted and may attract men who are likely to betray you in relationships. You are like a magnet attracting what you believe and until this is recognized and reprogrammed, you are likely to continue to creating more of the same.



**Isn't that the story with most Christians?
They are stuck or trapped in a religious box! They are servants of their religion, their church, their pastor, instead of being a servant of Yahshua!**

Think about it:



Are religious people really stuck in a box?
What is this box they are stuck in?
It is a box of man-made traditions, teachings and doctrines!

Let's first make it clear, that Yahusha the Messiah, was a Jew and never intended to start a new religion called Christianity! He himself stated in Matthew 15:24 **"I have only come to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"**. He came to draw first HIS apostate people, the 10 tribes of Israel and then all mankind back to HIS Father, to the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, back to HIS Torah, statutes and judgments! He came to call mankind to repentance (*Matthew 4:17*).

Nevertheless, it is indisputable that a new religion was born out of His teachings and life, however starting in the 2nd Century paganism crept slowly into the First Century Church.

Even the word "Christian" was originally coined by Pagans!

Many of today's customs used in the Christian Church can be easily traced back specifically to the 3rd and 4th century, when Constantine began the process of converting the official Pagan religion of the Roman Empire to Christianity.

I just wanted to list a few pagan practices, false teachings and customs, which are being practiced by most of the Christian churches and denominations that **are NOT BIBLICAL**:

Sunday sacredness, Christmas, Easter, Lent, Halloween, St. Valentine's day, crosses and chants, church steeples, baby baptism, candles, fish symbols, monks, monasteries, Communion Service, temples dedicated to saints, statutes, incense, holy water, pagan calendars, the ring in marriage, church buildings, veneration of angels and dead saints, worship of Mary, Fasting on Friday, Friday crucifixion, Sunday resurrection, 3 ½ year ministry of Yahusha, 2300 year prophecy ending in 1844, popes, kissing of the popes feet, canonization of dead saints, purgatory, the mass, the rosary, the inquisition, the sale of indulgences, the confession of sins to a priest, the celibacy of the priesthood, the trinity, the immortality of the soul, the rapture before the tribulation, the Torah ending at the cross, that Yahuwah's yearly feast days are no longer binding, the replacement theology, changing the name of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob from YHVH to LORD and we could go on and on!

At this point I want to point out that not all traditions are bad. Sometimes tradition is acceptable and perhaps even pleasing in the sight of Yahuwah.

But other times it is not acceptable and can even be hated by Him.

Messiah didn't like the traditions of the Scribes and Pharisees because they transgressed Yahuwah's clear commandments. As an example, Christmas

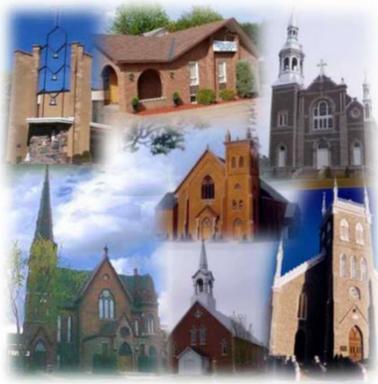
is a tradition but is transgressing the commandment of Yahuwah. Christmas is honoring with the lips but it is actually a vain tradition that has essentially become a doctrine and commandment of men, it is the same as Baal worship in the O.T.

Sunday sacredness as well as Christmas as examples are commandments of men, because there is **no verse in Scripture** that commands us, that we are to keep the 1st day of the week holy, to celebrate the birth or the resurrection of Yahusha the Messiah --- let alone in a way that imitates paganism and idolatry! **We must question these traditions** that have been handed down to this generation, even though few dare to do that. If we want to be part of spiritual Israel, we are commanded to keep the 7th Day of the week holy as well as HIS yearly appointments, which are a compacted prophecy of the plan of salvation.



Let's first ask some personal questions: Do you have a love for truth? Will you know truth, when you heard it? Will you check it out or will you fight it? **Most people will rather continue in darkness, because it is more comfortable!**

People have become so relaxed in the teachings of their forefathers and pastors, in the doctrines and commandments of man, until they not even dare to investigate other Biblical teachings. **They are boxed in into their religion**, and if the truth comes that goes against their or their denomination's belief, they cannot accept it. Their foundations are built on the traditions of men and their teachings, rather than on a **“thus saith Yahuwah”**



Most people absolutely believe that their religion, their church is the truth and all other churches are false or lacking in their doctrinal foundation. They actually believe that all other religions or churches must convert to theirs. These believers may even know the Most High and even hear his voice as **long as He doesn't speak outside of the teachings of their church.**

God help them, if the Holy Spirit tries to teach them something different than what their church teaches. They will not hear the voice of Yah and they will actually think that it's the Devil speaking to them. **They are stuck in a box of religion or in a box of a church and may not ever be freed from it, because they have made their denomination their god.** There is a perfect image of their religion and their denomination that resides in their mind. This image is an idol and **they have committed idolatry and don't even know it. Their Church may be completely out of order, but it doesn't matter.** They feel that it is their duty to serve the denomination or church no matter what, even if the denomination is out of the will of Yahuwah and is teaching the doctrines and commandments of man. The loyalty **they should have** for the Mashiah (*Messiah*) they only have for their denomination. The Holy Spirit may give them all kinds of warnings and signs, but they are all being ignored. **Their service is to their denomination, because that is their god.**



Many people are so brainwashed by their pastor until they talk more about him, than about Yahshua (*Jesus*). Their pastor can do no wrong, and if he does, they are the first to defend him, no matter what he has done or believes. He could be a liar or a believer of false teachings, or a perpetuator of carnal behavior, to them it does not matter. They will stick by him and defend him no matter what.

Just imagine, if the Father has other plans that may be different from what your pastor has for you. Who do you follow? The Holy Spirit may be trying to move you in a certain direction, but because it goes against what your pastor said, you can't do it. Or because you are so dedicated to your pastor, you won't budge. That's because your pastor has become your idol, you are stuck in the box of the pastor, and he is your salvation.

Here are some comments people make, when confronted with New Truth or New Light from Scripture:

“Don't confuse me with the facts, my mind's made up.”

“Mind-set, close-mindedness, truth is not important.”

“I know, but my parents and my grand parents believed this way; if it was good enough for them, it is good enough for me.”

“Playing church, smooth words, exclusiveness, spiritual pride, they no longer sit at the feet of Yahusha.”

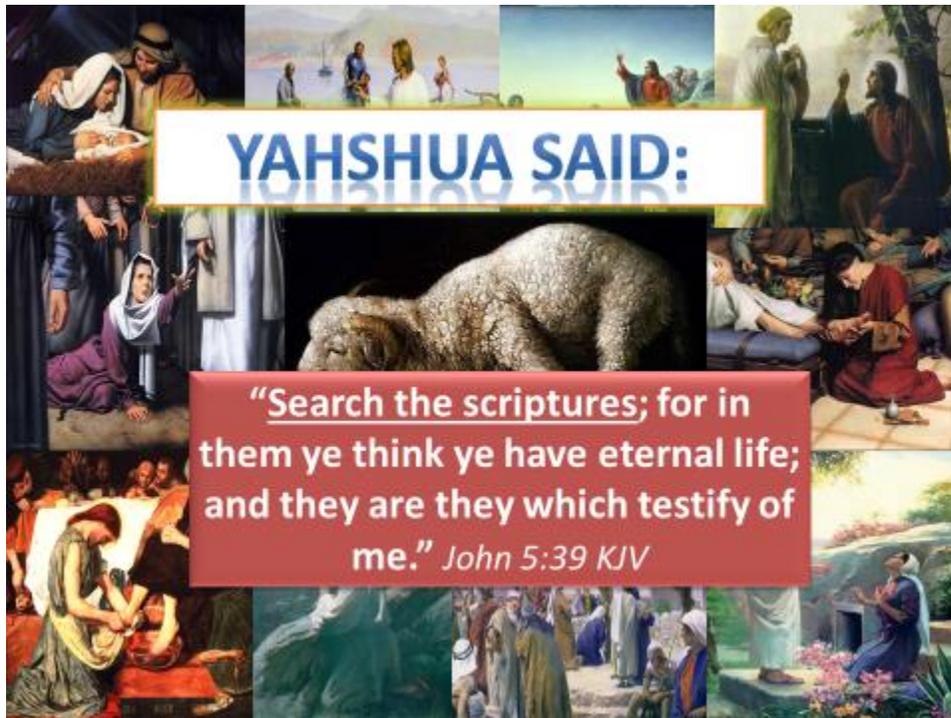
“Follow men, laziness. (*loose their vigilance*)”

Being in the box causes atrophy.

“And YHVH said unto Moses, come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law (#8451 – *Torah*), and commandments which I have written: that thou mayest teach them.” *Exodus 24:12 KJV*

The Ten Commandments spoken by YHVH himself from Sinai, and the instructions given to Moses, were recorded for the benefit of mankind for all ages.

The plan of salvation had been distinctly and clearly outlined by Adonai!



Think about it: Before his crucifixion, the Savior explained to his disciples that he was to be put to death, and to rise again, but

..... they couldn't get it, because they were looking for a temporal deliverance from the Roman yoke and a worldly kingdom.

The same applies to us today. The future is opened before us as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the Messiah, but people seem to

be hypnotized by Satan, and are not taking Scripture serious, so they can be ready.

The disciples were stuck in a box of false teachings and false expectations!

Even though they were walking with Yahusha for many months, and were taught by him they still believed that He would free them from the Roman power at that time!



Do you remember their words on the road to Emmaus?

Luke 24:21 **“But we trusted that it had been he, which should have redeemed**

The Jews, mainly the scribes and Pharisees were stuck in a box of self made traditions and ceremonies! Their hearts were hardened to the words of Yahusha!

They thought their righteousness was all sufficient and they possessed the key to heaven, after all they were the children of Abraham. **So they clung to their man made traditions and ceremonies!**



They Refused To Change!

Meaning, they were stuck in the box of their own traditions and teachings!

It was their own choice!

Meaning mainly the Leadership, the Scribes and Pharisees of that time! Because the Bible states in Mark 12:37: that “The common people heard Him gladly.”

Who heard Him gladly? It was the common people!

It was the leading men of the nation that were determined and refused to accept the Messiah and His teachings and through their influence the whole Nation rejected Him also!



Yahusha called these people in Matthew 15:14: “blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”
In Matthew 23:13 Yahshua said: “woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in [yourselves], neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.”

Did you know, that your religious leaders, pastors or ministers can keep you out of heaven?

Should one be concerned about this fact, the words in Matthew 23:13 from our Redeemer?

Let’s not forget, multitudes followed their religious leaders then and they are following them blindly today to damnation!

In John 9 we have the story of a blind man that Yahusha healed.

When the rulers asked his parents how their son was healed in John 9:19 they did not answer, why not?

“Because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was the Messiah, he should be put out of the synagogue.” *John 9:22*

The people were taught then as they are taught today, that church membership means salvation! In John 16:2 Yahusha foretold that the time will come, that **“they shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth YHVH service.”**

“And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.” *John 16:3 KJV*

Religious teachers have and are leading people to damnation, while professing to guide them to the gates of Paradise.



Again, should we be concerned?
In matters of salvation we cannot trust
any man, church or denomination!

Remember: *The Bible states in Jeremiah 17:5: “Cursed [be] the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm.” KJV*



They took great risks with their very lives to come out of the box of man-made traditions and doctrines to start the reformation!

**What, if they had taken the position to go with the established church, go the easy route, instead of demanding “a thus saith Yahuwah?”
There would have been no Reformation! We probably would still be living in the dark ages!**

The Reformation did not, as many suppose, end with Luther. It must be continued to the close of this world's history!

Why? Because we must return to the teachings and spirit of the first Century Church, as they possessed, taught and lived the original, uncorrupted gospel and were free from man's traditions.

During the past 2,000 years many false teachings, practices and customs crept into the professed Church, so the only way we can reverse that is by a continual Reformation.

What about the last Church, called Laodicea?



Is Laodicea stuck in a box of customs, traditions and man's teachings?

What does Yahusha have to say about that? Let's read it in Revelation 3:14-17:

Revelation 3:14-17 KJV "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of Elohim; 15. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

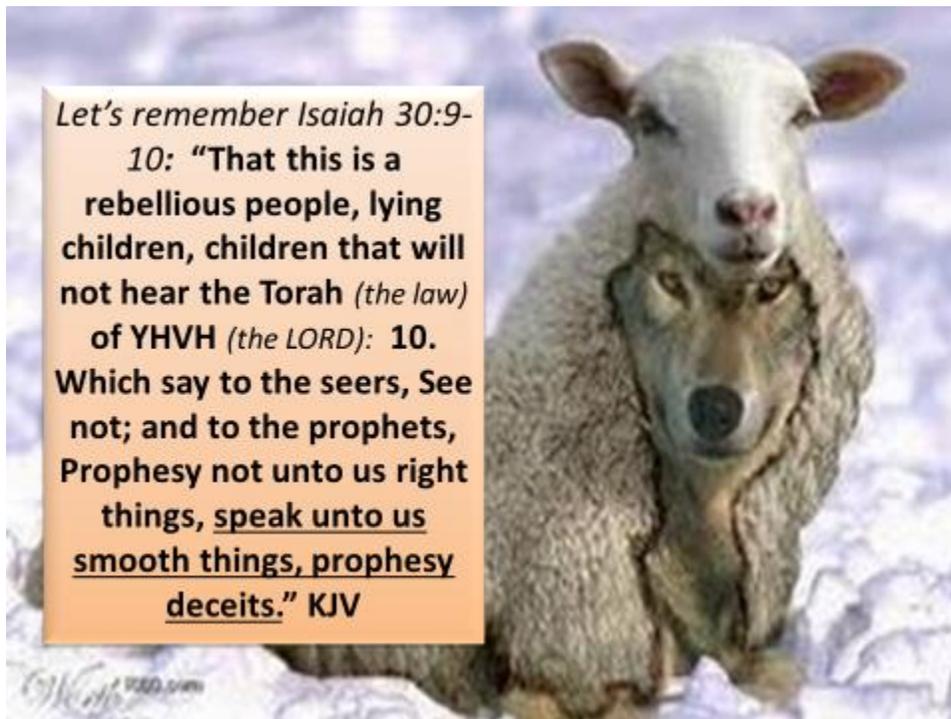
Here again we have the Church at the end, claiming that they have the key to heaven, they are rich, and are in need of nothing, meaning, they are stuck in a box of pride and self satisfaction!

Laodicea says, we have all the light we need, we have all the truth, leave us alone!

Laodizea is stuck in a box of pride, self satisfaction, stubbornness and unbelief, they don't want to get out, they like it and are satisfied, yet utterly deceived! **So Laodicea refuses to change!**

Meaning they are stuck in the box of man-made traditions and teachings!

It is by their own choice! Meaning the Leadership is telling their people, everything is all right, don't worry, the ship will go through, as is!



It was true then, it applies to this last generation! People have not changed in this respect!

Let's consider Pharaoh of ancient Egypt:

He was the great Pharaoh. His power was accepted far and wide. He was the most powerful man in the most powerful nation on the earth. He understood power in it's earthly forms; armies and chariots and gold.

If there had been a vast army of warriors standing behind Moses and Aaron, then perhaps his attitude toward them and their god would have been different.

Did Pharaoh witness the mighty working of Yahuwah?

Why did he refuse to submit to Elohim's commands?

It was because of pride, stubbornness and rebellion!

Let's see what it says in Exodus 5:2: *This is what he proudly said:* "**Who is this Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go?..**"

Pharaoh is not seeking information. He is simply ridiculing the whole notion that he would be even slightly inclined to listen to such a god or His spokesmen. He is far more concerned in getting the peoples' minds focused back on who is in charge and that they better be getting busy in making bricks.

Pharaoh's refusal to obey Yahuwah definitely comes from His pride, arrogance, and his arrogance came from his ignorance.

We can say, that Pharaoh was stuck in a box of pride, arrogance and ignorance and he refused to come out of this box!

As Pharaoh persisted to be stubborn and to refuse to accept light from Heaven, he became harder and harder to yield and of course less impressible.

We can find the same thing today as the source of the problem, when men and women live in rebellion against Yahuwah.

If we exult our own ideas, the tradition, and teachings of man above the word of YAH, we are saying as did Pharaoh, “who is the Lord, that we should obey His voice?”



When we get to the point that we think, that we have all the light, all the truth and we do not even want to hear the evidence, when evidence is piled upon evidence and we still refuse to see or listen that is called rebellion and **UNBELIEF, WHICH IS PROBABLY THE GREATEST SIN!** And you are stuck In the box of unbelief!



Now the question: How do we get out of the box of unbelief, traditions, false teachings, customs, ceremonies, theories, ignorance and superstitions?

Nothing, but the grace of YHVH can convict and convert the heart; from Him alone can the slaves of customs obtain power to break the shackles that bind them.



This chain can only be broken by a power outside of ourselves, this Name is Yahusha Ha Mashiach! We belong to HIM, we are His property, and are to honor and glorify Him alone. We do not honor and glorify Him, when we listen and serve man and allow man to restrict our liberty.

Paul states in 1. Corinthians 7:23 KJV “**Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.**”

**We have a choice! We can choose!
We don't have to be the servants of men!**

1. We cannot afford to be stuck in a box of man's Traditions and Teachings.

“Thus saith YHVH; **Cursed** [be] the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from YHVH.” *Jeremiah 17:5 KJV*



As long as someone trusts in man, his pastor, in his denomination and makes flesh his arm he or she is stuck in a box!

The true Believer is a believer that will follow the Most High no matter what. He understands the scripture that says: "For as many as are lead by the Spirit of Elohim, they are the sons of Elohim." (Romans 8:14) KJV

There are some things that Yahuwah wants to reveal to you that will totally shake your religious understanding and cause you to even doubt your foundational teachings and church traditions.

Are you prepared to deal with this or will you just ignore it, and continue in darkness and spiritual slumber? The true Believer is not bound by a Pastor, Bishop or teacher, he's not locked in a box of religion, doctrines and traditions.

He is a true servant of the Most High through Yahusha the Mashiach (*Jesus Christ*) and will do only what saith the Father. **He is a True Believer because he is a seeker of the truth.**

Let's personally, individually search the Word, starting in Genesis 1:1 and prove all things, and keep that which is good!

We can trust only "A thus saith YHVH!"

Because Yahusha said: "**In vain** do they worship me, teaching [for] **doctrines the commandments of men.**" Matthew 15:9 KJV

What does it mean to worship In vain? Here are some other translations of Matthew 15:9:

The Bible in Basic English says:

"But their worship is to **no purpose**, while they give as their teaching the rules of men."

The Contemporary English Version says:

"It is **useless** for you to worship me, when you teach rules made up by humans."

The Good News Bible says:

"Their worship of me is **pointless**, because their teachings are rules made by humans."

The International Standard Version says:

"Their worship of me is **empty**, because they teach human rules as doctrines."

This is exactly the advice given to the last generation in Malachi 4:4 (KJV):

“Remember ye the Torah (*law*) of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.”



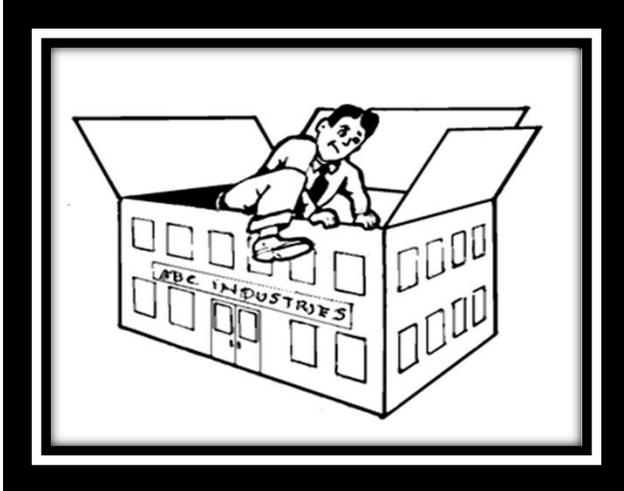
Are you stuck in a box of traditions, doctrines and commandments of men?

There is good news: Yahusha said in John 8:32: **“Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free!”**

What is truth? *In Psalm 119:142 we are told* **“thy Torah is the truth.”** Let’s heed the words of YHVH and follow His way, His Torah, instead of man’s way.

Here are His words in Ezekiel 20:18-20 KJV: **“But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols 19. I [am] YHVH your Elohim; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; 20. And hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I [am] YHVH your Elohim.”**

Start immediately, don’t waste any more time, take a risk, step out of your box, your comfort zone, **because it is a matter of eternal salvation.** When your car is stuck in the mud, a gentle turn will not break your wheels free, you have to take some drastic actions, **you must do something drastically different, than what you are presently doing to get yourself unstuck.**

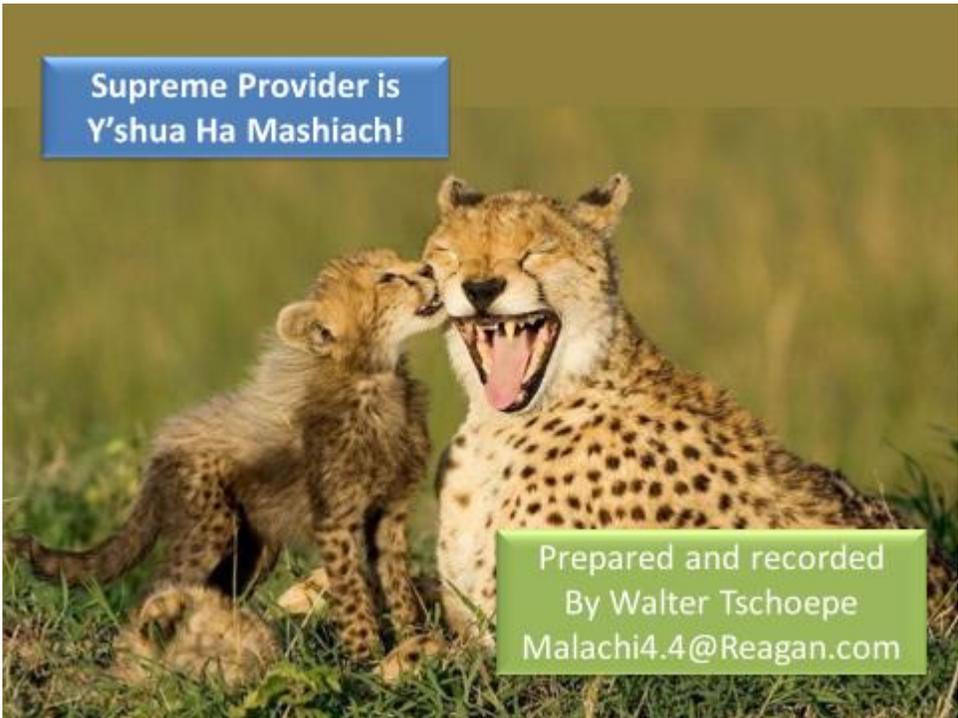


**Don't be any longer stuck in a box of traditions and man-made rules!
We can choose to be free and get out of this box by making drastic changes!**

And we can stay out Of the box of man-made traditions and teachings!

Consider the words of Yahusha in John 8:36 **“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”**

THE END



Supreme Provider is Y'shua Ha Mashiach!

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