

**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 entitled:



Today's presentation is somewhat touchy or sensitive for most people, but it still should be addressed! This message is not intended to judge, to condemn or to hit someone over the head!

It is intended as a wakeup call and to awake the desire to personally study scripture in order to prove what is being presented just like the Bereans did In Acts 17:11!

Let's remember, truth is progressive! It is making progress, it is not stagnant!

The question that made me think!

Sometimes someone asked a question that we never thought of before! It may have been something we took for granted, something we may have

believed for years or a whole lifetime, never questioning or wondered about it!

One question might be, why do I believe what I believe or why am I going to Church on Saturday when the majority of people go to church on Sunday? Another question may be “Why are there so many churches and denominations having all the same Bible, each one claiming to be the true one?”

**Why is there so much confusion within Christianity itself? What has happened? How did all this come about?**

**What happened to Messiah’s beloved people, His bride? Christianity believes they are the bride of Messiah. The church is called the body of the Messiah (Christ). Is it or has she deserted her husband by flirting with the enemy? We need to think about that seriously, because something has happened while people slept!**



*Revelation 19:7 calls His people HIS wife, saying: “**Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.”** KJV*

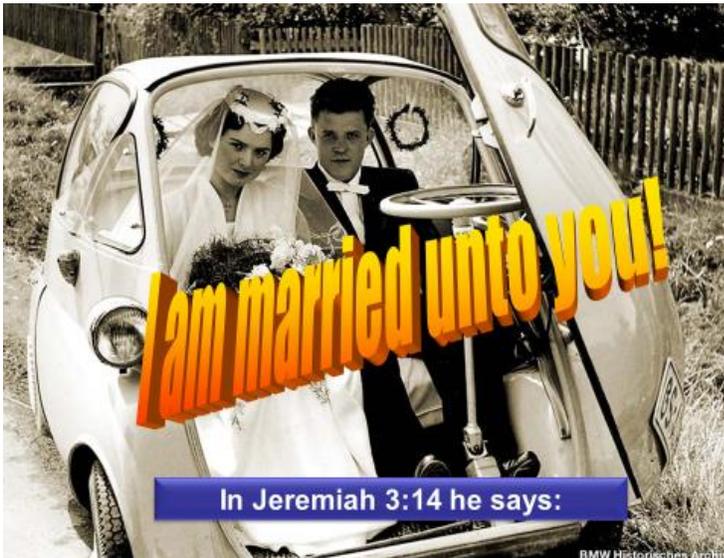
In Isaiah 54:5 Yahuwah talks about being the husband of HIS people: “**For thy Maker is thine husband; Yahuwah of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel .....**”

Isn't that a high honor to be considered the bride, the wife of the Creator, the master, the king of the universe?



**In Hosea 2:19-20 KJV Yahuwah said: “I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know**

*Here is the same verse in Basic English: “I will take you as my bride forever; truly, I will take you as my bride in righteousness and in right judging, in love and in mercies. I will take you as my bride in good faith, and you will have knowledge of YHVH.”*



Ezekiel 16:8 states the following: “**Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith YHVH ELOHIM, and thou becamest mine!**”

The church is betrothed, espoused and promised as the intended bride of her husband, **Yahusha Ha Mashiach**). The marriage is not yet consummated. That is yet to come. **It is future.**

*Paul states in 2. Corinthians 11:2 KJV “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Messiah.”*

*In Epheser 5:25-27 Paul explains it more by saying: “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: 26. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the*

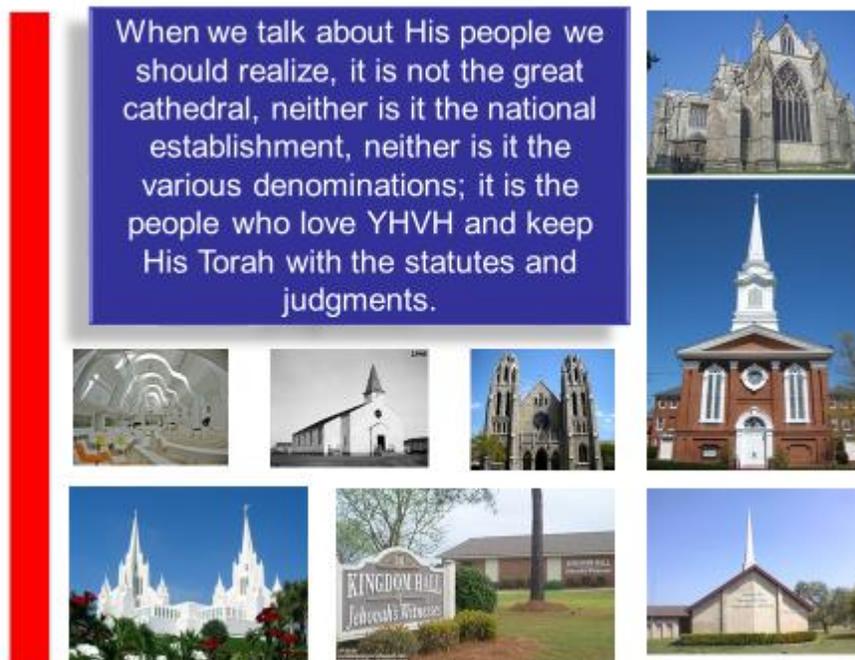
word. 27. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.” KJV

**A people without spot, wrinkle or blemish! Being HOLY, being SET APART!**

Romans 12:5 states: **“We being many, are one body in Messiah, and every one members one of another.” KJV**

Or 1. Corinthians 12:27 **“Now ye are the body of Messiah, and members in particular.” KJV**

Being the body, the bride of Messiah should not be taken lightly by His professed people!



*Yahusha said in Matthew 18:20: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* KJV

We, each one of us are part of the body of Messiah, the temple of the living Elohim!

**“Know ye not that ye are the temple of Elohim, and (that) the Spirit of Elohim dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of Elohim, him shall Elohim destroy; for the temple of Elohim is holy, which (temple) ye are.” 1. Corinthians 3:16-17 KJV**

**I was reading an article recently written by a Dr. David Rysor.**

First, I want to say that with this presentation I am addressing us not only individually but all Christian organizations and denominations, but especially Laodicea, the last church mentioned in Revelation, which claims to be rich, increased with goods and in need of nothing. A church, which feels extremely comfortable and satisfied with her achievements:



**The heading of this article was: “The Question that changed my life!”**

**A number of years ago, I had the privilege of teaching at a school of ministry. My students were hungry for Elohim, and I was constantly searching for ways to challenge them to fall more in love with Yahusha and to become voices for revival in the Church. I came across a quote. It is a short version of the history of Christianity, and it goes like this:**

**Christianity started in Palestine as a fellowship; it moved to Greece and became a philosophy; it moved to Italy and became an institution; it moved to Europe and became a culture; it came to America and became an enterprise.**

**Some of the students were only 18 or 19 years old--barely out of diapers--and I wanted them to understand and appreciate the import of the last line, so I clarified it by adding, "An enterprise. That's a business." After a few moments Martha, the youngest student in the class, raised her hand. I could not imagine what her question might be. I thought the little illustration was self-explanatory, and that I had performed it brilliantly.**

**Nevertheless, I acknowledged Martha's raised hand, "Yes, Martha." She asked such a simple question, "A business? But isn't it supposed to be a body?" I could not envision where this line of questioning was going, and the only response I could think of was, "Yes." She**

continued, "But then the room went dead silent. For several seconds no one moved or spoke.

We were stunned, afraid to make a sound because the presence of Elohim had flooded into the room, and we knew we were on holy ground. All I could think in those sacred moments was, "Wow, I wish I'd thought of that." I didn't dare express that thought aloud. YHVH had taken over the class.

Martha's question changed my life. For six months, I thought about her question at least once every day.

**"When a body becomes a business, isn't that a prostitute?"**

There is only one answer to her question. The answer is "Yes." The American Church, sadly, is heavily populated by people who do not love Elohim. How can we love Him? We don't even know Him; and I mean really know Him. I stand by my statement that most American Christians do not know Elohim, I mean YHVH -- much less love Him.

The root of this condition originates in how we came to HIM. Most of us came to Him because of what we were told He would do for us. We were promised that He would bless us in life and take us to heaven after death. We married Him for His money, and we don't care if He lives or dies as long as we can get His stuff. We have made the Kingdom of Elohim into a business, merchandising His anointing. This should not be.

We are commanded to love the Creator and Savior, and are called to be the Bride of Christ -- that's very intimate and close. We are supposed to be His lovers. How can we love someone we don't even know? And even if we do know someone, is that a guarantee that we truly love them? Are we lovers or prostitutes? Is that a fair question?

**Isn't that a sobering thought?**

I was pondering Martha's question again one day, and considered the question, "What's the difference between a lover and a prostitute?" I realized that both do many of the same things, but a lover does what she does because she loves. A prostitute pretends to love, but only as long as you pay. Then I asked the question, "What would happen if Elohim stopped paying me?"

For the next several months, I allowed Elohim to search me to uncover my motives for loving and serving Him. Was I really a true lover of YHVH? What would happen if He stopped blessing me? What if He never did another thing for me? Would I still love Him? Please understand, I believe in the promises and blessings of YHVH. The issue here is not whether HE blesses His children; the issue is the condition of my heart.

Why do I serve Him? Are His blessings in my life the gifts of a loving Father, or are they a wage that I have earned or a bribe/payment to love Him? Do I love Elohim without any conditions? It took several months to work through these questions. Even now I wonder if my desire to love the Father is always matched by my attitude and behavior. I still catch myself being disappointed with Elohim and angry that He has not met some perceived need in my life.

I suspect this is something which is never fully resolved, but I want more than anything else to be a true lover of YHVH. So what is it going to be? Which are we, lovers or prostitutes? There are no prostitutes in Heaven or in the kingdom of YHVH for that matter, but there will be some former prostitutes there. Look at the people of Israel as they continued to go after other Elohim, which means what?

**They committed spiritual adultery!**

In Judges 2:10 KJV we read: "*There arose another generation which knew not YHVH, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.*"

*Not only that but let's read the next two verses of chapter 2: 11. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of YHVH and served Baalim; 13. And they forsook YHVH, and served Baal and Ashtoreth."*

Do you realize that the history of the children of Israel, the history of Elohim's professed people is full of such statements like that.

Do you notice the name of Baal and Ashtoreth, the same as Christmas and Easter today? Just reading the book of Judges is a small example of the up and downs of the children of Israel. During a period of about 160 years there were about 12 judges or leaders, we find a cycle of apostasy, committing spiritual adultery and their repentance. Let's just read some verses:

Judges 3:7 “And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of YHVH (the LORD), and forgot YHVH (the LORD) their God, and served Baalim and the groves.” KJV



Judges 4:1 “And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of YHVH when Ehud was dead.” KJV

Judges 6:1 “And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of YHVH: and YHVH delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.” KJV

Judges 10:6 “And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of YHVH, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the Elohim of Syria, and the Elohim of Zidon, and the Elohim of Moab, and the Elohim of the children of Ammon, and the Elohim of the Philistines, and forsook YHVH, and served not him.” KJV

Judges 13:1 “And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of YHVH; and YHVH delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.” KJV

You ask ourselves the question: “Doesn’t anybody ever learn anything from history?” What was the problem with those people? What is the problem with people today? Whose fault could it be that new generations are going so completely wrong? Could it be that the parents, the church leaders, the elders, the teachers failed to pass on all those important instructions regarding their sacred history?

Could it be that the guardians failed to do their duty to pass on this information to the following generations? Didn’t the adults care or did they

get lax already? Was this the fault of the children, the new generation? Should the children be blamed for their ignorance?

When we go to Deuteronomy 6:7-9 we find YHVH's instructions to the parents and elders and leaders of the Nation:



“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.” Deut 6:7-9 KJV

We have a good example in Abraham, who did exactly that according to Genesis 18:19, where YHVH said of him: **“For I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of YHVH, to do justice and judgment ...”**

YHVH Elohim instructed the parents in Deut 6:20-21: **“And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, what mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which YHVH our Elohim hath commanded you? 21”**

YHVH gave them all their feasts, their altars and memorials not only to look forward to Messiah as the ultimate sacrifice but also to remind them of His leading in the past and who they are, who they represent and what their mission is and **when their children would inquire what all these things mean they were to explain it to them.**



21. Then thou shalt say unto thy son, we were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and YHVH brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand...

Let's go to Ezekiel 15:8, 13-15, 32 where we find the parable of the faithless wife, which represents HIS people: **“And thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom. And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect**



.....treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith YHVH [Ezekiel 16:8, 13-15, 32 - KJV];

**“As a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband.” Ez 16:32**

*Then we find these words from YHVH in Jeremiah 3:20* **“Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith YHVH.”**

*Yahuwah continuously reminded them **not to serve other Elohim**.* Here is an example in Deuteronomy 6:13-17 - KJV **“Thou shalt fear YHVH thy Elohim, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. 14. Ye shall not go after other Elohim, of the Elohim of the people which [are] round about you.”**

**Like following Tammuz (Christmas), which is nothing but Baal Worship!**

**“It shall be, if thou do at all forget YHVH thy Elohim, and walk after other Elohim, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.” Deuteronomy 8:19 KJV**

**Or keeping Easter, the Elohimdess of Astarte!**

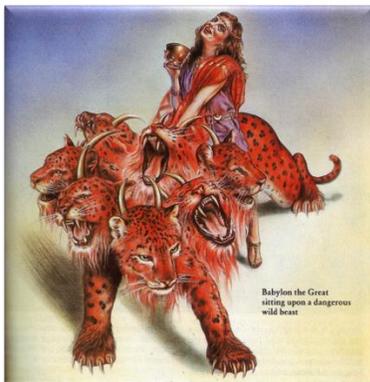
**“Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith YHVH, and have walked after other Elohim, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law.” Jeremiah 16:10 – KJV**

**Like Pomona, the Roman Elohimdess of fruits & seeds (Halloween)?**

“And YHVH was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from YHVH Elohim of Israel ...that had commanded him ...that he should not go after other Elohims ....” 1. Kings 11:9-10

Or following Juno the Queen of the Roman Elohims and Elohimdesses, by keeping Valentine’s Day!

“And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other Elohims, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of YHVH; [but] they did not so.” Judges 2:17



*Then the terrible statement in Isaiah 1:21 - KJV: “How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.”*

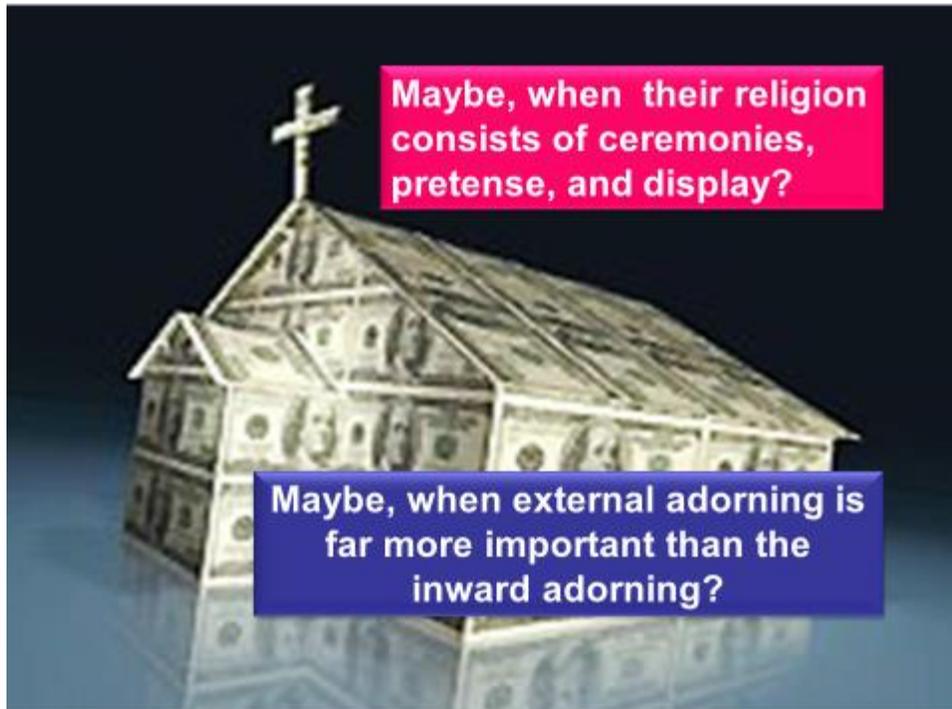
In Hebrews 12:6 it talks about the benefit of Yahuwah's correction: “For whom YHVH loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.” KJV

Then it continues in verse 11: “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” KJV

Though bitter the discipline, it is appointed by a Father's tender love, “that we might be partakers of His holiness.” Hebrews 12:10KJV

What mercy and goodness to give each one of us a chance to wake up and to think and to change!

Scripture says that the church (*the assembly*) is the body of Messiah, but the question is, when does the professed body (*the professed Church*) of Messiah become a business? What is an indication?



Maybe, when there is more concern about titles, acceptance by the world, money, positions or applause than upholding the truth?

Let us find out at what point a small group of believers, sometimes called a sect becomes a church, an official organization, an accepted and recognized system by the world?

When does a sect (a small group of serious believers) called a sect, become a church? This is from a talk by the leader of a Christian denomination in 1978:

## When a sect becomes a church?

**A sect is often begun by a charismatic leader with tremendous drive and commitment . . .** It has definite beliefs firmly held by zealous members. Each member makes a personal decision to join it and knows what he believes. There is little organization or property, and there are few buildings. The group has strict standards and controls on behavior. Preachers, often without education, arise by inner compulsion. There is little concern about public relations.

**And then it passes on to the second generation.** With growth, there comes a need for organization and buildings. As a result of industry and frugality, members become prosperous.

Children born into the movement do not have to make personal decisions to join it. They do not necessarily know what they believe. They do not need to hammer out their own positions. These have been worked out for them. Preachers arise more by selection and by apprenticeship to older workers than by direct inner compulsion.

In the third generation, organization develops and institutions are established. The need is seen for schools to pass on the faith of the fathers. Colleges are established. Members have to be exhorted to live up to the standards, while at the same time the standards of membership are being lowered.

The group becomes lax about disfellowshipping non practicing members. Missionary zeal cools off. There is more concern over public relations. Leaders study methods of propagating their faith, sometimes employing extrinsic rewards as motivation for service by the members. Youth question why they are different from others, and intermarry with those not of their faith.

In the fourth generation there is much machinery; the numbers of administrators increases while the number of workers at the grass-roots level becomes proportionately less. Great church councils are held to define doctrine. More schools, universities, and seminaries are established. These go to the world for accreditation and tend to become secularized. There is a reexamination of positions and modernizing of methods.

Attention is given to contemporary culture, with an interest in the arts: music, architecture, literature. The movement seeks to become "relevant" to contemporary society by becoming involved with popular causes. Services become formal. The group enjoys complete acceptance by the world. **The sect has become a church!**

**Then this President said to the audience:  
"Brethren and sisters, this must never happen to  
our Church!"**

**Just like any other denomination, this particular denomination he was talking about, has become a business with a trade name, which has been enforced through the courts of the world.**

Basically all of today's churches have become businesses, clubs and entertainment centers!



Long gone are the days when the Spirit of YHVH drew people into churches. He's now been replaced by slick marketing techniques, self-promotional advertising, giant billboards, church growth consultants, and mass mailings. Inside the church, it's all about technology. No respectable ....

..... church these days would be without carefully designed lighting, projected big screen announcements, lavish praise bands with the finest music equipment, and the latest in wireless microphones. The question becomes Is the motive for such gimmicks to win people to the Messiah, or to add to the numbers on the church roll, thereby increasing the finances? Some would say such promotions amount to bribery, and put the focus on materialism.



Messiah declares that there will exist unbelief before His second coming. He states in Matthew 24:37-39 KJV **“But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and .....**

.....giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” *Matthew 24:37-39*

What happens according to Scripture,  
when the professed body of Y'shua unites  
with the world, becomes a business or a  
club with a religious veneer?



As we were reading before in Isaiah 1:21 YHVH said about his professed people **“How is the faithful city become an harlot!”** KJV

Or as it states in James 4:4 KJV **“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with Elohim? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of Elohim.”** **IS THAT SERIOUS?**

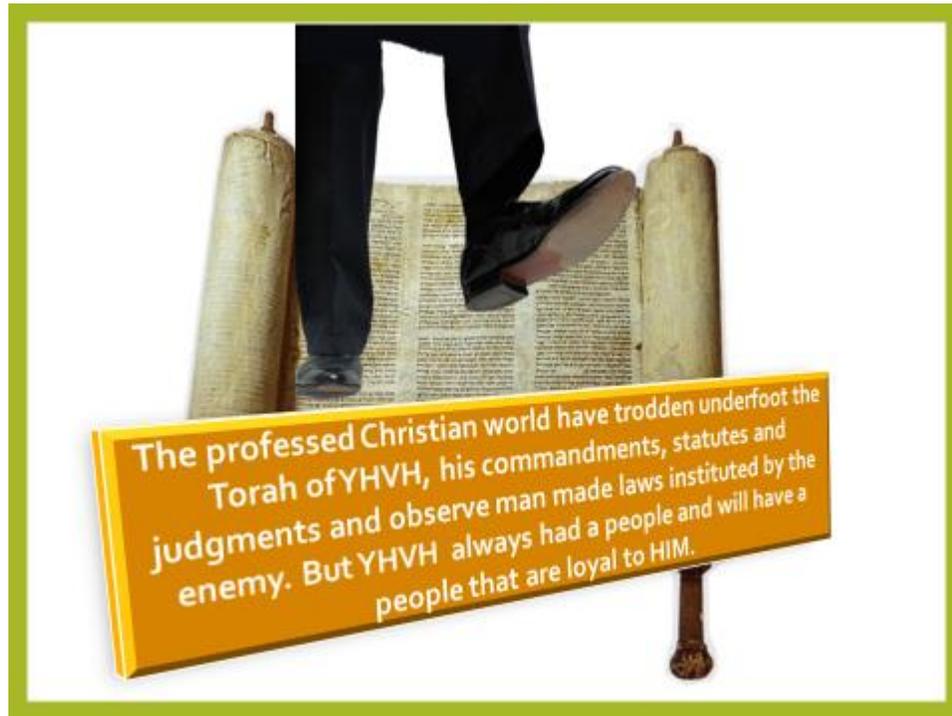
When you study history you will find that Christianity is a monstrosity or hybrid blending of a diverse number of Pagan religions, and the knowledge of this is kept from the people. Believing and doing are often separated in its philosophy. Obedience is praised if it fits traditional norms, but condemned if it fits Scriptural instructions.

**The Scripture is being divided and a division exists between the Hebrew and the Gentile Christian in terms of what is to be obeyed or ignored in the Torah, based on this difference. So, in their teachings, there is not one body of believers, although this will be denied by most of them.**

However, Scripture does acknowledge as the “way” the “Living Word of YHVH, **HIS Torah!**” That should be our way; and it is certainly what Yahusha taught while on earth – He did not teach Christianity as we know it today!

Yahusha (*of Nazareth*) never taught us anything about Sunday, Easter, Christmas, popes, nuns, holy water, sacraments, or any separation of His Church into a “priesthood” and “laity”!

**We are all priests on level ground with one another, and HE is our High Priest!**



**What are some of the warning signs that a church, a denomination or group of professed believers are in apostasy, becoming a business or as the Bible says a prostitute?**

By uniting with the world!

By living like the world!

By departing from YHVH's Torah and breaking the covenant! (Hosea 8:1-7)

By building up a Creed!

By trade marking their name!

By suing fellow believers!

By joining the ecumenical movement!

By keeping pagan holidays, like Christmas, Easter, Valentine etc!

By keeping 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week instead of 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath!

By charging for their services (See Micah 3:11)!

By operating under a 501C3 Non Profit Organization!

The good news is that YHVH does have a people that love HIM and honor His Name and that keep His Covenant, the Torah, the 10 Commandments **with** the statutes and judgments. He has a people that are faithful to the Covenant **without alteration!**



We read in 2. Cor 6:14-18 “**Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers**: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ (Messiah) with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? .....

..... And what agreement hath the temple of Elohim (*Elohim*) with idols? for ye are the temple of the living Elohim (*Elohim*); as Elohim (*Elohim*) hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their Elohim (*Elohim*), and they shall be my people. **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate**, saith YHVH, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you. (2. Corinthians 6:14-17)

Then it states in verse 18: “**And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith Yahuwah Almighty. “**

What are the requirements for YHVH to be a father unto us and for us to be his sons and daughters?

**COME OUT FROM  
AMONG THEM &  
BE SEPARATE,  
saith the LORD.  
2 Corinthians 6:17**

The other question is to separate from: All unrighteousness

1. All human teachings
2. All traditions of men
3. All man’s theories and conclusions
4. All Church legislation
5. All laws ordained by ecclesiastical authorities.

Y'shua himself said in Matthew 24 that there will be false prophets and false Messiahs coming before His return as King of Kings and in verses 4 he said to His disciples:

**"Take heed that no man deceive you."**

**Everyone claims to have the truth!**

Over 41,000 Denominations!

**CONFUSION?**

**NOT REALLY!**

We don't need to be confused, because all we need to do is follow the advice in scripture like Isaiah 8:20: Where it states: **"To the Torah and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."** KJV

Which one will it be?

**The pure, holy bride of Messiah or the apostate woman spoken of in Revelation? We can choose right now and the choice should be obvious!**

Scripture says that "his bride has made herself ready!" *Revelation 19:7 KJV*



*Revelation 19:9 KJV: "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."*

**It is my prayer that we all accept that invitation to attend the marriage supper of the lamb!**

# THE END

