

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.

It is not my intention nor desire to offend, to judge or to condemn any one, but to present what I have found in Scripture and from History, because the information in this presentation will be a hard saying for some people!



“There is perhaps nothing worse than reaching the top of the ladder and discovering that you’re on the wrong wall.”

—JOSEPH CAMPBELL, TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICAN WRITER

We can take nothing for granted! We can’t believe everything we hear, see or read! However, there is something much worse!

That is, when you come to the end of the road, the end of your life, standing before the judge of the earth, expecting to enter into HIS kingdom and hearing the words: **“I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (a nomos – ye that are without Torah).”** *Matthew 7:23*

How does that take place? **When we trust and believe someone else for our salvation.**

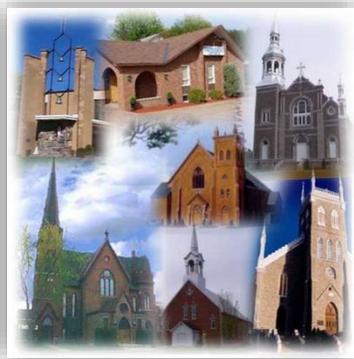
That’s why even Paul commands each one of us individually in 1. Thessalonians 5: 21 to **“Prove all things (and) hold fast that which is good.”** *KJV*

Let’s do exactly that with the question: “What happened to the first Century Church?”



I believe, that we are living in the midst of a silent revival and reformation. Some people feel that there is something missing in their religious experience and they are leaving the old, accepted ways of “doing church” looking for the old paths, the good way. Those old

.....paths are rooted in the eternal principles of YHVH. Multitudes have been deceived and lied to by their religious leaders. However, many individuals inspired by the Holy Spirit desire to return to their Heavenly Father, **the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**, to the eternal truth, because HE is the way, the truth and the life.



Suppose you could invite some of the original twelve apostles to your church this weekend. How would they react to what they see about present day Churches and their services and their teachings? Would they be shocked? Would they approve of your denomination’s practices? Is it just possible that they would tell you that some of your most cherished

.....beliefs were in **ERROR** and Pagan? What that shock you? How would you feel if they stood up and loudly proclaimed that your church was a promoter of **HERESY**? What if they said that your religious practices were **totally CONTRARY** to those of the primitive church formed immediately after the death of Yahshua?

The fact is, if any of the apostles who served Yahusha during His earthly ministry could witness the teachings of Christianity today, they would express almost total disagreement with its doctrines and teachings and **would be shocked beyond belief!**

Most of the teachings and practices of so-called Christianity came from paganism, which Heaven considers **an abomination**. An abomination is something detestable, unlawful or repulsive to our Heavenly Father.

Regarding the New Jerusalem the Bible says, "**But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.**" *Rev. 21:27.*

We want to know what these abominations are and stay away from them!



What would be one of the first things the apostles would notice and strongly protest against it? They would ask the question: **“Who is that Jesus Christ and the LORD you are talking about?”** We have never heard of either one! These sound like pagan deities, like no-Elohim!

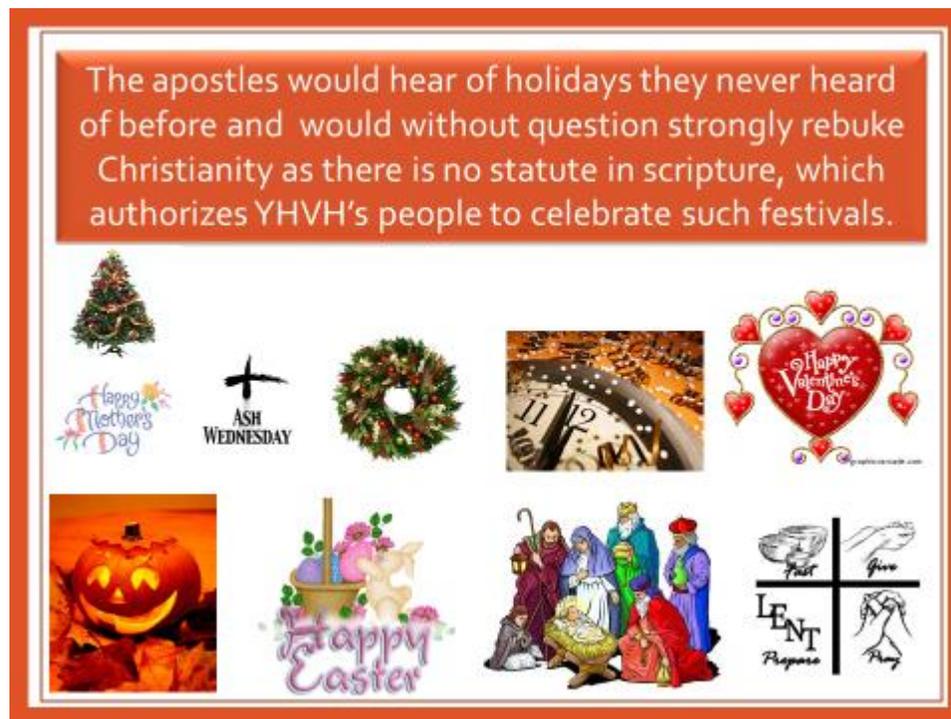
The apostles wouldn't know the name of Jesus Christ, but they would know the name **Yahusha Ha Mashiach** and they wouldn't know who is meant by LORD, but they would know who **YHVH** is!

Next, the apostles would find it very strange that instead of going to meet for worship **on the seventh day of the week**, called the Sabbath everyone is going to worship on the **first day of the week called SUNDAY!** That sounds like a day honoring the sun Elohim! That would be an abomination!

They would wonder what happened to the weekly Sabbath according to the 4th Commandment. When did YHVH make that change or did He? They would naturally be interested to know how all these changes came about and who is behind it all? What would really shock them is the claim that the Torah or part of it was nailed to the cross and is no longer binding for man, because we live under grace now!

The apostle Paul would be surprised to hear that **his letters** to the churches are being used as proof for such teachings, meaning he was the one that said so! He would also be shocked and be upset to hear that his writings are being used as authority that YHVH's feast days are no longer binding for His

followers. And as proof for such teachings his letters like Colossians 2, Ephesians 2, Galatians 4, Acts 15 and Romans 14 are being used!



They would point to Deuteronomy 12:30 where it states: **“Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them (the other nations) ... and that thou inquire not after their Elohim, saying, How these nations served their Elohim? Even so will I do likewise.”**

With unbelief

They would take note of all the pagan teachings that had crept into the professed Church like:

1. Sunday Sacredness (321-364 AD)
2. The teaching of a rapture
3. Immortality of the soul
4. Baby Baptism
5. Communion Service instead of Passover
6. Couple Foot washing
7. Purgatory (593 AD)
8. Celibacy of the Priests (Catholic Church) (1015 AD)
9. Monasteries
10. Nuns and Monks (348 AD)
11. The cross

12. Church Steeples
 13. Holy water (120 AD)
 14. We are living under grace and not under law
 15. Would they agree with the Trinity Doctrine?
 16. Would they agree with the 3 ½ year Ministry of Yahshua?
 17. Would they agree with the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday Crucifixion and
 18. Would they agree with a Sabbath or Sunday Resurrection?
 19. They would certainly be against the Latin Mass (394 AD)
 20. Corpus Christi Day (1264 AD)
 21. The Dispensation (1210 AD)
 22. Confession (1215 AD)
 23. Coronation of the Pope with the triple Crown (1311 AD)
 24. The infallibility of the Pope (1870 AD)
 25. The worship of images (787 AD)
 26. The canonization of deceased (973 AD)
 27. To kiss the feet of the Pope (809 AD)
 28. Court of Inquisition (1204 AD)
 29. Veneration of Mary (715 AD)
 30. Indulgences (1119 AD)
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They would realize that Christianity is not the Religion that they knew and proclaimed. It is actually a hybrid religion, a mixture of many of the teachings of Yahshua, **but not the same religion that He or the apostles taught!** It would be obvious to them that Christianity is a mixture of Torah with customs from Babylonian Paganism! It is a way of life **about** the Messiah of Israel, divided into over 41,000 sects over interpreting the Torah, **with special days of the year adopted from Satanic, Pagan origins.**

However, this falling away, this apostasy has been foretold by the prophets, by the Messiah and by the apostles as we see in Scripture!



Yahusha warned His disciples to beware of false prophets who would come to them in sheep's clothing!

In Matthew 24:24 he says: “**There shall arise false Messiah's, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**”

I am glad that it is not possible!

Paul predicted that before Messiah would return there would be a “**falling away**” in which the man of sin would be revealed, “**the son of perdition, he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called Elohim or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of Elohim, seeing himself that he is Elohim...For the mystery of iniquity doth already work...**” *2. Timothy 2: 2-7*

The same Apostle wrote to Timothy in 1. Timothy 4:1-3:

“But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies, branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats...”

Many other passages state similar warnings of a coming apostasy!

Giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons!

Notice, it states doctrines of demons!

In 2. Corinthians 11:14 we are told that “**Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**” Is that taking place?

In 2. Corinthians 11:3-4 Paul was warning about:

A false (counterfeit) Messiah,

A false (counterfeit) spirit

A false (counterfeit) gospel!

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is

in Christ. For if he that cometh preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” KJV 2. Corinthians 11:3-4 And it happened!

Profession versus actions! The question I have for myself, how do I know the difference between the true and false Messiah, between the true and the false spirit, between the true and the false gospel? We will answer that.

Those departures from original, the 1st Century Church blossomed in the second century and grew in number and seriousness with each passing generation.

The most significant of the early departures occurred when the Roman General Constantine embraced Christianity in his struggle for victory in a civil war with General Maxentius, leader of the old pagan element of Rome. This occurred in **312 A.D.** Achieving his victory, Constantine, now the emperor, through a series of edicts gradually turned so-called Christianity into the religion of the empire. ...Constantine created a situation where multitudes **of unconverted heathen** flooded into the church for the political advantages it offered. ...**It transformed the nature of Christianity from that of pilgrims and strangers in a hostile world that of politically powerful rulers of the world.**

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When the western part of the Roman Empire fell to invading Barbarians in 476 A.D. the old secular political power collapsed. The only surviving institution able to provide political and civic leadership was **the Roman church** ... The period of time from 476 to the beginning of the Protestant Reformation and the Renaissance in the 1500s has been called **the Dark Ages**, because all of Europe and England fell under the mind-numbing power of that corrupt church...”

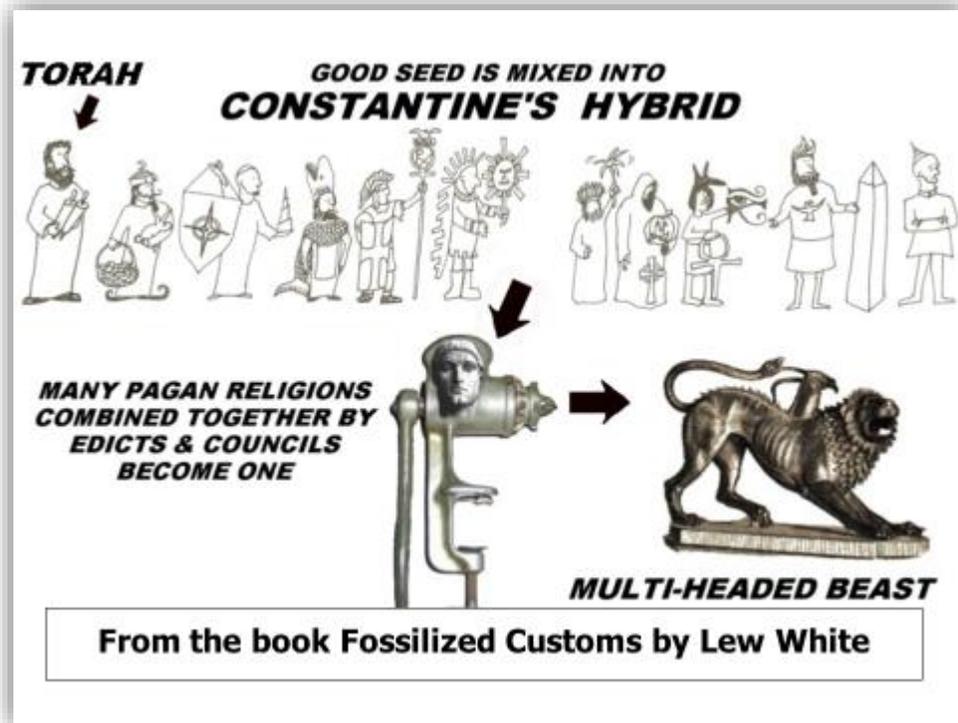
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The professed Christian Church persecuted those that upheld the teachings and principles of the First Century Church, a Church that upheld the Torah with the statutes!

Who persecuted who? The professed church persecuted the true church!

Notice the next slide. During a period of almost 300 years, a slow transformation within the professed Christian Church

occurred. Emperor Constantine I, established Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire. His goal was to "universalize" the many beliefs into one state-sponsored religion that would appease the majority of those he ruled, and that majority was like himself, PAGAN.



“Christianity” is really not the religion that Yahusha established. Christianity as a system is corrupted as the Bible puts it. As far as their teachings and practices go, could it be the religion of the Anti-Christ, the Anti-Messiah?



**“This is an hard saying, who
can hear it?” *John 6:60*
Could it be true, though?
This is just a question!**

I want to emphasize again at this point, this is not to offend, condemn or to judge anyone, but to find out what happened to the First Century Church and the gospel and what is really truth?

Let's remember: There are **only two camps** and no more, two groups of people, the good and the bad, the saved and the lost, the holy and the unholy, the righteous and the unrighteous, the obedient and the disobedient, **the assembly of the saints and the synagogue of Satan!**

Man has been deceived! Reverence to YAH's Torah, His law been subverted! Religious leaders (*mostly unknowingly*) are teaching for doctrines the commandments of men! **There is truth and there is error, there is right and there is wrong. There is NO middle ground!**



It is not going to work, it will not be accepted by a Holy Elohim! One can sit only so long on the fence, sooner or later one must decide on which side he or she wants to stand.

We can and must personally choose while we have the opportunity to do so. The choice is between the Torah with the statutes and judgments and the traditions and doctrines of man! **Remember, there is no middle ground!**

Talking to the church in Smyrna it states in Revelation 2:9: **"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and [I know] the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews (believers), and are not, but [are] the synagogue of Satan."** Profession versus actions!

The same is being repeated to the Church of Philadelphia in Revelation 3:9: **"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews (Believers), and are not, but do lie."** Again Profession vs. action!

Or as Paul states in Romans 2:28-29 **"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29. But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that]**

of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of Elohim.

1 John 2:4 “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

Would such an individual be part of the synagogue of Satan as mentioned in Revelation 2:9 and 3:9? We are talking here about an individual who claims to be a child of the King, but is not doing what the king says, keeping His commandments, statutes and judgments.

If I like it or not, the fact is that Yahshua declared to the Samaritan woman in John 4:23 “**Salvation is of the Jews.**”

No one else has the information for salvation!

Because according to Romans 3:2 “.....unto them (*the Jews*) were committed the Oracles of Elohim.” Which are what? The Torah and the prophets!



Is that biblical or am I making that up?

The fact is: The Bible is a Jewish Book!

It's all about a Jewish Messiah!

Written by Jewish (Hebrew) prophets, Jewish disciples and Jewish Apostles!

Think about it: **New Jerusalem is a Jewish City!**

The Bible says that this city “...had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.” Revelation 21:12

Not even one gate is named “Christianity!”



What does that tell us?

We must become spiritual Israelites, accepting the fact that salvation is of the Jews chiefly, because that unto them were committed the Oracles of YHVH!



It would be foolish to reject the Torah of YHVH with the statutes and judgments because the leaders of the Jewish Nation rejected and crucified the Messiah 2,000 years ago! **As Yahusha stated, salvation still comes from the Jews, even though their leadership rejected the Messiah. They received the oracles of Elohim, the gospel of salvation!**

In other words, we shouldn't be throwing out the baby with the bathwater.

Some time ago I came across an interesting poem by Uriah Smith, which talks about such foolishness.

Though at first Jehovah blessed and sanctified His day of rest, the same belief is still expressed: **It's Jewish**

When we present Elohim's Holy Law and arguments from Scripture draw

objectors say, to pick a flaw: **It's Jewish**

Though with Creation this rest began and thence through all the Scriptures ran and Yahshua said 'twas made for man -- **It's Jewish**

Though not with Jewish rites which passed but with the moral law 'twas classed, which must exist while time shall last -- **It's Jewish**

If from the Bible we present the Sabbath's meaning and intent this answers every argument: **It's Jewish**

The Gospel Teacher's plain expression that sin is of the Law transgression seems not to make the least impression -- **Its Jewish**

Though the disciples Luke and Paul continued still this rest to call, the Sabbath day, this answers all: **It's Jewish**

They love the day of man's invention, but if Jehovah's rest we mention this puts an end of all contention: **It's Jewish**

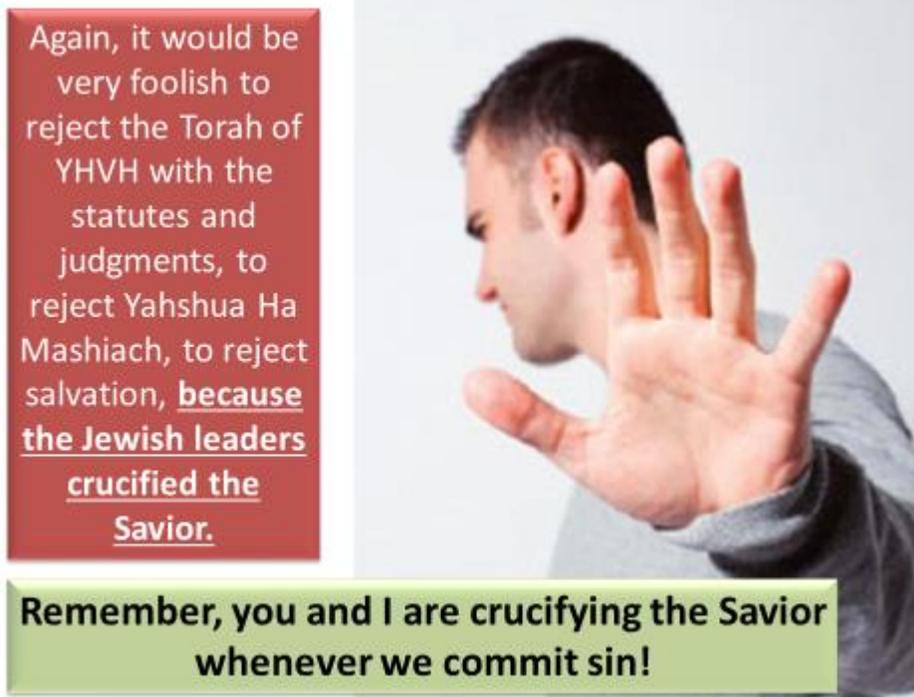
Oh ye who thus Elohim's day abuse simply because 'twas kept by Jews the Saviour, too, you must refuse -- **He's Jewish**

The Scriptures, then, we may expect, for the same reason you'll reject, for if you stop to recollect -- **They're Jewish**

Thus the apostles, too, must fall, for Andrew, Peter, James, and Paul, Thomas, Matthew, John, and all, **Were Jewish**

So to your hapless state resign yourself in wretchedness to pine;
Salvation surely you'll decline -- **It's Jewish!**

**Will anyone in their right mind reject eternal salvation
because it is Jewish?**



That's why Paul states in Hebrew 6:4-6

“For [it is] impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of Elohim, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of Elohim afresh, and put [him] to an open shame.” *Hebrew 6:4-6 KJV*

Meaning we are not any better than the people 2,000 years ago that rejected HIM!

One of the major reason for people rejecting the Torah, the statutes, the judgments, the health laws, the Sabbath, the feast days and even the 10 Commandments is, because we have inherited and accepted medieval interpretation of some Bible texts based on an anti Judaic theology of contempt.

This becomes evident in the spirit of the council of Nicaea, in AD 325, where Constantine said that we would change the Passover to Easter and the Sabbath to Sunday, because according to his own words **'we must have nothing to do with that detestable Jewish crowd.'**

What he forgot was that neither the Passover nor the weekly Sabbath are Jewish, but belong to the Creator, these are HIS feast days! And man has no authority to change these, no matter what position he may hold!

In the third century Constantine introduced **another Master, another Messiah, a Greek version of the Messiah called Jesus**, which is a counterfeit of the true, genuine Hebrew Messiah whose name is Yahusha!



And the whole world has grown up in complete ignorance of Yahshua and of the Torah, the foundation of YHVH's government. Because they put their Head in the sand!
Mostly willful ignorance!

Scripture states: **“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge**”
(Hosea 4:6) But then this verse continues and that is the sad part:

“.....because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me ...” *(Hosea 4:6)*

But then this verse continues and that is the sad part: **“.....seeing thou hast forgotten the Torah of thy Elohim, I will also forget thy children ...”**
(Hosea 4:6)

In order for YHVH to remember our children, we must remember Torah and follow the instructions of our KING!

So due to a lack of knowledge many pagan practices, holidays and teachings as shown in the next slide are not found in the Torah but crept in almost unnoticed into the Christian Church! These things were added during the past 2,000 years and the majority of people accept them as truth! That's all they know, because they have been taught as truth, as facts!

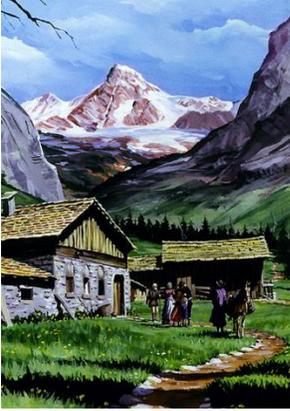
Here are some of the pagan practises within the Christian Church:



But, what does our Heavenly Father tell His people as far as the pagan customs are concerned in Deuteronomy 12:29-30? “When YHVH thy Elohim shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; 30. Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their Elohims, saying, How did these nations serve their Elohims? even so will I do likewise.”

“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish [ought] from it, that ye may keep the commandments of YHVH your Elohim which I command you.” Deuteronomy 4:2

You ask what happened to the faithful church during this period. The true church never ceased to exist, but it was driven underground during those long centuries of persecution.



When the faithful followers of the way could no longer assemble and worship publicly, they were forced to meet in their homes or in safe sanctuaries such as **caves, catacombs and mountain retreats**. Their writings were not legal to be published and those that were, quickly were suppressed.

Millions of Yahusha's followers that were true to Torah, the statutes and judgments were persecuted to death during those years. The historical record, which was controlled by spokesmen for Rome, pictured them as heretics and dangerous sorts, when the opposite was actually true.



With the outbreak of the Protestant Reformation, great men like Huss, Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and Knox led the battle to wrest the Bible from the power and control of the Roman priesthood. They translated it into the language of the common man and thus gave him the truth that could make him free.

It was the goal of every reformer to go all the way back to the first Century Church and to **“restore the original teachings”**. **But, whoever tried to do**

....that was hated and fiercely persecuted by the established churches.

The Reformation must not end with Luther. It must be continued to the end of time and it will continue to do so till the end of time. There always have been and there are faithful men and women that arise from time to time to proclaim new truth and expose long-cherished error; but the majority, are content to believe as their fathers believed, and to live as they lived.

We seem to witness today in all of the organized denominational churches without exception the same spiritual stupor, the same respect for the opinions of men, the same spirit of worldliness, the same substitution of human theories for the teachings of YHVH's word.

Even though the founders of many churches were sincere and upright, over the years, these churches have become businesses and become

corrupted by allying themselves with the world and feel rich, increased with goods, and have need of nothing, but in the eyes of our Saviour, they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked (see Revelation 3:17).

Men and women seem to be indifferent and careless regarding their eternal salvation. Preachers are sleeping and they are preaching to sleeping congregations. Is that still true today? Is it any different?

It's high time to return To the OLD PATHS! In Jeremiah 6:16 we are admonished to do exactly that: "Thus saith YHVH, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where [is] the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."



What are these old paths?

Malachi 4:4 is very specific of what these old paths are, for it states: "Remember ye the Torah (law) of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, [with] the statutes and judgments."

I am appealing to all of us to heed the words of YHVH in Malachi 4.4 and to remember the Torah with the Statutes and Judgments, namely the old paths, the good way that lead to salvation and to pass the word around!

That was the way of the First Century Church, the Church of the disciples of Yahshua and the Apostles!

Scripture says in Isaiah 55:6-7: "Seek YHVH while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto YHVH, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our Elohim (*Elohim*), for He will abundantly pardon." KJV



What a gracious Father we have, let's submit to him, because He is the way, the truth and the life!

THE END



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