

Revelation 18:4

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

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Messiah's Second Coming



By Peter King'ori

If someone promises you a reward, you will always be positive and waiting for the same. Some may fail to fulfill the promises they made; hurting the supposed recipient. In Messiah's case, it is YES to what he promised as attested in Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: for he is

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On the third Sabbath of this month, that is, September, I was at Kenyatta University where we had the first ever Messianic Sabbath daylight meeting in the institution. There were more than Ten universities represented in the forum, which also doubled up as Messianic Student Association (MSA) meeting held after the Sabbath. The process to get the meeting allowed by the institution commenced in July and materialized in September. The dean had never heard of COG, COE, or any other Messianic faction prior to the request by KUMESA (Kenyatta University Messianic Association). It took the intervention of their patron, who expounded to the dean about our peculiar faith, hence the meeting was allowed. I have an article on the same but in this issue, we will only have an extract from the same, emphasize being on the KUMESA Chairperson reported speech.

In this issue, "MESSIAH'S SECOND COMING" reminds the true believers of their Master's return hence should be ready for him.

In this age, most of us have been compromised by the world in terms of the Sabbath keeping. Nevertheless, there are those who have not and will not be compromised by the same as outlined by "STANDING TALL FOR SABBATH", by Martin Makokha.

From Lusaka, Zambia, Ezekiel Ngogoyo encourages us to be zealous in Almighty's vineyard as attested by "THE HARVEST IS GREAT BUT LABOURERS ARE FEW".

Lawrence Mugambi, advises the fraternity in "PAUL, APOLLOS OR MESSIAH".

From the just concluded graduation of University of Nairobi with a First Class Honors in Actuarial Science, Patrick Cheruiyot admonish the Messianic believers with "SUNDAY KEEPER'S ARE GOING AHEAD OF YOU".

Shadrack Mariga, gives us a basic on scriptures from a Hebrew perspective. Prior to relocating to Kenya to practise as a doctor he was in Russia for some years where he became conversant with the same. Here is "POWER AND INFLUENCE", spun from a Hebraic mindset.

Njogu Mureithi as usual from the preceding issue inputs on "ARE YOU COVERED?" in the section, My Health Today.

MESSIAH AS A PACKAGE CONTINUES"...

The second Mission in Zambia was successful and the Article on the same by Busienei, will appear in the 3rd Volume of the Messenger. This being the fourth issue of the second volume of the 3rd Angel Messenger, on behalf of the 3rd Angel Messenger fraternity, I thank and glorify Elohim for the energy, provision, peace and tranquility in the Task. As we look forward for the first issue of the third volume, may Elohim guide and give us the excellence for we are but just vessels (Mathew 25:15). Shalom!

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faithful that promised". Prior to his death and resurrection, Messiah had promised to reward every man according to his work as affirmed in the sixteenth chapter of Mathew verse 27. Mathew 16:27 "For the son of man shall come in the glory of his father with his angels: and then he shall reward every man according to his works ". The aforementioned, should give us hope and make us to be zealous in the Almighty's vineyard.

Paul who was sent to preach to the gentiles (1st Timothy 2:8), was affirmative on the reward to every person (Romans 2:6). Our predecessors in faith, inclusive of Paul, are all asleep awaiting resurrection morning (Daniel 12:2, first part). Messiah himself when engaging his disciples also affirmed the same as attested by John 5:28 "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the grave shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, into the resurrection of life; and they have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

The reward is to be given without variation (Numbers 20:19). On the part of the recipient, the terms and condition must be adhered to the later. When Paul while admonishing Timothy stated, "And if a man strives for mastery, yet he is not crowned, except he strive law-

fully (2nd Timothy 2:5). Meaning if a person does contrary to the terms, there will be repercussions. On his second coming, Messiah is coming as King of Kings unlike in his first coming, when he humbled himself and even laid his life down for ALL who would accept him. The author of Hebrew puts Messiah's second coming more plainly: Hebrew 9:28 "So Messiah was once offered to bear sins for many; and unto them that look for him, shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Messiah's enemies shall be confounded at his coming, such that they will be running away not to see his face as attested in Revelation 6:15 "And the Kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bond man, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the lamb;". In fact, in the succeeding verse, that is verse 17, the day is referred to as "the great day of his wrath". As the saying goes "choices have consequences", if we accept Messiah in our lives and live as outlined in the Scriptures we shall be exalted, but

if we do contrary to his directives, the same will be reciprocated at his second coming.

In this end-of-time days, most who profess to follow Messiah's teachings are doing the opposite of what they teach. Most have been left with theories but when it comes to practical work they do the direct opposite of what they state. When Messiah ascended, the apostles who are our predecessors in faith endeavored in doing his will, and by extension Elohim's will, by all energies. They labored and spread the message to all and helped the needy as attested in the book of Acts. Their followers in this era (Messianic believers) are doing the opposite of what they did and still purport to be founded on them by citing Ephesians 2:20. Elohim is not mocked as affirmed in Galatians 6:7, and not all who call on him will inherit the kingdom of heaven but those who do his will as outlined in Mathew 7:21 "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven".

Revelation 3:21 "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my father in his throne".

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Revelation, chapter 3 verse 21, gives hope and assurance to overcomers. Revelation 3:21 "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my father in his throne". After overcoming the world, he was exalted, and he promises the same to his followers. We can only overcome like him if we do Elohim's will because it is by the same virtue that Messiah was accepted. In Romans chapter 8 verse 29 we find Messiah being our first born, and as his brethren, he is our pioneer in what Elohim wants us to do. The apostles followed his footsteps and even those who followed them emulated them. We have the case of the first martyr, Stephen, when he joined the apostles to work together with them in Elohim's vineyard, he was zealous and when he was faced with death he boldly stood for what had been entrusted to him. Since we are founded on them (the apostles) we should follow the scriptures

and acquaint ourselves with their input and zealous work.

Paul on joining them (the 12 apostles) he was requested of helping the poor as outlined in Galatians 2:10, of which he was zealous in deeds. Meaning apart from conveying the message, the true believers are instructed to help the poor both in and out of faith. Unfortunately, in this era, those in faith are doing much of sideshows and outdoing each other while pursuing vanities and still await to be counted alongside the apostles. We have gentiles that do much more in terms of good works than those in faith yet, it is the latter that should surpass the former in good works.

As we await our savior's second coming, let us not deceive ourselves by the

fact that we boast of being conversant with the scriptures. By the scriptures alone, we can't and won't inherit the coming kingdom. It is well put in the scriptures, that it is not who hear the law that will be counted righteous but the doers (Romans 2:13). Let us be the salt that Messiah wanted us to be. The reward is for each individual, so is the punishment, hence one should pursue perfection without looking on to anyone but Messiah, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrew 12:2).

Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city". Let us pursue the aforementioned, for it is by the same virtue that we will be allowed to the soon coming kingdom at the second coming of Messiah.

Shalom

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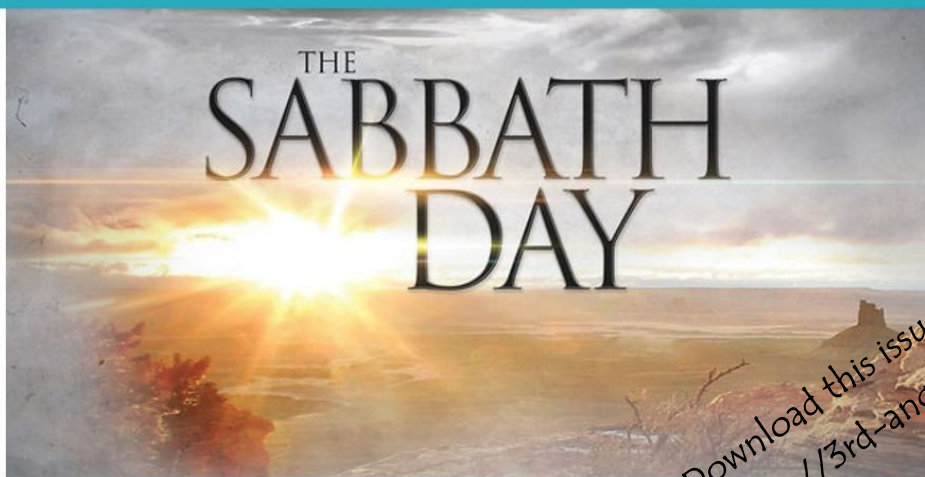
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When we realize the happiness that comes from obeying the Sabbath command, we delight in keeping it. Elohim never tires and

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seen as backward, non-informed, primitive, legalistic etc. The situation hasn't changed much from what it used to be during the times of Queen Esther and Mordechai (486-465 BCE)

" And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, there is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore, it is not for the king's profit to suffer them." Esther 3:8 (KJV)

In the times of Queen Esther, Jews were seen as a peculiar people not because of the way the Persians held them in high esteems but because they were undermined. This is the same situation that many Sabbath keepers face in their day to day life.

Sabbath day (Saturday) has become a very appealing and appetizing day for many worldly activities and leisure. It has largely become a day for funerals, weddings, chammas, market days, school visiting days, sports days etc.

Sabbath keepers won't be available during weddings, funerals, 'chamas' market days etc. Reasons being that most of these functions are done on Sabbath days.

Sabbath keepers just like Jews in the time of Esther have become a peculiar people who seem to go against the multitude.

EFFECT OF MARGINALIZATION

How will a pupil in a boarding school feel for his/her parents continuously missing from visiting days which are usually on Sabbath?

How will a close friend/a relative who's not a Sabbath keeper take you for missing his/her function that takes place on Sabbath?

Due to marginalization, many professing the Sabbath, find the going rough and thus coils back and accept to go by the multitude.

SABBATH AS A SIGN

One of the things that an engineer will never forget when constructing a road is the road signs and marks. In driving tests if one fails road signs test then he/she will not be licensed. A good driver is one who recognizes and respects road signs.

Imagine a scenario where a driver going at a speed of over 120km/hr. passes over a zebra crossing which has pedestrians crossing! Such driving is careless and law will surely take its course.

" Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is

a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you." Exodus 31:13 (KJV)

Sabbath is one of the road signs towards sanctification. Its one of the marks that distinguishes those driving according to the will of heaven from those driving as per the earthly will.

Just like in driving, an instructor shows one how to hold the steering wheel, breaks, accelerate etc. In keeping the Sabbath, Elohim Himself demonstrated to mankind how it should be done.

" And on the seventh day Elohim ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which Elohim created and made."

Gen.2:3,4. (Gen.31:17)

After showing us how He did it, He then commanded us to do as He did (Exodus 20:8-11). Just the same way some characters are passed from parents to children, our Loving Heavenly Father passed the Sabbath observance to us. Thus this is a godly character.

To make sure that mankind clearly understands what He meant, Elohim caused manner to cease on Sabbath days (Exodus 16:21-30).

Israelites understood the depth of this

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Sabbath sign in that when they found a man picking firewood on the Sabbath day. They clearly knew that these man had erred (Numbers 15:32-34).

Even after thousands of years, Mary and other disciples clearly knew that this sign was still in effect. That's why after seeing the tomb bearing Messiah's body they took a rest on the Sabbath day (Luke 23:56)

Surely Sabbath has and is still one of the signs between Elohim and His people.

The disciples of Messiah strictly went by the signs given by Elohim to the point that even where there were no buildings to hold services, they found shelter along river sides (Acts 16:13)

Those who keep the Commandments of which the fourth is the Sabbath day observance are called Holy (Rev.14:12).

SABBATH AND OFFICE WORK

Many Sabbath keepers are skeptical when it comes to formal employment and the Sabbath. Some years back I lost a job just because I could not work on Sabbath. My then boss called me in the office and enumerated to the kind of losses he was making due to Sabbath day. In quitting I told him that am happy because am not being fired for any wrong doing. Thus had no reasons to be annoyed or embarrassed.

Many job vacancies do pass by Sabbath keepers without even a single

of them applying. Ask for a reason and what you get is, "They may not give me permission for Sabbath rest"

That's an assumption that we should never take. Provided you qualify for any legal job, go for it. Sabbath observance is an added advantage and not a disadvantage. Being that you have decided to be faithful to Elohim whom you don't see, means you will be faithful to your boss whom you see. No boss will hire unfaithful person.

Daniel the servant of the Most High rose to the second in command in the worldly kingdom, talk of Joseph the son of Jacob, Mordechai the Jew etc. All were Godly men whom their belief wasn't a stumbling block to their career but an advantage.

Kenyan Chief Justice David Kenani Maraga, is a live lesson to many of us. Being a strict Seventh Day Adventist didn't hinder him from applying for the top judiciary job in the land. During interviews, he made it clear that he can't lead court proceedings on the Sabbath day. Many people on hearing this ruled him out. He wasn't among the favorites to take the job. But he got it!

During presidential petition a few days ago, many thought that judge Maraga MUST lead the proceedings on Sabbath day to beat the seven days' deadline. The supreme court had to start proceedings the night after Sabbath day (Sunday). The judges had up to midnight on Sabbath to deliver the ruling. They agreed to do it at 11:00am Friday thus giving Maraga humble time to prepare for the Sabbath.

This is a great lesson to Sabbath keepers in Kenya and worldwide.

Just as Joseph was known to his brothers as a dreamer of dreams, let the world (workmates, peers) know you as a Sabbath keeper. Let them know that in case of their Sabbath programs you won't be available for them, irrespective of the consequences.

Sabbath observance is one of the greatest road marks that separates Children of Elohim and Children of Satan. Let's keep it Holy as Commanded.

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FOR THE HARVEST IS GREAT BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW.

Mathew 9:36-38

Luke 10:1-2

Mathew 9: 36-38

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with **compassion on them**, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep **having no shepherd**.

Vs 37 Then saith He unto His disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.

Vs 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

It is worrying that many people are not interested in the true gospel of salvation despite the last angel's warning message **Revelation 14:9** and **Revelation 18:4** Appeal to mankind to come out of idol worship in order to be saved from the wrath of Elohim.

Luke 10:1-2

After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

Vs 2 Therefore said He unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into his harvest.



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The confirmation of the plentiful harvest in Zambia on the 1st September 2017.

'Indeed Elohim is the most high Elohim! He has done it for Zambia. Today at 5:40 pm Central African time, one of the biggest baptisms in church history happened in Nakonde in Zambia.' 38 adults were baptized and 31 children dedicated according to Scriptures through evangelists and the hands of Deputy General Overse-

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er, **Joseph Soy**, who also ordained **three Elders** to shepherd the new church. **Mathew 19:13, Luke 18:15.**

"We can only give glory to Almighty Elohim for His immeasurable goodness and Love for the people of Zambia". One brother said.



The scripture says in **Acts 2:41**. Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. The question of receiving the word of Elohim in gladness is paramount, people who do not receive this word cannot be saved, they cannot believe it, and they cannot either take any step towards repentance and later on baptism. The word of Elohim has become so popular to some countries and they have no thirst for it at all. I pray that the Spirit of Elohim, just like in the time

of Paul and the apostles shall guide us towards the nations and people who have a dire thirst for the salvation.

No doubt, this is the work of the Holy Ghost; the spirit of Elohim shall constrain us from preaching to the nations who will not hearken to the Lord's voice. The spirit is leading his true workers to the harvest for the purpose of harvesting; His workers cannot be led to a vineyard which has no harvest.

The Holy Spirit constrained Paul and Barnabas from preaching in Asia and Bithynia.

Acts 16:6-10

Vs 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

Vs 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them NOT.

Vs 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, COME over into Macedonia, and help us.

Vs 10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

When I write this article, I am greatly inspired by the works of Paul and the sober spirit in which he performed the preaching mission, he did not just preach, but he allowed room for Elohim to guide him. We need not preach with our own anxiety to increase people in our Churches. We need to pray to Elohim that He may lead us to the right vineyards where His harvest is. We need to be guided to the cities, regions and countries across the borders where people are thirsting for the true gospel. When Paul went to Macedonia, they entered the house of Lydia, whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended to the things which were spoken of Paul, she was baptized and her household. More importantly she welcomed Paul and Barnabas and the apostles to her house to camp there.

Am perplexed that we are taking a lot of our energy, time and resources to preach to dump people who are not ready or welcoming the gospel, I would rather we pray to Elohim to lead us





to the real harvest in these last days. We would be happy to re-Channel our energy, time and finances to the people with a heart of the Macedonian or the Bereans **Act 17:11** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. People cannot believe if they do not welcome the Word, they cannot be baptized if they do not have a meek spirit. We see in **Vs 12** that many of the Bereans believed, also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few. In our area, city or country we hardly get honourable people believing neither do we have the church having massive baptism, because people are no longer ready to welcome the gospel. Even our churches do not have new converts, and if there are any, this is not taken as seriously as it deserves, in heaven angel rejoice at the repentance of one soul. The soul that repents, later get withered and die of starvation while inside the church.

These meek souls, thirsted for the true salvation, they persuaded the preachers and the brethren to stay a few days in Zambia. This is a true indicator of their desire and hunger for the word of Elohim.

Mathew 5:6 blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Acts 8:12. But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of Elohim and the name of Yahshua Messiah, both men and women were baptized.

After the baptism, **three elders were ordained to shepherd the Church in Nakonde, Zambia.** It is truly a time of great harvest for the Lord in Zambia as more and more yearn for the true gospel of salvation. A new church branch already opened in Chinsali, Zambia some several kilometres from Nakonde.

I personally commend the good work done by most local churches to reach out to the local cities in their own countries and those churches which are harnessing their resources and men and women to take the good news to other places. I want to acknowledge that they are doing their better part while on the other hand the pastors have a duty to shepherd the flock in the right way. It is apparent that as evangelists bring the flock into the church, they lack the milk, the food and water to quench their thirst. They are intimidated, tortured and slaughtered and eaten up. They are scattered by the very shepherd that was entrusted to be the caretaker and custodian for the Lord.

Read Isaiah 56:11 and Jeremiah 3:25, 23:4



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**Isaiah 56:11**

Yes they are greedy dogs which never have enough. And they are shepherds who cannot understand; They all look to their own way, every one for his own gain, from his own territory.

Jeremiah 3:15, 23:4

And I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 23:4

And I shall raise up shepherds over them, and they shall feed them. And they shall fear no more, nor be discouraged, nor shall they be lacking, declares Elohim.

A prophet is not without honour except in his own country.

Mathew 13:57/Mark 6:4.

So they were offended at Him. But Yahshua said to them, 'A prophet is not without honour except in his own country and in his own house'. I would rather that we pray unto Elohim to guide his true prophets and preachers to other countries where they will be received. Even Yahshua Himself

came to his people, but they received Him not. **John 1:11.**

There are in many nations, tribes and races where people are ready to honour preachers and listen to the great gospel of salvation. I want to appreciate fellow brethren who have gone far out of their own countries in pursuit of reaching many souls. Many African nations are still very receptive to the word of Elohim, such like Zambia, Burundi, Rwanda, Malawi, Congo, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Uganda and most sub-Saharan African states seem to be fulfilling the prophecy of **Amos**

8:11 'Behold, the days are coming,' Says the Lord Elohim, that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

The perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them. Many people are perverting the true Gospel of salvation to their detriment. We need to pray as we now turn to other

nations. It is apparent that it is some nations that the great harvest of our Lord abounds, we need not waste any more time but pray to Elohim to show us the way to Macedonia where indeed the work is plentiful. It is the time to turn to other races, tribes, nations and people of different social orientation, for the preachers have become so popular in their own countries.

Acts 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas



grew bold and said, 'it was necessary that the word of Elohim should be spoken to you first, but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, we turn to the gentiles. I think it is now to apply a fresh in this

dispensation of the third angel. Many people where the true gospel was first brought and preached by our missionary brother **Dugger** and **ShoeMaker**, are no longer taking the word of Elohim seriously, they no longer need the salvation, they are too proud to quit from their beliefs and Christian dogmas. **Even the few that may be baptized soon becomes malnourished when they find a Church without the zeal to serve the Lord, when they get a Church full of contentions and strife, when they get a Church with self edifying elders and pastors.** Brethren let us turn to our fellow nations who seem to not only welcome the gospel but are thirsty and hungry for it and more importantly happy to have us stay with them and ready to be united with the heavenly family.

Current Church condition contrary to the abundance of the harvest.

It is very sad the way the church today is wasting resource and time not really for the flock but for self centred interest, though very silently doing it that even a wide open eye cannot see. Only the spiritual conscious people see the selfish leaders whose intent is to have monopoly and supremacy based on territorial or leadership cast. Those who practise the highest level of hatred, division and selfishly protecting their factions and discouraging them from associating and working with other faction. These have forgotten their role and are only sycophants in the Church tending to their own stomach. Those are the leaders who do not care for the flock, they are not ready to gather the flock, they

pretend to be shepherd but they are wolfs in sheep skin, it is not a surprise that they have killed and eaten the harvest in the store room, and destroyed rather than preserve the harvest for the Master. **Luke 11: 23** say he who is not with us is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. The harvest or the Church is a great treasure for our Master, it needs to be well preserved, well taken care of for the kingdom. Whoever is Scaring away and scattering these people is just paving a clear way for his agony and the wrath of ELOHIM...

My desire, prayers and appeal is that we may get to the great harvest, for it is truly abundant. I pray that the Holy Spirit shall guide us to the really ripe vineyards that we may not lose any more time. There might be very many constraints from getting into the vineyard, but our master is still appealing to you and me not to wait any longer. This is not the

ties, division of brethren, elaborating and magnifying on factional differences. It is sad to learn that a lot of the messianic factions have forgotten their Call, if at all they had been called to serve our Master. It is sad to learn that a number of messianic are wasting much of their time and energy in social media platforms commenting and engaging in unnecessary stuff. Social media should not be used by messianic to criticize other factions or denominations either. It is in fact a good media to preach and look for more avenues where the harvest could abound. I appeal to our young people not to subscribe to social post that encourages strife, hatred, division and confusion in the world but rather let us be the source of remedies and solution to the people of the world by engaging more and positively in the good works of Elohim. Let us shun from youth radicalization for the benefit of the selfish leadership systems, let the Church mentor our youth for building a strong Church.



time to engage in social warfare, political issues, building up earthly treasures and wealth, fighting and engaging in less meaningful activi-



Let us engage our young people in child mentoring, leadership role, bible study and missionary and charitable work for the glory of our Master.

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I desire that all Can partake of the great commission of reaching many souls for the kingdom of Elohim. I appreciate and encourage brethren who sacrifice their time and energy and offer their bodies as a true sacrifice for Elohim. Those who left the comfort of their home, others left their jobs; others have cut off essential time for their income earning activities for the work of the Lord. I wish to support and encourage those Churches that are doing everything with the right motive of saving more souls. The churches that do not discriminate brethren on the basis of their factional orientations. Those who are ready to go the extra mileage and be available across the border to search for the lost sheep. Those who are nourishing the flock with the right food.

May Elohim our Heavenly Father keep our reward and promises renewed every day.

I stand in awe and fear of Elohim, knowing that every word I have written in this article shall be accounted for as whether it is in good intention or ill motivated, I pray that this article also inspires me and those who shall read. However, I welcome any feedback and input and correction if there is any positive insight or information that can make it more appealing and a blessing to the readers. I know that much shall be required from those to whom much has been given **Luke 12:48**. I shall be required of the time and opportunity given to me to write and preach through this magazine, the sober mind given to me, the laptop given to me, the energies and any other resource given to me. It is in that reason that despite my tight schedules and the challenges in balancing work, study, family and other community responsibility, I want to be part of the labourer in this platform. I would pray and hope to explore other avenues other than this Magazine's platform to reach as many as my heart desires, but I do believe that whenever there is a harvest Elohim shall provide the way and means as well as all the tools for his workers to carry out the work. I believe something must be required from each and everyone who has been called in the vineyard as was put forth in the previous issue on working in the vineyard. I pray the Lord of the harvest to enable me do all I can in his help and power that I shall not be ashamed on the day of giving account of my work.

Indeed, brother and sister I pray that you shall desire to be among the labourers as well.

MY PERSONAL ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL LABORERS.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD Elohim, knowing that your **labour** is not in vain in the Lord.

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Paul, Apollos or Messiah?

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have planted and Apollos watered, but Elohim gives the increase,” (1 Cor. 3:4-6).

We find from the above that the Church of Elohim in the year of 59 A.D. was divided and many were following the ways of the flesh, which Paul called carnality, instead of being led of the Spirit in love for one another. He rebuked them for following after men, and for magnifying their differences, which he speaks of as contentions in 1 Cor.1:11-13.

It is very much the same way today; while some say, **“I am of this group,”** and another, **“I am of that group,”** and **“I am of some other group,”** it is very common also today to hear people call congregations by the names of those who are leaders of different groups, just as it was in Paul’s day. If Paul were here now, he would call them carnal, just as he did then, but still he would esteem all of the groups **“The Church of Elohim,”** just as he did then. When people qualify according to Rev.12:17 and 14:12, and emphasize the **“Testimonies of Yahshua,”** as well as the Commandments of Elohim, they are of the **“Family of Elohim.”**

By strictly following the Testimony (The New Testament), they are known by the family name by which the one family in both heaven and earth are known (Ephesians 3:14, 15; Rev.14:1). The unity of this body, as well as the name of the family, was the great burden of the prayer of our Saviour as He approached Calvary (John 17). Here He prays that the family, the household of faith, will hold to the name of the Father of the family, and that they will be ‘one’. He repeats both of these conditions a number of times in the prayer. Shall we not, dear reader, do our best that this prayer shall be answered? It is the enemy of souls that does not want it so. Those who truly love the Master will cooperate to bring unity to pass.

The Bridegroom Coming For The Bride. During the long period after the church fled to the wilderness (Rev.12:6, 14), they were separated in many different localities, with thousands of miles between and no means of com-

munication. Different leaders, led of the Holy Spirit, fed them and nourished them. Yet these leaders, besides holding to the **“Commandments of Elohim and the Testimony of the Saviour,”** held to different views on minor points. Still, they constituted the Church of Elohim in the wilderness, just as the Scriptures tell us. There is an abundance of history relative to these leaders, and the belief of these scattered persecuted people, who emphasized the power of Elohim through His Holy Spirit. On many minor points they held to different views. This, however, did not cause them to manifest anything but love, because they believed they were one, and the people of Elohim.

The Bridegroom is coming, His bride is making herself ready, **“And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints”** (Rev. 19:7, 8).

We are told in these scriptures, **“Let us be glad and give honor to Him (the Bridegroom), for the marriage of the Lamb Yahshua has come and His wife has made herself ready.”** So, dear brothers and sisters, let us rejoice together, and best of all give honor to Him. Let us endeavor to see that His prayer is answered and let us, **“be one as He and the Father are one.”** (John 17:12, 21, 22, 26). Instead of lifting up barriers and walls of partition, let us speak good of one another and fellowship

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together, without a motive of stealing sheep or transferring them from one pasture to another. Let us have liberty to teach the truth in love, seasoned with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

With the Holy Spirit, strife and division will not arise. But without the presence of the Holy Spirit to soften our speech, and tune it with kindness, it is best to remain in our own camp to avoid strife and contention, while we pray for one another.

Half Were Wise and half Were Foolish.

There were five wise and five foolish virgin; and remember, they were virgin. They all had the original maiden name for the church. The Father said of her, ***"I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy, for I have espoused you unto one husband, that I may present you a chaste virgin to Messiah."*** (2 Cor.11:2).

They were virgin, all having the name divinely given for the Bride of the Saviour, which name has been retained down through her wilderness experience. Now in her broken fragments she still holds to the name, but half are shut out (Matt.25:12). The wise paid special interest in possessing an abundance of oil in their vessels. Oil represents the Holy Spirit, which gives people the light of the Word, with boldness, power and wisdom to give it to others.

The Saviour said, ***"Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled,"*** (Matt.5:6). The trouble is that many of the virgin class are hungering and thirsting after money, after worldly possessions, after the very best and the most up-to-date (worldly standards) of everything, void of a holy purpose in possession for the Glory of Elohim in sending out the light. Such are of the foolish virgin class. The wise are those, ***"hungering and Thirsting,"*** craving and desiring righteousness above everything else, seeking for the Power of the Spirit and the joy of service, in this approaching midnight hour. We have the precious promise that the Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him, than the earthly father is willing to give bread to his hungry children (Luke 11:11-13). Therefore, those who do not possess an abundance of this free gift, this divine power, are of

the foolish class, who spent their time and thoughts coveting the mighty dollar to give them that deceptive joy possession so prevalent today.

There are many, however, of the wise virgins, filled and led by the Holy Spirit, who are successful in business; led of the Master and blessed, so that they may in this way be a blessing to the workers out in the fields of labor, preaching the gospel of salvation. In this way they are nobly serving the Master to the very capacity to which the Father had called them, and many stars will be in their crowns on redemption morning.

The possessors of oil in their lamps, with an extra supply in their vessels to bring them safely through the darkness and deception of the midnight hour, are, through the Spirit, also possessors of that, ***'Love one for the other,'*** by which the disciples are known (John 13:35). This Bride of the Lamb, who enters into the marriage with Him will be possessors of that love, and the Saviour will be the one whom they will follow. They will be His disciples; and not the disciples of Paul, Apollo and Cephas, or any particular man, or of any of those groups of men, who exclude all of the others and separate themselves.

The true Church of Elohim included all of these several groups and many more as well as hundreds of people in different groups who are known by the Father above and whom He will call out in due time. The Bride is making herself ready. The wise virgins are trimming their lamps and filling their vessels with oil. They are hungering and thirsting for righteousness, and are being clothed with those spotless linen garments of white. They await with joy the good news of His coming, and will be represented at the place where He comes, which is Jerusalem (Zech.14:4). Their eyes will be upon their Saviour and Him only. They will be His disciples—which is what His followers are called over one

hundred times in the New Testament- and not the disciples of any man or group of men.

The true “Church of Elohim,” “The Remnant,” the “Bride Class,” includes all these several groups, just as it did in the wilderness. And now, in this preparation time, the wise virgins from among all of them are trimming their lamps. They are hungering and thirsting for righteousness above everything else in this world, and, with love one for the other, they seek for a refilling of the Spirit; to be clothed with the beautiful garments of white. They will not have a worldly spot upon them. That virgin class will be represented at Jerusalem. It is here where He is to descend from heaven with all the Holy Angels to be King of Kings (Rev.11:15).

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Yours in Messiah,

Lawrence Mugambi

Struggles of Holding Sabbath Meetings in Kenyan Universities



“I met with the patron and discussed with him about submitting our request, wrote the letters and our patron signed and I brought them to the dean. I didn’t find him the first day and the secretary informed me about the known groups recognized by the dean i.e. Catholic, Islam, Protestants and

Adventist. He advised me to call one of the group's chaplain (basing on where Church of Elohim can fall in) I called the SDA chaplain, pastor Kigundu, who refused to accompany me to the dean, claiming he wasn't involved. I went there the next day and had a talk with the dean who appeared unreceptive. I then told him how different we are from the rest, with our own doctrines. He was surprised about the Church of Elohim. Claimed he had never heard of such a church. That we are SDAs. Since it was in July, and we wanted permission by September, he told me to meet him in September. Our patron called him and made him know that we are an independent church. Our patron had an upper hand since he is a staff. In September, I went there with the patron and our letters. We had a discussion and we were finally allowed to hold our Sabbath meetings within the school. “

Extracts from Nicholas Kipngetchi Langat: Struggles of Holding Sabbath Meetings in Kenyan Universities. Inset: the Messianic students and Visitors who met for the first Sabbath at KU.

Sunday Keepers are Going Ahead of You

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other Messianic Believers and judge them that they will not inherit the kingdom. Is feasts and other holidays sufficient enough to separate us?

Two groups meet in the same school for a Sabbath service. They take different rooms. They both began the Sabbath service with the same song and both groups end their prayers with the same words, "In the name of Yahshua the Messiah" Are we preaching the same Messiah?? I don't think so. Each group must be having their own Messiah!! But only one Yahshua was crucified!

While reading the ten commandments, both read from Exodus 20 or Deuteronomy 5. Are we preaching the same Messiah?? I don't think so, each group must be having its own Messiah!! But only one Yahshua was crucified!

After the reading of the ten commandments, both sing the same song..."en komongu kurgat tiptem kom-wae kole..." or "Kama wewe umepata neno, litokalo Yerusalemu.."

During bible study, the two groups use the same Bible as a reference. Are you one? Yahshua prayed to Elohim to make the apostles one and they were all one during the day of Pentecost. Are you one? Does your separation and enmity lead to the eternal life?

Let's learn from the Sunday-keeping churches. If one has an important function, all the others join and they fellowship peacefully and everyone is edified. If this will happen for us, we immediately begin debating on the names, feasts ending up in increasing the rift between us. Preach the kingdom of Elohim and the hope we have in Yahshua. Apostle Paul could accommodate everyone; the Jews, gentiles and the Greeks.

When the scriptures say, not all that call the Lord will inherit the kingdom... it doesn't exclude us. This applies to us, the Messianic Believers, after all the scriptures were written for us.

In Nairobi we have very many groups, all Messianic. Most use rented halls for service. Why can't we be one and build our own Building?? I preach Messiah and you preach him too but we are sep-

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arated. Even in the shaking of hands, we don't do it satisfactorily as to show love to our fellow Messianic Believers. Is this the same Messiah that we are preaching? They must be different.

We interact with the Gentiles and they say."Nikiamua kukuja sabato, nitaenda gani, mko vikundi vingi.... muungane ndio tuje" When Yahshua told the Pharisees they have the key to eternal kingdom but would not allow people to go in, it never ended there. This one also applies to us. We have the key but we prevent others from being saved.

Let's all think about this together and not despise each other. Let's be one as we pray for the revelation of the doctrines we differ in. Yahshua is not divided as we are.

I love all messianic in all the places, feast and non-feast keepers. Those whom we differ in the doctrines of names I love you too. Yahshua died for all of us and we were buried with him in baptism earning us the identity, MESSIANIC. Let our love be genuine.

Had much to write but let me keep it to someday.

Neema ya bwana iwe nanyi daima. Love you all.

By Patrick Cheruiyot (Zealot Pato)



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Influence and Power Prashant Pinches

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successor:

[[Numb 27:15]] TS2009 And Moshe spoke to יהוה, saying,

[[Numb 27:16]] TS2009 “Let יהוה the Elohim of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,

[[Numb 27:17]] TS2009 who goes out before them and comes in before them, who leads them out and brings them in, so that the congregation of יהוה be not like sheep without a shepherd.”

{Great leaders think about the long-term future. They are concerned with succession and continuity. So it was with Moses}

Elohim tells Moses to appoint Joshua, ‘a man in whom is the spirit’. He gives him precise instructions about how to arrange the succession:

Numbers 27

18 And יהוה said to Moshe, “Take Yehoshua son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit. And you shall lay your hand on him,

19 and shall set him before El’azar the priest and before all the congregation, and give him command before their eyes,

20 and shall put some of your esteem upon him, so that all the congregation of the children of Yisra’ ěl obey him.

21 “And he is to stand before El’azar the priest, who shall inquire before יהוה for him by the right-ruling of the Urim. At his word they go out, and at his word they come in, both he and all the children of Yisra’ ěl with him, all the congregation.”

There are three actions involved here:

[1] Moses was to lay his hand on Joshua,

[2] have him stand before El’azar the priest and the entire assembly, and

[3] give him “some of your authority.”

What is the significance of this threefold process?

What does it tell us about the nature of leadership in Hebraic/Messianic faith?

It teaches us that there are THREE DIVISIONS of power in Hebraic Faith

Prophet YeshaYahu / Isaiah have strikingly similar idea:

[[Isa 33:22]] TS2009 for יהוה is our Judge, יהוה is our Inscriber, יהוה is our Sovereign, He saves us –

This tripartite division can also be found in Devarim/ Deuteronomy 17-18 in the passage dealing with the various leadership roles in ancient Israel:

~ the king,

~the priest, and

~the prophet.

Neither Scripture nor early rabbinic writings express any sympathy whatsoever for a system of government in which a single body or group possesses a monopoly of political authority. Yet some Messianic leaders are doing this.

The three-fold process through which Joshua was to be inducted into office had to do with the three types of leadership. Specifically, the second stage - - shall set him before El’azar the priest and before all the congregation, and give him command before their eyes, --had to do with the fact that Moses was **NOT** a priest. His suc-

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cessor had to be formally **RECOGNIZED** by the representative of the priesthood, El'azar the High Priest.

Power and influence are often thought of as being the same kind of thing: those who have power have influence and vice versa. In fact, though, they are quite different. If I have total power and then decide to share it with nine others, I now have only one-tenth of the power I had before. If I have a certain measure of influence and then share it with nine others, I do not have less. I have more. Instead of one person radiating this influence, there are now ten. Power works by **DIVISION**, influence by **MULTIPLICATION**

Moses occupied **TWO ROLES**. He was the functional equivalent of a **KING**. He made the key decisions relating to the people: how they should be organized, the route they were to take on their journey, when and with whom they should engage in war. But he was also the greatest of the **PROPHETS**. He spoke the word of Elohim.

A king had power. He ruled. He made military, economic and political decisions. Those who disobeyed him faced the possible penalty of death. A prophet had no power whatsoever. He commanded no battalions. He had no way of enforcing his views. But he had **massive influence**. Today we barely remember the names of most of Israel's and Judah's kings. But the words of the **PROPHETS** continue to inspire by the sheer force of their vision and ideals. As it was once said:

*When a king dies, his power **ENDS**; when a prophet dies, his influence **BEGINS**.*

Moses was to confer both roles on Joshua as his successor. "**Lay your hand on him**" means, give him your role as a prophet, the intermediary through whom Elohim's word is conveyed to the people. To this day we use the same word, **semicha** (laying on of hands), to describe the process whereby an Overseer of a certain Messianic Believers group ordains a deacon, an elder or a pastor.

"**Give him some of your authority [me-hodecha]**" in the above Torah text refers to the second role. It means, invest him with the power you hold as a **KING**.

TRANSFERRING power though, is like emptying one vessel into **ANOTHER**. The **more power you give away, the less you have**. Moses' **power ENDED with his death**. His **influence, though, REMAINS to this DAY!**

Hebraic Faith has an ambivalent attitude **towards power**. It is **NECESSARY**. Without it, "**people would eat one another alive**". But in Messianic Faith it has well been recognized that, **power tends to corrupt and ABSOLUTE power corrupts ABSOLUTELY**.

Influence – the relation of prophet to people, teacher to disciples/students – is altogether different. It is a non-zero-sum game. Through it, both teacher and disciple/student grow. Both are enhanced.

Moses gave Joshua his **power and his influence**. The first was essential to the political and military tasks ahead. But it was **the second** that made Joshua one of the **great figures of our Faith**.

Influence is simply more enduring than power!

By Bro. Shadrack Marigah

Messiah As a Package

By Peter G. King'ori.



When Yahshua was engaging his disciples on the sign of the end of the days, he attested of the gospel being preached unto all nations as affirmed in Mathew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come". This means that the gospel is impartial. Anyone who accepts the gospel of Messiah, the Messiah is always ready for him or her. This affirmation is also reinforced by John 3:16: Elohim gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. The phrase "whosoever believes" is my emphasis: i.e. it is all about any individual regardless of his/her nationality.

When Paul was in Athens, he communicated to the Athenians on the need of all people everywhere to

repent as attested in Acts 17:30 "And the times of this ignorance Elohim winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent". Therefore, the Salvation is not limited to certain persons or areas. In Kenya, there some places which have never heard of the 3rd Angel's Message. A Messianic believer in Nairobi invited us to his rural home to convey the 3rd Angel's Message. After believing in the Messianic faith, he felt the need of passing the Message to his kinsmen back at home, as well as his neighbors. Most Messianic believers don't really care about their neighbors, kinsmen or even close friends, in terms of passing the 3rd Angel's Message to them. In Acts 10, we find Cornelius calling his family and close friends to hear the good news. Acts 10:24 "And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends".

On invitation, as usual, we had to do the logistics prior to visiting his rural home. His rural home was some kilometers from or to Kitui, depending on where one approaches the area from. Our host had gone earlier to engage the government agencies on the ground as well as the locals. As I always pointed out, it is paramount for anyone wishing to convey the message to liaise with the authority on the ground prior to the conveying of the message (Romans 13:5). As long as the freedom of worship is enshrined in our constitution, we should embrace the same. The place of our engagement

would be at MALILI, a small center with an equally small population. The open air meeting at Malili coincided with School holiday, therefore children would accompany us in the Mission. In Acts 2:39; Peter after being filled with the Holy Spirit, boldly stated that the kingdom is ours and our children's. Yahshua himself in (Mathew 19:14) reinforced the issue of children's part in the heavenly kingdom.

The Malili mission brought together messengers from different places and from different factions. The messengers from Nakuru travelled to Thika, on a Friday whereby after the Sabbath they would join the Thika brethren for the journey. The Nairobi brethren and brethren from other parts were to meet in Nairobi and use a single vehicle for the journey. The first lot, that is, the brethren at Thika would leave earlier. I was in the first lot. Since we had a personal vehicle, we left in good time. We had to equip ourselves with accommodation's items like mattresses, blankets, sheets and other items; the place we had rented for accommodation didn't have such items. The journey was gruesome because of the bad infrastructure. We came across a number of rivers; it wasn't a rainy season when rivers are im-

passable, thanks to Elohim. The road was rocky and hilly which made it difficult for us to reach Malili; we arrived at dusk. Our host was not in the first lot but his wife had travelled earlier to prepare for us. On arrival, she welcomed us.

We faced another challenge; the network coverage. We could not communicate. The mobile network coverage was limited and could only be accessed in a higher ground that was a walking distance from our place of accommodation. For the first time, I had to walk for a distance in search of network. In most towns in our country, network coverage is present. When you visit such a place as Malili, you instantly and definitely feel the pinch. You also learn not to take things for granted, of course - whatever you enjoy freely wherever you are, takes significant effort elsewhere. The second lot arrived some minutes to midnight. Their journey had been met by lots of challenges. At one occasion, the bus they were travelling in broke down due to a loose connection. The engine malfunction literally caused a fire. Nonetheless, Elohim guided them safely throughout the journey (1st Corinthians 15:57).

At day-break, as we normally do in any of the "Messiah as a package" outreaches, we began with familiarizing ourselves with the local people and the area. We had a generator with us; there was no electricity in the center. Prior to the meeting, we had to

prepare the generator and the sound projection system. Sadly, our generator failed. Despite the efforts of an accompanying mechanic, it still failed to work. Mark you, the generator was all perfect at the time of departure for Malili. We sought out help from the nearest town center where repair services could be found. The nearest such a center was miles away. With no vehicles for transport, we had to grapple with motorbikes—which were hardly available—and bad terrain, to send two brethren to facilitate the repair. The rest of us continued with the message even without the sound equipment. Yahshua would engage over five thousand people without sound equipment and be audible enough to pass over the message. We could not just idle waiting for the generator to come, even Paul advises us on such occasion as attested by Ephesians 5:16 "Redeeming the time, because these days are evil".

On the first day, as usual in "Messiah as a package", introduction and general engagement took center stage. When night fell, we had no option other than use lanterns. Luckily, we had brought lanterns with us. At day break, just as usual when in a mission to convey the 3rd angel's message, we met in the morning, prayed and planned for the day's activities (1st Corinthians 14:33).

As much as we have to convey the message, there are other things that need attention to complement the messaging as learnt from our predecessor's examples; the twelve disciples chose the "seven" to complement them in the gospel advancement. In our team, we had those who were and are in charge of the kitchen and other matters which made it easier for the messengers to concentrate on the open air meeting. We were also accompanied by women who helped in other duties including but not limited to laundry.

Malili mission was different from the other missions because unlike the preceding missions of "Messiah as a package", the set-



ting here was of a very remote village. Most of the villagers were in their farms until late in the evening. It was not until then that they would stop tending to their farms and congregate at the shopping center. In most of the preceding missions, we had been able to engage people via door to door engagement since the setups allowed. At Malili, it wasn't viable. Therefore, we decided to nourish ourselves for a few hours, during the day. Since we had many messengers, it was a good avenue for us to share with each other as the scriptures attests (1st Corinthians 14:26). We would later engage the villagers in the evening at the shopping center. The villagers were so interested with the message that the engagement could continue until midnight. After the engagement we would allow questions from them, in return they would reciprocate by asking more questions.

As much as we wanted to extend our engagement, after our planned duration elapsed, we had no choice other than leave. One woman, convinced of the gospel, asked if we could establish a church there. Before answering her, I decided to engage with the elders and pastors with us. We had pastors and elders from different factions with us. It was imperative to give an all-inclusive answer. We agreed to give our host the task to implement the same since it would be easier for him to frequent the place. We also had to deliberate farther on the issue and have logistics in place for the host to be accompanied by one or two individuals for the purposes of reinforcing him, if need be.

On the day of departure, we could not get transportation from our host home to the nearest town for us to board a vehicle to Nairobi. We had to walk and cross a river and even at a point had to remove our shoes. After crossing the river, we came to a busy center, where we could get a vehicle to take us to the town. As we were waiting for the transportation we decided to convey the Message in the shopping center. We introduced ourselves and engaged the people, proclaiming the 3rd angel's message. The vehicle arrived as we were continuing with the messaging. We left in high moods leaving the rest to Elohim; it is Elohim that opens people's hearts after a message is conveyed (Acts 16:13).

Messiah as a package continues...

By Peter King'ori

My Health Today... **Are you covered?**

Talk to many Messianic believers about a health insurance and you'll definitely receive that stern look on their face... what did you just mention? Why should I insure my health? Elohim provides good health for us. Why should I take His role?

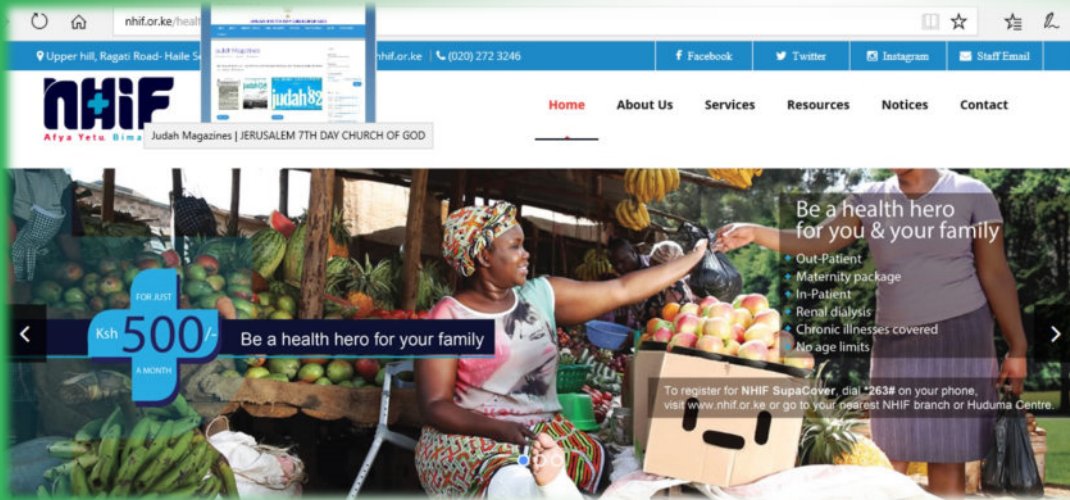
Well, Messianic believers are justified to ask such questions. We all are justified to question everything before we believe them. However, I feel we haven't given the concept of health insurance a fair trial? We haven't looked at both sides of the coin. Is health insurance really taking the role of our Almighty Father?

Just like the issue of taking medicines, vaccines or anything related to "health services" was abhorred by the young Kenyan congregation, the thought of a health insurance is still unpalatable to most of us. It does not add up why we should give periodic payments to the government, in the case of NHIF, with the hope that when we fall sick, we will be treated without cost or debilitating expenses, while Elohim admonishes us to cast all our cares on Him. On this fact, we are justified. It is Elohim only, who knows our tomorrow. By His will, we live. He is perfect in keeping us safe and healthy. There is no doubt in this.

I would like to introduce a twist to the whole insurance phobia. Health insurances, particularly the national health insurance fund (NHIF), is **the best way to give back to the needy in the society while cushioning yourself and your family, if any, from unprecedented health emergencies.** This may seem far-fetched but it is true. But how now? Best way to give back to the society? No way... this can't true, is it?

Health insurance pulls up funds from those who subscribe to it. Your contribution plus those of many other subscribers

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hardly contribute anyway? This where a health insurance comes in. With NHIF cover, such operations require negligible amounts (a maximum of Ksh. 1000). You then receive the best of care without much stress on your resources. Your family business goes on as usual: family members don't lack food because of the land that you sold or the business that was auctioned to help cover the bill.

create a substantial amount that can move mountains. Here, mountains are diseases and other situations that bring ill-health to man. When a person falls sick, the amount of money pulled together is used to provide necessary interventions to the sick before he/she deteriorates. In both cases, whether it is you or another person who falls sick, you can be sure that your coin is doing some good work.

While we boast of the fact that we know and understand the scriptures, we fall short in terms of doing what we hear and know. **We have a role to help the sick, the poor, the hungry etc.** Whereas the best thing is to pray for the sick and the Almighty Father heals them, you can all agree with me most of us fall short of such kind of faith in the current dispensation. I sound desperate... but look at this scenario: have you ever heard of a Messianic faithful who prayed for someone who broke his/her leg in accident, with an open fracture and bleeding profusely, that the bone healed and the bleeding stopped? Your answer is as good as mine. There is hardly any such a miracle ever witnessed or heard. Not that I am saying it can't happen, but as far as my memory serves me well, there is none! So, what is that one way that can help such a person from losing their life or getting a permanent disability? Health Insurance, definitely. Helping those in need is our role and if we are looking for avenues to help the needy, look no farther. NHIF is here.

Taking yourself as the person in the accident, where will you start? Some interventions costs thousands or even millions of shillings to be performed. At KNH, orthopedic surgeries may cost up to Ksh. 80,000 or more without NHIF. Will you sell your only piece of land? Will you sell your business premises that you use to feed the family to cover for the medical expenses? Or will you call for a fundraising, to help you in footing the bill, in which people

If we look at health insurance from the point of view of alleviating human suffering, if we can think about health insurance as a way of helping the needy, if we can look at the big picture, if we can give health insurance a fair trial, then and only then, shall we be in line with goal of sustaining the creation of Elohim, and what's more, we'll be storing up treasures for ourselves in heaven.

Of course there are shortcomings associated with mismanagement of funds but those should not deter us from seeing the big picture.

Health insurance can cover you and your family at a monthly charge of as low as 500/- per month. It will not stop you from praying for better health from our Almighty Father. No one ever desires to get sick. It will not lower the threshold of faith you have. It will not lower Elohim's love for us, that He cuts off his care for us. It will not cause us to be sick more often. Instead, it will cushion you, your family and any other person in need (your neighbor), against unfavorable health outcomes.

If not covered, get covered today.

3 John:2 King James Version (KJV) :

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

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