

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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Editor's Note

As the world celebrated Christmas, the Messianic believers seemed lost. We are in the world but not of the world (John 17:16), hence we should expect ridicule from the worldly in terms of not joining them in their reveling, lusts, banqueting and abominable celebrations (1st Peter 4:3). The aforementioned is well expounded herein by different writers in our 1st issue of Volume 4 of the 3rd Angel Messenger

Commencing this issue onwards we have reinforced the Editorial team of the 3rd Angel Messenger. We have brought on board two more Messianic believers in the team of whom are both students in Universities under the umbrella of The Messianic Students Association of Kenya (M. S.A.K). We have David Omondi from Kenyatta University Messianic Students Association (KUMESA) and Abigail Chepkoech from Maseno University Messianic Students. The latter is the current Secretary of the M. S.A.K.

We all wish to have peace and tranquility in our lives. Nevertheless, that cannot be received in this earth at its state. The foregoing is well explained in "NEW EARTH" "CHRISTMAS IN THE BIBLE" by Martin Makokha and "THE REAL STORY OF CHRISTMAS: FROM SUN-WORSHIP TO SINTERKLAAS" by Lawrence Mugambi engages the issue of Christmas by proving via the Scriptures that Christmas is a fallacy. Ezekiel Ngogoyo is back in the country from Zambia, whereby he outlines the importance of bearing fruits in Elohim's vineyard, of which, if we refuse to bear fruit, we shall be cut off as affirmed by "THE FATE OF THE UNFRUITFUL FIG TREE". I thank Elohim for zeal bestowed to Messianic Students who are using their time to input in Elohim's vineyard as attested by James Njenga from Kimathi University "THE TITHE". Another Messianic student from Maseno University has an Article cum poem "THE SWEETNESS OF TEA IS THE MUG". Dr. Njogu Mureithi inputs on health in "INFERTILITY, EVERY COUPLE'S NIGHTMARE". "MESSIAH AS A PACKAGE" continues...

On behalf of myself and the 3rd Angel Messenger fraternity, I wish to glorify Elohim and congratulate the Assistant Editor of the 3rd Angel Messenger, who graduated in the 60th graduation of The Nairobi University and now he has a Prefix in his name. Dr. Njogu Mureithi. It has not been easy to study and input in Elohim's work concurrently and precisely in the 3rd Angel Messenger as the Assistant Editor. May Elohim grant him more zeal and input more in his vineyard even in his demanding profession.

Wherever we are as Messianic believers let's get zealous in Elohim's vineyard and engage positively for positive input in Elohim's work. Let the aforementioned be done in love so as the world to know that we are his followers.

John 13:35 "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Shalom.

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NOT TO BE SOLD. MATHEW 10:8 "...FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE"

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# The New Earth

By Peter Kings

**W**e are living in a world of uncertainties. Most are not happy with their lives while others are full of desperation. The aforementioned is as a result of the increase in wickedness and evil in the world. It is unfortunate that most are still seeking solace in the worldly materials. They pursue material things, expecting that they would receive the much needed peace and happiness from the same. The prince of this world has blinded them as attested by the Scriptures he still have powers to blind them. Ephesians 2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience". Nevertheless there is a remedy to the issue. Elohim knew we would have the challenges of facing the evil one in this world and hence he sent Messiah to give us solace in him.

In the most recited verse, John 3:16, we get to know of Elohim's love towards us. He gave his only begotten son, so as to have life eternally, if we accept his Son. The evil one also know the same since as attested by his engagement with Messiah after Messiah's baptism he is conversant with the Scriptures and precisely with the promises therein. Messiah assures his followers victory over the evil one in the world as affirmed by John 16:33. John 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation :but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world". The foregoing promise is if we abide by Messiah. Messiah became our pioneer in overcoming the world and he promises to help us overcome as affirmed in Hebrew 12:2 harmonized with John 15:7..

There is still pain, sorrow and challenges to Messiah's followers since the earth is still at the power of the prince of the air. Nevertheless we still look forward to the cleansing of the earth in totality. It's unfortunate that most Christians when they read the Bible they don't understand Elohim's plan for the earth. Prophet Isaiah inputs about the earth and states " The Earth was created to be inhabited" (Isaiah 45:18). In the aforementioned verse, it is very clear that Elohim's purpose for the earth

was the earth to be inhabited. Meaning he had good plans for his people and also to make earth in habitable. It is the Devil our adversary who brought defilement in the earth and hence the pain, sorrow and challenges in the world. Elohim's mercy brings us back to his initial plan of an in habitable earth through his Son. So that Whoever believe in him can be accepted in the New earth, where there is no defilement.

The promise to the meek by Messiah was that they would inherit earth as attested by Mathew 5:5. Meaning there is a time when the earth will become the possession of the meek. In the current earth only the strong, wicked, arrogant and men full of all vices are the ones in the possession of the earth. The Decalogue is the virtue to the new earth as affirmed by the Revelator in Revelation 22:14. Meaning every individual has the prerogative for choosing to be or not to be on the new earth. Satan being conversant with the foregoing has always been persecuting the Decalogue keepers, so as to suppress their pursuance of the entry to the new earth as affirmed by Revelation 12:17.

Our pioneer Messiah overcame the current earth and as he overcame he sat in the right hand of Elohim. He promises the same to us as outlined in Revelation 3:21. The prophets had foreseen the new earth as one of them affirms in Isaiah 65:17. Isaiah 65:17 "For, behold I create a new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to mind" As attested in the aforementioned, we shall have no sorrow or pain caused to us by our persecutors in the New earth as they do in the current earth.

We should suppress any input that can make us lose acceptance in the new earth. When Messiah came into the world and shed his blood, he was paying the price for us to get admittance in the New earth. Henceforth, it is imperative to keep the blood of Messiah undefiled until we become the citizen of the new earth.

When Paul engaged on the issue of the joy that would be given in the New earth, he stated "But it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have en-

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tered into the heart of man, the things Elohim hath prepared for them that love him"(1st Corinthians 2:9). Meaning we have nothing in this world that we can compare with what awaits the overcomes. Our pain and sorrow caused by the Devil in the current earth will be forgotten completely, if we remain undefiled and pursue Messiah despite the setbacks caused by our adversary the Devil. Finally if we defeat the devil we shall forever be happy in the new earth.

May Elohim help us overcome and be accepted in the new earth.

Shalom.

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# Christmas in the Bible

By Martin Makokha.

We are in that period once again, the period of festivities, the time when people from all walks of life will be preparing for the Christmas celebrations.

While we do so, many are the questions that arise during this time, one of the most asked questions is;

“Where is Christmas in the Bible?”

In answering this question, people do use different verses that seem to suite them and favor their argument either for or against Christmas! Let us keep in mind the admonition of Apostle Paul to Timothy;

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15*

In keeping in mind that all scripture is given by in-

spiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: we must remember that since the scriptures are given by inspiration, they can not be interpreted for any private interpretation. (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20).

It is not once I have heard those who don't celebrate Christmas struggling to prove how it is not good to celebrate it. Some even have gone to the extent of quoting Jeremiah;

*“And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison, ...” Jeremiah 52:31*

Then after quoting the verse, they claim that Jehoiachin was released from prison on 25<sup>th</sup> December





and thus the celebration that are done on that day, are done in commemoration of the day Jehoiachin was released from prison and have nothing to do with the birth of Jesus!

Still others quote Luke;

*“And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ....”* **Luke 1:26.**

They claim that angel Gabriel was sent to Mary on sixth month i.e. June and if Mary became pregnant in June and Jesus was supposed to be born like any other baby i.e. nine months in pregnancy and thus conclude that by December, Mary's pregnancy was only six months old!

I do understand the urge that anti Christmas believers have to prove from the Bible that it's not supposed to be celebrated. But we will be making a serious mistake if we interpret the Scriptures in a cunning way to suit our arguments.

We all know that the twelfth month that is being referred in the book of Jeremiah is not December, as the way the months were named then is quite different from the way we name them now. Thus date twenty fifth of the twelfth month of Jeremiah 52 can not be 25<sup>th</sup> December!!

As regards the book of Luke, what is being referred here is not the sixth month of the calendar year, but the sixth month of Elisabeth pregnancy!

*“And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.”* **Luke 1:36.**

When the angel was sent to Mary, Elisabeth her cousin and wife to Zacharias was six month pregnant. This is as simple as that and thus can not be a pointer for us to comfortably say that Jesus was born somewhere in March!!

Those who celebrate Christmas have been heard time and again saying that it doesn't matter whether Christ was born on that day or not. That what matters is that He was born!! Have it ever come to your mind that every word that we say here on earth we shall give an account of it on the judgment day? How will you account for 25<sup>th</sup> December celebrations?

*“For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”* **Ecc.12:14.**

We should heed to Apostle Paul's admonition to rightly divide the word of truth, we should never be swayed to the point of using the Scriptures in a way that will favor us but distort the good tidings of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### DO IT CORRECTLY!

Now someone is wondering and even ready to ask, “Now how will we convince people that Christmas is not Biblical?” That's a genuine question as we have the Bible as our basis of all doctrine and nothing but the Bible.

Before even thinking hard on which verse to use to teach someone about Christmas, why can't you give him/her that privilege for him/her to give you a verse that supports Christmas?

In the whole Bible, we have no record where Christmas was celebrated! Leave alone Christmas, we have no record where God's people celebrated their birthdays!! The only people that we have records that they celebrated their birth-



# YOU STILL THINK

## *That our Saviour was born in December ?*

days were gentiles, people who did not know God;

*"And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants."* **Gen. 40:20.**

*"But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod."* **Mat. 14:6.**

*"And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee."* **Mark 6:21.**

Those are the only two occurrences in the whole Bible where we find people celebrating birthdays. Herod's birthday has been mentioned twice in Matthew and Mark but it is the same day.

From the above mentioned occurrences, which of the two people mentioned feared God? None, both of them were gentiles who never feared God the Almighty! But worshipped idols. Apostle Paul tells us to follow them;

*"Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us."* **2 Thes. 3:9**

*"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."* **1 Cor. 11:1.**

We should ask ourselves a simple question, if we are following Apostle Paul, did he ever celebrate Christmas? The answer definitely will be NO. Then if Paul never cele-

brated it, then why are we doing it? In His life in this world did Christ ever celebrated His birthday? The answer is NO, in the lives of other apostles did they ever celebrated Christ's birthday? The answer is NO.

Then beloved, if we have no Biblical support of this celebration, why do you feel so comfortable to celebrate it and even pull Christ's name into it? Aren't you even afraid that it was said that whoever shall add anything to the written word, so shall the wrath of God be added upon him/her?

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# *The Real Story of Christmas: From Sun-Worship to Sinterklaas*

By **Lawrence Mugambi.**

**I**t has been December again! The month of Christian greatest festival. It is a month in which Mesianic believers are very cautious not to get themselves entangled into the festivals derived from pagans. The main purpose of this article is to equip you with brief history of one of the most celebrated festival – Christmas.

**1 Peter 3:15 King James Version (KJV)**

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and **be ready always to give an answer** to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and*

*fear.*

*The first Christians wouldn't recognize today's Santa-centric holiday, let alone figure out what that tree is doing in the living room. History doesn't record when the first Christmas was celebrated, but it was probably sometime in the fourth century CE, in the Roman Empire. What's sure is that the first historic record of the holiday is a calendar dating from 354 CE, belonging to a rich Roman Christian named Philocalus. That calendar tells us that on the same date – December 25 – another holiday was celebrated, marking the birth of *Sol Invictus*, "**the Unconquered Sun.**" That was a new pagan cult, worshiping a new sun deity. Both these holidays coincided with the Roman festival of Saturnalia, which had been celebrated from December 17 to December 24th. That was a festival celebrating the god Saturn, which – as we will see – contributed heavily to latter-day Christmas traditions.*

## **Why December 25?**

Scholars differ on why December 25, was chosen as the birthday of Jesus, since it apparently wasn't. Hippolytus, in the second century, was probably the first to propose this date. The New Testament doesn't tell us when the birth took place: and the only clue the text gives us – "some shepherds staying out in the fields keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2:8) actually implies that the birth took place in the spring or summer, as sheep would have been kept indoors during the cold winter nights. Most probably that date was based on the birth-date of *Sol Invictus*, which is marked on the Winter Solstice – when the sun overcomes darkness and the days begin to get longer.

## **The sun is born**

Early Christian symbolism would often liken Jesus with the sun. As Christianity developed, becoming the official religion of the Roman Empire, many pagan traditions were assumed. This is blatantly clear in the case of Christmas, which took on many of the traditions of Saturnalia, most notably the traditions of gift-giving and merrymaking. When the Germanic tribes adopted Christianity and with it the holiday of Christmas, they too contributed to the traditions of the holiday by incorporating aspects of the pagan winter festival Yule into the Christian holiday. Most notable of these are the veneration

of evergreens, which would with time morph into the Christmas tree; the traditions of holly and mistletoe decoration; and a wild hunt of flying creatures led by the long-bearded god Odin, who is believed to have been the prototype of Santa Claus.

### **A Greek bishop merges with Odin**

Another aspect that Christmas adopted from the Germanic Yule is heavy drinking. Though this is not associated with Christmas anymore, during the Middle Ages drinking was a major part of the holiday. In general Christmas during the Middle Ages would have been very foreign to a modern-day observer – it was mostly a festival of drinking and revelry, much closer to Saturnalia than our modern Christmas. It was during the Middle Ages when the veneration of Saint Nicolas, a third to fourth-century Greek bishop living in what is today Turkey, developed into the holiday figure of Sinterklaas in the Netherlands. St. Nicolas was said to have given gifts to children and thus was considered the patron saint of schoolchildren. According to tradition, Sinterklaas would come from Spain on a steamboat accompanied by a mischievous Moorish helper called Zwarte Piet. This helper would kidnap bad children and report to Sinterklaas on good children, who would then receive gifts on December 6th, which was Sinterklaas' feast day. Later, during the Reformation, many Netherlands stopped celebrating the saints' feast days, and the gift-giving associated with Sinterklaas migrated from December 6 to Christmas.

### **Christmas is banned, the people are unimpressed**

In the English-speaking world, the Protestant Reformation was even more radical, abolishing not only saint feasts but going as far as banning Christmas itself. In the wake of the English Civil War, Christmas was abolished in 1647, though many

outright acts of protest followed, with people defying the Puritans and continuing to celebrate the holiday, albeit in a less public manner. Even after the restoration of the Monarchy in 1660, celebration of Christmas wasn't completely restored to its former glory. At roughly the same time, the tradition of setting up a tree in one's home and lighting candles began to spread in Germany. The concept spread among European nobility during the 18th and 19th centuries, reaching the lower classes only in the late 19th century.

The huge success of Charles Dickens' "*A Christmas Carol*" in 1843 greatly contributed to popularizing Christmas, and gave it much of the qualities we associate with it today: a holiday centered around the family, as opposed as a community holiday celebrated in church. The book also contributed to the popularity of the phrase "Merry Christmas," which appears many times throughout it. That very same year the first commercially printed Christmas cards were printed and sold, bearing that wish – "Merry Christmas".

Meanwhile in 1823, "*A Visit From St. Nicholas*" (that's the poem starting with "'T was the Night Before Christmas") by Clement Clarke Moore was published in the United States. This contributed to the spread of Santa Claus, at this point merging the serious Dutch Sinterklaas with the jolly English personification of Christmas known as Father Christmas, and gift-giving in the English-speaking world

### **Come the Chinese restaurant**

This emphasis on gifts led merchants and manufacturers to decorate their stores and ads with Christmas themes, hoping it would be their products that would be bought and gifted. By the mid



19th century people began to complain that the holiday was losing its "true meaning" in face of commercialization. In 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant signed a law that officially made Christmas a secular federal holiday. This coincided with a mass influx of Eastern European Jewish immigrants into America. Finding shops closed on this day and not celebrating Christmas themselves, they found themselves going to Chinese restaurants that stayed open because their owners didn't celebrate Christmas either. Moreover, the Chinese restaurants were located nearby, as Jewish, Chinese and other poor immigrants tended to live in the same slums.

**This is the origin of the Jewish-American tradition of eating at Chinese restaurants on Christmas.**

Many of the most popular Christmas carols were written and composed in the 19th Century: "Silent Night," originally in German in 1818, "O Holy Night," originally in French in 1847, "Joy to the World," originally in English in 1839, "Jingle Bells," also originally in English, in 1857, and "Deck the Halls," originally in Welsh in 1877, to name a few. These began to be superseded after the advent of the radio and the phonograph by popular Christmas songs especially during the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s. Many if these were written by Jews, among them: "Sleigh Ride," written by Mitchell Parish, originally Michael Hyman Pashelinsky, in 1948, "Let It Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!" was written and composed by Sammy Cahn (b. Samuel Cohen) and Jule Styne (b. Julius Kerwin Stein) in 1945. Irving Berlin (b. Israel Isidore Beilin) wrote "White Christmas", and Johnny Marks wrote both "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and

*But if the Protestant Reformation with all its power couldn't manage to stamp out the holiday spirit, grousing in the op-eds section of the press isn't likely to either.*

"Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." Christmas broadcasts began in earnest during the second half of the 20th century, most notably Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life" from 1946 and "A Charlie Brown Christmas," which first aired in 1965. In recent years Christmas has become a battleground for the opponents of the separation of church and state, who oppose the public endorsement of the Christian holiday by government and public companies and conservative Christians, who believe a "War on Christmas" is being waged. The liberals claiming the worship of Jesus shouldn't be forced on them and the conservatives claiming that their right to worship freely is being infringed upon. But if the Protestant Reformation with all its power couldn't manage to stamp out the holiday spirit, grousing in the op-eds section of the press isn't likely to either.

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More on Christmas on <https://jsd-cog.org/tracts-books/>

Easter, Christmas and Sunday were pagan (Tract 11)  
Yours in Messiah,

**Lawrence Mugambi**

# The Power of Air

By Solomon Macharia

I decide to auto search on my television just to be sure that the number of possible channels has not increased. I formally agree that it is a wise decision and with a touch of a button I hit on auto search. The list is endless. It reminds me of how media companies in Kenya resisted change from analog to digital so called digital migration. I wonder why they wanted to deny us this variety of choice. I am lucky to get hold of the Remote control, most times the gadget is restricted from my access. I am idly looking at the gadget and I am quick to realize that it has more functions than it is normally used for. I am told it can have up to sixteen functions. My freedom with the remote is however short lived as the partakers and owners storm the room. Have you ever wondered why it's called a remote control? Well simply because it controls the accessories from afar but more so this thing controls our thoughts without even thinking about it.

(Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Thoughts are more powerful than words, Words are exposed thoughts and thoughts are silent words. The almighty himself expressed his thoughts through word as described in John 1 when he created the world.

Hebrews 1:2 (NIV)

2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

The one who can control your thoughts will surely control your life. To control humans just control their thought life, most dangerous components of life is the source of thoughts which forms the prin-

ciples of life. The battle of humankind is to control their hearts, which is done through controlling their thoughts. This battle is fought in the air, Air has many things, but waves makes the difference. Whoever controls the waves, sound waves, television waves, radio waves, movies, you tube, social media controls the world.

Ephesians 2:1-2 (KJV)

2 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now

prince of the air.

The power is in the air and not with anyone. Satan is said to be the prince of the power of the air to mean that he controls part of the airwaves. No wonder we fight against principalities and powers of the air.

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

As part of my morning ritual I normally tune my Sony 2007 model radio to 93.9FM. BBC world news. In fact I nowadays find it like an automatic switch, that shines light across all directions. I often tune here to escape vicious local political reporting and get a glimpse of the world happenings. What a man sees and hears becomes part of him and is stored in the mind (the hard drive). It's important to protect your eye-gate and air gate

Be careful what you hear

(Mark 4:23-25 (KJV)



23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

The demand on technology to facilitate better communication has grown exponentially alongside our demand for unrestricted, fast and glitch-free services. We want it all; we want it now. We want fast and superior services but we don't want to pay for it. The result is a culture of entitled, whiny crybabies who expect that everything will be given to them without compromise, fees or responsibility.

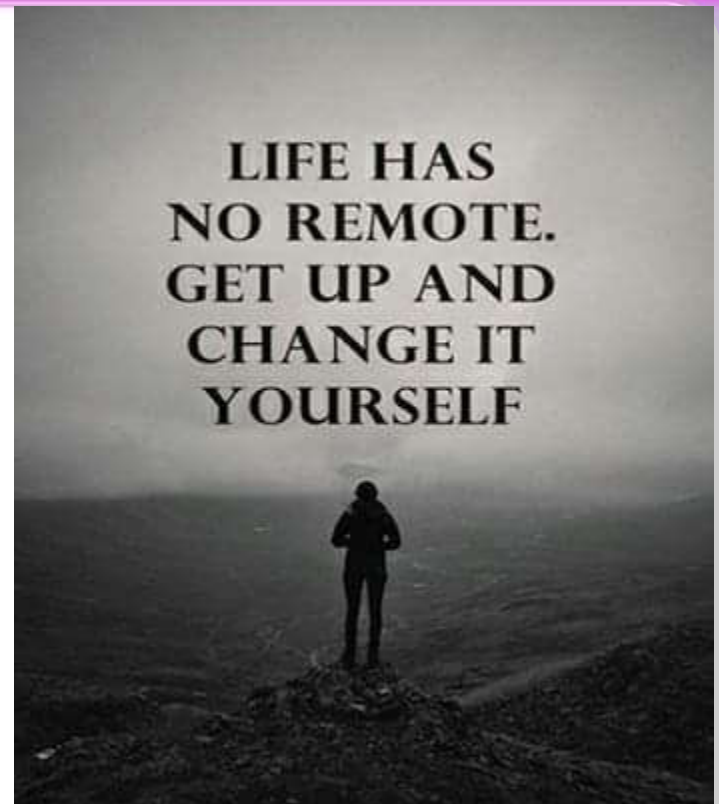
With the internet, social media and texting, instant gratification of our desire to seek is available at the click of a button. You can talk to anyone just by sending a text and they respond in a few seconds. All the information you could want is readily available by a google search. That little red dot that says someone has asked you a question, the little red dot that says you have a notification, the one that tells you that you have a message, release a rush of happiness and contentment due to a reward neurotransmitter known as dopamine. How does this negatively influence society? It gives users a false sense of fulfillment. People enjoy the rush of their phones vibrating with a new notification because it's unpredictable, you don't know exactly when they will, or who they will be from and when it does show up you get a great spike in dopamine but the feeling of that pleasure disappears quickly after it comes.

Satan is said to be the father of lies and actually funds lies even today. As a marketer I had a chance to work in a media station and now in a mobile telecommunication company and I can confirm that large sums of money are used in advertising and promotions many which spread lies.

Matthew 28:11-15 (KJV)

11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto



the soldiers,

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

My honest advice is to channel your sense of control towards something positive, that indomitable thirst for achievement, innovation or idea exchange. Add value every day, and if you feel entitled to something, whether it's free goods, better service, retweets or follows, make sure it's because you add value to the ecosystem. If you build up the community, it will build you up in turn. Use the power of the air positively.

By Solomon Macharia.

# The Sweetness of Tea is the Mug

By Abigail Chepkoech

**A**fter my sister's wedding in 2014, on our way back home, my dad had a serious quest for tea. We stopped at a shopping center at Olen-gurone and got into a hotel and ordered for tea. It was brought in a steel kettle, each one allocated a cup. I looked at the cup before me, from which was to be served. This was a "Kalenjin cup", usually made by juakali artisans out of iron, and beautifully painted, that when one takes mursik from, goes meditating about it for months. This time, the look of the cup clearly indicated how unlucky it was to be in the hands of a careless owner. The area around the mouth of the cup had seriously broken, exposing the rusty steel, not mentioning the body of the cup and the base area. Tea was served into other cups, but getting to mine, I wafted it to land on the other edge of the table. I told the waiter I was full. The table had drops of tea, indicating that since morning, it had barely been cleaned. I grazed my eyes through the interior space of the hotel, and all I saw was more than uncivilized area, just ignorance. I guess the waiter understood me, and in a while came back with a new cup to serve me, though I could no longer catch up with the gone appetite. I gave it to the person who sat next to me, and instead of transferring it to his cup, he pushed his cup aside and proceeded to take from mine. It was then very sweet.

No matter how delicious food is, one can never enjoy it from a dirty place, or unpleasant environment.

Acts 10:44-48

*"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all who were listening to the message. For they heard them talking in [unknown] tongues (languages) and extolling and magnifying God. Then Peter asked, "Can anyone forbid or refuse water for baptizing these people, seeing that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And the believers from among the circumcised [the Jews] who came with Peter were surprised and amazed, because the free gift of the Holy Spirit had been bestowed and poured out largely even on the Gentiles. And he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (the Messiah). Then they begged him to stay on there for some days."*

The sweetness of salvation is baptism. Peter had to seal the covenant of Faith (circumcision) by baptizing them by water, which completes a person...he becomes new. No one gets to the kingdom unless baptized by both water and Holy Spirit. After baptism, one must receive the Holy spirit and gains the fruits of him (Galatians 5:22). Otherwise there is no salvation that goes without circumcision. One proceeds over the other. In exile, the Israelites had been



asked to sing sons of Zion by the Babylonians. This was a common song to them, but could not be sung any minute anytime anywhere. In their land before any holy gathering, they would begin with purification, washing their garments and repent their sins at the reading out of the ten commandments. They would then give burnt offerings through the priests to Elohim. And when accepted, the atmosphere would be filled with the Holy spirit, then did they sing the Zion songs. At this time in Babylon, it would seem like mocking Elohim, as they were in captivity, in a sorrowful atmosphere. How could they sing Zion songs whereas they're in captivity?

Elohim our potter molded perfect souls. It is upon us to maintain them in good condition and clean, for it to be a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. One has to keep constant repentance to maintain the goodness and beauty of the container. John 17:27- "Sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy Word is Truth". **Sanctification** means to be set apart for a Holy purpose. Elohim (Potter) wants His servants (vessels) to be sanctified (through Truth-Word).

During an evangelism mission early this year at Wright Center, Egerton-Njoro, during the open air while our messianic ladies choir were singing, I heard a butcher come out and say " At least we can listen to these people, they're very descent." Preaching the gospel starts from being an example, in conduct, dress code and neatness, then shall you feel the inner man. The early church Messianic preachers put much attention on the Word, and ignored the outlook. Acceptance of the

Word that time to me was more of a miracle than excellent preaching done. Today, with the same preaching, one cannot preach while dressed in ragged, or untidy outfit (general outlook) and expect to win the heavens a soul, no matter how sweet or many the words are. In Messianism, we emphasize on utmost decency and outlook, even before getting to the soul. A new man to the Gospel is first taught on attire, conduct, then baptism. From there, we move to receiving the Holy Spirit.

Have you washed your cup/vessel? Is it still in good condition? Cleaning the vessel/cup is repentance and confession of sin to none but Elohim, who is the only one that can sanctify us.

After acceptance or sanctification, we can then be renewed in the Right Spirit (tea), which has his fruits. Then one can peacefully enjoy salvation. As much as we emphasize on receiving the Holy Spirit and being baptized, we ought to consider too our presentation of the Word, the atmosphere we create. How do we do it, is it conducive for the Word?

### **THE SWEETNESS OF SALVATION IS BAPTISM**

### **THE SWEETNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SOUL IT DWELLS IN**

### **THE SWEETNESS OF THE WORD IS THE ATMOSPHERE AND PRESENTATION**

### **THE SWEETNESS OF THE TEA IS THE MUG**

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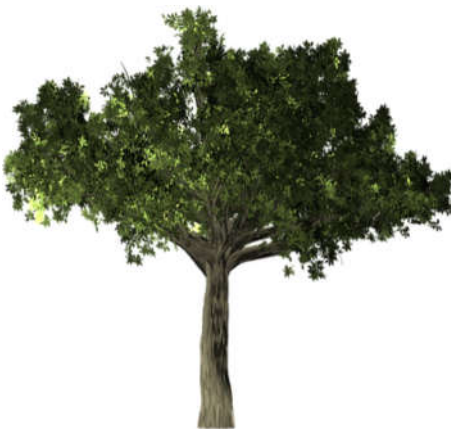
# The Fate of the Unfruitful Fig Tree



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## Mark 11:12-13

**N**ow the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry, and seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. In response Yahshua said to it. "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again".



## Mathew 21:18-19

One morning as Yahshua returned to the city, He was hungry, and seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and He said to it. "Let no fruit grow on you ever again".

The context of this scripture is to show the power of faith. With faith our words can dispel great things. Our words will cause an instantatious impact on lives and great effects on other people as well as to ourselves.

When the disciples were coming back the next day from their mission, they notice the



withered fig tree.

The fig tree however was cursed due to its inability and state of not bearing fruits. It was unfruitful tree despite everything having been done to ensure it is productive.

The tree was not helpful, that when Yahshua went to find something to eat, He never found anything.

It is very sad how most of today's Messianic could fall in this category, how they have physical matters but they indeed have nothing to benefit a hungry person. Yahshua was angry about the fig tree; it looked very attractive, with green leaves and on a fertile soil, but did not have any fruits.

The fate of the fig tree is likened to our today's condition of fate. The fig tree was cursed due to lack of fruits. The master does not care the season. We **MUST** be instant in season and out of season.

A great more lesson will be learned about the fig tree through this article. We are expected to bear fruits in the vineyard. Apparently this is the duty given to all messianic.

**Mathew 3:8** before the cursing of the tree, a great deal of time is at our disposal to do the work of Elohim. There is no doubt that each and every person who has received the true salvation of Yahshua has the obligation to bear good fruits.

There is abundance of blessings that is promised to those who continue to bear the fruits of repentance and salvation.

## In season and out of season.

### Mark 11; 13

And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves. He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

Notice that although it was not the season of figs, the master still expected some fruits from the fig tree because He was hungry. This clearly indicates that a true Messianic must have something regardless of the season. We **MUST** bear fruits in season or out of season. We must have the taste and be seasons with salt at all time. Again the master was hungry early in the morning. This shows that at every hour, whether morning, day-time, evening or at night, we **MUST** bear the right fruits of righteousness.

Yahshua is glad when by far, He sees the leaves of the fig tree, but only to find despite the outer beauty exhibited by the green leaves, the fig tree never had fruits. Most of us may have the outer admirations but we have nothing to offer to the needy.

As Messianic it's true that most blossom outwardly. We look very promising, someone can be tempted to conclude that we have some fruits in us, but regrettably we mostly have nothing to offer to the needy. It's more often than not to have more embarrassing situations from our members.

The Master was hopeful that He will get something to eat from the fig tree. Many at times people have hoped to get something good from us just to get a blow even worse than what an pagan can punch on them.

We need not excel in beating up one another and dragging out our brethren. We need to save lives and not kill the innocent people who are seeking life. As Messianic, we MUST bear good fruits regardless of the time and season. There is a great danger to those who try to be very holy during the Sabbath. A much more danger is when we exhibit Messianic virtues during certain events or occasion.

We do not leave a life to please other people. Our obligations to the Master of the vineyard, He commissioned us to bear fruits and save many lives. The Master hopes to constantly get more fruits for Him. Those who bear good fruits will continue to bear more. Those who do not will be cut off.

## The Patience of the Master's Vineyard.

### Luke 13:7

Then He said to the keeper of his vineyard, Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground. Verse 8- But He answered and said to him, Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. Verse 9- And if it bears fruit, well but if not, after that you can cut it down.

Elohim is a patient God. He has considered giving us more time, even now so that we can start

The master will be happy if we bear fruits. Seemingly if we do not regret, but firmly gives out a Clear

I consider that as Messianic, we have a big shortcoming very clearly spelt out. We seem not to bear the right fruits. Most of our people still dwell on the religious dogmatic and

stereotypical myths, and do not spiritually grow to any other level of spiritual. They continue to blast and boost of their religious orientation. They have forgotten the duty that we were commissioned to us all. Saving live, weaning souls.



**Jude 1:23** but others save them with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. That is a good way of bearing fruits.

Most Messianic no longer have the joy of Salvation-Where one fails to bear fruits, the Holy Spirit is usually taken away. One is cut off and becomes a barren Messianic. Only having the title of Messianic is not enough if one does not bear the good fruits.

This article is very timely. It is a great subject that came from me in a very assorted manner. This is a very timely article. The topic of bearing fruits in season and out of season is a practical life situation now facing most Christians. Dwelling on supremacy battles and forms of religious dogmas and forms of godliness, which have made the Church to be emaciated. Most have forgotten to bear the true virtues of true salvation and the true righteousness. No doubt the verdict is already determined by the Master to cut them off.

Bearing the right fruits is ultimately the main objectives and intention of our, Master, that we may all bear good fruits in the vineyard. It does not matter how long, how many decades one has been in this faith. How many souls one has brought to the master matters a lot. It is sad that some people can clearly remember the people they have dragged out of Church.

The purpose of the **3<sup>rd</sup> Angel messenger** is also to preach to us and also evangelise and bring many in the house of Elohim. We must create a conducive environment in the house where we are bringing the new converts. We need to introduce them in the vineyard that is in harmony with the work for which we have been called.

The core mission of a true Messianic is to propagate the spirit of love, unity and righteousness. This is the only thing that will make us bear more good fruits to our Master.



Otherwise the fate of the fig tree awaits every person who does not bear fruits in the vineyard. The bearing of good fruits is truly exhibited by the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The following are the fruits that we need to bear.



Any one who lacks these virtues can easily fall victim of the fate of the unfruitful fig tree. True Messianic can no longer polish up their faith on the basis of the Sabbath alone. The Ten Commandments are no doubt the pillars by which the true doctrine is anchored, but true Messianic is based on the kind of fruits and how one builds on this foundation.

True Messianic is not based on group or factional orientation, but to me I consider it a personal orientation and how each individual shall bear the right fruits that will entitle him to eternal kingdom.

The performance of the individual fruitless fig tree was considered. The fig tree that

does not bear fruits is considered categorically on the basis of its failure to start up and to bear fruits. Similarly all people shall give account of their fruits in the final days.

Elohim knows each and every state of our life and what we do in the vineyard. Some may have taken their time to beat up other servants, but now we all have time given to adjust and start bearing fruits. Some may have been the advocates of hatred; some may have been the bearers of the deadly weapons of malice, gossip and contentions. Some may have been the perpetrators of division. Elohim knows this very well and He is sending up the senior steward, Yahshua to come and cut off these types of fig trees if they fail to bear fruits even this year.

The fate of the fig tree which does not bear fruits is a world message. We all need to make up the decision to start bearing spiritual fruits.

### Luke 3:8

Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourself, we have Abraham our Father, each individual account but not on account of our fathers.

In conclusion, this article has a message to all of the professing Messianic. That the fate of the fruitless fig tree has been determined but that we all have a chance left to make change in our works. For our works are not yet perfect, and we are not bearing

enough of the good fruits. Let us all come start bearing the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Let us not embrace the worldly pattern and let us abandon the vices that have of many years hindered many from bearing good fruits.

The only chance we have to bear good fruits is today and even now. When the time shall be over, we shall then only be waiting to be cut off and thrown away and loss the privileges of getting eternal life.

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**The most recent Messianic Student Association rally and evangelism was hosted courtesy of the University of Nairobi in conjunction with Kangemi and Kibra Churches of Elohim.**

**Through their able leadership, we had a wonderful event that was attended by brethren from far and wide. We worshipped together with joy. It became an inspiration of Messianism could be, if we humbled ourselves and appreciated every other Messianic strengths. Thank UoNMSA.**

# The Tithe

By James Njenga Ng'ang'a

**T**enth of our income is to be returned TO HIM TO BE USED FOR HIS WORK. if you love Elohim "with all your mind, soul and heart" (Matt 22:37), then you will find it a pleasure to obey His Commands. If this love does not exist, then we will not find pleasure in our service to Him.

The questions we want to answer in this lesson are

- (1) is the tithing Biblical?
- (2) is it commanded by Elohim?

## 1. Silver and Gold belongs to Elohim

Haggai 2:8 KJV The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts.

In this verse, Elohim tells us the silver and gold is all His. In other words, none of it belongs to us. What we receive, Elohim gives to us out of the goodness of His Heart. To show us how good Elohim is, He only ask that we return one - tenth to Him.

## 2. Every Beast are His Psalm 50:10-12 KJV

For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. [11] I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are Mine. [12] If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is Mine, and the fulness thereof.

From this, we are reminded, there is nothing that belongs to us. Everything belongs to Elohim. He has entrusted it all to us to take care of it. But He is very generous because He allows us to keep nine-tenth. Isn't He generous?

## 3. The tithe was given from the very beginning

Genesis 14:17-20 KJV And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale. [18] And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the Most High God. [19] And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth: [20] And blessed be the Most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Here Abraham gives a tithe to the high priest Melchizedek. Why does Abraham gives a tenth? Because he knows it is a command from Elohim (Gen 26:5).

## 4. Jacob gives a tithe

Genesis 28:20-22 KJV And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, [21] So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be My God: [22] And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's House: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.

The paying of tithe in the Book of Genesis occurred long before Moses' law as clearly set forth in the aforementioned texts.



**5. The tenth is HOLY**

Leviticus 27:32 KJV

And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord .

The tenth does not belong to us. The tenth belongs to the LORD; therefore, it is holy and we should not keep it for ourselves.

**6. Honor the LORD with the first fruits**

Proverbs 3:9-10 KJV

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: [10] So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

The first fruits indicate the LORD should get His portion first; and what is left we can keep and use for our existence. Verse 10 reveals to us there is a blessing awaiting us if we do this. Elohim will see we have enough.

**7. Is it sin to withhold the tenth?**

Malachi 3:8-9 KJV

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. [9] Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation.

Here it tells us very plainly that if we withhold the tithe and offering, we rob Elohim. Now a robber is a thief and we know no thief will get into the Kingdom, so not tithing is a sin. The tenth is the LORD'S and we rob Him if we keep it to ourselves. We must be as honest with Elohim, as we are with people when we handle their money.

**8. What is sin**

1 John 3:4 KJV

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

The Bible very clearly explain that sin is the "transgression of the law". Whatever law we transgress, it is sin. That's why it is so important to understand what Elohim requires of us, lest we transgress His Law. Still, we want to explain that we tithe out of love, for we want to show Him how much we appreciate all He does for us.

**9. Again, a promise or blessing, if we give**

Malachi 3:10 KJV

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine House, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it .

Again, this shows how good Elohim is. The tithe belongs to Him in the first place but yet He says, if we return it to Him, He will bless us. This shows how wonderful Elohim is. He gives more to us than we give to a Him.

**WHAT IS TITHE TO BE USED FOR?****10. Levi had no inheritance**

Deuteronomy 10:9 KJV

Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the Lord is his inheritance, according as the Lord Thy God promised him.

When the children of Israel went into the Promised Land, the tribe of Levi (who were to be priests) was not to receive any inheritance with which to support their families.

Elohim had other plans for them.

### 11. Tenth to the Levi

Numbers 18:21,24 KJV And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. [24] But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

We can see from this that that the Levites (the priests) were to live from the tithe or tenth of the other tribes. This was to be their inheritance.

### 12. It is the same for the ministers today

1 Corinthians 9:9,11,13-14 KJV For it is written in the Law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? [11] If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? [13] Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? [14] Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

Verse 14 tells us "Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel". This was the way in the beginning, during the time of Israel and today. Those who preach the gospel should live of the Gospel. The Gospel is the Lord's Work, so He has provided a way in which the work can progress and the ministers can be taken care of.

### 13. Paul robbed other churches

2 Corinthians 11:2,7-8 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 Christ. [7] Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? [8] I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.

Romans 10:14-15 KJV

How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? [15] And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Does that mean that Paul was a thief? What is he talking about? The Corinth Church was not supporting the work as they should, so Paul had to take money from other Churches to bring the Gospel to them. In this sense, he robbed other Churches. We should not be found guilty of this.

### 14. The LORD'S House forsaken

Nehemiah 13:10-12 KJV And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. [11] Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the House of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. [12] Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.

The Levite's portion was not given to them, so they had to go to the field to provide for their families. So the LORD'S House was forsaken. Elohim was not pleased with this and they were rebuked. Verse 12 tells us what took place next.

## 15. Plenty for the LORD'S Work

2 Chronicles 31:5,9-10 KJV

And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. [9] Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. [10] And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the House of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the Lord hath blessed His people; and that which is left is this great store.

The LORD'S way is the best way. If we practice tithing, there will always be plenty for His Work. But if we fail to tithe, then the work will be hindered. By giving the tenth, we all give the same, whether it is small or large. The LORD'S looks not at the amount but at whether we have been faithful or obedient in that which He gave us.

We can be selfish and keep all but remember our eternal life depends on our obedience, giving the LORD'S His tithe does pay dividends. This is as much part of obedience as "thou shalt not bear false witness".

John 14:15 KJV

If ye love Me, keep My Commandments.

Anything short of complete surrender to His Will does not show genuine love.

2 Corinthians 9:7 KJV.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Dear brethren, remember those who escape the perils of the last days, and who stand redeemed and saved before Elohim "...they are the called, the called, and **THE FAITHFUL**". Revelation 17:14 KJV Faithfulness means much and Yahshua says if we are faithful in that which is least we are faithful also in much, and that it is required of steward to be faithful. We have been entrusted with certain talents. To one is given more than to another, but if we dig in the earth, and hide the Lord's money, we are counted as a slothful servant. I fear that many are devoting, the Lord's money to furnish bread to supply the physical needs of friends or loved ones, and are thus burying the Lord's Money.

The portion of our lives that He requires, and which is plainly set forth in the Bible, is the Tithe. He is testing men and women today as to their faithfulness. The tithe, "the first fruits", is expressly to go for the spiritual welfare, and not for the temporal needs of humanity. The difference is so vastly great between the physical and the spiritual, that no comparison can in reality be made. The physical is only for few years, while the spiritual is for all eternity. It reaches throughout the countless ages and cycle of time. Messianic must be faithful if they are to be among the chosen and escape the seven last plagues and be received into the Kingdom of Elohim.

### ARE YOU FAITHFUL?

By Bro. James Njenga Ng'ang'a.



# Messiah as a Package - Kibra, NRB

By Peter G. King'ori

**T**he gospel should be preached to all people since Messiah promised that the gospel will be preached to all parts of the world as affirmed in Mathew 24:14 "And the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come". Messiah's followers were very zealous in spreading the gospel after his ascension to heaven as attested throughout the book of Acts. This was the greatest commission by Messiah to them (Mathew 28:19-20). As their successors we should be even more zealous since time is of essence. The aforementioned is when compared with this era. They commenced the gospel in the 1st Century while we are conveying the gospel in the 21st century. Meaning we should be more zealous than them.

The mission was co-hosted by The University of Nairobi Messianic Students Association under the umbrella of Messianic Students Association of Kenya (M. S.A.K) with Kibra Jerusalem church of God/Elohim. Initially the inter-universities and other institutions forum under M. S.A.K was to be held within the host's university premises but didn't materialize hence Kibra church came on board to host the forum. In a previous forum of the M.S.A.K we had been hosted inside the host's institution at Kenyatta University by Kenyatta University Messianic Students Association (K. U. M. E. S. A). Kibra being in Nairobi the capital city of the country allowed many people to be in the mission.

As usual like any other mission the plans commenced earlier. The Message conveying was to commence prior the forum. Coincidentally the Kibra church had just finished building a spacious church which made the accommodations convenient. The Messengers arrived on time to commence the mission. As the message was being conveyed we received positive feedback from the ground every day until the Sabbath when we concluded the Mission. Since the mission was made up of many students, their input was visible even in





the message conveying.

Since we wanted to maximize our potential we also engaged the locals in door to door interactions. We split into teams and left for the engagement in the morning and met later in the noon. Each team had different feedback. My team met with different people affiliated to different religion. We met with a Muslim who was very keen to what we conveyed. He also enlightened us on issues concerning Islam. Kibra has many Muslims and mosques could be seen around from where we had our open air meeting.

On Sabbath we got reinforcement from various churches around the area. The students had attended from almost every part of the country. We had even representatives from Coast, Nyanza, Rift Valley, Eastern etc. Hence the message conveying included positive ethnicity. Through the interaction with the students, I realized that there were those who can be very good 3rd Angel's Message conveyers. That's why it is paramount to nurture our youths and prepare them for Elohim's work. Paul advises Timothy on the same 1st Timothy 4:12.

The Sacrifice made by the University of Nairobi Messianic Students in the Mission was visible in how they treated the visitors. I can attest of the aforementioned, they did the job as if to Messiah and not man (Colossians 3:23).

The message conveying was conclude without any hitch, we thank Elohim for provision and guidance during the mission. We thank the U. O. N. M. S. A, M. S.A.K, Kibra church and all people that took part in the Mission. May Elohim bless them abundantly for the ardent job.

Messiah as a package continues...

Shalom.

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# Infertility, every couple's nightmare

**I**n my short practice, if any, I've come to realize how disturbing the idea of being unable to bear children is. Not because I had never learnt about it in school or never met a couple wishing to get their own child before, but because of the fact that I was the one responsible to counsel a couple on the chances of ever having or not having children, scientifically of course. It dawned to me, it is just not any other routine.

My thoughts wondered at how many Messianic couples I had come across with the same problem. As the scriptures would advise, many resort to prayers. A very important step. The stories of Sarah, Anna and Elizabeth serve the best examples in motivating a childless couple. And as sure as Elohim is, the prayers of a faithful man or woman avails much.

James reminds us that faith without works is as good as dead. Whether out of lack of awareness or outright refusal, I don't understand the reason why a couple wouldn't seek medical help in addition to prayers.

By definition, infertility is inability to conceive despite adequate trials to achieve conception. Inability to carry a pregnancy to 7 months by Kenyan law is termed infecundity. For the purpose of simplicity, I will use infertility to represent both terms.

There are a number of reasons why a couple may be unable to bring up a child. The factors that contribute to this are both from the men and the women. Surprising, right? It shouldn't. Whilst Women have always been blamed by the society for barrenness, studies show that 30% of all infertility causes are associated with men. So, before a man blames his wife of childlessness, he should be sure he's not the cause.

Most of the problems associated with infertility have medical solutions. Ranging from low energy, inadequate or abnormal "seed", hormonal imbalance, blocked tubes, malformed uteri, early pregnancy losses, second trimester losses or even third trimester pregnancy losses, all may receive a medical input and the results might be desirable.

Of course there are those interventions that are still

controversial within Messianic circles such as Invitro Fertilization (IVF) and ICSI. These are the so-called test tube babies. They are considered among the last options. If they seem unpalatable, one can consider adoption.

The command from the beginning was for us to bring up our kind throughout our generations. Are you struggling with childlessness? Have you tried a medical solution? If not, give it a try.

**3John 1:2** Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

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