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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."

THE TRUE PEACE

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Editor's Note

As we release this issue, the world is in distress as a result of the world wide pandemic (Corona Virus). Being in the world we are not exceptional. Nevertheless, we should find solace in Elohim.

Prior Messiah's ascension to heaven, he prayed for his followers since he knew the challenges they would encounter in the world. He didn't pray for them to be removed from the world, he prayed for them, to be kept at peace in the world as affirmed in the 17th chapter of John.

John 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

True peace is not absence of setbacks or challenges, its the presence of Elohim in our hearts. The aforementioned is well expounded in THE TRUE PEACE (SHALOM). Recently, one of the 16 Men ordained by Elder Shoemaker breathed his last. The foregoing is highlighted by Martin Makokha in ELDER MUIGAI NG'ANG'A. The elder's input in Elohim's vineyard is felt and visible amongst many Messianic believers as attested by THE SONS OF ELDER MUIGAI. Ezekiel Ngogoyo is back in the Country, in this issue, he outlines the need of delighting in prayers through DELIGHTING AND LIVING IN PRAYERS, PURPOSE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. We all desire peace, unfortunately in this wicked world to get peace is very hard. Because of the foregoing, we have PEACE by Lawrence Mugambi. James Njenga explains the ORIGIN OF YAHSHUA. Abigail inputs in THIS ERA'S TITANIC. Njogu Mureithi engages the Corona issue in OF MESSIANISM AND COVID-19, WHAT DO YOU KNOW? MESSIAH AS A PACKAGE continues...

Prophecy is being fulfilled right in our eyes. Luke 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Let's continue praying for the healing of the Nations, since it's our duty to do so as affirmed in Jeremiah 29:7;12. Jeremiah 29:7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. Jeremiah 29:12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

As usual get interactive with us via the addresses herein.

Shalom.

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

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TRUE PEACE

By Peter Kings

Due to the advancement of the technology, people can interact regardless of the distance between them. The world has become a global village, whereby what is happening in one corner of the world, the same is conveyed in the other corner of the world in a click of a button. Human beings are pursuing their happiness with all energies. Nevertheless the aforementioned is not achieved because the same human beings compromise each other's happiness. When a city advances security wise the law breakers advances on the same but negatively. Hence there is no harmony amongst the people, which leads to unhappiness.

Prior Messiah's ascension to the heaven, he knew that the world couldn't offer the true peace to its inhabitants, hence he gave the true peace to his apostles and his followers who would join them as attested in John 14:27.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

True peace is not absence of challenges, setbacks, diseases, bereavements, etc. It's the precense of Messiah in our hearts. Messiah was conversant of the aforementioned and that's why he advised his followers to be of good cheer when faced by tribulations

in the world as affirmed in 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.

As a matter of fact, Messiah is referred to as the 'son of peace' as outlined in Luke 10:6.

Luke 10:6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

After our Savior's ascension to the heaven, the apostles knew the importance of true peace, hence preached on the same as highlighted in Acts 10:36.

Acts 10:36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

The true peace can't be experienced by the wicked those who are contrary and against Elohim's laws. The righteous who abide by Elohim's law and have become spiritually minded are the only people who can have the true peace as affirmed in Romans 8:6.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Even in the old dispensation prior the gospel dispensation to all the inhabitants of the world after our Messiah's sacrifice to humankind,



the peace was attributed to the righteous only as affirmed by Isaiah 48:18.

Isaiah 48:18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

Since Elohim is the one who makes peace as outlined in Isaiah 45:7, its imperative to be in harmony with his directives so as to get the true peace from him.

Peace is one of the fruits of the Holy spirit. Meaning without Holy Spirit we can't have the true peace. The Scriptures are very clear on the Holy spirit in relation to the world. The world can't accept him neither the world don't know him. It's only those people that follows Elohim's directives have and are in harmony with his directives that can experience the holy spirit power in their day to day activities and hence have the true peace. When Paul engaged with the Galatians brethren, his wish to them was that they receive peace from Elohim as outlined in Galatians 1:3.

Galatians 1:3 Grace be to you and peace from



God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

When peace reigns in our lives, we shall always be thankful to Elohim despite the wickedness, insecurities and all vices that breaks us down in our daily lives. If the worldly could only know that the true peace is only given by Elohim they could abandon their wicked ways and pursue Elohim's law for the much needed peace. For Messianic believers we should be prayerful for the Holy Spirit to abide in us,

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ELDER MUIGAI NG'ANG'A

By Martin Makokha.

In the 1900s Kenya as other African countries was under the reigns of the European nations, Kenya being under the British Empire. Around 1916 in Ndakaini Village, Fort Hall (Murang'a) a boy was born to Mr. Ng'ang'a Muriuthia and his wife Mrs Waithera Ng'ang'a. This boy was named Muigai and was brought up just like his sibling Gi-athi, Mwangi, Waititu, Wambui, Muthoni and Wanini.

He wasn't lucky to pursue his education further but only to the point of reading his native Kikuyu and little Swahili. Just like other Kikuyu boys in 1933 he was entered manhood via circumcision after which he believed in Christianity but on reading the Bible was convinced that Saturday was the true Sabbath. Thus he joined other Kikuyu Christians in the Akurino

church named 7th Day Missionaries Church where he was given the name 'Harun'. Apart from keeping Saturday as the Sabbath this group also believed in marrying many wives. In 1947 he married Elizabeth Wairimu Njoroge of which were blessed with ten children.

In 1953 he joined other Kikuyu young men in liberating their land from the white men. He enrolled in the MAUMAU a Kikuyu militia that fought against the Britons over their land. After the war he went back to the Akurino faith and just like other church members in 1961 he married his second wife Anastacia Wangare. He rose through the ranks of the church leadership to become a pillar. He was known by other names like Elijah and John thus some of his comrades use to call him 'EliJon Muigai'

He believed in prayers and fasting,

one day in 1960's he was so much disturbed and really wanted to know the ways of holiness. Thus he declared a period of praying and fasting. He locked himself in his room, with no food, water etc, and prayed to God. He pleaded to be shown the right path to salvation.

It was after that period of fasting and prayers that he received a tract from his friend. This tract was published by The Mount Zion Reporter Jerusalem. The tracts had been received by Edward Macharia between 1959- 1960 and he gave them out to his friends. He contacted the publishers of the pamphlet and started correspondences with them. At one point he send his picture together with his two wives to Jerusalem.

He was so influential in the 7th Day Missionaries Church and helped start a number of churches in the current Nyahururu and Li-

mururu regions. His prowess in the Bible, being a man of faith with various gifts accompanying his ministry. He continued with his correspondences with Jerusalem and even at one point requested for someone to come to Kenya to teach him further.

In August 1970, when he was on a 7th Day Missionaries field trip in Ndeiya (Limuru), A missionary from The Mount Zion Reporter arrived at Thompson Falls (Nyahururu) a place called "Kwa Nyakarianga" After the field work he returned to his home in Matura (Kwa Major)- Ol-kalou to find a report from Mr. Edward Macharia that a Jew from Jerusalem had arrived and wanted to speak to him. He boarded a bus to 'Kwa Nyakarianga' on alighting from the bus the Jew was informed that Mr. Muigai had arrived. The Jew went to meet him, he hugged him and together went into the house. Mr. Muigai together with others believed what these 'Jewish' minister was preaching and thus needed baptism. But before baptism the 'Jew' asked each of them about his/her life. He had a picture of Mr. Muigai with his two wives and said that when coming from Jerusalem he had been told never to baptize anyone who had two wives if he didn't separate from the younger one. This was a heavy burden to Mr. Muigai's heart, when

his time came, his younger wife accepted to separate from him for she said that 'the kingdom can't be compared to a husband' This was a relief to Muigai's heart as now he was at liberty to be baptized by the 'Jew'

He was baptized on 15th August 1970 by the 'Jew' and on 16th August 1970 together with 13 others was appointed as 'ministers' of The Church of God 7th Day.

He remained true to the calling to his death on 26th January 2020, having served for 49 years and 7 months with 40 years being in active ministry.

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Martin Makokha



Elder A. M. Shoemaker with the 14 ministers-1970

1 Timothy

5:17

*The Elders who direct
the affairs of the church are
worthy of double honor
especially those whose work
is preaching and teaching.*

The SONS of ELDER MUIGAI

By Martin Makokha.



Elder Josphat Mwangi with some of the 'sons of Muigai' during Elder Muigai's burial ceremony - Picture by Makokha

A history book named, "The Call" capture's Elder Muigai Ng'ang'a as one of the 16 pioneer church elders in Kenya and **clearly** indicates that most of the current Messianic factional leaders traces their roots back to him. This assertion was vindicated during the burial of Elder Muigai Ng'ang'a on 5th February 2020 at Matura village, Olkalou.

The burial ceremony was attended by thousands of believers across the factional divide with each at least playing a role at the event. Many were those capturing the historic moment through videos and cameras perhaps for future reference. What captured my mind was how speaker after speaker traced their roots, some going back to 1970's at the inception of the Church of God here in Kenya.

Close to ten Messianic leaders of different congregations attended the ceremony and when given time to make a short speech most used a

coined Kikuyu word, "*ki'hi kia muigai*" which means a "*son of Muigai*" Pr. Kuria Karanja, Pr. Elijah Kimani, Pr. Simon Kirugumi, Pr. Elijah Soi, Pr. Karora, Pr. Njamba Kamonye, Pr. Peter G. Kihara, Pr. Osumba Abok, Pr. Wambiru, Pr. Kihuna, Pr. Mwaura etc all identified themselves as sons of Elder Muigai Ng'ang'a. The leadership of Mt. Zion Church of God was also represented by their national treasurer Pr. Daniel Nabwayo and a host of other senior pastors, elders and deacons who made sure the event was captured in mainstream print daily.

This was a historic event with sons of Muigai meeting and confessing that indeed they were his sons. These are men who diligently serve in the Master's vineyard and thus it can be very wrong if what they were saying was a mere lip service. I don't want to believe that it was a lip service because I personally know some of them and can confirm that they are genuine servants in the vineyard.

The challenge is to these sons of Elder Muigai, the world is moving at a very catastrophic speed and as the sons of one man you can change the cause of how Messianic faith is viewed here in Kenya and across. Pr. Njamba's plea should be taken into consideration, though some of these sons might be older in faith than Pr. Njamba, but he worked with Elder Muigai longer than any of them. He must be listened to, his plea for sons of Muigai meeting and discussing often should not be ignored. **There is power in unity and I believe these sons can do it if only they decide to be true to their coined phrase, 'sons of Muigai'.** If the sons fails to heed this, then it will be upon the grandsons, (if they exist) to stand up and be counted, they should not continue in the error of their father's, Lamentations 5:7.

Martin Makokha, February 2020.

LIVING IN PRAYER AND INFALLIBLE PURPOSE

By Ezekiel Ngogoyo

The Christian life should be of prayers, pursuit of righteousness and purposed for eternity in the heavenly kingdom.

Prayer as a way of breakthrough

1 Chronicles 5:20 and they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them, for they cried out to God in battle. He (God) heeded their prayer because they put their trust in Him. **Ezra 8:23** so we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer.

No doubt prayer is the only way to most of the lives' breakthrough. Christians should be prayerful rather than trying to achieve great things by their own efforts. A prayerful person is usually hopeful in life. He/she is made to be patient and resilient in the hope and trust that God hears prayers. Prayer of intercessory of the saints and the community is important to be offered by the saints. We have the case of Peter when he was in prison **Acts 5:19** But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out. This happened when the saints gathered to pray for Peter while he was in the dungeon.

Christian living should NOT be driven by passion because passion is the driver of emotions and feelings. Passion can be overcome by reason.

Prayer and purpose are the drivers of the right living and a meaningful growth in mankind. While influence, wealth and power generates populari-

ty and fame.

Purpose is an intent followed with action plans and efforts towards achieving an endeavour. Most of our purposes can be achieved through efforts with strong back-up of prayers.



Living in Prayer and Purpose in Philipppian.

The strength of purpose is the steering move towards realizing our goals. A purpose is a future attainable idea or plan. There is no meaningful live if it has no purpose. The purpose of live should be to attain better forms and standards of living. The growth and development of man is geared towards attaining good, better and excellent living.

Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. God is never ashamed of people who look for a better living and indeed He is not ashamed to be called their God and God Has prepared a city for them. A new city and new better names shall also be given to the people who live in prayers and in a purpose of righteousness **Revelation 2: 17**And I will give him which no one knows except him who receive it.

It needs according to my reason, therefore that Christians make efforts to have a good if not a better name

while they are living this life. Ultimately for one to get a newer and better name, one ought to have a good name as a servant of God.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favour rather than Silver and gold. It is upon anyone to choose a life that is worthy of honour to God. Everyone has the right to choose such a life and get favour from God. It is in this world that we have the privileges to choose. No one has another chance to make their own choices. A good name comes from our deeds and our service towards Go and people. It is at this time in hand that God determines our new names and positions in the heavenly kingdom.



Young couples mentored into responsible Church of these generation.

To purpose for a more excellent name, one has to be better than the Angels **Hebrews 1:4**.

Christians should live a moderate live in the fear of God. They need to engage in meaningful relationship with people who can help them grow towards pleasing God. They need to live a full live with purpose, the purpose to serve others, to help the needy, to

uplift the poor and to pray for a sustainable Christian living in righteousness and hope for a good future.

1 Kings 8:38,49 Whatever prayer, whatever supplications made by anyone, or by all your people Israel, when each one knows the plague of his own heart, and spreads out his hands towards this temple....

Then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

2 Chronicles 6:29-30,35 Whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all your people Israel, when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands to this temple. **VS 30** then hear from heaven, your dwelling-place. Forgive and deal with everyone according to all they do, since you know their hearts (for you alone know the human heart) **Vs 35**. Then hear from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.



Proverbs 15:8 The Lord is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous. Then the LORD said to Noah, "come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation" **Genesis 7:1**

The pursuit of Christians is to pursue the new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. I have al-

ways been saddened by those Christians who are still blinded with the worldly status, power and materialistic wealth, forsaking the wealth in the righteous living.

The other sad experiences is Christians conforming to the world lifestyle. Many Christians are complacent with the worldly pleasures and have therefore lived in the comfort and conformity environments of the evil world. This includes conformity regarding society rules and customs.

- ♦ Joining family for pagan festivals.
- ♦ Joining music and dance shows with secular artists.
- ♦ Illegal business deals including defaulting from payment of taxes to the government.
- ♦ False measures and cheating.
- ♦ Speaking lies and false testimonies against one another.
- ♦ Sexual immoralities.
- ♦ Misuse of power, office and deception in pursuit of unrightful wealth and positions.

Romans 12:2 warns us not to conform to this world, but rather Christians need to be transformed by the renewing of their minds, that they may stand in and prove what is good, acceptable and perfect will of God.

As we proclaim the third angel message, calling people to come out of the world conformity, we MUST be careful on how we are trending on this subject. The church has a role to play as a role model of the message we are conveying to the world, else we misuse the name of God in vain.

Read **Romans 1.32** although they

know God's righteousness decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practise them. They (Christians) in their words seem to be a holy people but in their deeds, they are deeply rooted in this tattered world. We need to live like the righteous Lot amidst the evil doers **2 Peter 2:7** God delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked.

Wicked Christians are cooperating with the wicked world to execute many evils. The righteous will be recompensed on earth, similarly much more the ungodly and the sinner. The righteous by good compensation and the wicked with wrath, just as it were in the days of Lot.

Acts 10:4 Your prayer and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. There is no doubt that prayer and deeds of righteousness shall be crowned when the due time comes. I personally delight in the Church that mentors its members and admonishes them to give to the needy and the poor, starting from their own brethren. A church that is sustained by prayers, alms giving and living a righteous live is no doubt the one that has a delight and hope for eternal life.

JOB 42:2 I know that you can do everything, and no purpose of yours can be withheld from you. So it is always good for Christians (Messianics) to have a purpose of live. In order to succeed in life we must chose to pursue a life of the fear of God and to the service of the needy and a philanthropic spirit of alms giving and raising a

society full of the fear of God. Most people have abandoned their original call of service and are selfishly pursuing worldly pleasures and engaging in unrighteous deals to their own detriment.

Any purpose that one has shall however come to pass as Job is saying.

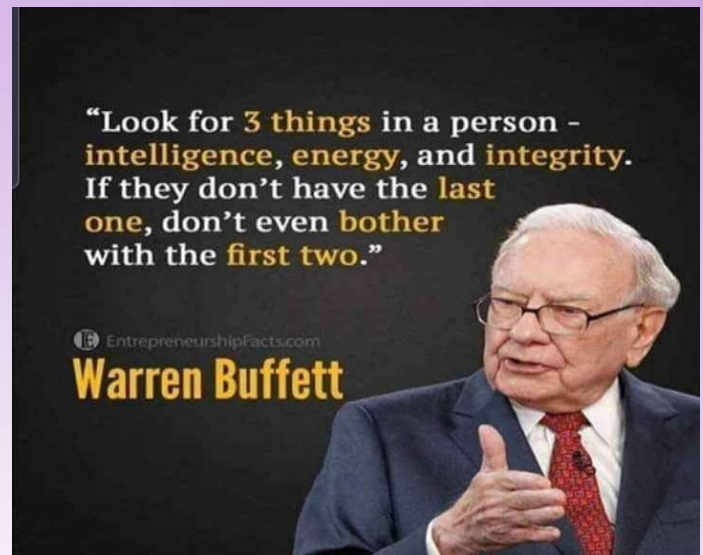
An example of overcoming passion by reason of Purpose

Daniel 1: 8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would NOT defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he(the King) drank, therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

The Church has a great responsibility to mentor our youth and our members in living a righteous live, a live full of prayer and alms giving in the joyous fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We have pushed our young people more on getting wealth and strongly encouraged them to be go-getters and we have despised the important value of living in prayers and being grounded in honesty and integrity. Young Daniel for example purposed NOT to defile himself with worldly pleasure and delicacies. Joseph was mentored in his father's house and became a responsible and God fearing young man. He had self-control motivated by his reason for righteousness and integrity and a purposeful living. He fled away from the evil woman whose passion and ambition was to defile the righteous Joseph and tater his integrity and reason. The same Joseph saw a positive purpose for his live and never apprehended his brothers when they came to Egypt **Genesis 50:19-20**



Living purposely is effected by a positive attitude and the ability to look at things in a more meaningful and positive way. Angry and unpleasant situations can be changed to look better and good if you look at them in the opposite direction.



Living a righteous life.

Read **Genesis 39.10** Although Zelicah the wife of Potiphar spoke to Joseph day after day, Joseph not only refused to go to bed with her but indeed also avoided her at any time. Joseph stood firm and rejected all the advances of this woman. He was falsely accused by her and brought to judgement and later acquitted by Potiphar's judges and cast into prison. Later from prison God's intervention for the righteous people uplifts Joseph to a new glory and he becomes the second in power in Egypt and was made the governor of Egypt and given one of the daughters of Potiphar for a wife. Our young people can have similar attitude towards live only if the church can instil and mentor them towards this. They should be taught not to be manned by the passion but by reason of purpose for righteous living.

Amongst the roles of the church is to develop young people into potentially responsible men and women in the society.



As the Church endeavours to bring more converts and young people in the vineyard, I appeal to the Church leaders and ministers not to shy from instilling virtues in our church. The Leaders MUST be a living example to the church as they teach these virtues of Christian lives else

they get challenges to execute the same is themselves shall be found wanting.



Brother Soy, and the increasing harvest in Zambia.

Many young people are coming on board into the Church of God. We all have a responsibility in bringing up a righteous men and women to carry on the true and correct doctrine of the Church to the next generation.

These are numbers to count on. Thanks to those who still put positive efforts towards greater harvest from the vineyard of our Master. The ongoing evangelical missions in Nakuru, Narok, Meru, Nyeri, Mombasa, Turkana as well as other parts of the country and the diaspora Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia, Malawi and South Africa. May Elohim bless this noble workers and all who support this missions in any way.

The Church need to count on the new converts and the youth for the future of the Church. We therefore need to uphold and support those working in the Lord's vineyard and bringing the harvest, for the harvest is abundant but the labourers are few.



We as a church MUST count on the new converts as they will be the ones to move on with the right Church doctrine. Let the church play its role in

mentoring them for the future hope and purpose in the righteous living.

Acts 2:23 Him being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death.

Acts 4: 28 to do whatever your hand and your purpose determined before to be done.

The reason for living a good life with the fear of God, is to ensure that the next generation of our children follow the virtues of righteousness.

We all have a concerted responsibility of bringing and upholding a church whose focus is work in the Lord's vineyard and bring many to the household of the saints of the most high.

Christians should seek a heavenly kingdom, which is more magnificent than the worldly habitation. When Christians delight in living a prayerful and righteous live, they please the Father in heaven who has assured us a perfect home after this old world is done.



For our citizenship is not in this tattered world. According to **2 Peter 3:13** we according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwell. **Vs 14** Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless.

Lastly, brethren be righteous in all



ways, recognizing that inspired reason is lord over the passions, and over pains that we get, not only from within, but from without ourselves, that after we endure and live a purposeful live of righteousness, we shall be deemed worthy of a divine inheritance.

Am also happy and encouraged by the devotion of the Third angel's messenger columnist and the leadership of this team for the sustainable work of this magazine and the evangelical work that has continued to unite the different factions of Messianic fraternity. I have been busy serving the nation in different forums from Zambia and now back in our great Country Kenya. It is my desire that I continue to give my input in our Father's Vineyard for I know that if we labor in the Vineyard in unity with Yahshua, our labour shall never be in vain.

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PEACE, LOVE & UNITY AMONG US ALL

Shalom you all,

Greetings in Yahshua Messiah our soon coming King of kings.

Hebrews 12: 14; Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. This is a simple command yet so powerful. We are commanded to pursue peace with all the people. In Kenya we are now almost fifty years (**Jubilee**) since the birth of Messianic fraternity. We have all experienced some form of wars, hatred, strife, divisions and discords either directly or indirectly. It is very unfortunate that quite often brethren sought to settle the matter before the unbelievers in direct violation to the following scripture;

1 Corinthians 6: 1-7 *Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? No, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goeth to law with brother and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?*

For sure it is a great shame for believers to settle their matters before the non-believers. This really shows how deprived we are in the true knowledge of our heavenly Father. Non-believers who once witnessed such infighting among the brethren would never be ready to hear anything from the believers.

Blessings be to believers who always tried to bring unity among the believers of the different factions. I understand the initiative was encountered by numerous challenges more so from those within. I have had the opportunity to interact with various brethren who really tried hard to create awareness across the believers that they should embrace one another. Their main aim was for all the factions to embrace one another and consider one another as a brother or as a sister in Messiah despite the few doctrinal differences.

What really hinders the peace among the brethren?

This is an important question for each and every believer in Messiah to think about. Let me try to highlight some of the major factors that have led us not be able to achieve the objective of bringing peace among the brethren swiftly.

Factors hindering the unity of believers

Lordship. This is one of the major hindrances for

Messianic believers not embrace each other. Just like Messiah once said in **Matthew 20:25; But Yahshua called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.** Such leaders take pride in having lordship over their subjects. Their subjects do not have any say over any matter in the church. In some areas members are summoned if found to have fellowshiped with members from other factions. In some extreme cases some are excommunicated from the church to serve as a discouragement for interaction with other members from various factions. But what did Messiah say? **Mark: 38-39; And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us. But Yahshua said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.**

Erecting minor differences. This usually results to a great barrier between “us and them”. Few non-essential doctrines are erected by the leaders in order for their faction to be unique from the other factions. Members of the congregation are led to believe that the other groups are not in the same faith with them and therefore they cannot fellowship with others. Most of these doctrines you will find that they are man-made doctrines in nature and thus have no bearing in determining who is right and who is wrong.

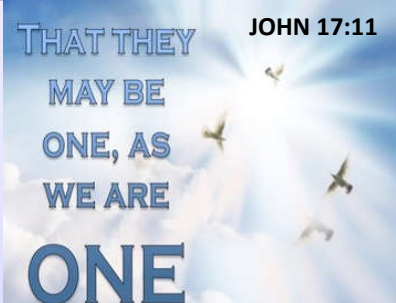
Know it all (self-righteous) and the manner in which we approach an issue. Self-righteousness is most experienced among many of the believers. One may be endowed with much understanding of the scriptures since we are not all equally in the same level of faith. That is right. But the problem occurs when those with great understanding **force those of low understanding** to believe what they know is right. How one approach an issue with those who are not strong in faith really matters? No one can embrace the whole truth at once. It brings much hurt when one believer would tell another believer, “**you know what? You are very wrong and lost in this...**” Love and patience is greatly required in such situation. You can imagine

how you would feel when you visit a certain faction and then the main sermon of the day would be about how your faction has all along been lost. We should understand that we don't know it all as the Apostle Paul attest in his epistles. **1 Corinthians 13: 9-12; For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part**

Make every effort to live in peace with **all men**, and to be holy; without which no one will see the LORD

Hebrews 12:14

shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: **now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.** Every true believer should seek to grow in grace.



Where do you stand in preaching the peace among the believers from different factions? Am thankful to Elohim there is a growing awareness that we really need to embrace each other and acknowledge each other as the sons of Elohim. Such efforts started long time ago when organized movements such as FOMESA (now NCMCK – National Council of Messianic Congregation of Kenya) were formed.

I can't fail to mention that students have taken a great lead in bringing peace and do embrace each other in their institutions of learning. This is a great initiative by the believers of this young generation. I have personally interacted with the most successful Messianic students union such as **MUEU** (Messianic Union of Egerton University) and **KARUMSA** (Karatina University Messianic Students Association). Such other **Messianic students associations** are **UON, KU, JKUAT, Moi Universtiy, Dedan Kimathi**, etc. Their main goal is to embrace each other and preach peace among the brethren and help each other maintain their faith or even become better.

How can we embrace each other without compromising what we believe? You will find that many are very much cautious of what they believe and therefore they cannot buy the idea of uniting with other fellow believers from different factions. Well, it is good to always be cautious since we are living in the last days where some will leave the faith and follow their own teachings. **1 Timothy 4:1; Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.** The point I really want to make here is that we can fellowship with each other without being compelled to leave or change our beliefs which we hold dearly. Let's say one is a feast keeper and the other is non-feast. There should be no barriers for the two not to

fellowship together. However, when we come together we should not engage into debates that focus about our differences rather we should focus on what we can agree 100 percent. Such should be held as a private study without judging or condemnation whatsoever. Focusing on what we all agree unite us more and brings us closer into appreciating and understanding of what one holds. Unity does not really mean that we close our local congregations and have one common place to worship. Unity means we acknowledge embrace and appreciate one another despite the minor differences we have.

Preaching love and peace should be our main focus at this age. Without love it is very difficult for two who have been far from each other to embrace one another. We should also be patience with one another until we all achieve a common understanding. **Ephesians 4: 13, 15, 16; Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Messiah: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

"What would one really loose by acknowledging others from the different factions?" That is a question one elderly believer asked me a while ago and I answered, "nothing to lose, in fact, we have much to gain." While we were discussing we came into conclusion that it is the high time we shoved our ego and preach unity among the Messianic believer and in that we realize a stronger Messianic group. As they say, **"United we stand and divided we fall."** This reminds me

of an analogy of the gazelles and the lion. Gazelles belong to the same group of species. The lion has a great advantage of killing one or many gazelles when found fighting. The Satan our adversary gets a good chance to destroy us when we are so much involved in fighting. That's one of the ways that strange doctrines sneak into our congregations. We should be watchful and sober and seeking reconciliation as our salvation is nearer lest we be found engaged in unnecessary fighting. **Our standard is in Rev 12:17!**

Matthew 24: 48-51; But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Let's remember that if we can't live in peace here on earth we will not have any admission into the kingdom we are waiting for. We have a great chance to repent of the past mistakes done that divided us and have a good chance for reconciliation. Am calling all the Messianic believers to preach peace and to embrace each other, as we await the kingdom of Elohim. Just like Messiah, here is my prayer; **John 17: 20-21; Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. OUR BANNER IS LOVE!**

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the Elohim of love and peace shall be with you. 1 Corinthians 13: 11. For MT. Zion Reporter magazines, tracts, books and lessons please visit <https://jsd-cog.org/downloads>

Yours in Messiah,
Lawrence Mugambi

ORIGIN OF YAHSHUA MESSIAH (JESUS CHRIST)

By James Njenga

John the Baptist preached Yahshua who was to come in flesh. Apostles and disciples preached Yahshua who came in flesh. Let's preach Him before we knew Him in flesh.

John says "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. [30] This is He of whom I said, After me cometh a Man which is preferred before me: for He was before me." (John 1:29-30)

In Luke the 1st chapter the conception and birth of John the Baptist is foretold by the angel Gabriel. It was in the sixth month of Elisabeth's pregnancy that the virgin Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost. John therefore was about six months older than Yahshua. But from the above texts John the Baptist makes some astonishing revelation that Yahshua being his successor was superior, for He was his Predecessor; He existed before him! Shouldn't we find out who and what else was He before and trace back the His origin?

"Then said the Jews unto Him [Yahshua], Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? [58] Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I Am." (John 8:57-58)

John affirmed Yahshua to have existed before him and in this reference, Yahshua affirm He existed before Abraham. Perhaps we should go back to the very beginning to see, to what and who else was He "before".

Paul speaking about Yahshua, says, "And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist." (Col 1:17)

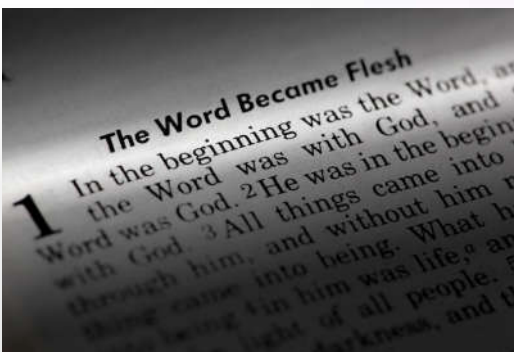
Catch that! He was before "all things". Let's make it more transparent as to what the phrase "all things" includes. Verse 16 of this chapter reads, "For by Him [Yahshua] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for

Him" (Col 1:16)

Aha! "All things" comprises those "that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers" and this is not all for Paul adds

"...all things were created by Him, and for Him."

Since we are tracing Yahshua's origin, we should then exclude Him from "all things" created for it is He that made all things or as Paul puts it, "all things were created by Him, and for Him." Hence it is safe to say that Jesus Christ [Yahshua Messiah] is no part of the creation, as He existed when no part of that existed. He was prior to all creation, to all beings, whether visible or invisible. His origin then goes back before all things created!



Another witness

John, speaking about the "Word" says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3)

Let's consider this texts:

Point 1: The "Word" that was with God was also God.

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came to-

gether, she was found with Child of the Holy Ghost... Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the LORD by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Mat 1:18-23)

"...shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" for "...the Word was made flesh..." (John 1:14a) and that "...God was manifest in the flesh..." (1 Tim 3:16) so that we are to understand "God with us" to imply God in human flesh (incarnated) "and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and Truth." (John 1:14b). this "Word" was truly God.

Point 2: That "the same (Word) was with God in the beginning," which we are to understand before any thing was formed - ere the great work of creation for, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Gen 1:1).

Point 3: And that "All things were made by Him (Word); and without Him was not any thing made that was made". He therefore existed before John, before Abraham, before the very creation itself for "all things were made by Him" and that "without Him was not anything made that was made".

In Genesis 1:1 we are told that it was God who did the creation and in John 1:1, we are told that the "Word" was also God, which Word made all things. It was therefore God by the Son (Word) that did the Creation.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds" (Heb 1:1-2)

"The Word" Expound

The phrase the “Word” is a little bit blurred. Perhaps we should study more what just is this “Word” to make more clear.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1,14)

We see Yahshua in the beginning existed as the “Word” which is from Greek “Logos” and signify a word spoken, speech, divine utterance, doctrine, faculty of wisdom etc. If we can compare the testimony(s) given by other witness(s) about that which existed with God in the beginning before all things, it will then expound more about “The Word” before being made flesh. Yahshua claim that the Old Testament Scriptures testify of Him (John 5:39) hence let’s look for the testimony(s) of the Old Testament witness(s) about that which was with God in the beginning.

In Proverbs the 8th chapter, speaking of wisdom and understanding, we are told

“The Lord possessed Me (Wisdom and understanding v.1,14) in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: 26 While as yet He had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. 27 When He prepared the heavens, I was there: when He set a compass upon the face of the depth: 28 When He established the clouds above: when He strengthened the fountains of the deep: 29 When He gave to the sea His decree, that the waters should not pass His Commandment: when He appointed the foundations of the earth: 30 Then I was by Him, as one brought up with him: and

This reference points back “in the beginning” (v.22). It reveals what was with God before mountains and hills (v.25) before earth itself (v.23,26), before depth and fountains (v.24) before heavens (v.27) even before “His works of old” (v.22) and that this was Wisdom (v.1).

This “Wisdom” that was with God [*in the beginning*] in the Old Testament corresponds to the “Word” in the New Testament for “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

Yahshua existed as ‘Wisdom of wisdom’ (Logos).

In deed the “Word” [Logos] being faculty of wisdom is also affirmed by Paul. He says

“That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; [3] In whom [Christ] are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Col 2:2-3)

Thus the witness given by Proverbs, we see what was with God before all. But also from that witness, we get the sense that it was God by Himself who did creation and not by the Son. Before we throw out the window all the reference we have turned to (and there are much more we could turn to) that very clearly reveal that it was God by the Son that did creation, lets harmonize with other verses.

“The Lord BY Wisdom hath founded the earth; BY Understanding hath he established the heavens.” (Pro 3:19)

“He hath made the earth BY His Power, He hath established the world BY His Wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven BY His Understanding.” (Jer 51:15)

From these two witnesses (one which is from the Proverbs), it was the LORD by His Power, and by His Wisdom that created all things. The question is, what is “the Power, the Wisdom” of God by which all things were made?

“But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the Power of God, and the Wisdom of God. [30] But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is

made unto us Wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Cor 1:24,30).

The above text affirms Yahshua to be the Power and the Wisdom of God. Therefore, it was God “by His Power and His wisdom which is Yahshua” that made all things “for by Him [Yahshua] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him” (Col 1:16)

Unto the Son He saith...

Psalms 102:25-26 “Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed”

The one spoken of here as having laid the foundation of the earth and heavens being work of His hand is Yahshua for the inspired writer of the letter to the Hebrews while quoting the same verse affirm so. He says;

“But unto the Son [Yahshua] He [God the Father] saith, Thy throne, O God [Yahshua], is for ever and ever...10 And, Thou, Lord [Yahshua], in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands: 11 They shall perish; but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; 12 And as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.” (Heb 1:8,10-12)

Thus the Father also bears witness that it was His son that laid the foundation of the earth and heaven are the works of His hands. This is what the Father said to the Son. The point is, it was Elohim who created all things BY His Son!

How did Creation came into Existence?

Hebrews 11:3 “BY FAITH we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”

We have seen that Elohim by His Son created all things and that He

Who really did the CREATION?

I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him; 31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of His earth; and My delights were with the sons of men.” (Pro 8:22-31)

did by faith. What does this mean BY FAITH?

Explanation

Mark 11:12-14, 20-24 “And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: 13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. 14 And Yahshua answered and said unto it, No

man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it. 20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 And Yahshua answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

Let us focus our attention on the statement "Have faith in God," or, as the margin reads, "Have the faith of God." To make it clear to our modern term, we should understand it as "Have the Godkind of faith." Yahshua demonstrated that He had the God-kind of faith. While He was afar off, He saw that the fig tree had leaves. But as He approached it, looking for fruit, He found no fruit and said, “No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever”.

The next day as Yahshua and His disciples passed by again, they found the tree dried up from its roots. Amazed, Peter said, “Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away” It was then that Yahshua made the statement, "Have faith in God [*have the faith of God, or the God-kind of faith*]. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and **shall not doubt in his heart**, but shall **believe** that those things which he **saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he **saith**” (vv. 22,23).

After telling His disciples in verse 22 to have the God



IN THE BEGINNING WAS
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-kind of faith, Yahshua went on to explain what this meant: The God-kind of faith is the kind of faith in which a man *believes with his heart* and *says with his mouth* that which he believes in his heart — and it comes to pass. Yahshua showed He had that kind of faith, because He *believed* what He *said* would come to pass. He *said* to the tree, “No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever” and it was so. It was this kind of faith that spoke the creation into existence!

Hebrews 11:3 “BY FAITH we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”

How did He do it? He believed that what He said would come to pass.

Genesis 1:3, 9 “And God **said**, Let there be light: and there was light. And God **said**, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.”

He did not have any materials to make His creation. He had faith, the kind of faith in which He only **spoke** the word and **believe** whatever He says would come to pass and it came to pass. That is the God-kind of faith. That’s how angels, heaven, or earth etc. were created and that was “by faith.” “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1).

Origin of Yahshua (The Word)

Thus far we’ve seen Yahshua before being made flesh, that is, He existed as “Wisdom/Logos” of God and that it was God by Yahshua that created all things. We’ve also seen it was by faith that creation came into existence. But of Yahshua’s fountainhead we haven’t yet pinpointed. What was His origin? It is written...

“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath

delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature" (Col 1:12-15)

The fact that He was "the firstborn" of every creature affirm He was born first, and that before "all things or every creature" ever came to be for "...without Him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:3). To be "born" is to be brought into existence or life. Since life only originate from life, there must be a source that had life to give life. What then is the source of Yahshua who was with God in the beginning?

"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love Me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of Myself, but He sent me." (John 8:42)

Unlike man that came from the dust of the earth, or angels who were created by Yahshua here Yahshua made a bold statement that He Proceeded forth and came from God. God then is the source of Yahshua.

Another witness is from Proverbs regarding Wisdom. We read,

"When there were no depths, I [Wisdom] was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth" (Prov 8:24-25).

We've see this Wisdom correspond to Word which is in reference to Yahshua. This Wisdom was "brought forth". The phrase "brought forth" comes from Hebrew word "chuwI" which mean to "bear". It was God therefore that bore Him and He is rightly called "THE Son of God" (John 1:34, Rom 8:32) and God was His Rightful Father. God is the source of Yahshua.

Who is greater?

"Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved Me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for My Father is greater than I" John 14:28

Albeit Yahshua is "in the form of God" (Philip 2:6) and "is God" (Heb 1:8-10, John 1:1) but the Father is greater than Him (John 14:28).

"My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand." (John 10:29)

"For He [God] hath put all things under His feet [Yahshua]. But when He saith all things are put under Him, it is manifest that He is excepted, which did put all things under Him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all." (1 Cor 15:27-28)

Honest Scriptural refutation is welcomed.

Yours in Yahshua

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Kakamega and Kisumu brethren trying to figure out the magnitude of joy it'll be at the descent of the long awaited Messiah...what a day!

MESSIAH PACKAGE

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February of 2020 was a unique month; few days [29] yet more Sabbaths [5]. It was also on this very month that the 7th MSAK [Messianic Students Association of Kenya] rally was conducted. The wise man tells us to “**train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**” [Pro 22:6]. Experience teaches when a child is trained in the ways of Elohim up to 7 years, he will not depart from it. If MSAK [which is but a young union] has thus far conduct 7 rallies, we should be optimistic the union will not fail to conduct any in the future. This 7th rally, was hosted by Maasai Mara University Students at Narok County. It begun on Wednesday of 19th with the open air meeting done at ODM market [Narok]. The evangelical team used to stay at the local Church of God 7th Day located at London [Narok]. Mt Zion Church of God also hosted us during the last two days. To Maasai Mara students, to the Church of God 7th Day and Mt. Zion Church of God, may the LORD cause His face to shine upon thee.

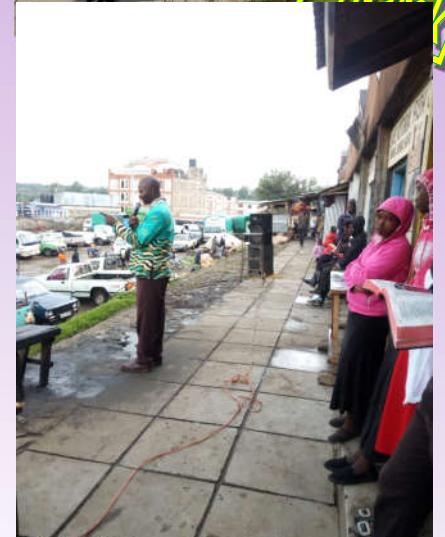
The Scriptures command to do all things “**decently and in order**” [1 Cor 14:40]. This is why it was needful to do some prior preparations ere the evangelism. Local authorities were informed to get approval, deliberations with the hosting institution, local Church(s) and 3rd Angel Messenger [which reinforce all MSAK evangelism] were done, financial contribution for rally support made etc. Glory be to Elohim who caused “**...all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.**” [Rom 8:28]

It is in order if we briefly tell of the experience

in the field. One interesting observation noted among our audiences was their attention to the things preached. This was especially so during evening hours when Bible chart lesson was being taught and some audience [about 10-30] used to gather around to hear, others from distance, while others in their cars etc. This is a rare occurrence given the fact we live in the days of Noah where interest to God's Word and “**love of the Truth**” is lacking to many. Opportunity to ask questions regarding the hope that is in us was granted to our audiences.

We met no opposition nor persecution while in the field. On the contrary, Elohim had given us favor in the sight of our audiences. Sun was hot during the day and in such time, a cup of water is highly appreciated, and this calls to attention one vendor, a woman to be precise [probably 30s], who was of great help. She gave us those “big umbrellas” to shelter in during the hot sunny day. Elohim cannot lie! He made it plain clear that “**...WHOEVER shall give you a CUP OF WATER to drink in My Name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he SHALL NOT LOSE HIS REWARD.**” [Mark 9:41]. That woman will definitely not lose her reward and how she will be rewarded is none of our business. May Elohim cause the incorruptible seed which was planted in her to grow and yield fruit unto eternal life.

Another man [50s probably], approached us [I in particular] and entreated to be prayed for that he might come to faith, which I consented. He affirmed the things we preached. This happened on preparation day. We should really be thankful to be in this precious faith; for it is hidden to many. Its revelation comes simply by hearing the Word of Elohim preached [Rom 10:15-17]. Unfortunately, this preaching which bring faith is foolishness to them that perish, as it is written, “**...the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness...**” [1 Cor 1:18a]. It therefore “**...pleased God by the foolishness of**





preaching to save them that believe.” [v.21b]. May we all become fools and chose to spread the Gospel by the foolish way of preaching, “Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.” [1 Cor 3:18]. It was through this foolish way of preaching that that man was convinced to be a transgressor.

Then came the Lord’s Day – the Sabbath. By then our number had gradually increase and it was needful to conduct the Sabbath meeting at a nearby school. We fellowship together with nearby local “groups” irrespective of their non-essential doctrinal difference. Aha! “this is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes” [Psa 118:23]. The service was well organized, with song entertainments from different universities and local groups, wonderful message from special visitors and pastors. May Elohim bless all those that made that Day honorable. After lunch break, we then headed to ODM market for the final open air meeting.

We thank Elohim who supplied all our needs. We thank Him for food and water, for shelter, for security, for workers in his vineyard, for boldness to preach Yahshua, for preaching instruments, for electricity, for audiences, for interaction with others of the same faith, yea, for health, for joy, for prayer and financial support, for safe journeys and most important, for this common faith, that bring such big family of Elohim under one umbrella.

Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Shalom Aleichem.

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THIS ERA'S TITANIC

By Abigail Chepkoech

"Iceberg ahead!"

On April 15th 1912, this very shout sent many if not all of the 2224 passengers to a great panic, as the giant Titanic ship approached an iceberg. The Titanic's design and size shook the whole world, even on its first sail, upon being made to float on water sent great waterwaves that swept away other ships at the sea shore, and even to other sea shores. It was also on this very first sail when it became history as the gigantic ship hit an iceberg and sank killing about 1514 people. It was designed to be the epitome of style, comfort and luxury, including an onboard gymnasium, swimming pool, libraries and exquisite restaurants and cabins. On this, one thing was clear....it was for those who run this world.

Job 34:18-19

Is He not the one who says to kings, 'You are worthless,' and to nobles, 'You are wicked,' who shows no partiality to princes and does not favor the rich over the poor, for they are all the work of His hands.

Titanic ship- The members of the church

Our current world is no different from the titanic ship. Truth be told, amongst us are the little divisions based on social strata, literacy levels, and very important, spiritual levels. These little but giant groupings have contributed a lot to many groups (factions) forming, fighting each other but claiming to serve the same Master, Elohim. When leaders do not freeze their little egos, they put in danger the lives of innocent flocks by dividing them amongst themselves, and not bearing children of the Kingdom. This causes the feeling of lack of belonging, as he is sided when he/she doesn't show the traits of that very group.

Iceberg- Hypocrisy.

Yahshua our great example showed no type of parity on any individual, and lived a very victorious life. He associated with both rich and poor, literate and illiterate, royal and civilian, yet was blameless and poor. If being our enemies, we ought to love them still. Paul also encourages us to share with Elohim's people who are in need (Rom 12:13). We therefore ought to practice utmost humility and compassion since no other man on earth is righteous. Claiming to love, serve or obey Elohim's commandments but failing to do away with these major dividers and if our enemies, **failing to love them is HYPOCRISY** (Mathew 5:43-44 "You have heard that it was said, love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,..."). Collision with this iceberg of hypocrisy and pride may cost us millions of lives than the Titanium.

Friends of the inner core

Amongst the 12, Yahshua mostly confided with Peter, John and at times James. He would take them out to pray with them, teach and reveal to them other complex details. So did He have some favoritism? Of course not. Yahshua's full intentions was for the good of the all the 12 and the church at large. Does your group do you any good spiritually or are you lying to yourself that you are the only righteous group? **Isaiah 58:4 Your fasting end in quarrelling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.**

The Law Of Spirit of Life(excerpt- By Andrew Dugger)

The Law of the Spirit of Life will not operate through a minister who is preaching only as a profession of life, and an easy way of making a living as thousands of them are today. The one actually called into the service of the Master through the Spirit from above, will possess a deep interest in humanity. He will be so anxious to benefit those in need, that he will lose sleep, with joy, and spend time in prayerful meditation on the things above, that he may possess an overflowing power of that same divine virtue, to be transferred from him to those requiring spiritual help. The Master often wept over the sick and afflicted and the dead, as in the case of Lazarus where it says, "Jesus wept." John 11:35. When the compassion of others is so manifest with tears along with abundant supply of stored up VIRTUE, there is always a demonstration of miraculous power. We have often seen it manifest.

It is important to always keep humble and watch the icebergs ahead, do away with envy, hatred, sorcery and other vices, and put on all humility, love, kindness, perseverance, knowledge, self-control, godliness. If your ship already hit the icebergs, take up the life boats, seek our Savior.

2 Peter 1:8

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our LORD, Yahshua Messiah.

SHALLOM! Wishing you the best of health and blessed feast ahead.

Abigail Chepkoech.

OF MESSIANISM AND COVID-19, What do you know?

By Njogu Mureithi

Today, Abib 4, 5780. It is 10 days to the most important event of the Messianists and Jews world over. Within the confines of my room, now that there is a curfew, I ponder about the current scourge that has befallen not only this particular country, but the world at large. Will pesach be possible with these stringent government directives? Can these times be equated with what Messiah beseeched us to be watchful that our fleeing may not be on a sabbath or during Winter? And what about [Matt 24:7-8](#)?

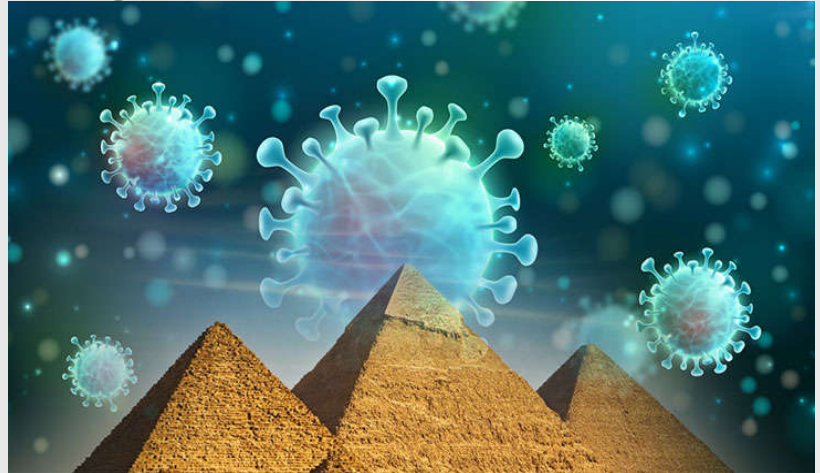
For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Not the end, but the beginning of sorrows!

A pestilence is by definition an epidemic disease that is highly contagious, infectious, virulent and devastating.

And just like that, we have Corona Virus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19)!

There are tones and tones of information circulating everywhere and anywhere termed as media about this disease. However, there is a high



risk that most of that information is not information but misinformation. Fighting COVID19 and any other epidemic requires facts, not opinions, noting the past outcomes with Ebola in central and west Africa.

COVID19 is the disease caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Corona Virus 2 (SARS-COV-2) or the novel (new) Corona Virus (nCOV). Similar viruses include SARS-COV-1 causing SARS disease and MERS-COV causing Middle East Respiratory Syndrome. These viruses majorly circulate in animals. They only infect humans when there is a spill over into the human populations. There are about 40 other types of corona viruses that infect human causing common colds. In fact, 40% of common colds are caused by corona viruses! They however cause mild symptoms and are easily cleared by our magnificent immune system.

nCov is slightly different. It is new to the human immune system. It is highly contagious in that it has a high rate of being passed from one person to another compared to SARS-COV and MERS-COV. It is particularly lethal to those with immunosuppression...elderly, children, pregnant women and people with comorbidities (diabetics, chronic lung disease patients etc).

The main mode of transmission of nCov is through drop-



lets (not air!). Therefore, coughing, sneezing and kissing are primarily the means through which the virus is spread. Secondary means is through hands and the surfaces that can harbor the virus for up to 24hrs.

The main symptoms are **a fever (high body temperature), a dry cough and difficulty in breathing.** Others include generalized joint and muscle aches, nausea, diarrhea and vomiting. Travelling from an affected region or being in contact with a person who has travelled from such a region, or diagnosed with COVID19 is included as part of diagnostic criteria.

Currently, there is no cure. A vaccine is in its early stages of development. The treatment is by supporting the body to function normally e.g. by lowering the body temperature to prevent dehydration and intensive care (ICU) for those with respiratory compromise. Other drugs that have been found to be effective are Chloroquine and some ARVs. However, these should only be taken with the advice of a doctor.

Noting that the hope for survival largely depends on whether a vaccine will be found, there is therefore a need for prevention. We probably know the flow of events in this section. I won't fail to emphasize that we should **wash our hands with soap and water or sanitize them with alcohol-based sanitizers of above 70% concentration. Stay at home when sick and contact the hospital if you display any of the above symptoms**, especially the three cardinal ones – fever, dry cough and difficulty in breathing. **Avoid crowds and gatherings – here noting that our sabbath fellowships and the Pesach meetings will be severely affected. Do not do greetings by hand or hugging. Maintain a 1 to 2-meter social distancing.** Above all, obey the government's directives because it is acting in the best interests of its citizens.

Finally, it is a call for all of us to intercede for ourselves, the nation and the world. Maybe, Elohim will hearken from above and give us a vaccine through his servants.

Maybe, his wrath will be short-lived if we call upon him and repent. And let us not rejoice in the tribulations of others: **Luke 13:1-5** **There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Yahshua answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

3 John 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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