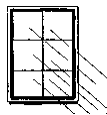


FOR MEN ONLY! FOR MEN ONLY! FOR MEN ONLY! FOR MEN ONLY!

Are you CIRCUMCISED BY (to) THE BEAST?! ?!



"Don't ever think that I came to set aside Moses' Teachings or the Prophets. I didn't come to set them aside but to make them come true. I can guarantee this truth: Until the earth and the heavens disappear, neither a period nor a comma will disappear from Moses' Teachings before everything has come true. So whoever sets aside any command that seems unimportant and teaches others to do the same will be unimportant in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever does and teaches what the commands say will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:17-19 God's Word Translation

Beware "the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines."
Song of Solomon 2:15

IMPORTANT NOTICE: this study is written ONLY for those who acknowledge the existence of the Omnipotent (All-powerful/Almighty), Omniscient (All-knowing/All-wise), Eternal (Always-living: "who was, and is, and is to come" - Revelation 4:8) King and Creator of the Universe - the GREAT "I AM" (Exodus 3:14); all who do not acknowledge His existence are FOOLS (Psalm 14:1) and will not have a common currency of concept and language which could be used for communication. If YOU are a FOOL, fall on your face before the Almighty and with fear and trembling REPENT of your FOOLISHNESS before proceeding. Thank you.

Since the beginning of his rebellion in heaven, Lucifer has expressed a desire to "improve" the statutes of the Almighty; to "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25) as expressed in the language of Scripture, referring to the work of the demonically-inspired dreadful fourth beast of the prophet Daniel's apocalyptic vision. Over the years, he has successfully launched many "new and improved" statutes and worship institutions (i.e. counterfeits), including all of the following (and many others too numerous to mention here):

- Corrupted names for deity like JEHOVAH and JESUS.... instead of the beautiful and meaningful Hebrew Sacred Names of the Heavenly Father and His Only Begotten Son, YAHUAH and YAHUAHSHUA (phonetic renderings of the best pronunciations I am currently aware of for the ultimate Sacred Names of eternal self-existence).
- Worship and family day on the first day of the week, the SUN-day.... instead of worship and family day on Heaven's weekly mo'ed (appointed time), the seventh-day Shabbat

(Sabbath). Shabbat is Heaven's original family day, when the great family of earth and heaven unite: Shabbat = abba (father) + bat (daughter/mother). Our Creator rested on Shabbat (Genesis 2:2), and only as we rest on Shabbat can we enter our Creator's image and accomplish the purpose of our Creation.

- Christmas, New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Halloween, etc.... instead of Heaven's annual mo'edim (appointed times) for worship, the Festivals of Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles. The moon was created to regulate the timing of these Festivals (Genesis 1:14 and Psalm 104:19 - "seasons" are mo'edim or appointed feasts) which prophetically illustrate the nature and timing of our Messiah's redemptive work. These Festivals are the praises of Israel that Yahuah "inhabits" (Psalm 22:3), and as we celebrate them, we enter into the image of our Redeemer.
- An earthly spiritual "father" (the pope/papacy).... instead of the Heavenly Father, in direct defiance of our Messiah's instruction to call "no man your father upon the earth: for One is your Father, which is in Heaven" (Matthew 23:9) - or, for clarity, "call no man on earth your (f)author..." because to call a man your (f)author is to acknowledge him as your AUTHOR, and thus simultaneously to acknowledge his AUTHOR-ity over you!
- Redefined "family units" consisting of two males or two females.... instead of the divinely-inspired family consisting of one male and one female, as originally created in the image of the Family of Heaven: "In the day that Elohim created man, in the likeness of Elohim made He him; male and female ("taken out of male") created He them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created" (Genesis 5:1, 2).
- The concept of the true "church" (which comes from the Old English word *kirke*, meaning "circle," especially a circle formed in pagan ritualistic worship) as a group of people who hand out memberships and declare that without one there is no hope of salvation, or no chance to be among the

144,000, or some other equivalent teaching.... instead of the scriptural concept conveyed by the Greek word *ekklesia* which means “called out,” and which is translated in the Septuagint from the Hebrew word *miqra*.... which in every case of its use in the Tenach (the “Old Testament”) refers to a people “called out”.... to celebrate the Festivals of Yahuah!

- The Virgin Mary, “Mother Earth,” and assorted heathen goddesses.... instead of our Heavenly Mother, the Ruach Ha Kodesh (the Spirit of Holiness, or the Holy Spirit), from Whom we must be born again before we can see/enter the Kingdom of Heaven (John 3:1-21).
- The idolatrous crucifix on the doorpost.... instead of the divinely-commanded writing of the precepts of the Torah (teachings, or “law” - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) on the doorpost (Deuteronomy 6:9). The Holy Torah is the DNA of Elohim (God), or, to use older terminology, “the transcript of God’s character,” and its reception will restore the lost image of Elohim in fallen humanity. As our Messiah and Elder Brother reminded His establishment critics, “Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?” (from Psalm 82:6).... “and the scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:34, 35).

But somehow, in spite of the diabolical cunning demonstrated in the development of the counterfeits just mentioned and many others as well, there is one element of Heaven’s program that Lucifer apparently neglected or forgot to counterfeit, namely, CIRCUMCISION. And strange that he would neglect or forget to counterfeit this element, since it was an absolutely foundational divine institution of True Worship as revealed to Israel. Or could it be that he HAS counterfeited circumcision, but that we have been too ignorant/foolish/blind/slow to recognize his counterfeit? Indeed, as we shall see, it is the latter assertion that accurately describes the sad reality of the situation.

Circumcision means, literally, cutting around the circumference or perimeter of something, in this case the circumference or perimeter of the feature of male anatomy active in the procreative/reproductive department (please note - the Hebrew language has no words for the sexual organs). By removing the foreskin this procedure was designed to produce an anatomical change which would remind its owner on an ongoing basis of his inclusion in the family of Abraham and of the need to regulate the activities of his life in the best interests of that family -- to heed Yahuah’s voice, keep his charge, and obey His commandments, statutes, and laws, as did Abraham (Genesis 26:5). If, for example, some hapless son of Abraham was beguiled by the charms of a pulchritudinous pagan princess and felt pressure building to prepare his equipment for action, he would, during the course of that preparation, receive a visual and tactile reminder of his prior commitment to Yahuah and thus encouragement to keep “it” in his pants (or breeches, to use the Scriptural term), bid his new flame farewell, and thus avoid an entanglement that would compromise his loyalty to Yahuah and His Holy Torah.

So there you have it: the essence of Heaven’s circumcision is a Heaven-directed modification of a man’s anatomy involving his masculinity, and reminding that man of his duty to conform his will to Yahuah’s will at all times!

But what about the circumcision of the beast? What feature of masculine anatomy could it involve, and what purpose would it serve? Before we search for answers to these critical questions, let us petition our Heavenly Father for the good gifts He is always ready to give His needy earthly children (Luke 11:13):

O Heavenly Father Yahuah, from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, and on through the watches of the night, may Your Holy Name be praised! (Psalm 63:6; 113:3) We earnestly desire Your Name on our foreheads, and we humbly petition You for the help of the Ruach Ha Kodesh so we may gain the understanding that we need to keep Your Holy Torah, and thus be subjects and followers of You and citizens of Your Kingdom (Revelation 14:1; Luke 11:13; Psalm 119:34). We thank You for Your Word of Truth which sustains our life even more than does our daily bread, for which we also thank You (John 17:17; Matthew 4:4). We ask forgiveness for our violations of Your Holy Torah, as we forgive others who have violated and hurt us by so doing. We particularly ask that You will shield us from pressure to conform to this world and its sinful rebellion (“witchcraft”: I Samuel 15:23).... PLEASE do not give us up to the idols that we and our fathers have loved so much, but rather keep always before us Your image - the image of the Messiah and His Righteousness (John 12:32; 14:9) - so our hearts may be drawn to You. And finally, we ask You to put Your mind, and life, and breath, and Spirit into our dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14), so that we may not merely acknowledge Your eternal Kingdom.... but actually be a part of it, giving You the power and the glory through our submission to Your Holy Torah!Hallelu-Yah/Amen

As we ponder from Lucifer’s point of view the challenge of developing a circumcision that would suitably mesh with the principles of his kingdom, a wish list of objectives to be achieved emerges. Ideally, a counterfeit circumcision would:

- induce transgression of a specific statute of Yahuah directly, and transgression of other statutes and all Ten Commandments through an inescapable chain reaction (“whoever shall keep the whole law, yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all” James 2:10)
- block the outpouring of the Latter Rain of the Ruach Ha Kodesh
- remove a key visual distinction between male and female, thus supporting “modern” (i.e. decadent/“decayed”) concepts of interchangeability and unisexuality, destroying the outward sign or badge of authority identifying the father as king of his household, and thus eliminating a reminder of the status quo ordained by Heaven to help the human family navigate through life in a world of sin -- “thy desire shall be subject to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee” (Genesis 3:16). (We should observe that this sentence pronounced upon womankind is referred to as a “curse,” but it is actually a blessing in disguise, designed by Heaven to protect the woman and her family from the same invasive and destructive intelligence that conquered Eve. The “curse” on mankind is also a blessing; accepting the need to work [“sweat”] to obtain bread protects a man from poverty, from the viciously destructive exploitation of the gambling

industry, and from many other evils. Even the “curse” on the ground is a blessing: the milk “thistle” is the sovereign herbal remedy to detoxify the liver, which has to deal with the polluted food and environment found everywhere on this sin-degraded earth!)

- be painless, bloodless and easy to perform, thus qualifying to be among the treacherous institutions that pave the broad way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13).
- require continual repetition, thus confirming the Torah rejecter/“improver”/breaker in his rebellious ways through force of habit.

With spiritual vision we travel back into the mists of antiquity and find ourselves in attendance at one of Lucifer’s cabinet meetings. With obvious pride and self-satisfaction, the chief opens his presentation by shouting, “Fellow travelers, I AM THE GREATEST!” With fiendish glee he continues: “I’ve been applying my brilliant and incomparable mind to the task of developing a circumcision that would identify the men of my kingdom, the men who submit to the principles of my government. . . . and my dear demon sons, I’ve got it! I’ve got the PERFECT circumcision! A true classic masterpiece of deception and perversion, which will reproduce my image (i.e. the “image of the beast”) perfectly! I, and all of you - remember, we’re in this together! - will seduce men to cut around the circumference of their chins and remove their Elohim(God)-given beards! Flatter them by telling them they will look much better/younger/cleaner/more spiritual without their beards. As we do this, just look at the fantastic list of objectives we will accomplish with the quick flick of a razor! We will:

- cause violation of the Creator’s specific statute in Leviticus 19:27 and 21:5, which says “You shall not mar/shave /disfigure the corners/margins/borders/edges of your beard.” (Note: the Hebrew word translated here as “mar” is *shachath* [Strong’s 7843] and means to decay, ruin, batter, cast off, corrupt, destroy, lose, mar, perish, utterly waste: New King James translates as “disfigure.” The Hebrew word translated here as “corners” is *pe’ah* [Strong’s 6285] - and means the margins, borders, or the outline which forms the image, i.e. the hairline: New King James translates as “edges.” The worst violation of this statute is committed when the beard is completely shaved off, which utterly casts off/decays/ruins/batters/corrupts/destroys/loses/mars/ causes to perish/wastes/disfigures.the corners/margins/ borders/edges/outline which forms the image/hairline of the beard.)
- and thus cause violation of the Creator’s statute in Deuteronomy 22:5, which states that “a man shall not put on a woman’s garment, for all that do so are abomination to Yahuah thy Elohim.” By inducing a man to wear a woman’s face, we will shut him out of the Kingdom of Heaven, because “the effeminate shall not inherit the Kingdom of Yahuah” (I Corinthians 6:9).
- cause violation of the first commandment - “I am Yahuah your Elohim, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; thou shalt have no other elohim (gods) before me” (Exodus 20:2, 3) and also cause violation of the first and great commandment - “Thou shalt love

Yahuah thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind” (Matthew 22:37). . . . because when they listen to MY instruction regarding the beard instead of the instruction they receive from their Heavenly Father, they let me “author” their appearance, and by so doing they give me “author-ity” over them. They put me personally on the throne of their soul temples instead of Yahuah, and they open the doors of their souls to all of you legions of demons! They send a clear message to the Almighty that His instruction is beneath them/not worth the time of their day/unnecessary/or maybe even faulty. . . .! Just imagine - the ‘clay’ saying to the Omniscient Omnipotent Heavenly Potter, “What kind of silly pot are You making?” (Isaiah 45:9 paraphrased) while at the same time that ‘clay’ bows down in groveling submission and bondage to me! What a HOOT!!! (supportive laughter and applause let the chief know that his genius is noticed and appreciated!)

- cause violation of the second commandment - “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. . . . Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them. . . .” (Exodus 20:4-6). . . . because if it is evil to make a graven image of Elohim from inanimate material like wood or stone, then it is doubly evil to make a lying graven (shaven) image of Elohim from the living soul temple entrusted by Yahuah to every man, and then to idolize/worship this lying image by insinuating (by precept or example) that those brethren who retain their Elohim-given beards are in some way spiritually unbalanced/faulty/offensive/repugnant! Pathetically brazen idolatry, and they call it wise spiritual counsel! COOL!
- cause violation of the third commandment - “Thou shalt not take the name of Yahuah thy Elohim in vain” (Exodus 20:7). . . . because when a man calls himself a follower of Yahuah, yet refuses to follow the Torah instruction given by Yahuah for the purpose of restoring His image in fallen man, he takes the name of Yahuah in vain! In fact, the only name he can honestly take (i.e. not take in vain) is MINE, and that’s the NAME of this GAME! AMEN? (a particularly loud chorus of mocking “amens” and disgusting laughter erupts from Lucifer’s cabinet after this point!)
- cause violation of the fourth commandment - “Remember the Shabbat day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Shabbat of Yahuah thy Elohim. . . . For in six days Yahuah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, and hallowed it” (Exodus 20:8-11). . . . because instead of celebrating a day commemorating the Creator’s “very good” (Genesis 1:31) creation, the brother with his shaved-off beard sends a message to his Creator that His creation, and specifically the crowning work of His Creation - MAN - is really not very good at all, but rather is critically flawed and in need of major “improvement” . . . thus making his Shabbat observance a blatantly hypocritical farce! (This point is followed by protracted applause!)
- cause violation of the fifth commandment - “Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which Yahuah thy Elohim giveth thee” (Exodus 20:12). . . . because by defiling the image of their Heavenly Father (and of a Torah-submissive earthly “father” after the flesh) they particularly dishonor their Heavenly Father and

also their mother, who gave them birth in the image of their Heavenly Father: “WOE unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? Or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?” (Isaiah 45:10) GO FOR IT, GUYS, AND YOU’LL BRING THE WOE OF HEAVEN ON THESE MEN! (Woe = severe troubles/curses/grief) (Given this challenge, every member of the cabinet salutes the chief, bows low, and says ‘Aye, Aye, Sir!’)

- cause violation of the sixth commandment - “Thou shalt not kill,” or better translated - “Thou shalt not murder” (Exodus 20:13) and also cause violation of the “second commandment” which is “like unto” the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:39) - “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,” or better translated - “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as one like thyself, made in the image of Elohim”.... because whenever we get them to transgress the Holy Torah (the “Royal Law” - James 2:8) we make them crucify the Messiah afresh, and put Him to open shame (Hebrews 6:6); and because they themselves violate the beard statute, they will refuse to correct/rebuke their brother’s disobedience of the same statute, which means they are their brother’s murderer! “Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him” (Leviticus 19:17) and “Whoever hates his brother is a murderer” (I John 3:15). You gotta love this one; every man you bring on board with my circumcision will morph into a new son, a murderer like their f-author - ME! (John 8:44) - and a new brother for all of you! So GET BUSY, and don’t forget to teach your new brethren the motto of our outfit: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (Genesis 4:9) (This point was followed by uproarious laughter, boisterous foot-stamping and protracted applause!)
- cause violation of the seventh commandment - “Thou shalt not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14).... because when we get them to forsake Yahuah’s guidance and to walk instead in the light of fire made from sparks I have kindled (Isaiah 50:11)..... they get in bed with me and commit spiritual adultery! SWEEEEET!! (more applause plus loud prolonged two-finger whistling erupt like an infernal volcano after this point!)
- cause violation of the eighth commandment - “Thou shalt not steal” (Exodus 20:15).... because when they deface the image of Yahuah they rob Him of the glory which it is their duty to reflect to those around them, and which they are commanded to give Him in the First Angel’s Message of Revelation 14:7: “Fear Yahuah, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”
- cause violation of the ninth commandment - “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor” (Exodus 20:16).... because a defaced (shaven) man bears false witness against his Heavenly Neighbor and Elder Brother the Messiah, since he declares with his mouth that he is a follower of the Messiah, but with the rest of his face that he is a follower of someone else.... ME! In truth, every man’s shaved-bare face is a bare-faced lie! Ha-ha-ha! (This last line just about brings down the roof with applause and belly-laughter!)
- cause violation of the tenth commandment - “Thou shalt not

covet.... anything that is thy neighbor’s” (Exodus 20:17).... because when we induce them to re-design Yahuah’s perfect creation and create a GMO (genetically modified organism, or practical equivalent), they openly show that they are my soul mates, that they covet the prerogatives and authority of their Heavenly Neighbor and Creator the same way that I covet them. Like me, they have set their “heart as the heart of Elohim” (Ezekiel 28:6); as a matter of fact, I’ve got them all signed on for our mountain climbing expedition up the North Face of Mt. Zion - I’ll be “like the Most High” and all of them and all of you will have a big ecumenical General Conference when we “sit upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the North” (Isaiah 14:13,14). Make sure you put “Genetic Engineer” on the nametags of all my “saints” coming to this grand Conference..... we must give each “saint” credit for his great scientific/spiritual engineering accomplishments!! (cries of “Right on!” and “Credit where credit is due!” combined with more snickering “Amens” demonstrate total support for the plans of the commander-in-chief!)

So there you have it, my partners in crime! Yahuah did it His way, but I DID IT MY WAY! THE PERFECT CIRCUMCISION FOR THE PERFECT KINGDOM -- MINE!!!”

And as his entire cabinet rises to their feet in a spontaneous standing ovation, with cries of “Bravo! Bravo! Hell-a-Lucifer” and “Long live the king,” the mists of antiquity thicken and begin to roll in, obscuring the council chamber from our view and mercifully sparing us from exposure to any more of the corruption spewing forth from his satanic majesty’s awesome and awesomely perverted intellect. We would be remiss, however, in concluding this time travel report without giving credit where credit IS due: the old boy sure knows how to use the WORD, albeit for totally the wrong reasons! Zeal worthy of a better cause, like DEFENDING Yahuah’s honor and giving HIM the glory! We had better get busy....

“Giving the Sense”

In the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, the elders of Israel “read in the book in the law of Yahuah distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading” (Nehemiah 8:8). The following perspectives and comments are offered to help “give the sense” of the beard statute in Yahuah’s Holy Torah, and show how it relates to key spiritual teachings, worship forms, and prophecies. Elijah’s ironic humor may appear occasionally to assist in this task (see I Kings 18:27 and Malachi 4:5, 6).

Creation.... Or Evolution?

One brother in our local congregation recently looked at himself in the mirror, and asked himself.... “Could there be a reason for the existence of the beard?” But then he quickly realized the foolishness of his rhetorical question, which was tantamount to asking if our Creator is able to think straight! A genuine and intelligent belief in our Creator is too large to fit inside the head of a man who shaves off his beard! Words may profess such a belief, but in this case, as in most other cases, actions truly speak louder than words; authentic belief in the divine creation of mankind and shaving off the beard are mutually exclusive. A man’s shaved face is de facto proof that he believes in evolution

rather than divine creation.

“Glory,” “Glorify,” “Glorification”

The concepts behind the words “glory,” “glorify,” and “glorification” are poorly understood and need further explanation. In Revelation 14:7, we are told to fear/give glory to/worship Yahuah because He is our Creator/source/point of origin, which establishes the fundamental principle of giving glory, i.e. the giving of glory is owed to your Creator/source/point of origin. In that every person has an ultimate source/point of origin in Yahuah the Creator, every person has a duty to give glory to Yahuah.... but there are intermediate sources/points of origin that are also to receive glory in Heaven’s plan. Inspiration reveals that the wife has her source/point of origin in her husband (Genesis 2:20-25), and thus the reason for her existence is to give glory (“reverence” Ephesians 5:33) to her husband: in the language of Scripture, she is the glory of her husband (i.e. she is to be the glorifier of her husband). Please notice carefully: “For a man... is the image and glory of Elohim: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man” (I Corinthians 11:7-9). By extension of principle, we see that children have their source/point of origin in their father and mother, and thus are to give glory/“honor” to their father and mother, in that order (Exodus 20:12, Matthew 12:46-50). So we now understand to whom glory is due, and why it is due....but it is equally important to understand how glory is to be given. We obtain guidance about this matter by observing the nature of relationships that exist between the Members of the Family of Heaven. First, we notice that the Son (and sons), daughters, and Wife of the Heavenly Father submit their will to Him (Matthew 12:46-50; John 6:38); then we notice that the children and wife of an earthly “father” are called upon to render the same submission/obedience (Colossians 3:18-20; Ephesians 5:23-24); and so we see that to “give glory” to or to “glorify” someone is to submit to/obey that individual. But what about “glorification”? How does it relate to the giving of glory/glorifying? Glorification is the response of blessings granted by the one who is glorified to those who give glory. A primary blessing is the impartation of the name - this happens in both heavenly and earthly spheres where we see the wife, sons, and unmarried daughters receive the name of the husband/“father” of a family. This reception of the name identifies the one who receives it as honoring/glorifying/submitting to/obeying the one who gives the name. Further blessings of protection, support, and in the spiritual realm, gifts of the Spirit, and finally, the very radiance of Heaven are imparted to the one who glorifies. Relating the foregoing explanation and concepts to the specific subject of this study, we see that the man who refuses to submit to his Heavenly Father’s will as revealed in the beard statute.... refuses to give glory to his Heavenly Father, and disqualifies himself for glorification, including reception of the Heavenly Father’s name and other blessings as previously mentioned. What a tragically high price to pay for offering himself as a living sacrifice.... on the altar of fashion!

America’s Shame

In Heaven’s providence, the men allowed to bring the September 11 judgment on effeminate/homosexual/unisexual America came from a religious/national grouping that, with all of its evils, faults, distortions, and excesses, still has enough integrity to instruct men to look like men and wear their Elohim-given beards! It is written: “But if you do not obey me, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you despise my statutes, or if your soul abhors my judgments, so that you do not perform all my commandments, but break my covenant, I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you....” (Leviticus 26:14-16). It is axiomatic that unless rulers carry out their mandate to be a terror to evil-doers (Romans 13:3).... then evil-doers will become a terror to these negligent rulers AND to those over whom they rule: “O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths” (Isaiah 3:12).

Old Favorites....?

....possibly sung less often/more softly/with slightly less zeal as the implications of their beautiful lyrics are considered by our shaven brethren in light of the subject of this study. (Please note: certain comments are sourced from amongst our “spiritual” brethren who are determined to enter the Kingdom of Heaven without their beards....)

- “I WILL FOLLOW THEE, MY SAVIOR, WHERE SO E’ER MY LOT MAY BE”... unless following You involves complying with the beard commandment You have received from Your Father in Heaven, in which case I will elect to take just a slight detour from your path...
- “FACE TO FACE WITH CHRIST MY SAVIOR, FACE TO FACE, WHAT WILL IT BE?” ...well, what WILL it be, when with your shaven face you come face to face with your bearded Messiah, who categorically commanded you not to mar the margins/borders or your beard? It certainly WON’T be “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord” (Matthew 25:21). Sadly, it will be more like “Friend, how camest thou in thither not having a wedding garment?”.... and then to those who stand by, “Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness.” And there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!
- “IN THAT GREAT GETTING’ UP MORNIN’...FARE THEE WELL? FARE THEE WELL?”.... when the Great King (Matthew 5:35) hands out passports for the Eternal City where He has put His Holy Name (II Chronicles 6:6; 7:16; 33:7) only those who carry His Name (and the attributes/image it stands for) will receive permission for entry. So, “HOW WILL IF FARE WITH THEE AND ME, WHEN THE KING COMES IN?”on the day when every man will be rewarded “according to his works” (Matthew 16:27).
- “LIVE OUT THY LIFE WITHIN ME, O YAHUAHSHUA KING OF KINGS”....except for that part of Your life involving compliance with the beard commandment. I’m so glad YOU complied with Your Father’s instruction on that point so I don’t have to....
- “ALL TO YAHUAHSHUA I SURRENDER, ALL TO HIM I FREELY GIVE”....except my personal opinion that wearing a beard is not appropriate for a spiritual man....

- “WHAT IF IT WERE TODAY?”a particularly poignant “happy summer days” question for those with Laodicean beards, i.e. on when it’s cold, off when it’s hot.
- “BLESSED LORD HOW MUCH I NEED THEE!”... except when it comes to figuring out whether wearing a beard is appropriate for/required of a spiritual man. Lord, when it comes to this matter, I can think better than you can....
- “O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED”we’re so sorry, dear Savior, for all they did to You.... except when they pulled out the hair of Your beard (Isaiah 50:6). Why, You should have had the common sense to have a good shave before showing up for a spiritually important event like the crucifixion....
- “OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME; THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN”.... except for that part of your will involving the beard. As a matter of fact, Father, when we get a chance to visit Heaven, we’ll bring along a few razor blades and show You and Your Son and the brethren up there how to shave and look proper.
- “WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD?”.... yes, dear brother with the shaved-off beard, you WERE there, but not JUST there.... shocking, sickening, hideous thought - you were right in the middle of that jeering mob which pulled out the hair of our Messiah’s beard just before His crucifixion (Isaiah 50:6).... HAVE MERCY! The devil hates the image of Elohim, and most specifically that part of the image carefully protected by the Holy Torah (the “Royal Law” - James 2:8) which reminds him of the Kingly bearing and appearance of those Members of the Heavenly Family which have authority over him, and he works with untiring fervor to literally “de-face” that image wherever it exists, or cause it to be taken in vain by wicked men who sport (often disfigured) beards. Remember - what you do to the image of Elohim that has been loaned to you... you do to your Messiah!

The Sealing of the 144,000

We find ourselves in the Spirit on Yahuah’s Day (the “Lord’s Day” Revelation 1:10), beholding the Ancient of Days (whose beard is like pure wool! Daniel 7:9) high and lifted up on His throne at the nerve center of the Universe, with His Son, the Lamb (whose beard is like pure wool! John 14:9 and Revelation 1:14) at His right hand. As cherubim, seraphim and myriads of angels continuously cry “Holy! Holy! Holy!” our gaze is drawn to a queue of penitents from Planet Earth, making an appearance here as candidates for the 144,000 - a select group who will work with the Lamb to finish off the Great Controversy between good and evil, and win the final victory for the Kingdom of Heaven. Each brother is waiting with bated breath to see if he will be given the Names of the Ancient of Days and of the Lamb on his forehead (see P.S. note) which will constitute entitlement to stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion (Revelation 14:1) and to actively work with the Lamb during the final battle (see P.S. note). We see a poor brother with beard shaved off approach the throne. The Ancient of Days and His Son look at him, then quickly look at each other and say with one voice “This gent wants Our Names on his forehead? NO WAY! He doesn’t even look like us! If We

put Our Holy Names on him, we’d be taking our Names in vain!” **P.S.** The King James Translation tells us that the 144,000 will have the Father’s Name on their foreheads, but better translations tell us that both the Lamb’s and the Father’s Names will be placed on their foreheads: “Then I looked, and there was a Lamb standing on Mount Tziyon; and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads” (Revelation 14:1: Jewish New Testament) and “I looked and the Lamb was standing on Mt. Zion. There were 144,000 people with him who had his name and his father’s name written on their foreheads.” (Revelation 14:1: God’s Word Translation). This is an extremely important point, because those who receive the Redeemer’s Name are shown to have fellowship with Him in suffering, to possess His character of self-denying, self-sacrificing love.... and are identified as assistants to the Lamb/Redeemer in His redemptive work: “and saviors shall come up on Mount Zion, to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be Yahuah’s” (Obadiah 21).

As prophesied (Isaiah 2:3, Revelation 14:1), the final campaign in the spiritual warfare we refer to as the Great Controversy, will go forth from Jerusalem, the physical location of the Garden of Eden and the first round of battle in the 6,000 year conflict here on Planet Earth. Just as the House of Ahab received due recompense for Ahab’s murder of Naboth, and this recompense was meted out in Naboth’s vineyard, the very scene of Ahab’s crime (I Kings 21:1-29 and II Kings 9:1-26)... so the Lamb and His army will engage and ultimately defeat Lucifer precisely where he deceived/seduced our first parents, at the location of the Garden of Eden, which is now Jerusalem! For further information on the Jerusalem-Garden of Eden connection, read the book entitled *The Rod of an Almond Tree in God’s Master Plan* by Peter and Christie Michas, and available from:

Messengers of Messiah International Ministries
7439 Apple Blossom Court
Highland, California 92346 USA
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The Outpouring of the Latter Rain

Regrettably, those men who shave off their beards are 100% vaccinated against receiving the outpouring of the Latter Rain/Reign of the Ruach Ha Kodesh, because it will fall only on those who obey (Acts 5:32). The Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit) of Yahuah can only dwell in Her fullness in a temple built in the image of Yahuah: “and see to it that you make them according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain” (Exodus 25:40). The Holy Torah which Moses received on the mountain is in fact the pattern for the temple of the Ruach ha Kodesh - YOU! (I Corinthians 3:16) Very sadly, the Prophetic Weather Forecast for the encampments of brethren who do not respect and obey the beard statute is 0% POP (Probability of Precipitation).

A Poem and a Prophecy

(Originally written as a Yiddish song in 1868 by Mikhl Gordon. Translated by Gus Tyler. Source: *The Forward* [a Jewish periodical] 6/7/02):

“Di Bord”

When Tshipe-Trayne entered her own house
She did not recognize her longtime spouse
For he his lengthy lavish beard had shaved
Which made her feel her husband was depraved.

The beard, the beard, the beard it must return
Or else in hell my husband dear will burn.

What is he now? A man or just a boy?
Is he a female, male, perhaps a **goy**?*
What shall I think, I am profoundly moved
My pious husband had his beard removed.

The beard, the beard, the beard it must return
Or else in hell my husband dear will burn.

His beard, it never did him any harm
It cost him not, it was his blessed charm
It never even asked that it be fed.
The shaven beard, it's whirring in my head.

The beard, the beard, the beard it must return
Or else in hell my husband dear will burn.

But peace did come to me in dreams last night
The beard returned in full before my sight
Yes, every hair; it banished all my fears
For by its side, unused, there lay the shears.

The beard, the beard, the beard it must return
Or else in hell my husband dear will burn.

* **goy** (plural: goyim): English phonetic rendering of the Hebrew word for Gentile, one from the nations, or colloquially, a "heathen." Historically, the House of Judah (the identifiable Jews) has preserved in precept and practice the Creator's instruction regarding the beard, whereas the House of Ephraim (that part of Israel which early on went into captivity, and assimilated into the goyim) has a long track record of disparaging the great things of Yahuah's Holy Torah, such as the beard statute, and counting them as strange things (Hosea 8:12). By so doing, the House of Ephraim (including most of 10 tribe Israel) was "lost" among the "heathen" (the goyim), and for all practical purposes became a part of them. That is why the wife of our poem looked at her poor depraved/shaven husband and wondered if he was a "goy." And that is why any Torah-submissive Jew would look at a man with a shaved face and ask the same question; he would instantly identify that man as either an ignoramus or a rebel, neither being a good candidate for brotherhood. Dear reader - HOLD THAT POINT! - for it will be a key to understanding and being a part of the fulfillment of a crucial end-time prophecy!

In Ezekiel 37:15-28, we read the fascinating account of a divine encounter experienced by the prophet Ezekiel. What Yahuah told the prophet during that encounter is now understood to be one of the most profound end-time prophecies in all of Holy Writ, and we need to understand this prophecy as directly connected to the subject of our study. Ezekiel was told to take a stick and write on

it - "For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions" - and to take another stick and write on it - "For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his companions." He was further told to join these two sticks together, and make them become one stick in his hand. And now we see, with eyes anointed with heavenly eyesalve (Revelation 3:18), that the restoration of the divine institution of the beard is a vital key to re-uniting the two long-separated houses of Judah and Ephraim, and making them one stick in the Almighty Yahuah's hand, to accomplish His sovereign will! One nation under one King/High Priest/Anointed One, our bearded Messiah Yahuahshua, whose ministry/reign will bring the men of both Judah and Ephraim together in a blessed brotherhood foreshadowed by King David in Psalm 133:1-3: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there Yahuah commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

A Parable: The Little Fox

A recent issue of THE STANDARD BEARER (a periodical of the Seventh-day Adventist Reform Movement) relates a parable about a fox which lost his tail in a trap. What explanation could the unfortunate fellow give to his inquisitive companions? Instead of telling them the truth, he praised his new condition, insinuating that he felt more comfortable and really alleviated, and that he now looked more elegant and "modern" without his "heavy, ugly, and useless" tail. At the same time he ridiculed his "old-fashioned, timid, and dumb" companions for refusing to share his "marvelous" experience. None of those wary creatures believed him, and he had to walk away from them. "And be ye not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of Yahuah" (Romans 12:2). Beware "the foxes, the little [tail-less] foxes, that spoil the vines" (Song of Solomon 2:15 - brackets added).

Troubleshooting

Before calling your Manufacturer, please consult the following troubleshooting section for help in dealing with common problems encountered during implementation of Torah instruction regarding the beard.

- **Problem:** Your boss says you cannot let your beard grow.
Solution: Hallelu-Yah! (Praise Yahuah!) - this is your blessed day (not your "lucky" day: see P.S. note) - you are about to receive a promotion courtesy of your Creator! Let your beard grow in spite of what your boss says and prepare, not only to watch, but to participate in a miracle. When our Heavenly Father told Moshe to position the pot of manna in the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary next to the Ark of the Covenant with the Two Tablets and the Torah, it was not for the purpose of creating an intriguing museum exhibit... but rather, it was our Heavenly Father's way of saying "Follow My instructions and I'll look after you" or, in the words of our Messiah, "Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of Elohim, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto

you” (Matthew 6:33) and “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Elohim” (Matthew 4:4).

Insistence on obedience to the precepts of Yahuah’s Holy Torah has always laid the groundwork for Heavenly intervention and the breaking of yokes of bondage. Israel’s deliverance from the galling yoke of Egyptian bondage occurred in the context of Moshe’s insistence that Pharaoh allow Israel to follow the Creator’s instruction regarding the Feasts of Yahuah (Exodus 5:1), and your deliverance WILL occur as you insist on obeying your Creator’s statutory instruction regarding the beard. And now, a word to the wise: the principle just explained in this “solution” could also be applied with profit by children as they relate to instruction from their Torah-submissive earthly “father”: “a man spareth his own son that serveth him” (Malachi 3:17). **P.S.** There is no LUCK in Heaven’s program, but rather there are BLESSINGS and CURSES (Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28) with not even 1% LUCK involved in their impartation. LUCK and LUCIFER derive from the same root word, and LUCK is LUCIFER’S counterfeit for Heavenly BLESSINGS and PROTECTION granted to those who walk according to Yahuah’s Holy Torah! As this point is understood, it will readily be seen that any reliance on astrology or fortune-telling constitutes blatant disbelief in Yahuah, labels HIM a LIAR (I John 5:20) and spells the end of any positive working relationship with Him.

- **Problem:** Your earthly “father” tells you not to let your beard grow.

Solution: One brother of my acquaintance, an ex-pastor now turned lawyer, experienced this distressing situation. He saw the Heavenly Light shining from the Torah in Leviticus 19 and stopped destroying his beard. His earthly “father,” however, became very disturbed and instructed him to cut off his beard, which he did, and which he has continued to do until today. This poor brother is in the midst of a real identity crisis. He is torn between being a son of his earthly “father” (and reproducing his image) or being a son of his Heavenly Father (and reproducing His image). Presently, sadly, the earthly is winning out. Pray that he may have the courage of Gideon, and go out and DESTROY his earthly “father’s” idol! (Judges 6:25-32) Pray that he might be “born again” as a son of his Heavenly Father (or, in terms of Jewish concept, be “bar mitzvah’ed,” or become a “son” [bar] of the “Torah precepts” [mitzvah]), so that he may recognize his highest calling - to “be about his [Heavenly] Father’s business” (Luke 2:49).

- **Problem:** Your wife says you shall not let your beard grow. **Solution:** Probably the most obvious yet least discussed truth in the Holy Torah is... that we got into the mess we’re in down here on Planet Earth when a man listened to his wife rather than his Creator (Genesis 3:17), and when a woman listened to the serpent rather than her husband (see Genesis 2:15-18: it is critically important to recognize that the Creator did not tell Eve not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil; rather, He gave Adam this instruction before she was created, and it was her business to understand

and obey the Creator’s will as explained to her by her husband). It doesn’t take extraordinary inspiration to recognize that the only way out of our present mess involves the man listening to his Creator instead of his wife, and the woman listening to her husband instead of the serpent. So, the solution to the problem under discussion looks like this: when your wife says you shall not let your beard grow, don’t listen to her, but rather listen to your Creator, and let it grow anyway. Expect some turmoil - the devil never gives up turf without a fight! But thank Heaven the time has come for your liberation/emancipation from the curse of female rule which falls on disobedient men (Isaiah 3:12). It is past time for wives here on Planet Earth to follow the example of the Wife of the Heavenly Father, who respects/carries out Her Husband’s wishes (Matthew 12:46-50).

- **Problem:** Your own conscience tells you not to wear a beard. After a lifetime of ignorant/innocent rebellion against your Creator’s instruction regarding the beard, and feeling you were doing the Almighty service (Isaiah 66:5) when you mocked bearded brethren as unbalanced fanatics and crazy men, you are now having trouble “adjusting” your thinking to regard the beard as good and normal. **Solution:** It is not “adjustment” of your thinking that is required; rather, it is heart-felt sorrow, repentance, and conversion! Thank Heaven, our Heavenly Father will wink at the time of your ignorance (which is past, by the way, since you are reading this study) but He now commands you to repent! Confess the LIES your “fathers” have inherited and passed on to you (Jeremiah 16:19). Pray fervently as did the Psalmist David for your Creator to continue His work of creation and to create a clean heart in YOU (Psalm 51:10), and He will do for your thinking exactly what you need done.
- **Problem:** You can’t grow a beard. **Solution:** Don’t worry about it. Your Heavenly Father knows all about the defects and weaknesses that have accumulated in our fallen human family after 6,000 years of sin, and He won’t fault you for not doing something which you are not able to do. Look forward to the day when a new heaven, a new earth, and a new you (I Corinthians 15:51-54) will replace the current sin-damaged versions. Hallelu-Yah!
- **Problem:** A “multitude of counselors” tell you not to let your beard grow. This “multitude” may include any or all of the above, plus friends, relatives, “independent ministry” brethren who operate independently not only of the General Conference corporate yoke, but also of Torah instruction regarding gender differentiation, President George W. Bush - who has publicly berated the Taliban for their emphasis on the beard, and many other potential “counselors” too numerous to mention here. **Solution:** This is an interesting problem, indeed, because we remember that Solomon tells us, “In the multitude of counselors, there is safety” (Proverbs 24:6). But we forget that in the same verse, the wise man says, “For by wise counsel, thou shalt make thy war.” As we learn that Yahuah’s Holy Torah IS WISDOM BY DEFINITION (Deuteronomy 4:5,6), we come to see, finally, that there is

safety only in the multitude of Torah-submissive counselors. We also see that the counsel of one Torah-submissive counselor is of infinitely greater value than the counsel of a multitude of Torah-disregarding counselors! Indeed, as the wise man also reminds us, “there is no WISDOM, nor UNDERSTANDING, nor COUNSEL against Yahuah” (Proverbs 21:30). We need to remember that Yahuah instructed Abraham to get out not only from Ur of the Chaldees, but also to get out from among his kindred and his father’s house (Genesis 12:1)... very clear and wise counsel for every pilgrim who is bound for the Promised Land! As our Messiah/Master/Example so succinctly put it, “Let the dead bury their dead” (Matthew 8:22).

- **Problem:** Your church “elder” says you should not let your beard grow.

Solution: When he (or “she”; see P.S. note) taps you on the shoulder after worship services and suggests a brief discussion in the pastor’s study regarding your new beard, please immediately send up a silent prayer for a fortified angel escort - it will prove highly useful! Unbeknownst to you in the days of your ignorance, these devil’s agents known as clergymen/women (and all other devil’s agents) saw in your circumcised/shaven/naked face a billboard-sized announcement identifying you as a sucker candidate waiting to be trapped by THEIR specious lies, and put into bondage/servitude to THEM, via their religious/denominational/professional/social yokes.... because you had rejected/ignored the Messiah’s Torah of truth, which is the only thing that could guarantee your freedom! (John 8:32) You should realize, then, that the appearance of your beard signals big trouble for these “illuminated” task-masters, and you should expect them to take it very seriously indeed! Be prepared for a rather surprisingly large number and variety of theologically-flavored lies, some quite crude, but others extremely clever. Sharpen your sword and prepare for combat!

P.S. Berrien Springs, Michigan, is home to the structure Seventh-day Adventist **ANDREWS UNIVERSITY**, with its theological seminary.... and is also home to a strong and aggressive lobby group campaigning for the ordination of female “elders.” In light of the fact that the Hebrew word for ELDER, *Zaken*, is written the same as the Hebrew word for BEARD, *Zakan* (see Strong’s concordance 2204, 2205, 2206), wig boutiques in the Berrien Springs area might be advised to set aside shelf space for a potentially lucrative new product line....

- **Theological Lie #1:** Paul in Colossians 2:14-16 tells us that the handwritten Law containing the beard statute was contrary to and against us, and was done away with by nailing it to the Messiah’s cross.... **Explain** to your “elder” how solid Greek scholarship has now determined that this text does not state that any law was nailed to the cross, but rather that the handwritten record of the sinner’s violations of the law (the *cheirographon*) was nailed to the Messiah’s cross, causing those violations to be forgiven by virtue of the Messiah’s sacrifice. Further, you should point out that the traditional misunderstanding of this text has fostered the Laodicean condition as described in Revelation 3:14-22, and that the only way for us to see our wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked condition as observed by the Faithful and True Witness is to restore the Holy Torah to its rightful position as the revealed will of our Creator for us, let it show us our defects and failings, and then repent and overcome as instructed in Revelation 3:19-21

- **Theological Lie #2:** Adam had no beard at Creation, but rather somehow found himself growing one after the fall.... (don’t laugh too hard - one church “elder” of my acquaintance has actually advanced this proposition).... **The** only possible “proof/evidence” that could be offered for this view would be (lying) artwork in children’s Bible Story and other similar books showing Adam in the Garden of Eden without a beard - but the wording of the statute in Leviticus utterly disproves this lie: it would be impossible to “mar” a sin-caused defect! The inspired Torah record tells us that in the beginning - BEFORE THE FALL - Yahuah created man both male and female (Genesis 1:27; 5:1, 2), and the beard is a key physical trait distinguishing men from women. Distinction of the sexes in both role and appearance is a principle upheld throughout the Bible.

- **Theological Lie #3:** In Romans 10:4, we learn that “the Messiah is the end of the law,” so we no longer need to comply with its various precepts such as the beard statute.... **Explain** to your “elder” that this is a typical King James MIS-Translation resulting from the anti-Jewish theological bias of the translators. Share a correct translation: “For the goal at which the Torah aims is the Messiah, Who offers righteousness to everyone who trusts” (Jewish New Testament, translated by David Stern: available from Jewish New Testament Publications, PO Box 1313, Clarksville, Maryland 21029, USA).

- **Theological Lie #4:** The beard statute is only for the Jews/familial descendants of Abraham.... **Aside** from the fact that the Creator created beards on the faces of Gentile men exactly as He created them on the faces of Jewish men, we as followers of the Messiah need go no further than our Master’s marching orders in Matthew

28:19,20 to conclusively identify this proposition as a lie: "Go ye therefore, and teach ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching THEM to observe ALL things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." It is also instructive to note that the word "Jew" means "praiser of Yahuah," an accurate description of ALL who follow our Messiah's teachings.

- **Theological Lie #5:** The beard statute was part of the law which "was added because of transgressions" and would last only "until the seed should come to whom the promise was made" (Galations 3:19)... **Help** your "elder" to understand that this text speaks of laws added to an already existing Torah, because "where no law is, there is no transgression" (Romans 4:15). Show your "elder" how the laws of burnt-offerings and sacrifices were not given to Israel when they were brought out of Egypt because at that time, Yahuah wanted and expected obedience.... and how later, because of Israel's disobedience, the laws of burnt offerings and sacrifices were added to the Torah (Jeremiah 7:22-24). Let your "elder" know that particularly now, when we have the benefit of the Messiah's Torah-magnifying life and sacrificial death, Heaven expects us to obey the Holy Torah, including the beard statute, rather than pursuing any literal observance of the laws of burnt offerings and sacrifices, which were added to the Torah until the Messiah came. May Heaven give us the wisdom to take up our cross and follow our Messiah (Matthew 10:38), saying with Him: "Sacrifice and offerings thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me; in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin, thou hast no pleasure" (Hebrews 10:5,6: for further study, see all of Hebrews 10, I Samuel 15:22; all of Isaiah 53; Psalm 40:6-8). Let us listen carefully and with understanding when He says "Go and learn what this means: 'I want compassion rather than animal sacrifice'" (Matthew 9:13: Jewish New Testament, from Hosea 6:6 which says "For I desired mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of Elohim more than burnt offerings").

- **Theological Lie #6:** The Almighty commanded the ancient Israelites not to disfigure the borders of their beards because the seven wicked nations of Canaan which Israel was to replace made a practice of disfiguring the borders of their beards, and the Almighty wanted Israel to be different from those nations, a "peculiar people." Today, however, we don't live by those seven wicked nations, so we can disfigure the borders of our beards and our Omniscient Creator doesn't care..... **Explain** to your "elder" that his reasoning is precisely the same as saying that the Almighty commanded the ancient Israelites not to commit adultery, homosexuality, or bestiality because the seven wicked nations of Canaan which Israel was to replace made a practice of committing adultery, homosexuality, and bestiality, and the Almighty wanted Israel to be different from those nations, a "peculiar

people" (Leviticus 18:20-30; Deuteronomy 14:2); but today, however, since we don't live by those seven wicked nations, we can commit adultery, homosexuality, and bestiality and our Omniscient Creator doesn't care.... help your elder to "see" that "ha satan" (the devil) works to create popular hairstyles which corrupt/violate the image of Elohim in every country he possibly can, for whatever reason or for no reason at all, because he HATES that image! Inform him that the naked, defaced look (or the "clean-shaven" look -- to use NLP/neurolinguistic programming terminology) which is in vogue in America today is helping to fill up our cup of iniquity (lawlessness) just as the beard perversions found in the seven original nations of Canaan helped to fill up their cup of iniquity. Enhance your "elder's" understanding of the future by reminding him/her that Israel replaced the seven nations of Canaan thousands of years ago, and at the end of days, true Israel -- the "stone cut out without hands" of Daniel 2 - will replace every nation that disfigures the borders of their beards. If your "elder" is at loss to comprehend the profound implications of this prophetic scenario, ask him/her to stand up and walk towards the door of the pastor's study. Then go and sit down in the pastor's chair, and say you're "just illustrating" the outworking of this prophecy in an easy-to-understand manner....

- **Theological Lie #7:** The beard statute is part of the law which is "enmity," and which thankfully our Messiah abolished (Ephesians 2:15), so if we should grow a beard now as a religious duty, we would again participate in that "enmity" and would become entangled in a "yoke" of bondage which not even the Jews could bear (Acts 15:10)... **Show** your "elder" how the word "enmity" in Ephesians 2:15,16 is translated from the Greek word *echthra*, which was principally translated from the Hebrew word *ayib* which means "to be hostile toward" or "to have enmity toward" something. Explain how italicized words are added by translators and cause their translations to reflect their own biases, and give your "elder" a good version of this text without the added words and mistranslation: "abolishing the enmity -- the hatred and opposition to the Law, the Commandments, and the Ordinances through His own flesh, in order to create in Himself one new man from the two, making peace, that would reconcile both in one body to Yahweh through the sacrifice -- having killed the enmity through Himself" (Ephesians 2:15,16 from the "Book of Yahweh" available from the House of Yahweh, PO Box 2442, Abilene, TX 79604, USA). Show how the soul who learns of the great sacrifice our Messiah has made no longer harbors hostility toward our Messiah's instructions (the "law"), but rather that soul which was hostile to Yahuah and His Law (Romans 8:6,7) now exclaims with the Psalmist David "O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). Then help your "elder" understand that the "yoke of bondage" which the Jews could not bear was a yoke

consisting of the numerous and rigorous “commandments of men” (Matthew 15:9) which were taught as part and parcel of the “Law of Moses,” but which were, in fact, unauthorized additions to it. Show how the yoke of the Messiah’s Holy Torah is blessed, “light,” and “easy,” (Matthew 11:30) and that the Messiah’s ministry “magnified the law and made it honorable” (Isaiah 42:21), and that if we should want to follow our Messiah’s footsteps, we would do the same, by precept and example, including compliance with the beard statute.

- **Theological Lie #8:** The beard statute regulates an external matter, which is thus of trivial importance/significance... **Acknowledge** to your “elder” your inability to rank every mitzvah of the Torah in order of relative importance, but then point out that a statute regulating the reproduction of Yahuah’s own facial image in His earthly sons would not be insignificant in His sight - as a matter of fact, due to its physical and spiritual proximity to the “apple of his eye,” it would actually be of tremendous significance! Then remind your “elder” that even if the beard statute were the least important precept in the Torah.... but you disregarded/disobeyed it after you became aware of the obligation it placed upon you.... then for you, it would no longer be simply the beard statute that would be at issue. It would rather become a question of whether you believe and obey your Creator and Heavenly Father, or whether you believe and obey another “author-ity”.... and this is the most important question in the great controversy between good and evil! After all, eating a piece of fruit from a certain tree was a very minor thing.... or was it? It is written: “not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man” (Matthew 15:11).... but is it not also written: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of Elohim”? (Matthew 4:4 and Deuteronomy 8:3)

- **Theological Lie #9:** The prophet Ezekiel tells us that Yahuah gave His people Israel “statutes that were not good” (Ezekiel 20:25: King James MIS-translation), and the beard statute is one of them.... **Help** your “elder” to understand that this is yet another mistranslation produced by a group of translators with more on their agenda than giving the Bible to the English in their own tongue. Explain how all of Ezekiel 20 is a review of Israel’s idolatrous love affair with the “statutes of the fathers” (v.18) instead of faithful obedience to the statutes of Yahuah. Then use a correct translation of v. 25 to reveal Yahuah’s ultimate response to their stubbornness: “therefore, I also gave them UP to statutes which were not good (New King James Version). Cite other Scripture references which say the same thing: “Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone” (Hosea 4:17); “Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch” (Matthew 15:14); and “Wherefore Yahuah also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves” (Romans 1:24). Make sure your

“elder” recognizes that the “statutes” of Ezekiel 20:25 are the idolatrous “statutes of the fathers,” and are not any part of Yahuah’s Torah, which is holy, just, good, perfect, and righteous altogether (Romans 7:12; Psalm 19: 7-9).

- **Theological Lie #10:** Joseph shaved in Egypt (Genesis 41:14), so it must be OK for us to shave as well.... **Explain** to your “elder” that prior to the formal giving of the Torah on Sinai (and occasionally even after the giving of the Torah), several of the great men of Scripture “missed the mark” in a number of different areas due to ignorance, weakness, or passion. Remind him of Jacob, who married two sisters in violation of Torah instruction on prohibited marriages (Leviticus 18:18). Then help your “elder” to understand that the 144,000 first fruits of the final generation will never say “It was good enough for ‘father,’ so it is good enough for me.” The only father whose standards they will wish to exemplify is their Father which is in Heaven.

- **Theological Lie #11:** (Spoken in a solicitous, almost tender way, as if truly interested in your welfare) “Dear brother, your zeal is admirable, but you should realize that if you really want to obey this statute, you will need to let your beard continue growing until it reaches the floor, or even until it becomes a tail that drags behind you, because this statute prohibits any trimming of your beard to regulate length.... and you will look ridiculous; you’ll be the laughing stock of the neighborhood; you’ll be in the Guinness Book of World Records; you won’t be able to work/hold a job; no woman would ever marry you; no one will listen to anything else you have to say.... so please, dear brother, admit that heaven no longer requires us to obey this statute, and be a normal person like the rest of us”.... **Thank** your “elder” for his/her interest in your future, but then remind him/her that your future is in the hands of the One Who not only gave the beard statute, but Who also created the entire universe, and that you feel things will work out satisfactorily. Help your “elder” to relax by explaining that the beard statute in no way prohibits trimming for length, but rather specifically prohibits marring/distorting the border/hairline/outline of the beard to create such things as moustaches, goatees, Elvis sideburns/“lamb chops” or other aberrations. The following note from “The Encyclopedia of the Jewish Religion” should also help to clarify this matter: “Among the ancient Hebrews and other oriental nations, the beard was a symbol of manhood and was carefully tended, trimmed (in later periods especially in honor of the Sabbath and festivals), and anointed.... The biblical injunction not to ‘mar the edges of your beard’ in the fashion of the pagan worshippers was interpreted by the rabbis as a prohibition against shaving in general.”

Finally, regarding your “elder’s” wish that you be a “normal” person.... remind him/her that “to be well-adjusted in a sick society is really to be sick,” and that the only society you’d like to be well-adjusted in is that of the Kingdom of Heaven. “Every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or

mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life" and.... "many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first" (Matthew 19:29,30).

- **Theological Lie #12:** This matter of understanding the Heavenly Father to have a physical form like ours is the juvenile perversion/simplification/crutch called "anthropomorphism," something surely beneath any serious student of the Scriptures. It's time for you to grow up!.... **Suggest** that your "elder" save some of his valuable breath to enlighten:

1. Adam and Eve, who thought they heard Yahuah WALKING in the garden (Genesis 3:8)
2. Jacob, who was sure he saw Yahuah STANDING at the top of a mystic ladder which reached from earth to heaven (Genesis 28:12,13)
3. Moses, who reported seeing the BACKSIDE of Yahuah on Mount Sinai (Exodus 13:18-23)
4. The seventy elders of Israel, and Moses, Aaron, Nadab and Abihu who all felt they saw Yahuah with sapphire stone pavement under His FEET (Exodus 24:9-11)
5. Isaiah, who says he saw Yahuah the King SITTING upon His throne (Isaiah 6:1)
6. Nebuchadnezzar, who was directly quoted as saying he saw a Man with the FORM of the Son of Elohim in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:25)
7. Daniel, who says he was given a night vision view of the Heavenly Father including His HEAD and HAIR (Daniel 7:9)

Theologians and doctors both like to use long and mysterious words to conceal their ignorance and deviousness; remind your "elder" that our Messiah declared: "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

-**Theological Lie #13:** The beard statute only applies to those men who decide to grow a beard.... **Relate** to your "elder" the experience of a friend of mine who saw the Heavenly Light shining from Leviticus 19, and who was greeted one fine Shabbat morning by a friend of his who proceeded to say "I see you've decided to grow a beard!" His answer: "No, I have not decided to grow a beard. My Creator decided to grow my beard, and I have simply decided to stop destroying it!" Help your "elder" to see that no man is asked to decide whether or not he should grow a beard - that decision is already made for him by the sovereign will of his Creator and is no more subject to variableness or shadow of turning than is the Creator Who made it! (James 1:17) The only decision left for us brethren is whether we shall obey or rebel against our Creator's command not to disfigure the margin/hairline of the beard. Show your "elder" that his position is precisely the same as saying, "If you decide to have skin, then don't tattoo it" (see Leviticus 19:28), or, "If you decide to observe Shabbat, then refrain from working on the seventh-day" (see Exodus 20:8-11). Tell your "elder" it's past time for him to "rightly divide the Word of Truth" (II Timothy 2:15) and to stop insulting

his Creator to His face!

After using your sWORD for defensive action to deal with your "elder's" arguments, it would be well to remember that your weapon is even sharper than a "two-edged" sword (Hebrews 4:12). Practice in the field will prove it to be a truly versatile tool that functions equally well for offensive warfare! If your "elder" remains haughty and intransigent, consider removing his/her head using the following sharp sWORD strokes.

Before you administer the *coup de grace*, inform your elder that you come to him/her in the name and image of Yahuah of hosts, the Elohim of the armies of Israel whom he/she has defied (I Samuel 17:45), following precedent set by David before removing Goliath's head. Then proceed to use your sWORD:

- Jeremiah 9:25, 26 "Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will... punish all those who cut their beards." *

- Jeremiah 25:15, 23 "Take the wine cup of fury from my hand, and make all nations to whom I send you drink it... and all those who cut their beards." *

- Jeremiah 49:32 "...I will scatter to all winds those whose beards are clipped. I will bring their calamity from every side of them, says the Lord." *

(* all the above texts taken from *The Holy Bible* translated from the Aramaic Peshita by Dr. George M. Lamsa [whose mother tongue is Aramaic] and published by Harper-Collins. For more, information, call the Aramaic Bible Society at 770-784-9062, or view their website at: aramaic.org)

- John 8:44 "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a LIE, he speaketh of his own: for he is a LIAR, and the father of it."

- Revelation 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and ALL LIARS, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

- Revelation 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into [the New Jerusalem] anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or MAKETH A LIE; but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

- Revelation 22:15 "For without [the New Jerusalem] are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and WHOSOEVER LOVETH AND MAKETH A LIE."

- Revelation 14:1-5 "...an hundred forty and four thousand.... and in their mouth was found NO GUILE."

SOS! SOS! SOS! SOS!

Spiritual Emergency! Brain donor needed immediately to prevent eternal death! "Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahuahshua." (Philippians 2:5)

What to do?

Dear brother: have you been shocked as you've gone through this study? You should have been - not because of the truth it contains, but rather because those you have paid to shepherd you to the Kingdom of Heaven have never taught you this truth, which is as obvious as the nose - or beard - on your face! Rather than acting like shepherds, they have acted like lawyers.... who take away the key of knowledge, refuse to enter the Kingdom of Heaven themselves, and hinder those who are entering in (Matthew 23:13 and Luke 11:52).

What, then, should you do if you've been circumcised by the BEAST, if you've let the Revelation 18 harlot (or one of her daughters) seduce you to remove your Heaven-given beard and lose your spiritual strength and vision just as the heathen wench Delilah caused Samson to lose his hair, and then his super-human Yahuah-given strength and his vision?

First, you need to get on your knees and repent, because you have given great occasion to the enemies of Yahuah to blaspheme (II Samuel 12:14). Then you need to get up off your knees and praise Yahuah for His great faithfulness, His mercies and compassions, which are new every morning, without which you would have been consumed (Lamentations 3:22, 23). Starting tomorrow morning, instead of grabbing your razor, TAKE HOLD of the garment of Him that is called a Jew (Zechariah 8:23), look carefully at the tassels (Hebrew *tzit tzit*) in the corners of it, and from that time onwards, remember to do all the commandments of Yahuah, and no longer seek after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you used to go a-whoring, but rather be holy unto your Elohim (Numbers 15:32-41). If you love your Messiah, then keep His commandments (John 14:15), including the one which tells you not to mar/destroy the borders of your beard. Go and sin no more (John 5:14; 8:11), and be WHOLE/HEALED! You will receive an extra measure of the Ruach Ha Kodesh which is given to those who obey (Acts 5:32), and your eyes will be opened to behold wondrous things in the Torah (Psalm 119:18). Tremble at Yahuah's WORD, including that part of it which instructs you not to mar/destroy the borders of your beard, and the Almighty King of the Universe will dwell with you (Isaiah 66:1, 2).

From now on, settle it in your heart, that you will take up your cross and follow your Messiah (Matthew 10:38), no longer leaning on the arm of flesh (Jeremiah 17:5). Present your body (with beard attached) as a living sacrifice to Yahuah (Romans 12:1), WITHOUT BLEMISH, as directed for all animal sacrifices in pre-Messianic typical worship! Resolve to acknowledge no man on earth as anything more than a brother.... and resolve to TRULY serve your One Master - Yahuahshua the Messiah (Matthew 23:8-10). Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of Yahuah, and He will provide everything else you need (Matthew 7:33).

Does this study go somewhere? Yes.

A man's shaved chin is like the tip of an iceberg.... it connects to HUGE spiritual trouble under the surface! Conversely, the truth about a man's beard becomes a window through which MANY wonderful things will be seen by eyes opened by the Ruach Ha Kodesh of Yahuah! Bill Gates' WINDOWS® Operating System is only a faint shadow of Heaven's WINDOWS operating system called the Torah (or, "Teachings"), where every mitzvah (precept or commandment) opens a window through which you can see a vision of the Kingdom of Heaven, and the King of that Kingdom, our Messiah Yahuahshua! For purposes of illustration, and to help you remember the lessons taught in this study, you might think of a man's beard as an antennae which may be tuned to receive signals directly from the Kingdom of Heaven's tele-VISION channel, a channel we need to watch much more often!

- "If a man say, I love Yahuah, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love Yahuah whom he hath not seen?" (I John 4:20).... or, transposed and amplified to fit the subject of this study: "If a man say, I observe the weighty spiritual - but invisible-matters of the Torah such as love, justice, and mercy, but he observes not the simple visible matters of the Torah, such as the beard statute, he is a liar; for he that complies not with the provisions of Torah that regulate simple visible matters, how can he comply with the weighty exceedingly broad spiritual principles of the Torah that are invisible to the physical eye?"
- "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made [except for my beard....?!?!]: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well" (Psalm 139:14 - brackets added).
- "Thy WORD is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).
- "Full well ye reject the commandment of Yahuah, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:8, 9).
- "He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are an abomination to Yahuah" (Proverbs 17:15).
- "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge" (Proverbs 19:27).
- "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law [Torah], even his prayer shall be abomination" (Proverbs 28:9).
- "Faithful are the wounds of a friend" (Proverbs 27:6).
- "Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16).
- "DO Yahuah's will as He has revealed it in His Holy Torah and you'll know whether this teaching on the beard originates with Him or comes from somewhere else" (John 7:16,17 -- paraphrased and amplified to suit this study).
- "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous

man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward" (Matthew 10:41).

- "Where there is no vision, the people perish (or, literally translated, 'THE PEOPLE ARE MADE NAKED'): but he that keepeth the law (Torah), happy is he" (Proverbs 29:18).

"Salvation is of the Yahudim (Jews)... we know what we worship" (John 4:22)

FINAL WORD for those men who have decided to follow their Messiah's example, and submit their wills to the will of the Heavenly Father: "May Yahuah bless you and keep you. As you acknowledge the beauty of Yahuah's face by your compliance with the beard statute, may Yahuah make His face to shine upon you and teach you all the rest of His statutes in His Holy Torah (Psalm 119:135), so that you may stand perfect and complete in ALL the will of Elohim (Colossians 4:12). May Yahuah be gracious unto you; may He lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace! And finally, may Yahuah Himself grant you the ultimate blessing - may He put His own MOST HOLY NAME of eternal existence on your forehead (Revelation 14:1), acknowledging your conformity to His spiritual, mental and physical image (Revelation 14:5 and 15:2), and imparting to you the gift of eternal life!" (based on the Aaronic blessing found in Numbers 6:22-37)

A FINAL WORD for those men who have decided to reject their Messiah's example and rebel against the will of the Heavenly Father.... may be found in Leviticus 26:14-45 and Deuteronomy 28:15-68.

If you would like to continue your search for truth, call today for your free Torah study guides entitled "Open THOU Mine Eyes" and "Did Our Messiah Flunk Engineering 101?"

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IS OUR HEAVENLY FATHER “SPIRITUALLY CHALLENGED”?

It seems almost sacrilege to pose the question, doesn't it? But I would like to suggest that those among us who still hold a brief for Christmas, New Year's Day, and Easter observance do more than pose the question... they answer it -- in the affirmative!

Consider for a minute; Christmas, New Year's Day, and Easter practitioners among us are literally and really presenting to us a Heavenly Father who can't seem to do better than to recycle a pagan/papal calendar and pagan holidays (holy days) to create teaching tools that might help His earthly children to understand eternal Heavenly truths. It's ridiculous just to think about it: our Heavenly Father Yahuah, the Almighty Sovereign of all, Master of every principality and power, ultimate Source and Origin for everything and everyone, Giver of every good and perfect gift, dwelling in glory unapproachable, knowing the end from the beginning, orchestrating the movement and interactions of suns, moons, galaxies, meteors, comets, asteroids, planets, novae, supernovae, etc., the Almighty in Whom is no darkness at all, the One Who is declared to be without variableness or shadow of turning, the One Who changes not, the One Who through His Son commanded us not to touch the unclean thing, not to use profane or strange fire in place of sacred fire, not to worship the Almighty in the way the heathen worship their deities, not to add or take away from what is written in the Torah, but rather to teach all or even the very least commandments of Torah, to buy gold tried in the fire (i.e. tested for purity), and not to mix the fibers of our garments.....

caught a bit flat-footed, somewhat off guard, if you please, by the events of Calvary, and subsequently forced to abandon His own personal calendar and program of Holy Days and borrow heavily from the pagans in order to develop a viable worship program and lifestyle. Unthinkable! Ludicrous! Absurdity bordering on insanity! And, thankfully, totally different from scripturally-portrayed reality.

Inspiration sheds the following light on the situation:

- 1) The plan of salvation was worked out by Elohim before the foundation of the world.
- 2) The worship program given Israel at Sinai contained specific guidelines for worship and sacred service, the times given corresponding exactly to the times in the future when the actual events illustrated by the services of these special times would take place. Hence, these special appointed times are really “anniversaries ahead of time,” or prophecies, which continually remind the true worshiper of what is in store for him in the future.
- 3) When the Messiah arrived and began His ministry, one of the first things he did was to make perfectly clear (in Matthew 5:17, 18) that His mission would not destroy a jot or a tittle of the Law of Moses (the “Torah”), which clearly defines these special appointed times for worship.
- 4) The first of these appointed times was Passover, which portrayed the sacrifice of the Son of Yahuah to provide a ransom for sinful, or iniquitous, or lawless mankind.
- 5) The Messiah laid down His life for the fallen race on that awesome

Passover which capped off His 3 ½ year ministry at His First Advent, and the events of the day corresponded exactly to the services which had prefigured them for hundreds or even thousands of years. The Chosen People acted their part right on cue, and the blood and water that were required for all subsequent service in the Heavenly Sanctuary were provided.

6) This momentous Passover fulfillment BEGAN the progression of appointed time fulfillments which will continue until ultimate Feast of Tabernacles fulfillment, when Deity finally and fully tabernacles, or dwells, with mankind. Far from nullifying or obsoleting Heaven's system of appointed times for worship, Passover provided the divine blood and water for service in the Heavenly Sanctuary that would make further appointed time/prophetic sabbath fulfillments possible!

The final battle is being fought on several different fronts simultaneously, with Lucifer going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. As one might expect from the “father of lies,” he has several different grades or qualities of deception suited for different target markets. One of his Grade B deceptions, adequate for most casual students of Scripture, informs us that while the moral Law of the Almighty is eternal, the little detail in the fourth commandment that specifies only the seventh day for rest and worship, is “Jewish” and “ceremonial,” and, like the rest of the “Jewish” and “ceremonial” law and the “Jewish” and “ceremonial” sabbaths, has been “nailed to the cross.” This frees us, then, from the “burden” of the “ceremonial” law that was “against us,” but also leaves us with a dearth of guidance for weekly and annual holiday observance. Enter, the devil's religious “green party,” with great experience and sophistication in recycling pagan worship institutions (i.e. thinking to change times -- the feast days -- and laws, in the words of Daniel the prophet). A complete program of worship is provided, and the casual student is satisfied.

For the more diligent student, however, something more is needed -- a real Grade A deception! Here we find a finely developed theology of the weekly Sabbath, PROVING that both the rest and the timing for that rest are still positive requirements of the Almighty Yahuah... combined with an equally finely developed theology (based on misinterpretation and mistranslation of key passages in the writings of Paul), “PROVING” ... that the annual sabbaths were “burdensome” and “against us,” and were mercifully eliminated from the program of True Worship by a Heavenly Father who didn't want His children to get too bogged down in the details of the Plan of Salvation... Truly, a deception for the very elect, masterminded by the “father of lies” who fears nothing more than the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and who knows that Heaven is waiting to pour out the Holy Spirit on those who will obey Torah instruction (Acts 5:32), including those statutes which call us to observe the annual sabbaths/festivals! And please understand that I am not talking about righteousness by works: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit here referred to is power transmission, not power generation!

Every annual sabbath observed is a renewed vote of confidence in the ability of the Heavenly Government to make good on its promise to restore to mankind the first dominion, **PARADISE LOST**. “Yahuah is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” “Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is heaven...”
SHALOM!