



## SHELTER IN PLACE

The worried young father holds the precious basin while his son strains to reach to the highest point of the doorway... The homemade brush made from a prescribed kind of bush... The blood of a lamb which had been killed just before sundown, and his blood gathered into the basin, to be used as directed over the doorway...

All the questions of "Why?" from his sweet children are going unanswered. He cannot even allow himself the luxury of asking such questions. "This is all about obedience! We must obey the voice of authority. May the God of Heaven look down upon us and have mercy upon us!" That is all he can say...

In the distance the sounds of cries begin to fill the air. This family, along with a couple of their closest neighbors, huddle together in their house. They must eat the meal standing... They must *shelter in place*, not leaving the house... They must keep their shoes on. The full moon shines down upon a terrifying scene... It is midnight...



This old story has been passed on from Jews and Christians down through the generations of mankind. They are getting ready to celebrate it in just a few days. It is the Passover. The story was made famous in our generation by Hollywood in the movie *The Ten Commandments*.

Such an amazing story from the Bible caught the eye of the movie producers of big-screen cinema. They thought it would be a big money-maker, and they were right. It did end up being one of the ten most popular movies ever made, both in how much money it made for the producers, and in how many people watched it. Why were people so interested in this story? It has become something that many people watch as a ritual each spring.

The movie vividly depicted that fateful night, so that even people who have never read the Bible themselves are familiar with the story. It was the night the "Death Angel" of a horrible plague passed over the land, with thousands of people dying.

But the miracle is that it did not take the lives of people who were obedient to the prophet of God who told them exactly what to do in order to be safe from the plague. If they would obey, the death angel would pass over them, and then they would be set free from their slavery...

After the miracle happened, leaving God's people unhurt by the Angel of Death, there was the great and famous "Exodus" into freedom and on to the Promised Land! After that, God commanded his people to always remember this event every year at the first full moon of springtime with a great festival called *Passover*. They were never to forget how their God had saved them because of their obedience to his directives.

To be safe they must remain *sheltered in place*... "Shelter in place! Do not go outside!" Does that sound familiar? Death was striking everywhere in the country from a plague for which there was no cure. Does that sound familiar? Wouldn't you desperately grab the brush and put the blood over the door of your house, if that were the remedy for this awful plague? ○

"Dear Mom, I'm going stir crazy. The kids are bouncing off the walls. My wife and I are snapping at each other. The dog whines and looks at me with those sad, anxious eyes. When I slip out to take him for a walk, people glare at me from their windows, but the police haven't stopped me yet. The lines in the grocery store are crazy. Spaced the obligatory six feet apart, they're stretching out the door and down the sidewalk, and when I finally get inside, I can't find half the things I need. People are hoarding stuff. They don't seem to think about the fact that their hoarding means other people can't get what they need. People are scared... afraid of dying. I'm tired of looking at the news. It's all bad. Glad I'm not the President. He gets it from all sides. There's no respect these days. What's the world coming to? Does anything really matter? Does my life matter? If this goes on much longer, I'm gonna lose everything I've worked so hard to build..."

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As the early American patriot Thomas Paine wrote many years ago, "These are times that try men's souls."<sup>1</sup> It is normal for a man to hope that his life on this earth would have consequential effect, and the sense of futility that is closing in on many these days is crushing. In many ways, it seems as if the earth itself is reeling on the edge of disaster, and we are powerless to hold it back.

In times like this we get a glimpse of the spiritual realm, the invisible forces that are at work to pit man against man, preying on our fears and coaxing us to take what we can get before there's nothing left. That's why there is so much strife while this "shelter-in-place" directive is in force. The nobility that is inherent in our very nature, as creatures made in the image of God, seems all but lost. At moments like these, the evil ruler of this world begins to be unmasked before our eyes.

Yes, in spite of all the propaganda and social engineering intended to erase the knowledge of his existence from our consciences, Satan is alive and well. You see it in the selfish and

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Paine, *The American Crisis*, Philadelphia, December 1776.

senseless hoarding, as if having a pantry full of toilet paper will save people from the plague they so fear. He holds humanity under his sway in so many obvious and frustrating ways, and few are they who gain a foothold against the subtle, deeply rooted hostilities that keep them pitted against one another.

Perhaps you are one of those who long to be free from this cycle of selfishness, that your life could have a consequential effect towards the tearing down of Satan's strongholds, his invisible influence hidden behind the kingdoms of this world. If so, we want to tell you a story that will unlock the mystery of God's plan to overthrow the Evil One's rule. ○

**Greetings**

My name is Naomi. I am from the 12 tribes. We have our yellow Pelis and Markets to show hope and love to those who have damaged lives. The evilone made up a great sin it is called **Selfishness** ♥ The whole world lies under his deceitful and crafty sway. That is why we have to be a light that shines bright for all the world to see and come and be part of this marverlous light!

**We can Be set free to love!**

Love Naomi  
Age 10



# THEY WERE IN THEIR HOUSES

If you have ever wondered what the day called *Easter* was supposed to celebrate, this is it: Yahshua<sup>1</sup> — our “Passover Lamb” — had risen from the dead, proving that his sacrifice for our sins had been accepted by God, able to deliver us from eternal death.

The Israelites of old were always to remember what had happened to them in Egypt, when they were huddled inside their houses, with the blood of their best lamb painted on their doorposts, waiting for the Death Angel to pass over them. And they were to pass it on to the subsequent generations. Every year they were to choose their best year-old lamb, without defect, and take it to the priests, and sacrifice it. They were to lay their hands on the animal, remembering that its death had been in exchange for their lives. They were not to forget that they had been slaves, and this death had freed them, because after this final plague they were able to leave Egypt and journey to the land that their God had promised them.



Many years passed, centuries, and finally Yahshua, the Lamb of God, came to fulfill the role of all those innocent lambs. By that time, many had forgotten who they were and what they were living for. They went to the temple and bought an animal in the temple courts, no matter what its condition was. Their “sacrifice” had become a ritual, a form that most kept without realizing the significance of what they did.

But for a few it was not like that. They still kept the heart that had faithfully been passed on to them from generation to generation. They chose the best animal from their flock, sacrificed it, and remembered that many years ago they had been freed from death and slavery. They remembered the sign of the blood of the lamb on the doorway of their houses. They remembered their history. For these few, the life of Yahshua, the Lamb of God, touched their hearts. His words were liberation for their souls. They wanted something true and real, a life free from the selfishness that plagued their lives.

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When Yahshua was sacrificed at the time of the Passover feast, they knew that he was the true Lamb of God. He had made himself a sacrifice to rescue them from death and the bondage of their meaningless lives.

What had happened years before in Egypt foreshadowed what was happening then. They would no longer have to slaughter any more animals for sacrifice. Yahshua's sacrifice was sufficient. It represented the great love that God had for his highest creation. He paid the price to rescue them from death.

## FIRST FRUITS

Those who truly understood the message began a new life. On the Feast of Pentecost, after hearing the testimony of those who had believed in the sacrifice of their teacher, 3,000 cried out in the waters of baptism to be forgiven of their sins and to be saved from that wicked generation.

All who believed lived together.<sup>2</sup> They sold their possessions and held everything in common. They loved to be together, allies forever, knowing well that Yahshua had taught them to love each other as he had loved them and given up his life for them. But now he was risen. He was alive, for death could not hold him, since he had not a shred of selfishness in him.

This community life is detailed in the book of Acts in the Bible, chapters 2 and 4. But over time, just as in the beginning of this story, they forgot what their Master had communicated to their hearts, and only a few held on a little longer to their first love and the life that had been shown to them. Then the rituals began again, and the pagan festival of Easter replaced Passover. It no longer had anything to do with what had happened that night in Egypt long ago.

Now "Holy Week" is approaching in the midst of the crisis that the whole of humanity is experiencing with the appearance of a microscopic virus, and everyone is compelled to be **INSIDE THEIR HOUSES** to protect themselves from its effect. But is something missing from our doors?

If you are at home thinking about this, and you long for a life with purpose, and wonder whether there is something deeper and greater that you could do with your life, this story can be the beginning of the answer to your questions.

We, like you, are inside our houses, but we have hope and a certainty that we have "painted our doors with the blood of the Lamb" that makes possible the life of love and unity that Yahshua, the Messiah, established on the earth. This is the life that human beings were truly created for. We are looking forward to the festival of Passover, which has deep meaning in our lives, for we also have been delivered from "Egypt" — the slavery of living for ourselves. We have been forgiven of our sins, which is selfishness, and this forgiveness is what sustains our relationships and enables us to live for each other, fulfilling the purpose for which we were created. 🍷

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<sup>2</sup> Acts 2:44; 4:32-35

# The Healer

**H**ave you ever found yourself looking up at the stars and an overwhelming sense of awe and wonder fills your being? Have you ever wondered, “What is the purpose of this vast expanse? Does it ever end? Is anyone out there? Why haven’t we really seen them yet? Are there planets like ours?” You may have said, “If there is a God, why did He make all that empty space?” Or perhaps you’ve thought, “I know there is a God! Surely he has a purpose for all this!”

If these kinds of thoughts have raced through your mind, my friends and I would like to share with you some of what’s been shown to us.

The ancient words recorded in the Bible have been locked up, veiled, misunderstood, and misconstrued for thousands of years. Just as is written in the words of the Prophet Daniel, “The words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end.”<sup>1</sup> So, maybe, just maybe, the time of the end is getting closer now. If you can put aside everything the TV taught you, or perhaps all that Sunday School put into you about the Bible, and hear with fresh ears, a great mystery will unfold for you.

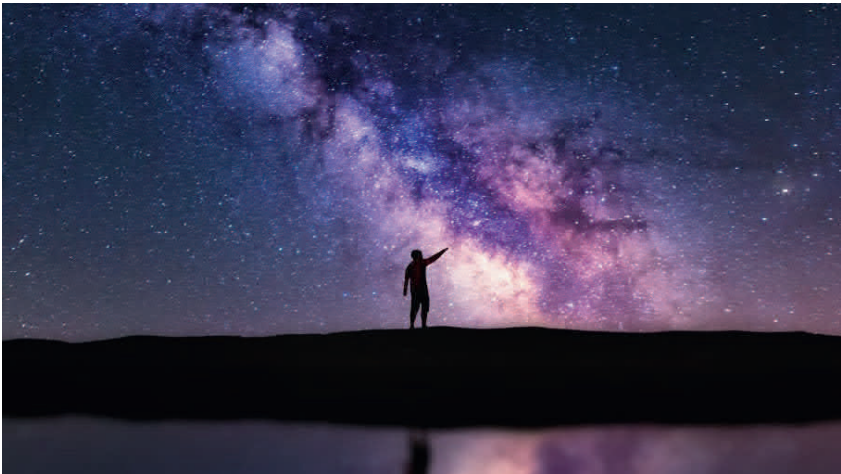
So let’s start at the beginning...

## GENESIS

The Earth had been teeming with life. We really don’t know the number or variety of creatures that walked the Earth during this unknown amount of time, but people have found fossils of bones from billions of years ago. In

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel 12:9



verse 2, the proper translation says, “Now, the Earth *became* formless and void. Darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was brooding over the waters.”

What happened? Contained between the first and second verses of the Bible is a story lapsing over a period of perhaps billions of years. A loving God had created a beautiful planet full of life. He ruled over the Earth as he does over the whole universe, through his angels, keeping all things in order. But sadly, through Lucifer (one of the chief angels who was right under the Creator himself) we meet for the first time a very deadly VIRUS. Lucifer was not satisfied in his appointed place, but rose up in pride, wanting to be first. And like all viruses, his pride was contagious and began to affect more of the angelic creatures. The virus of rebellious pride had to be put away. But how? Being true to his merciful nature, God did not just destroy Lucifer and the angels who had joined him. Instead, he cast them down to the Earth where their infectious pride could not affect the rest of creation.



### THE FIRST QUARANTINE

Like a huge burning meteor, Lucifer and his army of demonic destroyers smashed into the Earth, bringing the dark disorder that rebellion (sin) always causes.

Darkness was now over the surface of the deep. What once had form and definition was now formless and void. And you can see at the beginning of the Bible, the loving Creator hovering over the waters, brooding over it, considering restoration. He restored the Earth's beauty, reestablished its boundaries, and filled it with new life. He added what he hoped to be the solution to the destructive character that this selfish angel had displayed in ruining what was perfect.

The Creator had a plan. This new Earth and its inhabitants needed a ruling force that would continue to stand against the degrading forces that pride always causes. He made humans in his own image! You could see what the Creator was like when you saw Adam — the same bright countenance, the same loving eyes looking at you with vision and hope!

When they were tested to remain true to their call, the humans gave in to that cunning, doubting voice of the source of all evil... “*Did God really say...?*” raising the possibility that their Creator would deprive them of something good, and planting the seeds of accusation against God.<sup>2</sup> And there it was: they contracted the deadly virus of pride and rebellion, and soon passed it on to the next generation.

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<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 14:13-14



## INFECTION AND RECOVERY

The rest of the Bible contains the story of the demise that always comes when self-centered pride rules. Through the great flood, God sought to win the hearts of humans in the greatest love story ever told. Finally, the Creator of the universe was able to win the hearts of a few men, despite intense evil opposition. Affectionately, he named those who had a heart to obey Him *Israel*, and formed them into a twelve-tribed nation. This nation continually battled the virus of rebellion, being tested to the core, and were finally dispersed throughout the Earth, seemingly in utter defeat.

In the time of their greatest testing, having been reduced to only one tribe of the original twelve, Judah (which is why they became known as *Jews*), the loving Creator sent a healer with a message to reach mankind. He was a shining example of true love. He gathered people around him, teaching them how to love. His message was, "Deny yourself and live for others." This is the only remedy to the virus of selfishness, which ends in death.

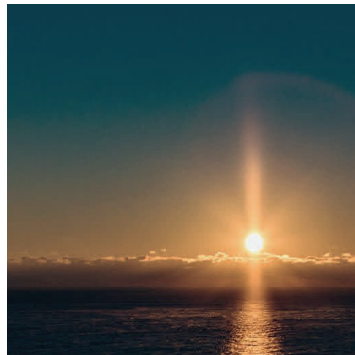
All those who believed the message of this great healer were together, formed into the new nation of Spiritual Israel.<sup>3</sup> They even established the beginnings of twelve tribes of disciples in the Mediterranean region,<sup>4</sup> a restoration that was so dear to the Creator's heart!<sup>5</sup>

But, if a virus is not kept out, it will re-appear. Sadly, that same self-centered pride appeared as an angel of light<sup>6</sup> among those first believers and led them away from their first love.<sup>7</sup> A religion of rote and ritual was maintained in cathedrals and organized services, a form of godliness that we now see in all the religious systems of today. Though supposedly serving the Healer, they disregard all his directives as to how to stay free of the virus.

After that, the virus wreaked havoc, multiplying its deadly spores, puffing up its victims into over 48,000 denominations, still multiplying daily. The proud angel was still active and able to disguise the remedy and spread his virus by making room for a selfish existence, the very *self* the Healer had commanded his believers to deny.

## RESTORATION

Now, like the bright light that appeared at the beginning of the creation story, the solution is again being offered by the eternal God who loves all creation. In these "last days" spoken of by the prophets of old,<sup>8</sup> and by the Healer, the Son of God himself, the new Israel is being raised up again. A nation of those with a heart to obey their Creator is being restored!



<sup>3</sup> Acts 2:44; 4:32    <sup>4</sup> Acts 26:7    <sup>5</sup> Isaiah 49:6    <sup>6</sup> 2 Corinthians 11:2,14-15

<sup>7</sup> Revelation 2:4    <sup>8</sup> Daniel 2:44

Our Healer is called *Yahshua* (the Hebrew name for *Jesus*), and his name means "Yahweh's Salvation." All who have received his message are together again, no longer living for themselves, but being healed of the hurtful ways caused by the virus of rebellion against God. The Healer has made the remedy clear, and promises that if we obey him, he will deeply heal us of the ways within us that have been corrupted by the selfish pride of that rebellious angel who still roams this planet.

If you are not satisfied with cheap remedies that only deal with symptoms, and are looking for true and deep healing, know that this is not a fairy tale we are telling you. There is a *real* remedy being offered by God to heal us from the virus! Please come and see! 🍀

Who has the Vaccine for Selfishness?  
Would Covid-19 have run a rampant course of devastation through our planet had it been preceded by a compatible vaccine? Would today's society be different if there was a vaccine for selfishness?  
Just as man is quarantined to their home because of this horrible virus, we are quarantined to earth because of another silent killer - selfishness.  
So who has the vaccine for selfishness? We have found it to be dying to self and finding our life and joy in living for our friends and putting their needs above our own.  
This is the place I live with the rest of my friends. Can you imagine it, a place where love rules healing it's inhabitants? You're welcome to come and visit us!

Tabitha (age 12)



# How to Overcome Selfishness



Just as many people are confined to their apartments, unable to do what they want to do, alone with their thoughts, so will it be in death. It will be a place of waiting, with no distractions, thinking about how you lived your life, what choices you made, whether good or bad, and the suffering those choices caused others.

Most people wouldn't have predicted this catastrophe. Now everyone is talking about all the death from this plague. Death was a subject most people rarely talked about. Everything was going smoothly and people were traveling to and fro<sup>1</sup> until suddenly it all came to a halt. Is it time to consider the uncertainty of what lies ahead?

To us, this is no surprise, because we know what days we live in. These days have been spoken of by the holy prophets of old, and by the Messiah himself.<sup>2</sup> We are nearing the end of this age when Yahshua,<sup>3</sup> the Messiah, will return to establish his kingdom here on Earth, along with all of those who have overcome the plague of selfishness that is crushing this planet.<sup>4</sup> He has been waiting for a people, described as a *bride* in the Bible,<sup>5</sup> who are preparing themselves to rule with him by loving the way he loved us, which is the only way to overcome sin. Sin is selfishness.<sup>6</sup> When all is said and done, love for God and for one another really is the answer.

The only way to overcome selfishness is by the cross. Many people talk about the cross at this time of year, during the holiday they call *Easter*, but how many know what the cross was really all about? The One who died on that cross 2000 years ago said, "If anyone wishes to follow me, he must deny himself, take up his own cross, and follow me." Well, other people have died on crosses. Did he mean that we also must die on a cross? No, he meant that we must die to *ourselves* — put our *selfishness* to death.

Selfishness is surely a plague, just like this deadly virus that is suffocating our planet. The only way to overcome it is by the "blood" of the Passover Lamb — that is by being forgiven, and then, out of gratitude, living your whole life in obedience to Yahshua, the Messiah, forsaking everything to follow him. That is what his disciples did in the first century, when "*all who*

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel 12:4    <sup>2</sup> Matthew 24:21    <sup>3</sup> *Yahshua* is the original Hebrew name of the Savior, called *Jesus* in most English translations of the Bible.    <sup>4</sup> 2 Timothy 4:8

<sup>5</sup> Revelation 19:7    <sup>6</sup> Philippians 2:3

believed were together and shared all things in common,<sup>7</sup> when they truly were “the light of the world.”<sup>8</sup> They lived together, sharing their possessions and laying down their lives for one another, just as the Messiah taught them.<sup>9</sup>

Now, in these last days, God is gathering a people who again live together in unity, loving one another as Yahshua commanded, and keeping the feasts (such as Passover) in sincerity and truth.<sup>10</sup> Then he can raise up a standard of righteousness by which to judge the world, putting an end to the evil that runs rampant on the earth.<sup>11</sup>

We warmly invite you to be a part of what we, his people, are doing. The cost is everything.<sup>12</sup> If you hate your life in this world, you can be truly saved and set free from selfishness, and you will find life — *his life*. 🌸

*In him [Yahshua] was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)*

<sup>7</sup> Acts 2:44   <sup>8</sup> Matthew 5:14   <sup>9</sup> John 13:34-34; 15:12-14; 1 John 3:6   <sup>10</sup> 1 Corinthians 5:8   <sup>11</sup> Revelation 20:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:24-25; Hebrews 10:13   <sup>12</sup> John 12:25-26; Luke 14:26,33

*I washed my hands, so very clean  
til all the germs were gone.  
But was my heart clean?  
What does it all mean?  
I looked around the empty room,  
all brightly lit...  
All the germs were gone.  
But was my mind at ease?  
What does it all mean?  
The soles of my feet walked  
on the freshly cleaned floor.  
But was my soul right with God?  
What does it all mean?  
My hands are clean,  
but can my heart ever be?  
The room is empty,  
but can my mind be at ease?  
The soles of my feet can walk, but can my soul walk right with God?*



I keep my heart clean by confessing the things that divide me from my friends. My mind is put at ease by being truthful about my life. I am right with God because I am forgiven, and I surrender my life daily to the One who forgave me — Yahshua, the Son of God, who made this possible by dying on the cross and then willingly taking my place in death for three days and three nights. His resurrection proved that his sacrifice was accepted by God. Yahshua is mighty and powerful to make us clean! 🌸 *Nara*



**I WAS THINKING** how wonderful it would be to be quarantined with all of your best friends in the same house. What greater quarantine could there be? No fear with all your friends who care for you, thankful to be together.

A few thousand years ago in Egypt there were Israelites working very hard as slaves to the Pharaoh. When they came to the breaking point, once again they cried out to their God to deliver them from the bondage of slavery. When they humbled themselves, he began to deliver them. He sent plague after plague to soften Pharaoh's heart to let the Israelites go. The final plague brought the death of all the firstborn in the land. But the Israelites were told that if they shed the blood of a perfect lamb, and put the blood on their doorposts, and stayed in their houses, they would be safe.

Now, as the annual festival of Passover draws near, the call is going out in many countries to remain in our houses because of the coronavirus that is spreading and killing thousands of people. We believe that if we are obedient to God's commands, and stay together, then we will be protected from death. We believe that this virus is a wake-up call for people to realize that death eventually awaits us, and none of us are exempt. Only the blood of Yahshua,<sup>1</sup> our Redeemer, can deliver us, just as the blood of perfect lambs on the door posts of their houses saved the Israelites of old.

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<sup>1</sup> *Yahshua* is the original Hebrew name of the one called *Jesus* in most English Bibles. His name means "Yahweh's Salvation" (as the syllable *Yah* is short for YHWH, the name of Israel's God, and *shua* means salvation). There is salvation in no other name.



I live in a community of wonderful people who love one another and strive to express that love every day. We are so thankful to be together as we go through this time of crisis. Why wouldn't people be happy to be together in the same house? Well, what we have realized is that *self* is at the root of the problem. Really, it is selfishness that quarantines us all to this planet, even though we were created to fill the universe. We are confined to this earth until selfishness, the deadly virus of sin, is eradicated. If humans were to colonize other planets in their fallen condition, they would probably blow them all up anyway.

Yahshua was the first one to overcome the same temptations that come to us. The way he overcame was by crying out to his Father in heaven to deliver him.<sup>2</sup> Because he overcame sin, even though his enemies had him crucified out of envy, he was raised from the dead and ascended to his Father's right hand, being released from the quarantine. He actually took our place in death, receiving the wages of our sin, and now he intercedes for all those who surrender their lives to him, helping us to overcome as he overcame.<sup>3</sup>

So we believe that we also will be released from the quarantine when we, as his people, overcome selfishness, loving one another as he loved us, and confessing the ways that we don't love. In this way we can be healed and made just like our teacher, Yahshua. This is what we live for.

Yahshua is our Passover lamb who was killed so that we could be found acceptable in the eyes of God. He brought us back into communion with our heavenly Father, and with one another, gathering us together just as he gathered his disciples together when he walked the earth. He taught them to love and take care of one another. They ate their last Passover meal together before he was crucified, and then seven weeks later, on *Shavuot* (the day of Pentecost), his Spirit came upon them, and they gathered thousands more and taught them how to live together in peace.<sup>4</sup>

*Shavuot* is actually a celebration of the restoration of how human beings were created to be. It is also a celebration of the first fruit of Yahshua's resurrection, showing that death doesn't have power over us anymore, as long as we maintain our fellowship, loving one another.

I've never been more satisfied than when I'm striving to love as he loved and receiving grace to be like him. That was the whole purpose of his death and resurrection, that the Holy Spirit could be sent to fill his disciples, so that there would be many people walking all over this earth in the same way he walked,<sup>5</sup> so that his kingdom could come, and his will could be done on earth as it is in heaven. 🍷



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<sup>2</sup> Hebrews 5:6-7    <sup>3</sup> Revelation 3:21    <sup>4</sup> Acts 2:42-45; 4:32-37    <sup>5</sup> 1 John 2:6

# HOW'S LIFE IN YOUR SHELTER?



The Earth is just reeling, not from plastic bags in the ocean, or the red tide, but from men dying. So many people are dying right now that they don't even have places to put them. This is what happens in a plague. What do you do with all the dead people?

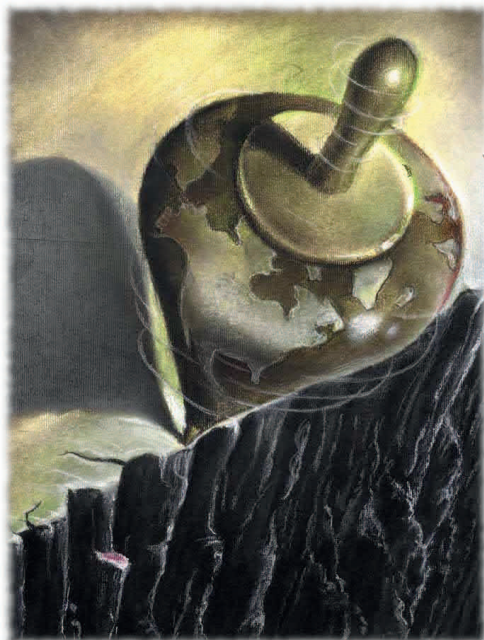
So, this is terrible! Who is to blame? The government? Are they doing all they can do? Do we really *want* them to do more? What about God? Doesn't he care? But maybe, just maybe, it is the consequential effect of something that was set in motion a very long time ago, which is just running its course.

In the past, people could do whatever they wanted to do without really thinking it would affect the entire planet, but now some of the consequential effects of the choices man has made are becoming obvious. Now we are seeing that even a person's choice of what he will eat can have deadly consequential effects for the whole planet.

The world has gotten smaller, in that sense. So what can we do about it? John Lennon sang, *"Imagine all the people living life in peace... You'll say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one."* The song spoke of peace, but there was no peace.

In the year 1516, a man named Sir Thomas More published a book entitled *Utopia*, about an ideal society. Obviously, he wrote it without much hope, because the word *utopia* literally means “no place,” so he acknowledged even in his writing that it didn’t exist. But long before that our Father wrote about it in the Bible. He commanded his people to love each other more than themselves, and said that would make them able to live together in peace.

Many people claim to believe that, but do they obey it? Check it out objectively. Are you finding that you really have a “Shelter in Place” where there is peace and where you can be cared for in these terrible times of death and illness? Is there peace in your home with everyone staying together all day, every day, or are you forced to try to get away from each other? If you look realistically at what is happening at home, you might get a little picture of what shape the world is really in. It is easy to be distracted by



all the busyness of life, but in circumstances like these you are often left face to face with the fruit that is really there. Are you pleased with it? Or are you seeing consequences of things that you don’t really like, and would not have chosen?

I wonder if it is merely by chance that this is happening right before the traditional celebration of Easter. This celebration was started to draw Christians into one religion with the pagans who were already celebrating fertility in the spring. Somehow, the resurrection and bunny rabbits with eggs got into the same story. But if you look at the simple story of the resurrection of a man who lived a blameless life, loving others more than himself, there is so much hope. In the face of so much death, hope is a good and necessary thing.

We have that hope, and we would like to share it with you. We have a deeply satisfying life that is still going on in the midst of this great turmoil. If you sense something missing in your shelter, then when this time of quarantine passes, come and visit ours. 🐰

***As you drive by the church you've faithfully attended every Easter since you were a child, it's hard to imagine that it would be empty on Easter Sunday. It's been totally empty for a few weeks now, but someone has put up the decorations on the lawn. There it is, the old rugged cross that somehow gives everyone hope...***



## Our Only Enduring Hope

There is only one enduring hope for the world, only one hope that defies even the grave, and looks ahead to eternal life. That hope is the cross of Messiah. No matter how good anyone's intentions, no matter how much money is invested in cures, or how many barriers are erected to prevent pandemics in the future, the only way to do something about the state of the Earth is to be a part of a radical, new way of living that originates with the cross of Messiah. It must be embraced today just as it was when the Savior himself preached the message that led *him* to the cross — that is, obedience to his heavenly Father's word, motivated by love for the One who created him.

Those whose comfort in religious ceremonies has been taken away by the restrictions the virus has imposed on them must no longer be stagnant in their spirits. God actually *does* expect more than a few hours a week. He expects a person's entire life as the normal response to the sacrifice of his Son on the cross.<sup>1</sup> He expects a corresponding sacrifice of one's life. Only such a death to self enables one to live for others. Only the cross enables us to overcome the selfishness that afflicts each one of us. The Savior told us we also must deny ourselves, pick up that cross,<sup>2</sup> and put our selfishness to death in order to really live...and that's the gospel.

Heaven holds the Messiah until all his enemies are put under his feet.<sup>3</sup> That means when the selfishness that has ripped people apart and brought division and chaos to this world order has lost its hold on us, he will be free

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<sup>1</sup> Romans 6:3-6   <sup>2</sup> Matthew 16:24-27   <sup>3</sup> Hebrews 10:13



to return to this earth. But he must first see God's people return to the way the church was in the beginning, when they were all together and had all things in common. Their love for Yahshua and for one another bonded them together in an unbreakable bond of love. If our lives do not bring about his return by demonstrating this true *utopia* of love, we have lived in vain. He came that we might have great power and great grace to actually overcome the wrong ways in us. That grace is available only to those with one heart and one way, who hold everything in common. They are together and share, not content to have a needy or lonely person among them.<sup>4</sup>

The cross created a people like this, who are called *believers*.<sup>5</sup> They believe and live together in the shadow of that old, rugged cross, which has put an end to their selfish pursuits. Thus, they can live together in peace. It is only the lives of a people dwelling together in unity that will have great consequential effect!

The only thing worth living for is to bring this evil world order to an end, and bring about the return of Yahshua to set up his kingdom of love and peace. This will be a true *utopia* that will fill the universe. This hope is what inspires us and motivates us to press on through the very difficult circumstances of this time to continue to love the way he loved us. 🍷

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<sup>4</sup> Acts 4:32-34    <sup>5</sup> Acts 2:44

Greetings  
My name is Yakol and I am  
in the 12 tribes. We are learning  
to be set free as we obey the  
words of Yahshua, keeping a  
clean conscience. Death has no  
sting for those who have judged  
themselves.  
I am learning to love and  
care for others more than  
myself. To live for others  
and for Yahshua is the only  
way to be set free from the  
QUARANTINE of selfishness and  
death. Come see us, we will  
make a place for you.

Yakol (age 8)







**People are locked into their communication devices everywhere.** On them you can hear the President, the local news, the officials in your area. When they give you the latest update on how long to stay in your house, the economic crisis, and what's happening with the coronavirus in India, they repeat it over and over again. You sit in your apartment on your nice sofa and wonder what is going to happen next. "How is this really going to affect me? How long can my kids continue to play with their toys and electronic gadgets?"

I have some money and don't know what size paycheck I will get, or if I even have a job. Maybe I'll just buy what I really need. Let's see... toilet paper, food... those I need. Oh, yes, sanitizer. How could I forget that? This virus is more contagious than the flu, and it can kill you. I could have it and kill someone else without knowing it!

I'm going to stay inside my place a lot and keep my distance from people — at least six feet, as the officials are saying!

I feel trapped. I'm not used to having all this time. What can I fill it with? I can only sit on the sofa for so long. "Quit fighting with your little brother, Johnny! You don't have to put your toys away; just learn to share. Do you hear me?"

*Click.* The electronic device is back on. This device that connects me to the world is the closest thing to me. It's almost like my best friend, and it never argues back even though it presents tons of useless information for my mind. Even though some things are facts, what's the source? Is it reliable?

Anyway, maybe with all this spare time I can go deeper and find out what's really important in life. This one short life... Does this little device enhance the quality of life I have, or make it weak, frail, and cheap? Why is it the first object I look for by my bedside? Am I hooked on this device, like a socially acceptable drug?

It's definitely accepted. Everyone is glued to it, except for when they realize their youngster needs to go to the potty, or they realize that you actually have something they need, such as food.



People used to go out to eat at their favorite restaurant and talk with each other. Nowadays there will be five people at the same table communicating on their devices with people in other places. What happened to people looking at each other face to face, having conversation, enjoying a cup of tea together, building long-term friendships, one day at a time, knowing inside that life costs something? It involves little and big sacrifices along the way.

People have been socially distanced for a long time now. Did the devices become *vices* that have socially distanced us rather than bringing us together? We had the World-Wide Web before we had the coronavirus. Is social media bringing you closer to someone far away? Sure. You text someone, arrange a time to meet. Then you go out to eat, pull out your device, and start playing a game on it. Sometimes it's just a rude companion, but boy, at other times it helps me fight off my rotten emotions that come from sitting all alone on my nice sofa.

*Click.* The device is on. What is the President going to say? Will it be an update? Whose life am I living anyway? I feel as if I'm caught in a web. It seems as if people all over are caught in a web. Maybe that's why it's called the *World-Wide Web*. I wonder where the spider is lurking...

"Hey, children, listen to this! A Christian TV evangelist realizes that lots of people are at home looking at their TV, PC, iPhone, so he's telling us how we can give our lives to God all by ourselves, in our homes!"

Is there anything new or different — something I haven't heard before? I'm tired of the repeat button... very tired... Oh, here is something different: "If you want out of this sticky World Wide Web, click this button on your device one more time and call 888-TWELVE-T and talk with a real live human being. You will hear hope and inspiration in living words, and you just might want to come and visit us. But if not this time, feel free to call again later. We believe in building friendships, and friendships take time." 🍷



**The man paces anxiously back and forth**, each stride pushing the boundaries of his social-distancing parameters. He peers nervously through the windows of the local Mega-Mart as the line-up grows behind him. “Will there be enough for me?” he ponders. “One... Two... Three,” he counts the bales of toilet paper being plundered off the shelves, adding to his anxiety.

“Finally!” he mutters under his breath, as the slightly fearful greeter welcomes him in with a tremulous wave. A flashback of last night’s news resounds in his imagination: *“Coronavirus-induced toilet paper shortages...”* Clenching his teeth under the stress, he quickens his pace toward the paper-products aisle. Reaching his destination, he breaks out in a feverish frenzy as if under a spell, and strips the shelves of what little toilet paper remains.

In wide-eyed disbelief at the barren condition of the store, anxiety and fear continue to tug on the strings of his heart. “You won’t have enough! You need more!” Dazed onlookers begin to wonder, “Maybe I won’t have enough either!” They too find themselves beetling about, finding themselves near powerless to this graceless dance of death.

Darting back and forth in this deplorable state, he breaks into a sweat, totally unaware of how his frantic conduct is infecting others, robbing them of what little peace they had managed to hang on to. Those in his path catch the fever, leaving in tow others equally as fearful as himself.

Returning home, he breathes a sigh of relief. “This should be enough to last the two-week quarantine,” he attempts to reassure himself. Tucking himself into bed later that evening, he awaits the sweet embrace of sleep. His mind reels over the day’s events like a ship caught in a storm. “Why was I like that today? Usually I’m a pretty good person. I pay my taxes, go to church...” the list of self-justifications seems endless, haunting him throughout the night. Tired and weary by daybreak, he realizes he’s found no solace in his reasoning mind. Something then begins to dawn in his heart

that hadn't been there for a very long time. He begins to wonder about the deeper matters of life. "Is this what I was created for? Surely there must be something more... If God really loves mankind, he must have a purpose for my life. There must be a way!"

A wise man once said, "If man could see what he was meant to be, he would be grieved at what he's become." Did the Creator of the heavens and the Earth ever intend for mankind to find himself in such a lamentable state?

**You would never  
think that a  
microscopic bag  
of information**



**could be more  
dangerous than a  
bomb in an  
abandoned  
backpack.**

Little did our protagonist realize that he was actually born deep in enemy territory. When I say *enemy*, I mean the *spiritual* kind — anxiety, fear, greed, etc. — the ones that wage war on the soul, seeking to bring one into a depraved state, void of the image of God, who is loving, kind, and merciful. The whole world lies under the sway of the Evil One, and all of his fallen spirits.<sup>1</sup>

These spirits, when "contracted," similar to the physical virus, exert a modifying or leavening effect on you. Sadly, once you are infected, you become a carrier yourself, passing them on to others. When you give ear to this "bad leaven" it makes an alteration in your soul, causing you to be selfish — to *sin*.

The current coronavirus outbreak poses quite a challenge as society begins to buckle under the duress. It seems as if there is no

facet of society left untouched by its presence. However, there is another plague sweeping across the earth which has been ravaging mankind for thousands of years: *selfishness*. This scourge has held mankind in the bondage of darkness, unaware of their eternal purpose. If mankind is ever to experience true emancipation, this age-old plague of selfishness must come to an end.

A few thousand years ago, a series of plagues were cast down upon the land of Egypt, causing great distress. Within this land of Egypt were a special people, a people that God himself desperately needed<sup>2</sup> in order to represent his heart to the surrounding nations, and creation at large. His intention for them was that they would enter the "Promised Land" — an enemy-free land, free from oppression, where justice would roll down like waters,<sup>3</sup> and they would know intimately the heart of the One who created them.

However, they first needed to go through a time of discipline in Egypt to soften their hearts so that they would once again turn to their God with all their heart and soul, and live their lives accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 John 5:19   <sup>2</sup> Isaiah 49:6   <sup>3</sup> Amos 5:24

Times became so difficult in this land, to the point that the Israelites cried out to their God with all their might. He graciously heard their cry and offered a provision to be delivered from the final plague, paving the way for their mass exodus out of this oppressive land. Clear and explicit commands were given, and had to be obeyed if they were to experience this deliverance.<sup>4</sup> This provision came in the form of a Passover lamb, which was to be sacrificed. Then the blood was to be put over the doorposts of the house, and they were to remain in the house until daybreak — a kind of quarantine.

In loving obedience, their trust in him would carry them through one of the most trying nights they were to face. Echoing in the night was the wailing of all those whom the plague had touched, those who had no Passover lamb. The break of dawn would shine with great favor upon all those who had loved him enough to obey him. They would be ever grateful that they had received their humbling discipline, so that they could discern God's delegated authority, and obey accordingly. This Passover lamb was to foreshadow an even greater "Passover Lamb" to come: Yahshua, the Messiah.

### GOOD NEWS OR BAD NEWS?

We who write this paper offer you good news, should you desire to be set free from the snares of self, and the pandemonium it's brought. This good news is that God, in his great love for mankind, sent his son Yahshua in order to save his people from their sins (that is, *selfishness*).<sup>5</sup> If you receive this as *good news*, you will have abundant life<sup>6</sup> as you bear the fruit of the spirit.<sup>7</sup>

If a professed believer is still held captive by these fallen spirits, not bearing the fruit of obedience, he must then ask, "Am I really 'in the house' covered by the blood? Have I really met the terms of peace?"<sup>8</sup> Much like the specific commands given in order for one to be delivered from the "Death Angel," so too are the commands of the Gospel to be obeyed in order for true deliverance to be found.<sup>9</sup>

Of course, there's no possible way to obey these commands without living according to the pattern of the first church in Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35. Acts 2:44 is the context in which to carry out the greatest commandment<sup>10</sup> to its fullest extent, on a moment to moment basis. This type of love, and this gospel<sup>11</sup> being proclaimed will bring about the culmination of this age,<sup>12</sup> and the dawn of Messiah's reign on the earth.<sup>13</sup>

In the communities of Messiah is where it is possible to no longer live for yourself, but for him who died and rose again on your behalf.<sup>14</sup> The terms of peace for this wonderful life are quite clear for all who are willing to do his will.<sup>15</sup> It's life for life, without compromise, giving up all one has in order to be his disciple.<sup>16</sup> After all, if you love him, you will obey him.<sup>17</sup> 🙏

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<sup>4</sup> Exodus 12   <sup>5</sup> Matthew 1:21   <sup>6</sup> John 7:38   <sup>7</sup> Galatians 5:22   <sup>8</sup> Luke 14:33

<sup>9</sup> 1 John 5:3; Luke 14:33   <sup>10</sup> Matthew 22:37-40   <sup>11</sup> Matthew 24:14   <sup>12</sup> Daniel 2:44

<sup>13</sup> Revelation 20   <sup>14</sup> 2 Corinthians 5:15   <sup>15</sup> John 7:17   <sup>16</sup> Luke 14:33   <sup>17</sup> John 14:15





**W**e who wrote this paper actually live together like an extended family, sharing all things in common, just as the first disciples did in the first century. The Bible plainly says regarding the first church, "All who believed were together and shared all things in common."<sup>1</sup> It goes on to describe how they were of one heart and soul, and that there was not a needy person among them, for they gave up all their possessions to meet the needs of their spiritual brothers and sisters.<sup>2</sup> Some people say this was only for back then, but we've been living this way for over 40 years. You can come and see for yourself at any of our addresses, which are printed in the back of this paper and on our web site, [www.twelvetribe.org](http://www.twelvetribe.org).

In each of our communities, there are one or more houses in a cluster, some in cities and some on farms. Several families and single people live together in each house, according to the size of the house. We like large houses because we like to live together. Married couples have their own rooms, plus as many adjacent rooms as needed for their children. The single men share one or more rooms, as do the single women. We all share a common kitchen and dining room, where we take our meals together "with gladness and sincerity of heart."<sup>3</sup>

In at least one house in the cluster we have a large gathering room where we gather together every morning and evening to worship our Creator in song and dance as in Psalm 150, using the prescribed musical instruments that we are learning to build and play. We are all free to speak from our hearts the things we are learning, as our heavenly Father teaches us through one another, according to the gifting and grace given to each per-

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<sup>1</sup>Acts 2:44   <sup>2</sup>Acts 4:32-35   <sup>3</sup>Acts 2:46



son.<sup>4</sup> As a spiritual priesthood, we pray together for the pressing needs of our people and for our Father's will to be done on earth.

After our morning gathering we have breakfast together and then go to work in our various places, doing the deeds prepared for each one of us.<sup>5</sup> We work together in our own cafés, farms, cottage industries, and trades, not as independent contractors or employees of outside companies. All income from our various endeavors goes into a common purse from which all of our needs are met equitably. We don't have our own independent income or debts to carry by ourselves, except for the debt of love we owe to our Savior, which we repay by loving and caring for one another.

We love and cherish our children. We teach them at home, using a curriculum we are developing ourselves, to give them the basic skills they need to read, write, and speak effectively, to live together in peace, and to fulfill their created purpose. Our children's training goes far beyond the classroom, however, as they are fully integrated into every aspect of our socially and spiritually rich tribal life. They learn to cook and sew, build and farm, care for animals, sing and dance, play musical instruments, and most importantly, extend hospitality to the constant flow of guests who are drawn to the light of our life of love.

Together we are experiencing and demonstrating the restoration of all things spoken of by the prophets of old,<sup>6</sup> and by our Master Yahshua,<sup>7</sup> whose life, death, and resurrection make this life possible. 🍷

<sup>4</sup>1 Corinthians 14:26; 1 Peter 4:11; Romans 12:6 <sup>5</sup>Ephesians 2:10 <sup>6</sup>Isaiah 49:6; Jeremiah 30:20; 31:1,4,13,14; Malachi 4:5-6 <sup>7</sup>Matthew 5:17-19; 17:10-11; 22:37-40; Luke 1:17; 24:44 (*Yahshua* is the original Hebrew name of the one called *Jesus* in most English translations of the Bible.)

# The Time of the End



**T**here was a time not long ago when this *Yellow Deli* was buzzing with the sound of happy customers sharing a meal together, and I'm sure one day soon it will be again, but in the meantime I sit alone in an empty Deli sipping some yerba maté, listening to the familiar traditional tunes that always fill the air here... and writing this short article for you. It's currently a pleasant way to spend some time, riding out the wave of social upheaval brought on by the spread of a coronavirus.

It's not actually a full social lock-down, at least not yet, but it sure feels like it, as few people are to be seen anywhere in public at this point, let alone anywhere near our little *Yellow Deli*. It's possible that this whole event could pass, and we would all look back and hardly remember how strange the whole world felt at this time. But as the days pass, it seems increasingly more likely that the world will never be the same again.

Of the few customers who have dared to step foot outside their homes to come and get carry-out orders at our Deli, many have lost their jobs, as so many companies have shut down. How long will those businesses be closed? How will they ever recover? How long will all these people be without a job? Will they receive compensation for lost wages? How will they pay their bills? Can the economy handle such a fierce blow? What will the government do in response, and as a result what will society look like in just a few years? Are we on the brink of catastrophe, or a great rebound?

There are many puzzling questions that one could be mulling over endlessly at a time like this, but we're not focusing on any of these things right now. That's because we know something of far greater concern than COVID-19.

It's quite possible that what we are seeing is actually part of a great maneuver on the part of Satan to introduce a whole new global paradigm on the face of the earth. It certainly seems to be the inevitable direction that the world has been heading toward for a long time now.

What will that new global society look like? Certainly a new global government and society will be introduced, and could be very oppressive, but not necessarily at first. It will likely come in the form of a solution to all the world's problems, and save the day, so to speak. Well, the world will do what the world will do, but in the end we know the world is perishing and will fade away.<sup>1</sup>

In the midst of it all, however, we are encouraged because we know there is a Creator, and that he is actually at work doing something on the Earth in these days. He's not sitting idly by, watching events unfold without concern. In fact, he's foreknown this time and has been anticipating it.

It is for these days that God has been waiting to raise up a whole new society of his own on the earth, which will stand in the stark contrast to the global society that is also coming into form at this time. We know we are in these days because the time of the end was described well by the Prophet Daniel<sup>2</sup> when he said, "*Conceal the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.*"

## **MANY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO...**

So that's what society will look like in the time of the end; and that is certainly what we see on the face of the earth today. People travel to and fro as never before. With air travel, you can fly anywhere in the world and arrive within 24 hours. At the time the Bible was written, and even all the way up to just 150 years ago, such world travel was unimaginable, and with continually increasing technology, who knows what kind of advancements still lie ahead even in the near future.

The other factor that marks the time of the end is an increase in knowledge. Never before has such an exchange of information and global communication been possible, all from a device that you simply hold in your hand. This technology too is developing rapidly, and will certainly surpass anything we could have previously imagined in just a short time longer.

Truly, the world is connected in a way it's never been before, and perfectly fits the description of the end times according to Daniel. So, that means that we are also approaching the time in which the meaning of Daniel's prophecies will be unsealed. The end could not have come any earlier, for we've never been in times of such great communication and transportation until now.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 John 2:17 — *And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

<sup>2</sup> Daniel 12:4 — *But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.*



Daniel 2<sup>3</sup> speaks of a time when ten kings will come to power to form a whole new society such as the world has never seen before. The ten kings are described in the Bible in different ways. In one place they are called *ten toes*, and are referenced also in Revelation 17<sup>4</sup> as *ten horns*, as they wage war against the people of God in the time of the end.

Simultaneous to the ten kings taking power as the heads of a new global society, the God of Heaven will establish a kingdom of his own on the earth, one that stands in stark contrast to the kingdoms of this world. Two kingdoms are being raised up alongside each other, in direct opposition — the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of this world.

The kingdom of God is something the world has actually seen once before, for one shining moment in history. It is the kingdom that Yahshua taught his disciples to pray for — *“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”* — and for which he offered his own life in order to purchase all mankind from death,<sup>5</sup> as the ultimate ransom.<sup>6</sup> He commanded his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey all that they themselves had been commanded.<sup>7</sup> As a result, on the day of Pentecost, his disciples (the apostles) communicated the terms of the gospel just as they had received it. They taught the 3,000 people that responded on that day that they must leave everything behind<sup>8</sup> in order to follow Yahshua,<sup>9</sup> just as they themselves had done.<sup>10</sup>

Just as this command from Yahshua brought the disciples together to follow him before he was crucified, the same command from the apostles

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<sup>3</sup> Daniel 2:44 — *And in the days of those [ten] kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.*

<sup>4</sup> Revelation 17:12-14 — *And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.*

<sup>5</sup> Revelation 5:9-10 — *Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.*

<sup>6</sup> Matthew 20:28 — *...even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

<sup>7</sup> Matthew 28:18-20 — *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

<sup>8</sup> Luke 14:33 — *So therefore, any one of you who does not forsake all that he has cannot be my disciple.*

<sup>9</sup> Matthew 4:19-20 — *And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.*

<sup>10</sup> Matthew 19:27 — *Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?”*

brought about the same response from the 3,000 who all left everything behind in response to the gospel.<sup>11</sup> This formed a whole new society in which they all lived together communally in many places throughout the Mediterranean region.<sup>12</sup>

The apostle Paul traveled to many of the communities in that time to exhort them to stay on the pattern they had received at first, as there was a natural drifting coming in to compromise their special new society. He commends the Thessalonians for keeping the pattern as it was first established in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.<sup>13</sup> But in many of his letters, he writes to warn various churches<sup>14</sup> that they are drifting from the original pattern and don't even realize it.<sup>15</sup> He even makes it clear that he anticipates a great falling away to occur once his life is over.<sup>16</sup>

**The same command  
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The whole New Testament is an account of the rise and fall of this new society which was supposed to bring an end to the kingdoms of this world. Surely they must have thought they were the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven, the Stone Kingdom of Daniel

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<sup>11</sup> Acts 2:44-45 — *And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

<sup>12</sup> Acts 4:32-35 — *Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.*

<sup>13</sup> 1 Thessalonians 2:14 — *For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews.*

<sup>14</sup> 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 — *But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.*

<sup>15</sup> Galatians 1:6,9 — *I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel... As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.*

<sup>16</sup> Acts 20:29-30 — *I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.*



2:44,<sup>17</sup> on course to bring an end to this wicked age. They were a beacon of light<sup>18</sup> for the world to see what the love of God, poured out into the hearts of a people, actually looks like, but they did not endure until the end.<sup>19</sup>

Perhaps it wasn't meant to happen at that time. After all, only now are we beginning to see conditions on the earth that appear to match up with Daniel's description of the end times. So now, 2,000 years later, we anticipate the formation of a new society of ten world powers in an alliance to rule the world. Meanwhile, right along with it, we look on as we see the God of Heaven establishing his kingdom on the earth once again at this time.

So when we see a global crisis brought right to our front door, we are of course concerned about those we love. This pandemic has affected us, and especially the older ones in our midst, much as it has the rest of the world. How confusing and scary these times would be if it were not for the great hope that comes with it — that there actually is a God who is at work restoring the life of the early church as a witness of his love for mankind. This will bring about the end of this selfish age and the return of Yahshua, the Messiah, ushering in the Kingdom of God and an age of true peace for a thousand years!

As we write this we want you to know about our many communities that have been established in many places all over the earth for the past fifty



years, which are listed on the next two pages of this paper. We truly aspire to be part of the Stone that rolls down the mountain in these last days to bring an end to all the confusion that now fills the earth. We would love to hear from you! 🙏

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<sup>17</sup> Daniel 2:44 — *And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.*

<sup>18</sup> Matthew 5:14 — *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

<sup>19</sup> Matthew 24:13 — *But the one who endures to the end will be saved.*

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**Community in Cocksackie** 18 South River St, Cocksackie, NY 12051 ☎ 518-655-1007

**Yellow Deli** 18 South River Street, Cocksackie, NY 12051 ☎ 518-655-1655

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

**Gladheart Farm** 9 Lora Lane, Asheville, NC 28803 ☎ 828-274-8747

**Community Conference Center** 471 Sulphur Spr Rd, Hiddenite, NC 28636 ☎ 828-352-9200

**Yellow Deli** 5081 NC Highway 90 E, Hiddenite, NC 28636 ☎ 828-548-3354

#### **TENNESSEE**

**Community in Chattanooga** 900 Oak Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403 ☎ 423-752-3071

**Yellow Deli** 737 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403 ☎ 423-468-1777

**Community in Pulaski** 373 Glendale Drive, Pulaski, TN 38478 ☎ 931-424-7067

**Yellow Deli** 219 S. Third Street, Pulaski, TN 38478 ☎ 931-363-8586

#### **VERMONT**

**Community in Island Pond** 126 South Street, Island Pond, VT 05846 ☎ 802-723-9708

**Community in Rutland** 134 Church Street, Rutland, VT 05701 ☎ 802-773-3764

**Yellow Deli & Hiker's Hostel** 23 Center St, Rutland, VT 05701 ☎ 802-775-9800

**Basin Farm** 175 Basin Farm Road, Bellows Falls, VT 05101 ☎ 802-463-9264

#### **VIRGINIA**

**Stoneybrook Farm** 15255 Ashbury Church Road, Hillsboro, VA 20132 ☎ 540-668-7123

**Stoneybrook Farm Market** 37091 Charles Town Pk, Hillsboro, VA 20132 ☎ 540-668-9067

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**Community in Raymond** 418 State Route 105, Raymond, WA 98577 ☎ 360-529-1559

#### **ARGENTINA**

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**Yellow Deli** Pedro Whelan 501, 1748 General Rodriguez, Buenos Aires, Argentina ☎ 54-237-485-1584

#### **AUSTRALIA**

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**Community in Katoomba** 196 Bathurst Road, Katoomba, NSW 2780, Australia ☎ 61-2-4782-2131

**Yellow Deli** 214 Katoomba St, Katoomba, NSW 2780, Australia ☎ 61-2-4782-9744

#### **BRAZIL**

**Comunidade de Londrina** Est. Major Achilles Pimpão 5000, 86040-020 Londrina, Paraná (Mail to: Caixa Postal 8041, 86010-981 Londrina) ☎ 55-43-3357-1212

**Yellow Deli** Estrada Major Achilles Pimpão 5000, Jardim Vale Verde, 86020-040 Londrina, Paraná, Brazil ☎ 55-43-3337-4562

**Comunidade de Campo Largo** BR 277, km 107,5 s/n<sup>o</sup> (Sentido Ponta Grossa - Curitiba) Caixa Postal 1056, 83608-000 Campo Largo, Paraná, Brazil ☎ 55-41-3555-2393

#### **CANADA**

**Community in Winnipeg** 89 East Gate, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2C2, Canada ☎ 204-786-8787

**Yellow Deli** 490 Des Meurons, Winnipeg, MB R2H 2P5, Canada ☎ 204-453-5156

**Mount Sentinel Farm** 2915 Highway 3A, South Slocan, BC V0G 2G0, Canada ☎ 250-359-6847

**Yellow Deli** 202 Vernon St, Nelson, BC V1L 4E2, Canada ☎ 250-352-0325

**Fairfield Farm** 11450 McSween Rd, Chilliwack, BC V2P 6H5, Canada ☎ 604-795-2225

**Yellow Deli** 45859 Yale Rd, Chilliwack, BC V2P 2N6, Canada ☎ 604-702-4442

**New Sprout Farm** 7191 Howard Rd, Merville, BC V0R 2M0, Canada ☎ 250-337-5444

**Yellow Deli** 596 Fifth Street, Courtenay, BC V9N 1K3, Canada ☎ 250-897-1111

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**Yellow Deli** 647 Princess Street, Kingston, Ontario K7L 1E4, Canada ☎ 613-546-8384

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**Preserved Seed Farm** Mšecké Žehrovice č. 150, 27064 Mšec, Czech Republic ☎ 420-721-305558

**Community in Skalna** 481 Česká, 35134 Skalna, Czech Republic ☎ 420-355-455182

#### **ENGLAND**

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**Yellow Deli** 43-47 High Street, Honiton, Devon EX14 1PW ☎ 44-1404-378023

#### **FRANCE**

**Communauté de Sus** 11 route du Haut Béarn, 64190 Sus, France ☎ 33-559-661428

**Au coeur du grain** 47 Rue Riquet, 31000 Toulouse, France ☎ 335-82-755873

#### **JAPAN**

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**Yellow Deli** Kyotofu Kyotoshi Ukyouku Uzumasa Tayabucho 14-11, Japan ☎ 81-75-881-6886

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**Yellow Deli** General Etxagüe 5, 20003 San Sebastian, Guipúzcoa, Spain ☎ 34-943-477441

**Comunidad de Igeldo** Benta Aldea 6, 20810 Orío, Guipúzcoa, Spain ☎ 34-943-632316

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**Morning Star Ranch** 12458 Keys Creek Road Valley Center, CA 92082 ☎ 760-742-8953

**Yellow Deli** 32011 Lilac Road, Valley Center, CA 92082 ☎ 760-742-2064

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**Maté Factor** 966 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs, CO 80829 ☎ 719-685-3235

**Community in Boulder** 5325 Eldorado Spr. Drive, Boulder, CO 80305 ☎ 303-719-8168

**Yellow Deli** 908 Pearl Street, Boulder, CO 80302 ☎ 303-996-4700

#### FLORIDA

**Community in Arcadia** 601 West Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 ☎ 863-491-0160

**Yellow Deli Bakery**, 22 N. Polk Avenue, Arcadia, FL 34266 ☎ 863-884-1212

**Community on Pine Island** 15621 Quail Trail, Bokeelia, FL 33922 ☎ 239-558-2266

#### GEORGIA

**Community in Savannah** 403 East Hall St, Savannah, GA 31401 ☎ 912-232-1165

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**Community in Brunswick** 927 Union St, Brunswick, GA 31520 ☎ 912-264-2279

**Yellow Deli Bakery** 801 Egmont Street, Brunswick, GA 31520 ☎ 912-264-1069

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**Fieldstone Orchard & Farm** 7049 E 149th St, Overbrook, KS 66524 ☎ 785-665-7643

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**Community in Plymouth** 35 Warren Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360 ☎ 508-747-5338

**Blue Blinds Bakery** 7 North Street, Plymouth, MA 02360 ☎ 508-747-0462

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**Common Ground Café** 420 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601 ☎ 508-778-8390

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**Yellow Deli** 134 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820 ☎ 607-431-1155

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**THERE IS A PEOPLE** who woke up this morning with one thing on their minds: to love their Creator with all their heart, soul, and strength, and to love one another just as He loved them. Being ordinary human beings, we are far from perfect in our love, yet, in hope, we persevere. Our goal? That the Kingdom of God would come on earth as it is in heaven, so that love and justice can rule on the earth. Sound impossible? It would be, were it not that Yahshua, the Messiah, came to redeem mankind, to set us free from the curse of sin, and to enable us to love. Because we have come to see His worth and our own desperate need, we have surrendered everything in order to follow Him. Our hearts and our homes are open night and day to any who are interested in our life or are weary of their sin and want to know the purpose for which they were created. ✨