

### A Teaching With



Through my studies a few years ago I learned that God, LORD and Jesus are fake names put into our Bibles to replace the Real Names of our Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son. The True Names have been removed over 7000 times from Scripture and replaced by God, LORD or Jesus which are not Names but titles like Mr. or Miss. Isn't it amazing if you ask a Muslim who he worships he will say Allah which is the name of his god and if you ask a Buddhist the name of his god, he will say Buddha. Yet we as professed believers in our Creator do not even know the name of who we worship.

Therefore, I use the four Hebrew letters yod, hey, vav, hey in English YHVH (and I pronounce it as Yahuwah) instead of LORD, which is a title - not a name. I also use Yahusha instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration from a Greek mistransliteration. The name Jesus has no meaning, in Hebrew nor in English! YHVH and Yahusha are the actual original Hebrew names that speak of our Savior's true nature and character. Since the Father has a Hebrew name, the Son cannot have a Greek name, because the Son came in the name of His Father (John 5:43)!

#### The message today is entitled:

## Is it good to look back?

Sometimes it is. We are to look back at the good experiences to gain strength and hope. We are to look back when we have lost our way; to find out where we have gone wrong so we can get back on the right road again.

## Is it good to look back?

However, we are not to look back at the things of this world that we have left behind after we accepted Messiah and to desire those things we left behind at that time. We are not to look back on the bad and gloomy side either, because that will discourage us.

When we read the Biblical report of creation, we find that at the end of the creation week, the Creator looked back with satisfaction and made the statement,

> "Behold it was very good!"

Very good means that it could not be improved on!

### It was perfect!

Nothing could be added or changed to make creation more perfect because it was perfect and flawless! Of course, we as humans can always improve on something that we have done. Only the Creator is capable of being ultimately perfect in what He is doing.

Unfortunately, we come quickly to Genesis chapter 3 in the Bible where we discover that sin and rebellion invaded this planet. Due to that invasion everything changed drastically. Good became evil, joy was turned into sadness ...





... life ended in death, righteousness became unrighteousness, health became sickness, order became disorder, harmony became chaos, obedience changed into rebellion and <u>love changed into hatred</u>!



# How did it all start?

#### It started with one little, almost harmless transgression of a

It started with disobedience and questioning the Creator's instructions and His commands! Of course, we know and understand that there are no harmless, small or little transgressions called sins.

> Sin is sin, transgression is transgression, disobedience is disobedience, and rebellion is rebellion!

It is one of Satan's most successful devices, to lead men to the commission of little sins, to blind the mind to the danger of little indulgences, little digressions from the plainly stated requirements of Elohim.



#### Scripture says, It is "the little foxes that spoil the vines." Song of Solomon 2:15 KJV

These little foxes may be cute but they can do much damage! A little thorn may cause much suffering, a little cloud may hide the sun, little foxes spoil the vines, and little sins do mischief to a tender heart. It is the little things which, when left alone, can add up to big danger. Little things do not work on the surface.



They work internally. They work subconsciously. <u>They work quietly.</u> <u>They work gradually.</u> <u>They work unnoticed;</u> <u>millimeter by millimeter.</u>

When Satan wants to do something, he does not come saying "I am the devil to deceive you." He comes as a little, sly fox. Satan is very subtle. The changes he brings come very gradually. He diverts our attention little by little. Then one day, you wake up and wonder, "How in the world did I get in this condition?" People who lose fellowship with YHVH do not do it overnight. They get slack day by day and week by week. They begin skipping their time of prayer and devotion. We must be very careful about minding the little things. When the little things get out of hand, the big things will soon follow!

# Satan started all this with one little question using a serpent to beguile Eve. The whole creation was turned upside down!



And after only 1700 plus years with the exception of just a few people he led all mankind into a rebellion towards their Creator.

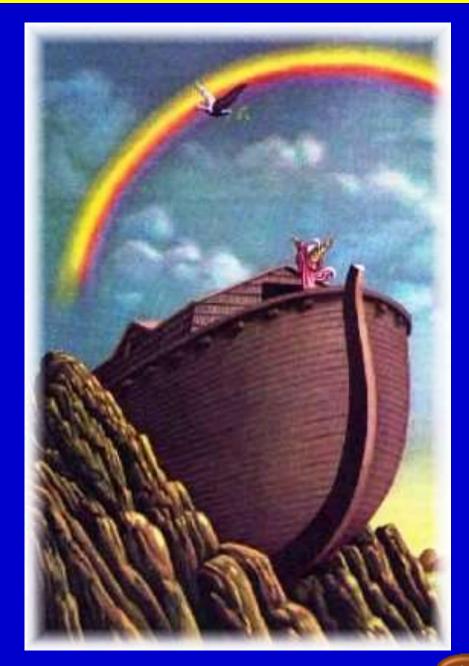
"And Elohim saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually!"

> A few pages later in the book of Genesis we find Yahuwah's answer to that early rebellion in Chapter 7 and 8. He answers with a flood, the destruction of an entire civilization. The Bible states this in Genesis 6:5. KJV

Nothing could cure that apostasy and rebellion, except a total destruction by a universal flood! And one could wonder, whether genuine rebellion is ever curable? We can see that in the flood. **Rebellion could only be cured** by a complete destruction!

At the time of the flood we are told that only eight (8) people were saved alive.

After the flood Elohim made a promise, which I would like to read with you in Genesis 8:21-22 – KJV "... He said, ... "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake... While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Gen 8:21-22 *кл* 



This is the promise, this is the covenant, which YHVH made to those eight people that survived the flood (Genesis 8:21-22). We can read that in Genesis 9:11 "I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there anymore be a flood to destroy the earth." клу **Remember, when YHVH makes a covenant,** He will not break it. It is man that breaks covenants with YHVH!

"NO, I will not break my covenant, I will not take back a single word I said." Psalm 89:34 (NLT)

## Did their descendants believe those promises or the covenant that YHVH made with their forefathers?

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They said, "Let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11:4 клу

In other words, they said, "we can not trust YHVH, we need to make sure ourselves that this doesn't catch us by surprise again." However, Yahuwah did intervene by confounding their languages and stopped their project. Don't people ever learn to trust and to believe? They didn't believe then, they don't believe today, and just a few dare to stand for HIM now!

### Again, we have an incident when YHVH intervened.

Only this time it was not worldwide as during the flood because He had made the promise that <u>He will not again completely wipe</u> <u>out the population</u> of earth. When Elohim instructed Noah to preach a coming flood while he built the ark, people didn't believe him. They made fun of Noah and called him <u>crazy</u>. From time-to-time YHVH had to intervene in order to halt the evil.

At the time of flood, He completely cleansed the earth from all the wickedness that was going on. This was the only thing that worked.

## YHVH made a promise, a covenant!

In Genesis 9:13 — клv - He said to Noah, "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth!" Let's just remember, YHVH <u>never</u> breaks His word, He never breaks His promise, He <u>never</u> breaks His covenant.

He is a covenant keeping Elohim! Man is the one breaking the covenant by his rebellion.

Next, we find ourselves in Sodom and Gomorrah. Elohim sent two angels into these cities in order to lead some people into safety. We read in Genesis 19:15-17 — клу ...

When the morning arose, then the angels <u>hastened Lot</u>, saying: "<u>Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters</u>, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city."

16. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; YHVH being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth and set him without the city.

17. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, "<u>Escape for thy life;</u> look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou <u>be consumed</u>." (Genesis 19:15-17)

### **ISN'T YHVH MERCIFUL?**

First the angels gave them plain, easy to understand instructions and then they even took Lot and his family by their hand and pulled them out!

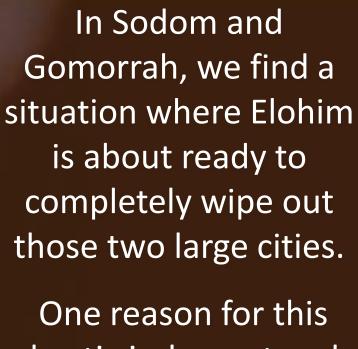
What did Lot do? He lingered! What does it mean to linger?

• To remain or stay in a place longer than is usual or expected, as if from reluctance to leave.

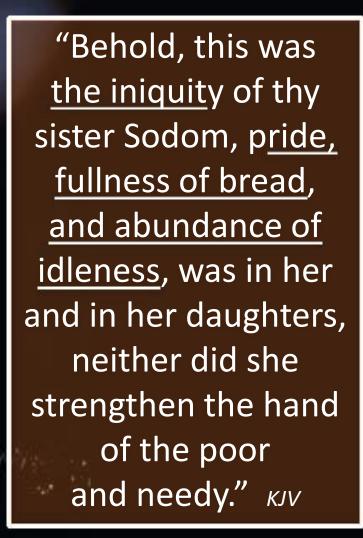
He delayed for whatever reason. He was reluctant, he was extremely slow, unwilling to leave.

Don't we sometimes act the same way?

- 1. We don't move when we should be moving.
- 2. We don't act when we should be acting.
- 3. We don't obey when we should be obeying.



drastic judgment and this drastic action is recorded in Ezekiel 16: 49.



What were the great sins of Sodom and Gomorrah? Scripture says:

Pride
 Fullness of bread
 Abundance of idleness and
 Closing their hearts towards the poor and needy!

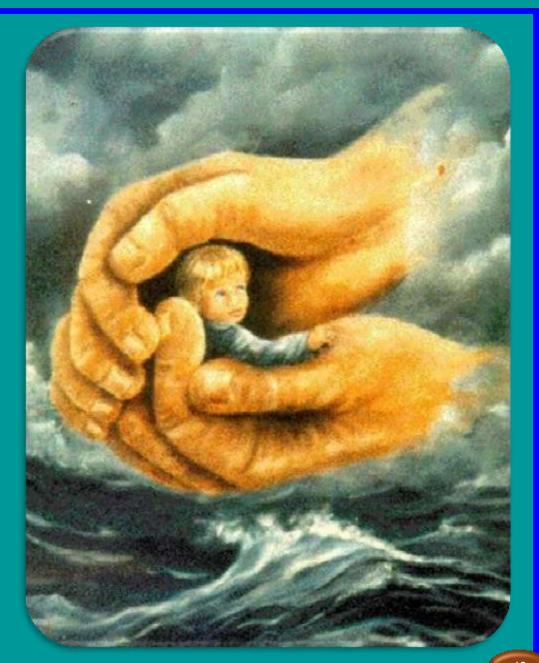
Self-sufficient, rich, plenty to eat and too much time on their hands, and also extremely greedy and selfish!

Another reason that YHVH was ready to wipe out Sodom and Gomorrah is mentioned in Jude verse 7 where it says:

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves <u>over to fornication</u>, and <u>going after strange flesh</u>, are set forth for <u>an example</u>, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." κιν "In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to <u>sexual immorality and perversion</u>..." Jude 7 NIV

### YHVH abhorred these sins then and He does so today!

Yet there still were some people living in Sodom that Yahuwah was trying to save.



Today we stress the love of Elohim a lot; but it is degraded to a weak sentimental love.

We need to realize that Elohim has never been tolerant towards evil and sin.

As the antediluvians had crossed the line, we find that the same was true for Sodom and Gomorrah.

Elohim pronounced judgment in heaven over these two cities because of their rebellion and sin.

To what length did YHVH go in order to save some of the people in Sodom before He struck the sodomites with blindness?

He sent two angels with the commission to destroy these cities, but He also told the angels "before you execute that judgment think of Lot and his family." Why?

Lot was a nephew of Abraham who was a man of Elohim. And because of Abraham's intercession Elohim was willing to pull Lot out of these cities before their destruction.



As has been mentioned before, Lot, his wife and his two daughters had to be p<u>hysically</u> p<u>ulled out</u> in that the angels took them by their hands.

Do we all have the attitude and the character of Abraham in that respect? It says because of Abraham's intercession Lot was pulled out of Sodom. We need the spirit of "intercession" for YHVH's professed people, not the spirit of condemnation.



## The Creator in HIS love towards humanity as a whole and in His righteousness said,

"<u>I must draw the line here</u>!" He did it then and He will be forced to do it again.

Man needs to learn that "YHVH means what He says, and He says what He means!" **Don't argue with** the Creator!

It says in Genesis 19:15 and 24-26 ... "When the morning arose YHVH rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahuah out of heaven. 25. And he overthrew those cities and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that, which grew upon the ground. 26. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt." KJV YHVH desired to save all of Lot's family. He sent His angels and gave them the commission to lead this family out of Sodom.

The Father had everything prepared in order to save this family and still He could not prevent that some were lost, like Lot's sons-in-law, his daughters and of course his wife.

They each had a choice.



"But Lot's wife looked back!"

What were the angel's

# instructions: "Look not behind you!"

- Were these instructions plain?
- Could anyone understand them?
- Does Elohim mean what He says?
- Lot's wife looked back, and she died, being turned into a pillar of salt.
- What was the reason?
- It was her love for what she just left.
   It was disobedience, unbelief and "The Look Back" that cost her life!

I would like to ponder for a moment over that phrase

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#### Why did she look back? There could have been many reasons:

### Was it curiosity?

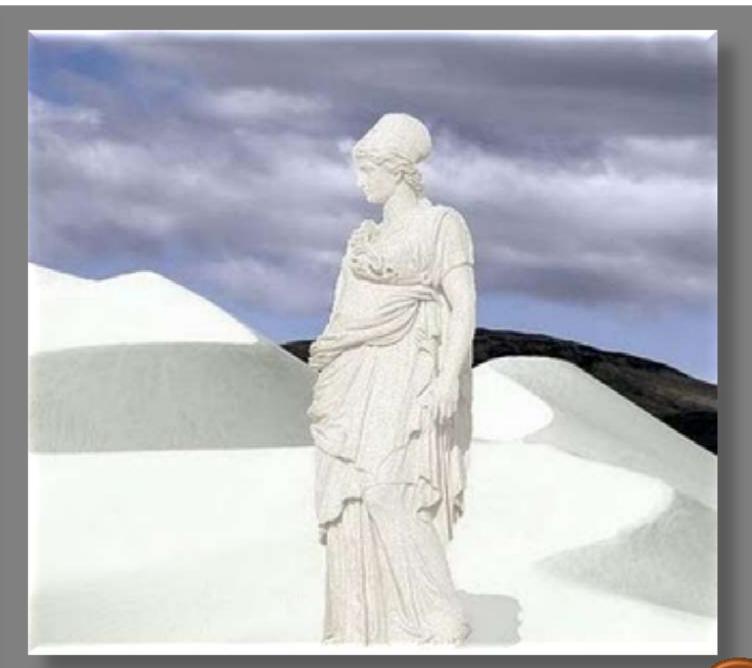
Maybe her heart was still attached to these cities, like her friends, the shopping malls, the conveniences, the luxuries, the glitter of the city, her home, her other children, her garden, the beautiful flowers, her bank account, the security.

Whatever the reason was, she looked back, and that look back cost her life!

She lost not only this life but the life to come!



"<u>The look back</u>" can be fatal. "The look back" can have serious consequences. In this case the consequences were temporal and eternal death.



We should think of the people of Israel living in the land of Egypt for 215 years.

They were slaves in bondage with limited rights.

They cried to Yahuwah for a long time to be free from slavery.



**For Clarification**, some people may wonder why I use **215** years as the number of years the people of Israel were in Egypt instead of 400 (Genesis 15:13; Acts 7:6) and 430 years (Exodus 12:40-41; Galatians 3:17) as stated in Scripture. The time from Abraham's call to Jacob's entry into Egypt was 215 years (see next slide), being the total of (1) thirty years lying between Abraham's call and the birth of Isaac (Genesis 12:4; 21:5), (2) sixty years lying between Isaac's birth and Jacob's birth (Genesis 25:26), and (3) the age of Jacob at the time of his migration into Egypt (Genesis 47:9). This leaves the remaining 215 years of the 430 as the actual time the Hebrews spent in Egypt. Hence the 430 years of Exodus 12:40 includes the sojourn of the patriarchs in Canaan as well as their stay in Egypt.



Did YHVH answer their prayer to be freed from slavery? Yes, he did after many years.

He used Moses in order to lead them out of Egypt with great might and power.



The road went through the desert. This was a large group of people, a couple million including men, women and children, plus all the animals they brought with them. How was it possible for Yahuah to lead this great people through the desert?

The Bible says that every morning the "Manna" covered the ground. All they had to do was go out and gather this Manna. This was repeated day after day, week after week, month after month, except on the Sabbath, because on Friday they gathered double the amount.



They had no fields to harvest, no trees to pluck fruit from, no garden to harvest. After their reserves were gone, Elohim in His wisdom cared for them in that He fed them with bread from heaven.



Again, they looked back towards Egypt, the land they just had left!

What was their complaint?

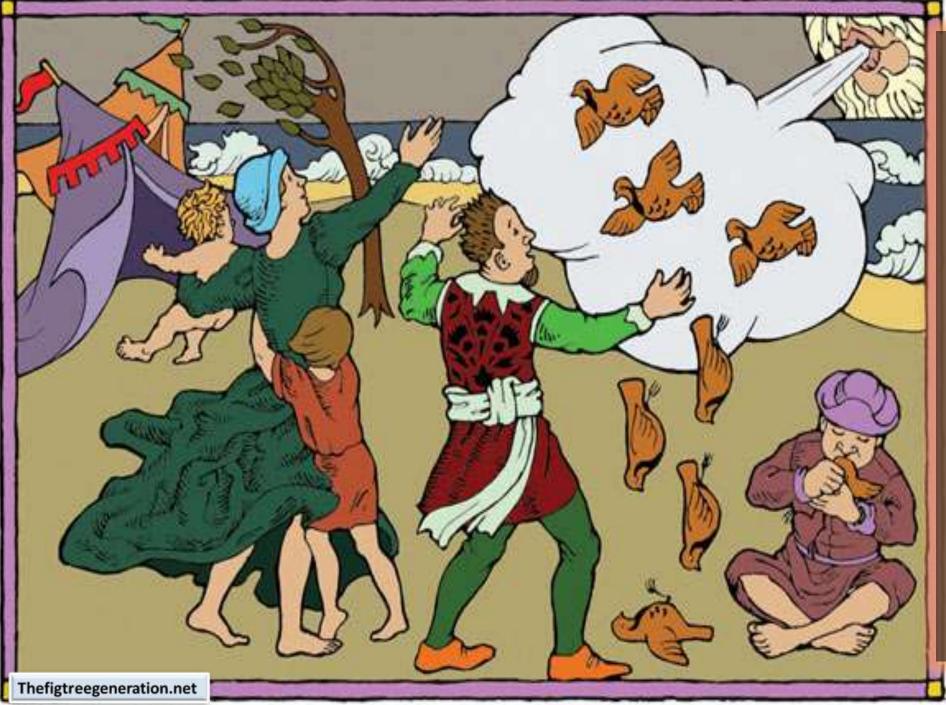


We read in Numbers 11:5-6 "We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic. 6 But now our soul (is) dried away: (there is) nothing at all, beside this manna, (before) our eyes." KJV The CEV (Contemporary English Version) says,"But we're starving out here, and the only food we have is this manna."



Were they starving? **No! They were lusting!** The Good News Bible says, "But now our strength is gone. There is nothing at all to eatnothing but this manna day after day!"

**Because of their** complaining Yahuwah gave them their desires, in this case flesh to eat, morning, noon and evening until it came out of their ears. And when we follow this incident, we are told that thousands of people died while the flesh was yet between their teeth because of their LUST. This is what Scripture says.



**"The Look Back to Egypt** and complaining" was a lack of faith, mistrusting their leader YHVH. It was deadly for many people!"

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Another example of looking back we find when the children of Israel stood at the border of the Promised Land.

They were about to enter Canaan. They sent out 12 spies to check out the land and to bring back a report. When the 12 spies returned with their report another big drama unfolds.

Scripture tells us, "And <u>all</u> the children of Israel (over 1 million of them) <u>murmured</u> against Moses and against Aaron: and the <u>whole</u> congregation said unto them, <u>Would Elohim that</u> <u>we had died in the land of Egypt!</u> Or would Elohim we had <u>died in this wilderness</u>!" Numbers 14:2 KJV Ten (10) spies reported (on one hand) Canaan being a prosperous and fruitful land, a land flowing with milk and honey. But on the other hand the report was so negative, that the whole congregation started to cry and then again "they looked back" as we read in Numbers 14:2.

This time "the look back" meant death for everyone over the age of 20. That is exactly what happened - everyone over the age of 20 died during the next 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.

Only those that were under 20, including Kaleb and Joshua, were allowed to enter the Promised Land.

Our heavenly Father wants people that will **not** look back to Babylon, back to Egypt, back to Sodom & Gomorrah, back to the forbidden tree! He wants people that will not be bought or sold; people that will trust and believe Yahusha and go forward with Him.



When someone came to Yahusha with the desire to follow Him but wanted to first go and bid farewell to his family, Yahusha said in Luke 9:62 клv, "...No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of Elohim."



No earthly ties, no earthly considerations, should weigh one moment in the scale against duty to the cause and work of Elohim.

Yahusha severed His connection from everything to save a lost world, and He requires of us a full and entire consecration.

There are sacrifices to be made for the interests of Elohim's cause. The sacrifice of feeling is the keenest that is required of us; yet after all it is a small sacrifice.

The look back during the past 6,000 years of man's history has often been fatal. Gen 19:26
Luke 9:62
Heb 10:37
John 2:15

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Yahusha said in Luke 17:28-32 – KJV, "Likewise, also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29. But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Homosexualit 30. Even thus shall it be in Adultery the day when the Son of Gluttony man is revealed. Fornicatio Greed

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# 31. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house (this is not the time to think of stuff),



let him not come down to take it away; and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back."

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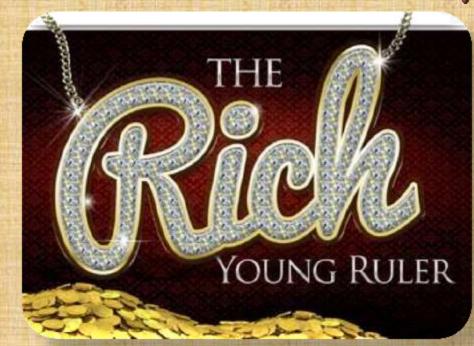
# Luke goes on to say:

### Don't look back as she did!

Remember Lot's wife.

Luke 17:32

Next we have the story of:



In Matthew 19 we find the familiar incident with the rich young ruler. He asked the Master: **"What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?"** Matthew 19:16 *кл* 

#### What answer did he receive?

"Keep the commandments and you will enter into life."

The young man said to him, "All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet."

Then Yahusha knowing his problem, points his finger directly to the sore spot!

We read in Mark 10:21 -**Then Yahusha** beholding him, loved him... "One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." KJV



#### Here too, the fatal "<u>look back</u>," <u>back to his wealth</u>, <u>back to his apparent security</u>. Then the Bible tells us in Matthew 19:22 ... КЛУ

#### "But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions."

Was the request of Yahusha for this man to sell all he possessed an expression of love?

#### What was Yahusha's desire for that young man? To gain eternal life! To be in His kingdom!

But that young man looked back to his possessions, and he couldn't force himself to let go of all those nice things.

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We may ask ourselves the question: "Is there anything which does hold us back following Yahusha completely?"

**Am I looking back?** Are you looking back? Looking back to a job; to an income we gave up; to a prosperous future that we could have had; to job opportunities; to friends that we may have lost when we started following Yahusha Ha Mashiach?



Yahusha said very plainly, if you are not willing to deny everything, you can not be my disciple. Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple."

I personally have frequently "looked back" in my life and asked myself the question: "What did I do that for? Why did I make certain decisions? Were they made because of selfish motives or not?" Then I came to the realization, I can't change the past, I must go forward. The Father still can make the best out of this situation, even if I made poor choices!

#### He is in control!



The "look back" can become fatal; it can mean our eternal destruction, because "looking back" can bring doubt and discouragement. It may show lack of faith and trust. We must look forward.



Remember, we can not change the past, but we can change the future, <u>so we need to look forward</u>! Scripture states: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, <u>let us lay aside every weight</u>, <u>and the sin which doth so easily beset us</u>, <u>and let us run with patience</u> <u>the race that is set before us</u>." Hebrews 12:1-2 K/V

2. Looking unto Yahusha, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim."



"Let us lay aside <u>every</u> weight, and the sin, which doth so easily, beset us." Here the daily battle is shown us and the advice of the Bible writer is to "lay aside all these things."



It is good to remember the words of Paul in Philippians 3:13, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: But this one thing I do, **Forgetting those things** which are behind, And reaching forth unto those things, which are before." KJV

We read about Abraham in Hebrews 11:8-10, "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10. For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim." KJV

#### **Did Abraham ever look back to Ur of the Chaldees where he came from?**

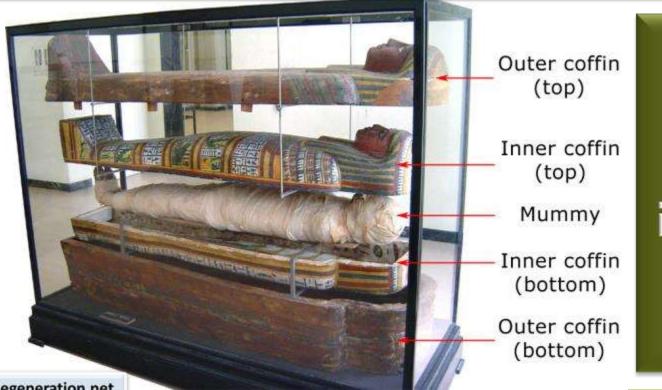
No, he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim.



We read about Moses in Hebrews 11 KJV, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter... **By faith** he forsook Egypt ... **Through faith** he kept the Passover ... By faith they passed through the Red sea ... By faith the walls of Jericho fell down."

#### Did Moses ever "look back" towards Egypt?

He could have been one of the Pharaohs, being a mummy today lying in a museum in Egypt, but instead he was resurrected and taken to heaven.



Did he ever "look back" to what he had left in that country after he was called by YHVH?

# Which was the better choice?

Being a mummy in a museum? or ... being alive and living in Heaven at this very moment? So, we have the same choices today. But how many people are making wise choices for eternity? Most people do not make a choice; they just go with the flow, follow the crowd, because it sounds good, feels good or looks right! They make no effort to find out if they are on the right track!

So, we are encouraged not to look back to Egypt - to the worldly life that we may have lived and enjoyed at one time but to strive forward on the road to Paradise!

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 Is it possible to think one is on the road to Heaven only to find out you are not?

 Without realizing it, you have taken a wrong turn somewhere?

 Or that you followed someone, trusting and believing that person that they knew where they were going only to find out you are going the wrong direction just like they are?

#### In Proverbs 14:12 it says:

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death." клу

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Don't believe everything you see!

Don't believe everything you read!

However, when someone has lost the way, made the wrong turn, Yahuwah commands,

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The question is to look back to "what" and for "what purpose"?

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Let's read Jeremiah 6:16: "Thus saith YHVH, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where [is] the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls....!" KJV



That's why 2 Timothy 2:15 states клv, "Study to show thyself approved unto Elohim."



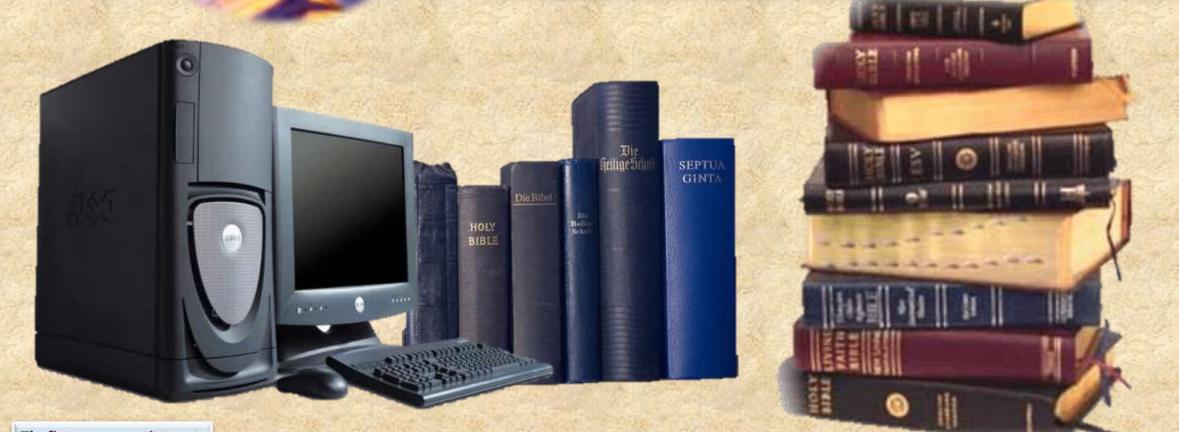
That means to seek, to search, to dig, to find the old path that has been lost! Don't remain in a stagnant position. Don't be satisfied with the present state of things.

Matthew 7:7 states, "Seek and ye shall find!" Study the Bible and you will find <u>new</u> truths, which really are the old truth lost in the rubbish of traditions!

Most of the people are surface readers, can we agree with that? They are just skimming, not digging themselves, because it takes effort and work to study properly! It's a lot easier to trust someone else. But, what if others are wrong? Remember: The majority was never right!



"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7 KJV



We need to be honest. The hands of most people in churches are tied down. They can't move forward to new heights, as long as they are under the control and influence of man, who is under the control of a manmade system!



#### Most people are stuck in a box ...



#### of tradition and man- made rules!

They will never get out of this box unless they remove these obstacles and chains they are bound with. We must break the shackles that may hold us!



## Why do I say that?

Because most churches have established creeds and doctrines, which stand in direct opposition to the gifts of the spirit. That means the Father can not, (or is not), allowed to do anything further than what has been marked out in the creed. As soon as you say something, which does not agree with manmade creeds, you will be silenced.



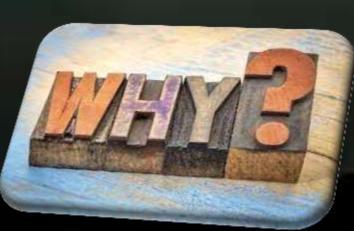
Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant churches all believe creeds <u>are equal</u> to the Bible because they believe the Holy Spirit assisted in the writing of their creeds.

Creeds eventually supplant the authority of Scripture itself! What else would you

like me to teach you about God's Word?

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Remember, how Yahuwah bore with the Jewish nation while they were murmuring and rebellious, breaking the Sabbath and every other precept of the law! He repeatedly declared them worse than the heathen. Each generation surpassed the preceding in guilt. Yahuwah permitted them to go into captivity, but after their deliverance His requirements were forgotten.



Because they kept looking back to Egypt instead of trusting in Yahuwah and looking forward as HE was leading them!

It is interesting that everything that YHVH committed to that people to be kept sacred was perverted or displaced by the inventions of rebellious men.

Man hasn't changed!

The same has happened in the past and is still happening today!

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Yahusha said to the people of that day: **"Did not Moses give you the law** (Nomos – the Torah), **and yet none of you keepeth the law?"** John 7:19 клу

The "look back" on one hand could be fatal, but on the other hand the "look back" could be life-giving!



When is the "look back" life-giving? When we find the "old paths" and walk in them!

The Bible says in Jeremiah 6:16 that <u>if</u> we walk in those old paths, we <mark>"will find rest for our souls."</mark>

Only as we walk in the path of obedience is there a blessing and hope.

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"O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." Then we have the verse in Exodus 19:5 "if ye will obey my voice indeed, and <u>keep my covenant</u>, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people." клу





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## THE END

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