Troublemaker or Peacemaker?

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AS A BELIEVER IN YAHUWAH AND YAHUSHA ARE YOU A ....

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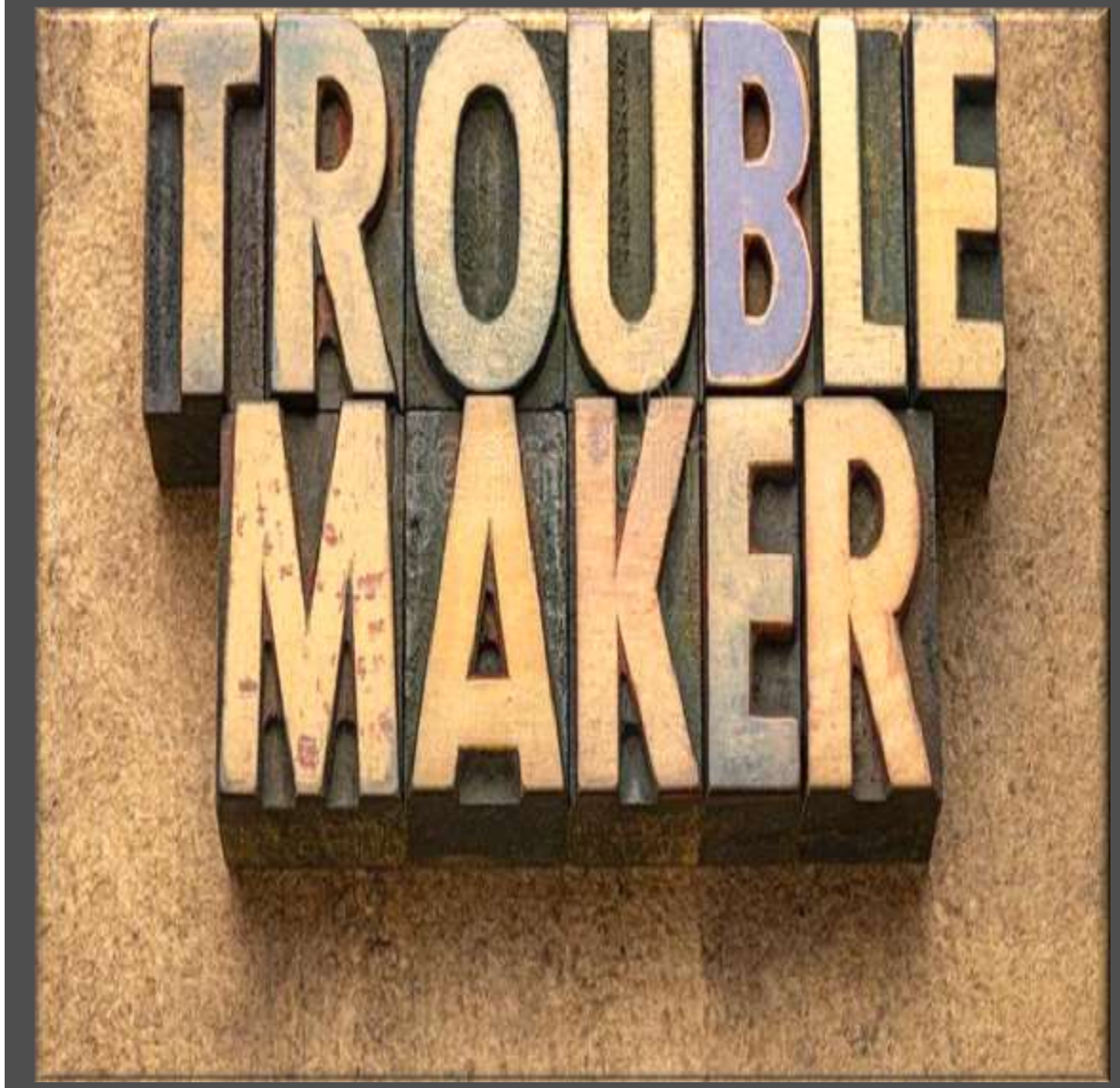
TROUBLE
MAKER

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You are one or the other ...
But mostly both!

DEPENDING ON WHO YOU ASK!

The Scripture states in Matthew 5:9,

"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of Elohim." KJV

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Peacemakers are blessed by YHVH…

Troublemakers are NOT!

Let's look at Isaiah 52:7.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth **peace**; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation …" KJV

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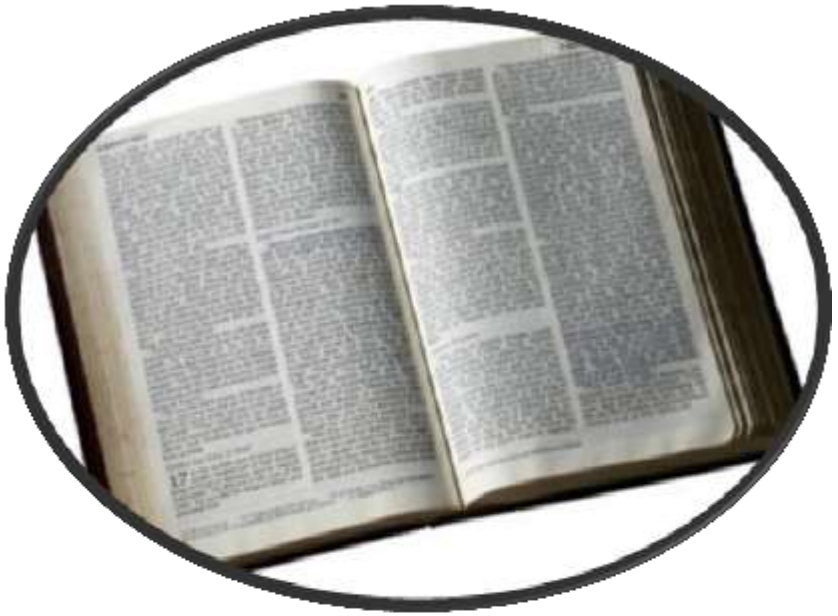
Aren't the followers of Yahusha messengers of peace and of good news?

Yahusha said in John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you…"

KJV



Psalm 119:165 states:

"Great peace have they, which love thy Torah *(instructions)* and nothing shall offend them." KJV

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There is a difference between the peace of the world and the peace of Messiah.

There are 2 types of peace, the inner peace and the outer peace, an internal and an external peace.

There is a true peace, which Yahusha gives and there is a counterfeit peace **secured by compromise.**

Yahusha never purchased peace by compromising with evil principles, neither can His true followers.
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The peace of Yahusha is not to banish division, but to remain calm amid strife and division!
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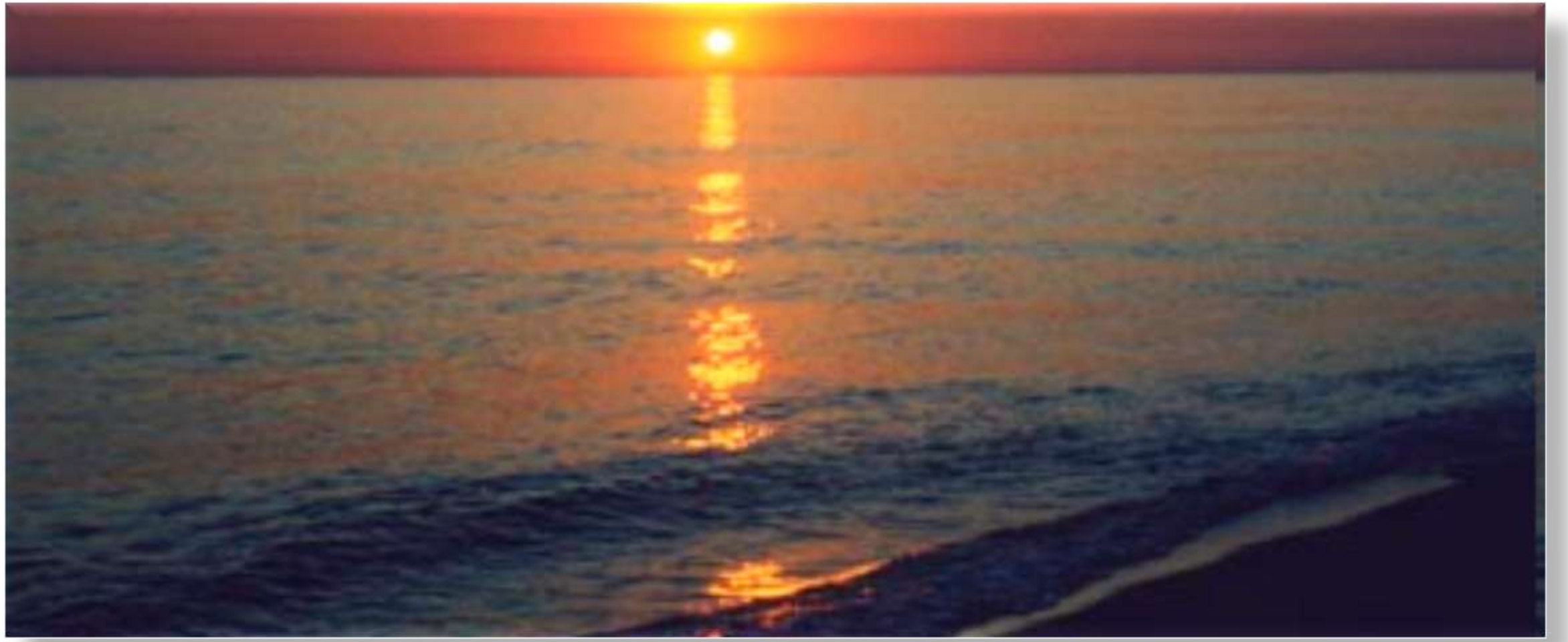
He who has the meek and lowly spirit of Messiah **will be a peacemaker!**



So, the question is: AM I, are you such a peacemaker or maybe even a troublemaker?

Paul states in Romans 12:18
"<u>If it be possible</u>, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." KJV

Obviously, it is almost impossible to live in peace with <u>all</u> people without making some compromise!

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There is a point beyond which it is impossible to maintain union and harmony <u>without the sacrifice of principle</u>. <u>Separation then becomes an absolute duty</u>. There are times one must separate, even if it hurts.

What may become an absolute duty?

SEPARATION!

Here is what YHVH says in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 states,
Be ye **not unequally yoked** together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? 15. And what concord hath Messiah with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16. And what agreement hath the temple of Elohim with idols? For ye are the temple of the living Elohim: as Elohim hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in (them); and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people.

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17. Wherefore <u>come out from among them, and be ye separate</u>, saith YHVH, and touch not the unclean (thing); and I will receive you. 18. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith YHVH the Almighty." *Restoration Study Bible*

Why is separation necessary?

Because spiritual, obedient people will be opposed by the disobedient and the worldly and are NOT welcomed.

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The question is:

As a true, upright, faithful follower of YHVH can you live peaceably with all men, including professed believers?

Will everybody like you?

Can one please everybody?

Only Politicians try to do that!

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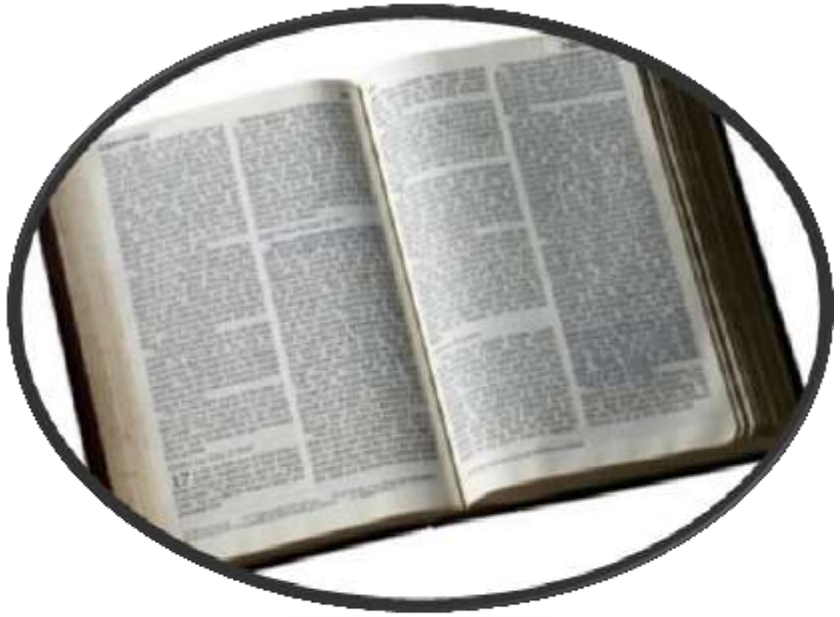

Let's see what Yahusha has to say about that in Luke 6:26 KJV.

"Woe unto you, when ALL men speak well of you: for so did their fathers to the <u>false</u> prophets."

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There is a woe pronounced when everyone speaks well of you!

Because, it is not possible for everyone to speak well of you, <u>unless you are compromising</u>!

Let's look at some examples of individuals in Scripture that were trying to bring peace, but it seemed to accomplish the opposite.

1 Kings 18:17 KJV, When king Ahab finally caught up with Elijah after looking for him for 3 ½ years of drought, the Bible says, **"And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, art thou he that troubleth Israel?"**

Are you the one that causes all the uproar, the confusion, the divisions, and the problems that we have no rain?

EXAMPLE # 1

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Are you the troublemaker in Israel?

Elijah was accused of being a troubler in Israel!

But was he?

What was YHVH trying to accomplish through Elijah's message?

Peace or trouble?

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Was Elijah a peacemaker or a troublemaker?

It depends on who you ask!

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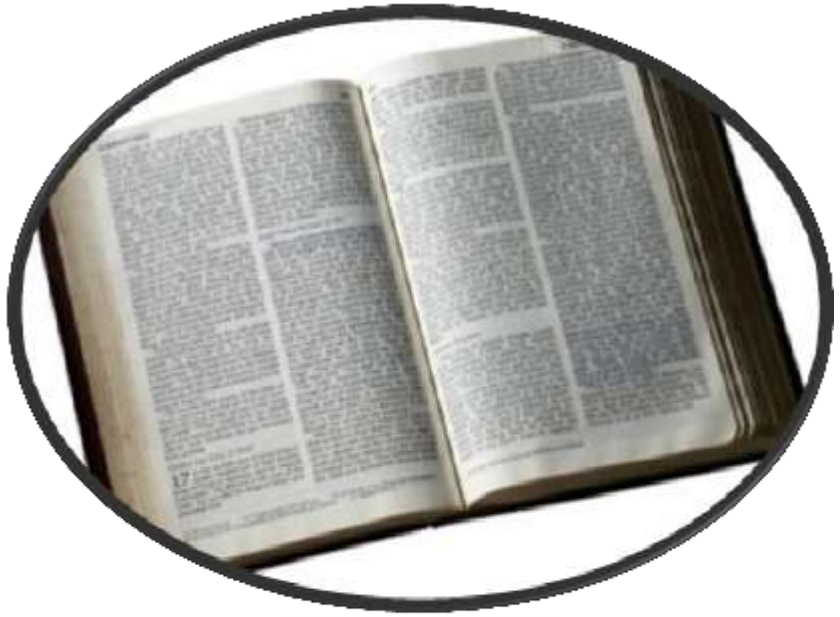

"Then the word of YHVH came unto me, saying 5. Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before you camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and **I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations**." KJV

Let's look at Jeremiah 1:4-5

Jeremiah was ordained as a prophet by YHVH!

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What was Jeremiah's prophecy in chapter 34:2? **"Thus saith Yahuwah, the Elohim of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, thus saith Yahuwah; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire."** Restoration Study Bible - SB

Was Jeremiah a man of YAHUWAH speaking for HIM?

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Was that message good news or bad news for the nation of Israel?

Did the people like what Jeremiah had to say?

Did their leadership like it?

What was their response in Jeremiah 38:4?

"Therefore the princes said unto the king, we beseech thee, let his man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: **for this man seeketh <u>not</u> the welfare of this people, but the hurt.**" Jeremiah 38:4 (KJV)

Were they right or wrong?

What was Yahuwah's purpose in giving this message through Jeremiah?

Did He mean good or evil for them?

Jeremiah was accused of being a 'traitor' by delivering Yah's message!

So what did Israel do to him?

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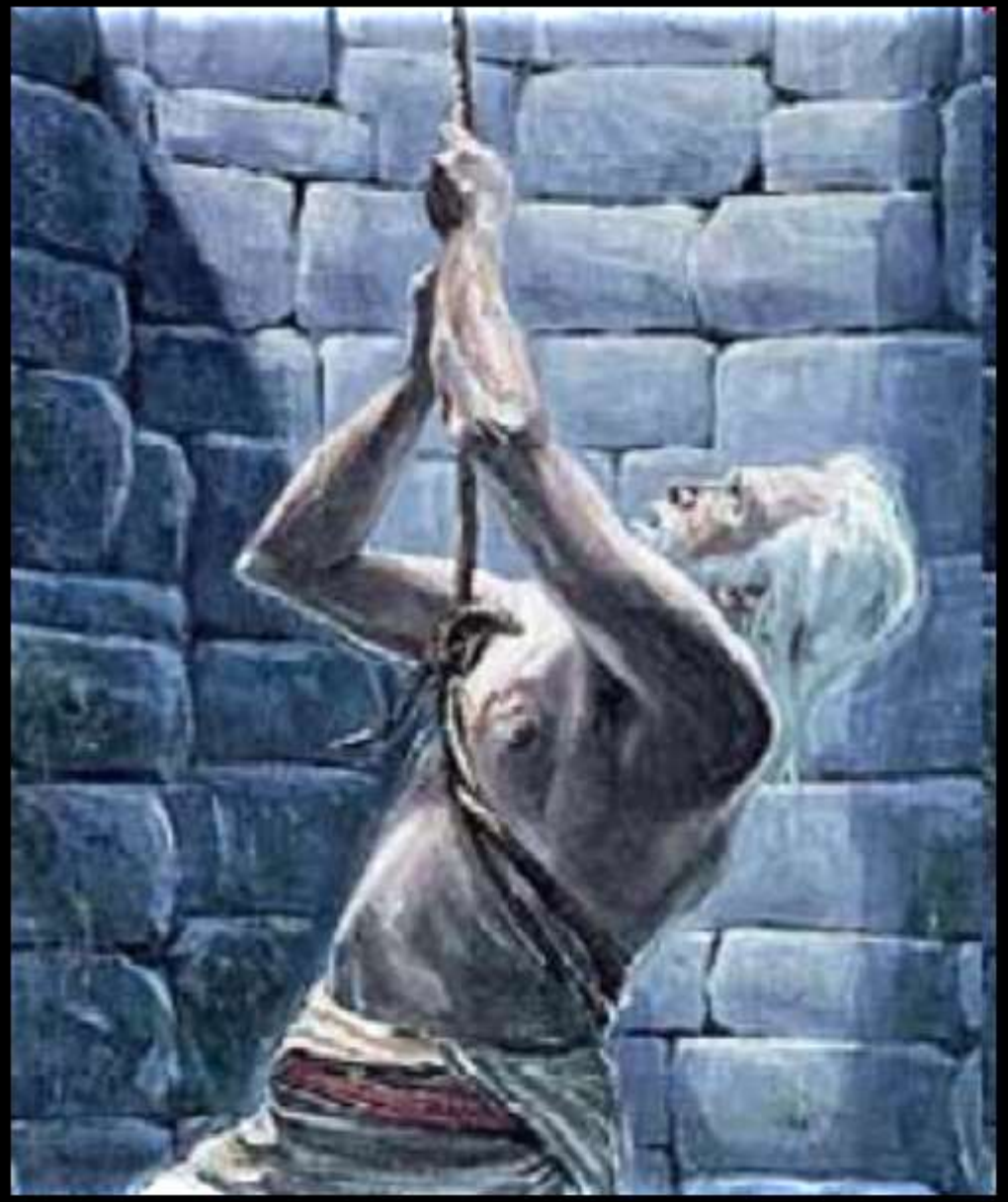
Jeremiah 38:6 "Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon … And in the dungeon, there was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire." KJV



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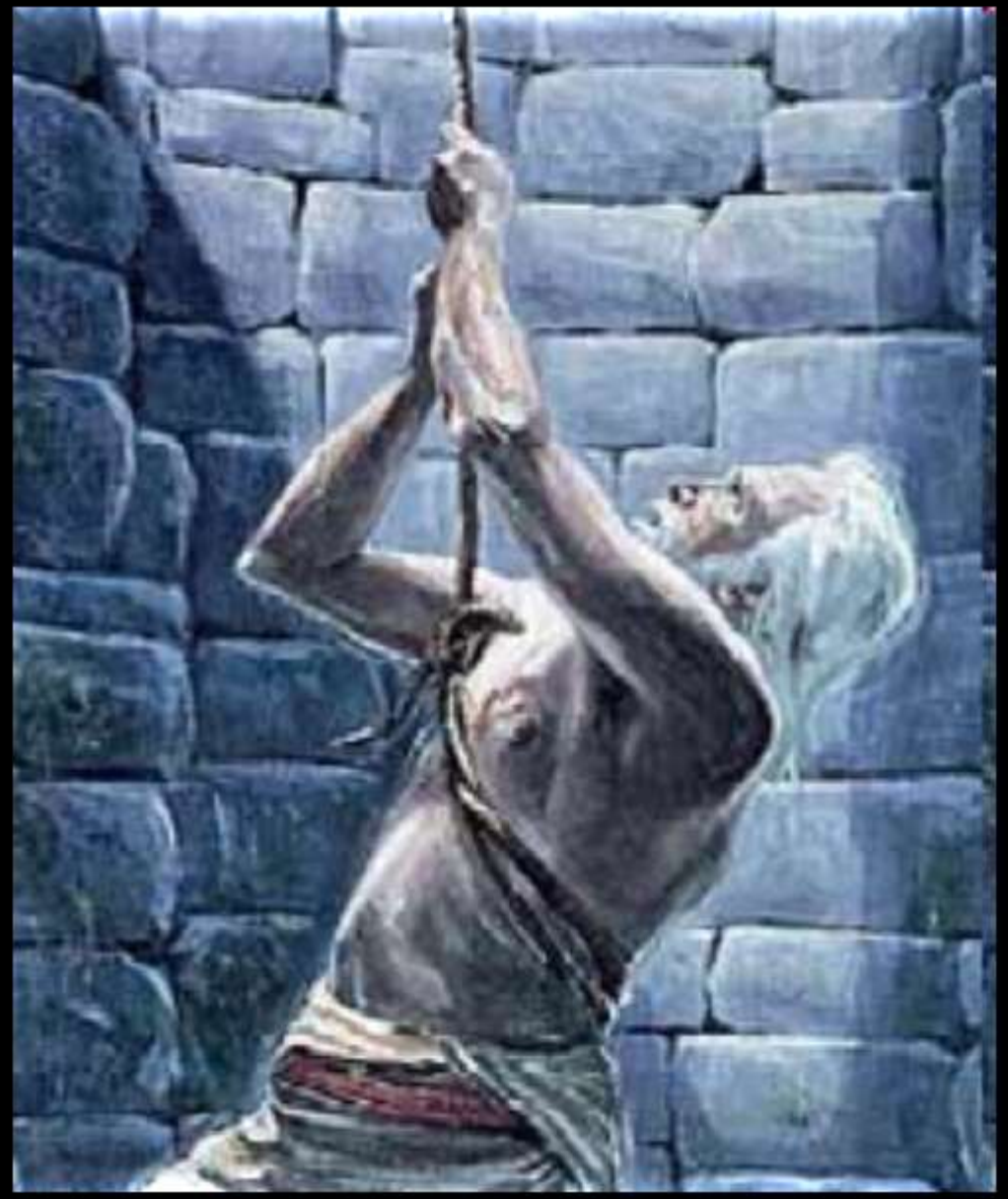
Why was he cast into the dungeon?

Because he was considered a troublemaker and a traitor by the professed people of Yahuwah.



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Was Jeremiah a troublemaker?

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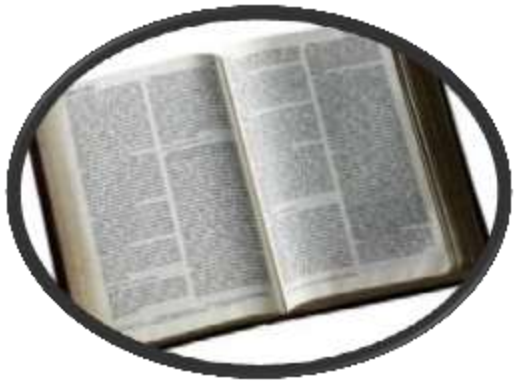
EXAMPLE #3

Let's go to Acts 21:26-28 KJV …



"Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for everyone of them.
27. And when the 7 days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they …

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… saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him 28. Crying out, Men of Israel help: This is the man that teaches all men every where against the people and the Torah *(law)*, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple and had polluted this holy place."

Was Paul guilty of all these charges?
Was he a peacemaker or a troublemaker?

It depends on who you ask!

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Paul was accused of being a polluter of the temple. In other words "a troublemaker" and the leaders laid hands on him.

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EXAMPLE #4

Let's go to John 11:47,48, 53 KJV

"Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, what do we? For this man doeth many miracles. 48. If we let him thus alone, all (men) will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. 53. Then from that day forth they counsel together to put Him to death!"

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Yahusha the Creator,
the Life-giver and Saviour
was being accused of being
a troublemaker and
He had to die for that!

Even though He was the Prince of Peace according to Isaiah 9:6, he says of himself in Matthew 10:34 ~

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." KJV

What is that sword He is referring to?

It was His Word starting in Genesis 1:1!

What about today?

Are there troublemakers today?

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Elijah was declared to be a troubler of Israel, Jeremiah a traitor, Paul a polluter of the temple. From that day to this, those who would be **loyal to truth, meaning Torah** have been often denounced as **seditious, heretical, or schismatic.**

Multitudes who are too unbelieving to accept the sure word of prophecy, will receive with unquestioning credulity an accusation against those who dare to reprove fashionable sins.

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To be called seditious, heretical and schismatic are very serious accusations against those that try to follow the instructions of YHVH,
trying to be peacemakers,
trying to uphold HIS standards!

Let's be reminded again of the words of Yahusha in Matthew 10:34-36 KJV.

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law 36. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household."

Prince of PEACE

Think about it: the Prince of Peace was the cause of division. He who came to proclaim glad tidings and to create hope and joy brought controversy.

What can His followers expect?

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And He warns His followers,
“In the world ye shall have tribulation.”
John 16:33 KJV

“They shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for My names sake.” Luke 21:12 KJV

"Ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death."

John 16:33; Luke 21:12, 16; KJV

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Peacemakers or troublemakers? Which is it?

It is actually both!

It depends on Who you ask!

Peacemakers are at times
wrongfully labeled troublemakers
by those
that are disturbed by
the message!

The world is no more in harmony with the principles of Yahusha revealed in the Torah today than it was in the past. The same hatred that prompted the cry, **"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"** the same hatred that led to the persecution of the disciples, still works in the children of disobedience today.

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The history of truth has ever been the record of a struggle between right and wrong, between good and evil, between truth and error.

The apostle Paul declares in 2 Timothy 3:12 that all that will live godly in Yahusha Ha Mashiach **shall suffer persecution**.

One reason that most people are not being persecuted because of their faith is because they have conformed to the world's standards, teachings and traditions and therefore there is no opposition.
In other words they have compromised and do not follow the pure and holy faith of their spiritual fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel!

True followers of Yahusha cannot join the ecumenical movement as an example.

If they do anyhow, they will have to do some serious compromising with salvational issues and principles.

Remember, we can follow and obey **only ONE master**. It is our choice to follow tradition or truth!

Living and proclaiming Torah makes enemies!

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The second commandment states **“thou shalt have no other gods before me!”** (Exodus 20:3) KJV

Following the traditions, teachings and doctrines of man would be worshipping other gods!

It is impossible to be a member of any church or organization today in regular and good standing, and at the same time follow a “thus saith YHVH” because you must submit to their established creeds or doctrines in order to be part of their congregation.

Paul had the same problem as he states in Galatians 4:16

"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" KJV

What seemed to be the cause of the problem for Paul?

It was TRUTH!

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What is wrong with truth?

Why don't people want to hear the truth?

Why is there such resistance against truth?

Because truth requires a decision to stand for something. There is a change in thinking and action and sacrifices involved!

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Here are the facts, wherever Paul preached there was either **a revival or a riot!** There was either a new congregation started, or he was jailed.

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Who, or what, should be causing division and trouble?

Should it be the message or the messenger?

It is the message of truth alone that must do the cutting, not the messenger presenting the message!

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One must be sure that it is not the messenger that is causing the problem by his way of presenting the truth in a condemnatory, accusing & hateful manner!

A true and faithful messenger is in an awkward position!

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A faithful messenger of YHVH should have no scruples to **preach the truth** as it is found in Scripture. That was Paul's advice to the young Timothy when he told him in 2 Timothy 4:2 KJV **"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."**

Truth must be proclaimed. **Only the false shepherds preach a peace and safety message!**

Anyone who defends the honor of YHVH and upholds HIS Torah will sooner or later bring censure and condemnation upon himself from the majority of people.
That was the case in the past,
it is the case at present and
will be so in the future.

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The majority was never right!

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How does one become a troublemaker in a church?

What made Elijah a troubler in Israel?

What made Jeremiah
a traitor or Paul
a polluter of
the temple?

Very simple ~ just by living a set-apart life, by standing up for the principles of Torah and by daring to reprove fashionable sins!

What was the question of Ahab to Elijah?

“Art thou he that troubleth Israel?”

What was Elijah’s answer?

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"I have not troubled Israel; but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of YHVH, and thou hast followed Baalim."

1 Kings 18:17-18 KJV

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Yahuwah's followers are called to be peacemakers, not by compromise or watering down the message but by living the truth and preaching it with determination: lovingly, patiently and kindly.

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However, it usually doesn't matter how kindly, lovingly and carefully a person presents truth he/she will most of the time be considered by the majority as a troublemaker!

Because
Truth Hurts!

And Truth
Makes People
Uncomfortable!

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The truth will set you free, but first it will make you miserable. *Attributed to James A. Garfield*

Every truth passes through three stages before it is recognized. In the first, it is ridiculed, in the second it is opposed, in the third it is regarded as self-evident. *Arthur Schopenhauer*

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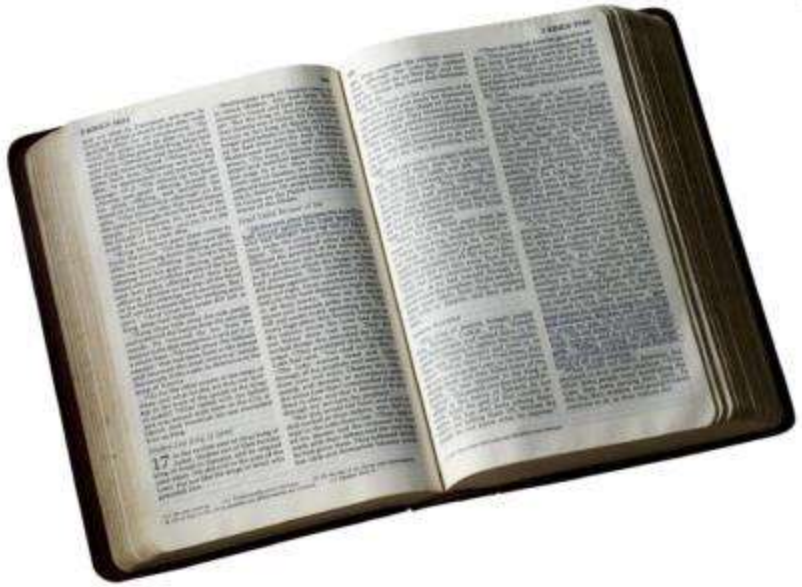
Yahusha spoke the truth.
That is the reason the Sadducees and Pharisees did not believe Him.



He said, **"Because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not"** *(John 8:45).*

It was the truth then that offended these self-righteous men, and it is truth today that offends people.

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And truth is always truth, it never changes, because YHVH never changes according to Malachi 3:6!

Truth never changes because of circumstances. That means it is absolute and not relative as some people think.

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Think about that…

"It is better to be divided by truth than to be united in error!" *(Adrian Rogers)*

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We can count on the birds; they know their time and they obey!
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The birds know when the day begins by starting to sing even before dawn!
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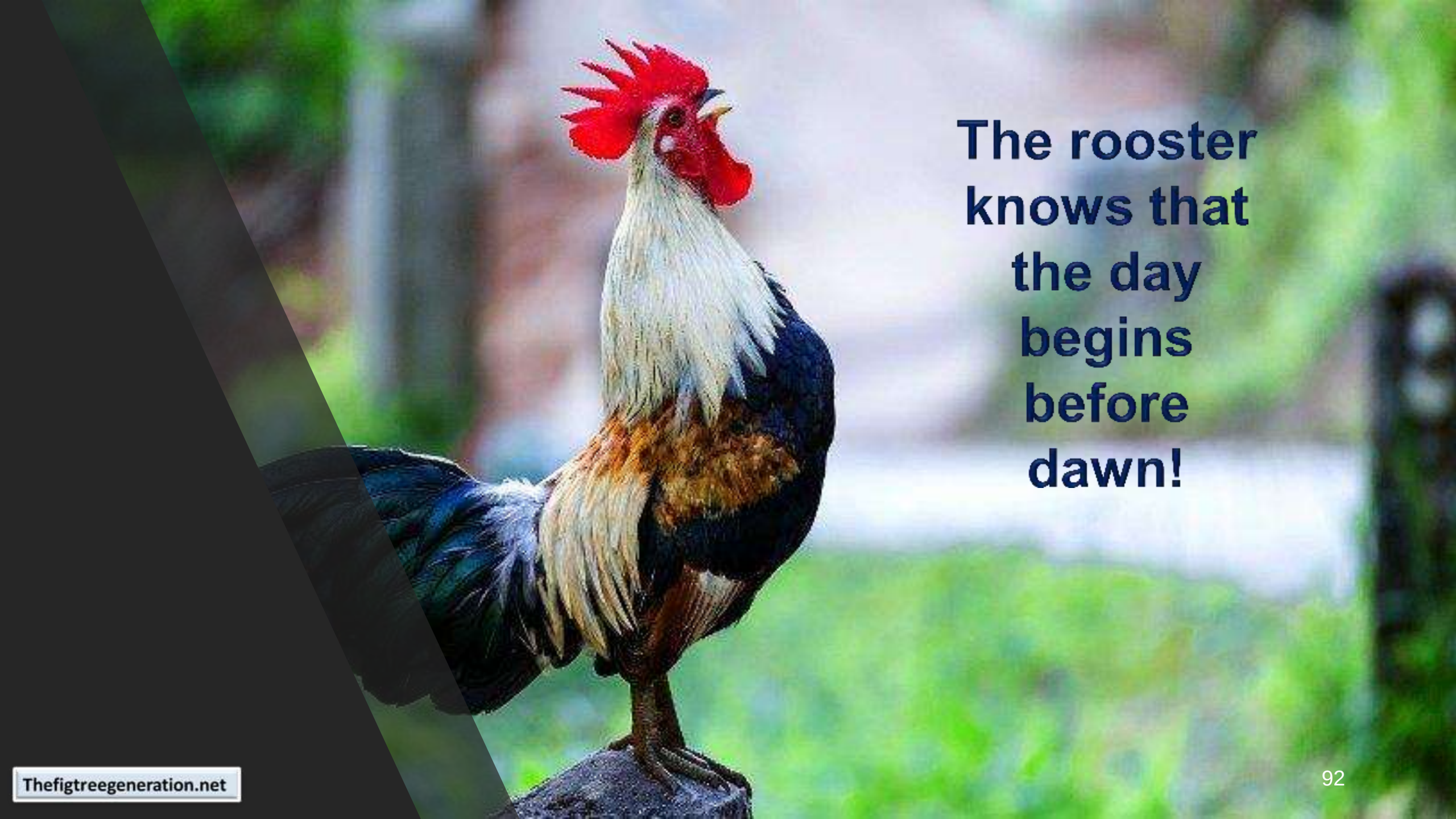
The rooster knows that the day begins before dawn!
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Chickens know that the night begins at dusk
and they start settling down for the night!

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Only man is the "troublemaker" trying to convince people that a new day begins at sundown !

Question, if the day really begins at sundown, when does the night begin?

We can depend on the sun!

The sun knows when to rise and when to set.
(Psalm 104:19)

We can count and depend on nature. That is absolute truth!
Why is that the case?
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Who created all these things that we can count and depend on?

According to Hebrews 1:2 it was Yahusha, the Son of YHVH.

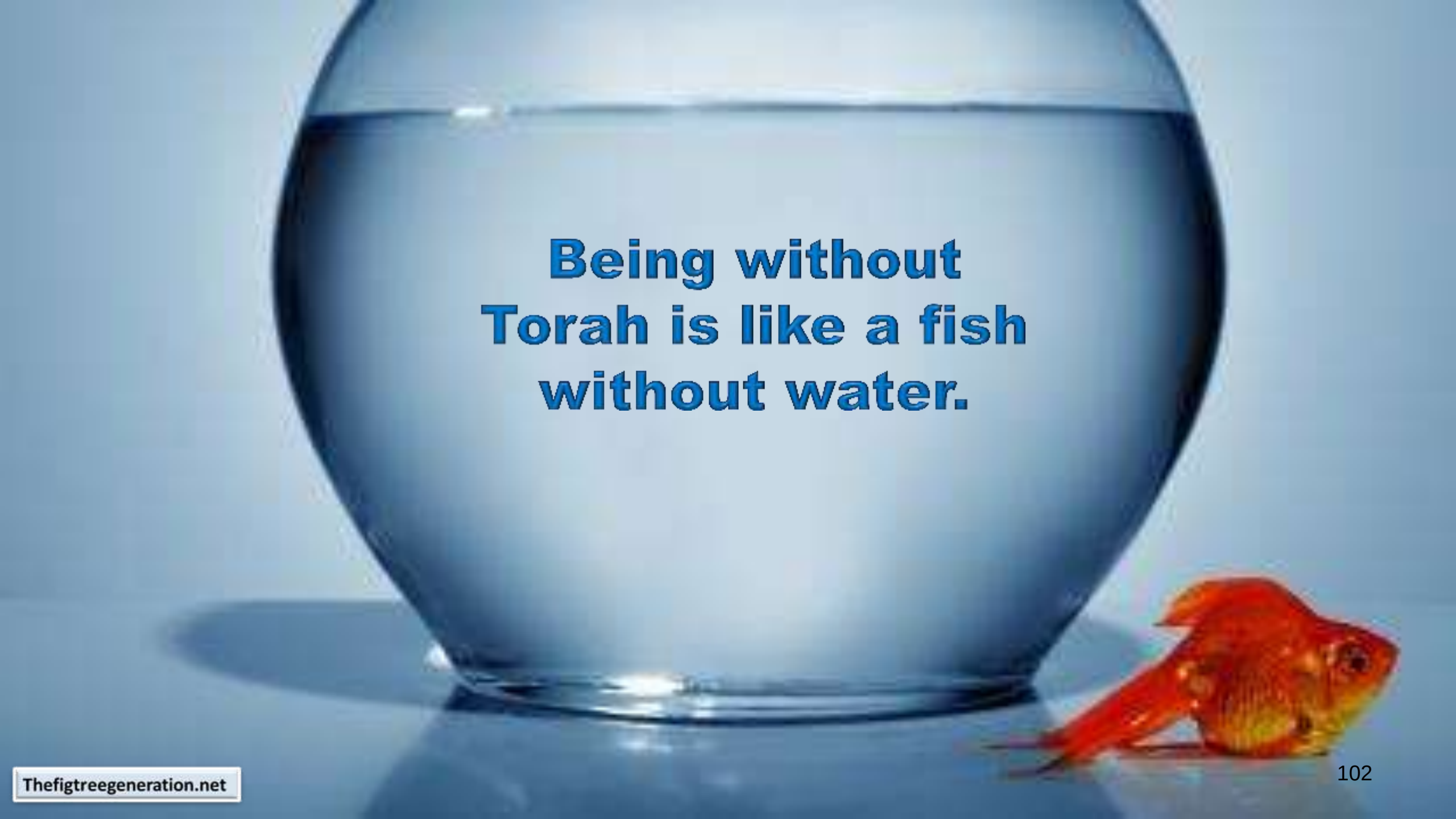
And according to John 14:6 HIS Word (the Torah) is "The Truth!" KJV

THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH!

Yahusha is the mainstay of hope, security and guidance. He walked on water, was divine, performed miracles, healed the sick, calmed the storm with a command and rose from the dead. He was the truth, He was the originator of truth, the truth revealed. That truth as stated is revealed in Torah!

When we look at Torah, we look into the righteousness of YHVH. The Torah is the will and wisdom of YHVH, His self-disclosure to the world. When we investigate Torah, we see our Master, we see His very character, the way, the truth and the life. Yahuwah designed everything in Torah to remind us of who we are!

From the clothes we wear to the food we eat to the days we celebrate; He gave us every instruction to remind us **that we are His set-apart and righteous people!**



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- But for some reason there seems to be a problem when people hear about Torah, commandments and statutes.
- They immediately get nervous and treat one as a troublemaker, even though the Torah contains good tidings and is designed to bring peace and happiness.

"And now, Israel, what doth Yahuwah thy Elohim require of thee, but to fear Yahuwah thy Elohim, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Yahuwah thy Elohim with all thy heart and with all thy soul, 13. To keep the commandments of Yahuwah, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?"

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 (KJV)

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IIIII

- So, why are people getting upset and angry when the Torah and the yearly appointed times [as an example] are being presented to them?

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- What's wrong with these instructions from the Creator?
- It is the covenant between Him and His people, renewed through Yahusha the Messiah.
- The goal of Torah is Messiah, not Jewish expression.

YHVH's followers are to be sealed with His Torah according to Isaiah 8:16

"Bind up the testimony, seal the law

(#H8451 – Torah)

among my disciples."

Are we as followers of Messiah interested in causing trouble, or are we interested in pleasing Yahuwah and in the salvation of souls?

But most of the times the followers of Yahuwah are **wrongfully labeled** troublemakers!

Let's be encouraged by the words of the Saviour in Matthew 5:10-12 ...

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"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets, which were before you." Matthew 5:10-12 (KJV)

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There's

Nothing New Under the Sun

Or is there?

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YHVH's people were called Troublemakers in the past and they are being called that now, <u>because</u> truth has not changed!

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MY COMMITMENT!

I'll walk with the Elohim of Abraham, Isaak and Jacob
From this day on, His helping hand I'll lean upon.
This is my prayer, my humble plea, May Yahuwah ever be with me.
There is no fear when I'm near to Him.
I'll lean on Him forever and He'll forsake me never.
He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong,'
Whatever road I may walk alone.
I'll walk with Yah, I'll take His hand.
I'll talk with Him, He'll understand.
I'll pray to Him each day, and He'll hear the words that I say.
His hand will guide my throne and rod,
And I'll never be alone, while I walk with YAH!

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