

Love Is For Ever -- Rediscovering Abba's Fantastic Truths
Please read I Peter 2:9

What is YHVH's Sign (Seal) and What is His Memorial?

The following is one the most distressing arguments that we have received against accepting the fact that the revealed Name of the Father is *YHVH* (pronounced *YeHoVaH*).

I see a real danger in [your] basic premise - that Satan has worked through the translators of God's Word to deceive us and lead us astray from the truth. If I believe this I could no longer trust the Scriptures in any area.

The dear sister above felt that her faith would be utterly shaken if she felt for a second that Scripture had been tampered with. She is overlooking a dramatic fact. We really have no need to fear what man has done with the Word of Yah because YHVH will not be without a witness! The original manuscripts are fine; it is what the translators and interpreters have done with them that pose the problem. (**Jeremiah 8:8** and **Isaiah 43:27** see margin)

If one really wants to continue to eat unclean flesh meat or wish their deceased loved ones into heaven, all they have to do is read what the translators have done with several passages of Paul. Here, a Pharisee of Pharisees (Paul's language, **Acts 23:6**), a student of the Law, a Torah observant feast keeper, is presented by unsanctified translators as being partial in the Torah, not rightly understanding the Word of Truth. Paul knew Scripture forward and backward, yet there appear to be waffling statements regarding unclean meat and the state of the dead. Paul did not waffle! The translators (under Satan's guidance) sought to obscure the plain truth by shrouding some of Paul's statements in darkness. Other clear statements made by Paul reconcile the not-so-clear ones. Line upon line, precept upon precept (**Isaiah 28:9-10**).

Just about every doctrine in our modern English translations can be shown to be altered or obscured by taking something out of context or reading only one text regarding that doctrine. We must examine every text regarding each doctrine if we want to understand truth because Scripture was not originally written in English. We will fall for the biases and predispositions of the translators if we do not examine all the evidence. They could not alter every text regarding each doctrine because it would be undressed as an obvious fraud, so small inroads were made over the centuries. These deadly seeds are the reason we have over a thousand religions in America today. Each pulls out what they want to believe and ignore the weight of evidence. Satan originally tried to destroy, to eradicate the believers and their books. When burning believers at the stake and outlawing and/or burning their Scriptures in huge fires all over Europe during the Dark Ages could not stop the truth from spreading, Satan joined the church himself. His erroneous doctrines are still working to destroy souls to this day. With all the bookburnings and folks burned at stakes, it's a wonder that this era was called the Dark Ages. However, the truth of the matter is that the light from these millions of fires was meant to extinguish the True Light. Satan and Popery failed to extinguish truth, again, because YHVH will not be without a witness. If they had been successful in killing every believer and burning every scroll of Scripture, then the very rocks would have cried out.

That said; How can one retain his/her faith when reading Scripture? Pray before opening the Sacred Word. Seek the Holy Spirit to enlighten our feeble human minds, to enable us to behold the Light of Truth as it is in heaven. Never allow the Adversary to prevail by losing your faith in the Word. OK, so he has put his spin on a few things. Show him what you are made of and dig deeper. Satan will tremble and you will know the truth that will set you free. You will be free from the bondage of Satan's evil scheme. And you can prove it to the viewing world by bearing the sign of YHVH that you are His child and, therefore, Satan's enemy.

Our whole life, we have been told that the Sabbath is YHVH's memorial. With a little study, this is shown to be incorrect. The Seventh-day Sabbath is never mentioned in Scripture as being a memorial of anything.

The only days specifically mentioned as having some memorial connected to them are, interestingly enough, all feast days: Passover => **Exodus 12:14**, Day of Atonement (by implication) => **Exodus 30:16**, Feast of Trumpets => **Leviticus 23:24**, and New moons and feasts collectively => **Numbers 10:10**.

The Sabbath is a sign or seal, **Exodus 31:13**, **Ezekiel 20:12** and **Ezekiel 20:20**. **Sign** - Strong's, Hebrew #226 (ôwth), which means signal, flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, mark, miracle, ensign, or token. Interestingly, in all three verses above, the word used is Sabbaths, not Sabbath. Example below:

*And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am YHVH that sanctify them. **Ezekiel 20:11-12** (verses 19-20 say the same thing)*

The word Sabbath means *rest*. YHVH has 613 statutes, many, many judgments and, in the context of **Ezekiel 20**, more than one Sabbath, or period of rest. Can we find this corroborated elsewhere? Is there a second witness? Indeed, **Leviticus 23**. The weekly Sabbath (**23:3**) along with the Day of Atonement (**23:32**) is called a Sabbath of rest. The first day of Unleavened Bread is twice specifically called a Sabbath (**23:11, 15**). The Feast of Trumpets is called a Sabbath (**23:24**), and so is Day of Atonement (**23:32**) and the first and last days of Tabernacles (**23:39**). Of course, during the Seventh-day Sabbath, Unleavened Bread, Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles, no servile work is to be done; these are days of *rest*, naturally. (The land Sabbaths are also included: **Leviticus 25:2-4**) So what Sabbaths were Ezekiel speaking of? Can we arbitrarily exclude YHVH's feasts? His Sabbaths are His sign.

So what is YHVH's Memorial? By this time, you should not be surprised by the Scriptural answer:

And Moses said unto the Almighty, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The Mighty One of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is His name? what shall I say unto them?

And the Almighty said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

*And the Almighty said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, YAHUWAH the Elohim of your fathers, the Mighty One of Abraham, the Mighty One of Isaac, and the Mighty One of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is My name for ever, and this is My memorial unto all generations. **Exodus 3:13-15***

*Thy name, O YHVH, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O YHVH, throughout all generations. **Psalms 135:13***

*Even YHVH the Mighty One of hosts; YeHoVaH is His memorial. **Hosea 12:5***

In all three of these passages the word **Memorial** is Strong's, Hebrew #2143 (Zêker), which means a momento, commemoration, memorial, memory, remembrance, or scent.

A sign shows an observer who you are. Example: a boy wears a bright orange belt and stands on a corner near a school. He is **A**--not very fashion conscious. **B**--selling Girl Scout cookies. Or **C**--a crossing guard. By being Torah observant Sabbath keepers, we show the world that we are children of Yah. We bear His sign—His sign is the Sabbath.

A memorial reminds an observer of who someone else was/is. Example: When you go to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., are you reminded of Abraham, the father of many nations? How about Martha Stewart? No? Maybe Attila the Hun? >grin< You get the idea. YHVH's memorial is not "the LORD." It is YeHoVaH.

By keeping His Sabbaths, YHVH and the world recognizes us as His children. By knowing His Name, we won't forget YHVH or His blessings.

Be a Berean!