

THE LIBERATOR

“And proclaim liberty throughout the land...” - Leviticus 25:10

Beloved Friends,

We praise the name of Yah'shua (Jesus)! It has been quite the summer! Even though there is always a “slump” for ministries in the summer months, He was faithful and got us through – even in these troubling times! Thank you all again for your prayers!

The first half of the summer, I went on an informal whirlwind road trip through some of the southeastern US, stopping to minister in Missouri, southern Iowa, Mississippi, Florida and South Carolina. People were led to Messiah and baptized and also folks were set free from the demonic.

Because of this, and of the hundreds of phone calls and emails I deal with, things got a little backed up and we “lost” the July-August newsletter cycle. My deepest apologies about that. But I am going to attempt to stay on schedule from now on.

For the many folks who have asked how I am bearing up under the loss of my dear wife, Sharon, in January; I can only say that I could not have done it without your precious prayers and the grace of the Holy Spirit. He is blessing me, and I know more than ever that heaven is real! What can I say? We truly serve an awesome Creator!

We are working on getting more and more free material on our website. In fact, our goal is to make most of our smaller booklets and tracts available online for free download very soon, for those who care to do that.

I am finally in the process of finishing a new book. The project will be the **first major book in 15 years, and it will be amazing**. That is all I can share right now, but **pray** for its speedy completion.

As always, we deeply appreciate your prayers and your support. We are making new inroads every day into the devil's kingdom and souls are being saved and set free! But we need your support. Please pray about becoming a monthly supporter.

Pray for revival!
William Schnoebelen

Divorce – Heavenly Style

By William Schnoebelen

Hosea 2:19-20 - And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

We know the mess our nation is in. As spiritual warriors, we are always looking for ways in which we can apply the “paddles” and jolt some new life into America.

A couple months ago, while ministering during a “whirlwind tour” of the south and southeastern U.S., the Holy Spirit shared an incredible insight of Biblical truth with me.

My schedule was hectic, and although the trip and several pressing ministry issues kept me so busy that the newsletter is late, things have calmed down now, and I want to talk about something that happened in the middle of all that running around.

As most of you know, I live in Iowa. One day, intercessors from Fairfield, IA, contacted me, asking if I would like to come down and meet with them.

The way YHWH put this together was amazing. When these good people learned that I was a Messianic Jew, they invited me to a meeting to be held in Des Moines, our state capitol.

In a few weeks, they said, they were going to join with hundreds of other intercessors from around the state and do some serious repenting on behalf of the “Hawkeye state.” First they planned to repent for all the infanticides (abortions) in our state. Then, they were going to repent for broken covenants with Israel and for anti-Semitism in the state. Yes folks, there is a *LOT* of anti-Semitism in Iowa. That is why they wanted me there; to “stand in” and represent Israel during their time of prayer of repentance.

In addition, they were going to repent for broken covenants with the Native American peoples. For that portion of the

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service, they'd asked a Native American believer, Negiel Bigpond, to stand in for the Native peoples of our state. I want to tell you, it was a powerful to be a part of this.

However, the best part of the entire day was an opportunity to hear the teaching of the other minister there, Dr. John Benefiel from Oklahoma City. It brought a whole new level of understanding about the cosmic dimensions of spiritual warfare and how it can impact our nation, our states and our communities. Here is the gist of his teaching.

“Please Allow Me to Introduce Myself...”

Most Bible students have heard of Baal (AKA Ba'al). Baal was the storm god of the surrounding pagan tribes near Israel. He was their supreme deity², and thus the rival of YHWH. He is first mentioned in Numbers:

*Numbers 22:41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of **Baal**, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.*

What many do not know is that Baal is also a Hebrew word³. It is a verb and it means...

...to marry, have dominion or to rule over. In relation to marriage, it refers to marrying a woman (Deut. 24:1); or a woman to be married (Prov. 30:23).⁴

Bear this in mind, it will become important later! Baal can also be used as a verb relating to YHWH's marriage to Israel (**Jer. 3:14**). It can also refer to the of Judah's marriage to the daughter of a foreign god (**Mal. 2:11**).

Thus, Baal is both the consummate false god *AND* a verb related to marriage. Under the broad umbrella of Baal, you will find such gods as Molech, the Queen of Heaven, Chemosh and all the other deities surrounding Israel. The most ancient pagan temple in the Middle East, Baalbek, is originally dedicated to him.⁵ As far away as pagan Britain, we find the god, Bel – a “relative” of Baal.

Even to this day, his name shows up in the name Isabel or Isabella.⁶ What most doting parents do not know is that Isabel is just a modern form of the infamous Biblical queen, Jezebel. She and her father were both *worshippers of Baal*!

The other component we need to understand is prophetic symbolism in the *Tenakh* (Old Testament). A lot of Believers know that frequently prophets use the

image of Israel being the bride of YHWH as a metaphor (**Is. 54:5** and **Hos. 2:19**).

Notably in Hosea, but also in other prophetic books⁷, Israel's (and later Judah's) idolatry is compared to a wife committing adultery. A key passage here would be in Judges:

*Judges 2:11-17 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and **served Baalim**: And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD, and **served Baal and Ashtaroth**. ... Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, **but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them**: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.*

Note how here, the serving of **Baalim** (plural of Baal) and Ashtaroth (his consort) is equated to whoring or **adultery**. In fact, Israel's adultery got so bad that YHWH divorced her (**Jer. 3:8**)! Israel had *broken* her covenant with the Creator.

Now, in America, evidence has been found showing that the ancient Phoenicians (who were excellent seamen and navigators) actually sailed up the Mississippi and other major waterways on this continent and set up citadels of Baal worship here thousands of years ago.

Broken Promises

That brings us to another component of Dr. Benefiel's teaching. This is key: the concept of the impact of multi-generational broken covenants. Most of our readers are familiar with the idea of the sins of the fathers coming down through to the children (see **Ex. 20:5**) – not in a way that affects salvation, but in ways that can impact the soulish or bodily realms (mind, will, emotions and physical health).⁸

However, Dr. Benefiel's work takes this to a new and important level. Let us look at **Joshua 9:3-21**. There is not space here to quote it in full, but I encourage you to read it. The gist of this passage is that the Gibeonites, natives of Canaan, deceived Joshua into thinking they had come from a far, distant land to serve YHWH. By doing so, they hoped to avoid getting killed for their sins. The mistake Joshua made was not consulting the Almighty first. He made a COVENANT with the Gibeonites that they would not be harmed.

By the time they found out the deception, it was too late. As it says in **Joshua 9:19**: *But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.* The upshot was that the Gibeonites were made to be hewers of wood and drawers of water, but were to live in peace.

Now, fast-forward to King David in **2 Samuel 21:1-9**. Again, we will not quote the whole passage, but see this:

2 Samuel 21:1 Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

See, King Saul, the “*previous administration*” had broken the covenant Joshua had made with the Gibeonites. As a consequence, there was a serious famine in the land. So David went and apologized to the Gibeonites and asked what he could do to make restitution. They demanded that David take the seven sons of Saul who survived and turn them over to the Gibeonites that they might hang them up before YHWH. In verse 14, we are told, “*And after that, God was intreated for the land.*” The famine ended.

What is the practical application for us today? Well, note the spiritual truths contained in these passages:

- 1) If we make covenants with people or nations, we need to keep them; even if it is to our hurt.
- 2) Even if an earlier generation (or several generations) made the covenant, we can reap consequences if we break the covenant.
- 3) If we break covenants made solemnly in good faith, there can be serious consequences individually (or nationally, as the case might be).

Making Amends

A multi-pronged approach helps restore the spiritual foundation. First of all, we, as Believers – need to repent of any covenant breaking we may have done individually.

May I suggest a **big** issue for some of us might be divorce? I understand that sometimes divorce is necessary, as in the case of violence or sexual assault. Of course, Yah’shua gives fornication as scriptural grounds for divorce (**Matt. 5:32**). However, a lot of Believers are divorcing one another for reasons that are *not* Biblical. In fact, as of now, divorce in churches is slightly worse than it is among non-churched people. Beloved, this is NOT right.

Obviously, if your spouse has divorced you for unscriptural reasons, **that is not your fault**. Also, *I am not saying you should put the marriage back together*. That is probably impractical or impossible – to say nothing of being un-Biblical. But you do need to go before the throne of YHWH and ask Him to forgive you for breaking a covenant made with your spouse, *if you instigated a divorce for unscriptural reasons*.

However, on a bigger scale, we – as citizens of the USA – need to repent corporately for the covenant breaking we have done. As mentioned at the onset of this article, the two most prominent problems would be treaties made with Native American peoples on this continent and then covenants made with Israel.

When our ancestors conquered this land, they made (and subsequently broke) over 320 treaties with Native peoples. They also did things that were virtually **genocidal**, under the belief that the Natives were “savages” and that our nation had a “Manifest Destiny.” I will not belabor the

point, except to say that this is not a “liberal” or “left wing” position. It is a Biblical position.

Since Congress apologized formally to First Nations people under the prodding of Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas in February of 2008, many more spiritual breakthroughs are being seen in winning more Native peoples to the Messiah! Revival has been breaking out on some reservations under the leadership of *Believing Native ministers*. That was a vital step, but we as individual citizens of our states and congregations of Yah’shua need to also formally repent and ask the Blood of the Lamb to cover us for the sins committed against the Native people.

The same holds true, geopolitically, with Israel. Our government has made promises to Israel that it has broken on many occasions. We need to repent of that as well.

A more nuanced, but equally tragic broken covenant is manifested in the epidemic of **infanticide** (euphemistically known as abortion) in our land. Implicit in the creation mandate to be fruitful and multiply is the covenant between a father and mother to care for and raise the child they conceive. Obviously, infanticide is a direct violation of that. A less serious side note on this is the epidemic of fathers conceiving children outside of marriage (fornication) and then refusing to marry or to help the mother raise them. *This too is a broken covenant*. We, as individual citizens and as corporate congregations of Messiah, need to formally repent of this.

“Throw the Bum Out!”

Additionally, to deal with a more ancient stronghold, Dr. Benefiel suggests that individuals and churches realize that either they or their ancestors have “**married Baal**” (under one of his many names). Prominent ways in which this could have happened would be through membership in the Masonic lodge (Baal worship), the Roman church (Baal worship) or in other false religions. Also, remember that Baal worship took place in this land, either in the form of pagan Native worship OR in the form of more ancient Phoenician worship.

So briefly, in every community, there are strongholds of Baal, including Masonic lodges, abortion clinics, porno shops and citadels of false religions. We need to go to these places and also stand in our homes and formally **DIVORCE BAAL**.

Dr. Benefiel actually had a lawyer colleague draw up a formal divorce decree AND a Writ of Assistance that you can use, as a member of the “People of YHWH” to divorce the Principality of Baal. The Writ of Assistance is important, because it is a

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little known legal document that is designed to extract property and possessions, including funds, that the divorced person (Baal or Satan) has refused to surrender to the Plaintiff (you and I!).

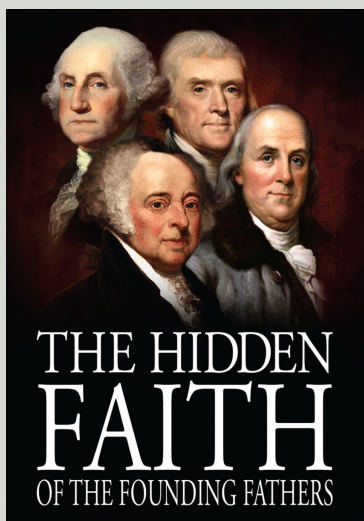
Some of you might be saying, "Isn't this rather legalistic?" Well, you must remember that **Satan is the ultimate legalist**. He is the "accuser of the brethren" who accuses us before the Throne day and night. He is like the prosecuting attorney! None of this affects our salvation, but if he can find legal inroads like the issues discussed here, he will use them to attack us, our families, our finances and our nation.

Due to space limitations in this newsletter, we cannot print these documents out in full, but you can access them on our website for free by going to www.withoneaccord.org and then clicking on the **Free Ministry Resources** tab near the top. I would encourage each of you to pray and seek guidance from the Holy Spirit about doing this for yourself, your family, your state and the nation! *Heaven knows, we need prayer!!*

Hosea 2:16-17 And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali. For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

Endnotes:

- 1) See OXFORD COMPANION TO THE BIBLE, edited by Bruce Metzger and Michael Coogan, Oxford University Press, 1993, p.70.
- 2) STRONG'S #1166
- 3) Warren Baker and Eugene Carpenter, THE COMPLETE WORD STUDY DICTIONARY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT, AMG Publishers, 2003, p. 150
- 4) For more on this important topic, see our DVD, "Ancient Evil, Modern Terror."
- 5) Interestingly enough, the female protagonist of the celebrated TWILIGHT series of "vampire teen love" novels and movies is named "Isabella," or "Bella" for short.
- 6) The most prominent example would be in Ezekiel 23 and also 6:9. Additionally, there is Judges 9:27. 1 Chronicles 5:15, Ps. 107:39, Hosea 4:12, 5:4 and 9:1.
- 7) For more on this, see our book, BLOOD ON THE DOORPOST by William and Sharon Schnoebelen, available from this ministry.



WHAT'S NEW!

Many of our readers wanted to know more after our Glenn Beck exposé last issue. Therefore, we offer this timely and excellent DVD which takes the issue a vital step further. It is important information about the growing dangers of idolizing the Constitution (which Mormons believe to be "inspired") and the Founding Fathers.

The Hidden Faith of the Founding Fathers is perhaps the first and only documentary to go where no film has ever gone before, confronting the little known beliefs of America's founders. Conservative Christian leaders often claim that the revolutionaries were godly men who were trying to build a Christian nation. But was their faith the true faith of the Bible? Or is it possible that the exact opposite is true?

The real questions are: What did the founders believe about Yah'shua? What did they think of the Gospel? Were they fighting for the Gospel, or against it? Included in this 3-hour DVD:

The faith of Thomas Paine – the man who inspired the American Revolution, and the writing of the Declaration of Independence. This film shows how Paine's influence over the Revolution was critical, while his anti-Christian writings revealed much of what the other founders truly believed.

The faith of Thomas Jefferson -- author of the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson said the Book of Revelation was "the ravings of a maniac," and was called "the reviler of Christ" after his private letters were published.

The Faith of John Adams - the second President of the US. The evidence surprisingly shows that Adams was no Christian at all, but rather exalted pagan beliefs about the Creator, while abhorring the Gospel, calling it an "awful blasphemy."

The Faith of George Washington - known as the "Father of our country." Three of Washington's own pastors doubted his faith in Christ. Proof is offered that he went to war, not for the Bible, but for a "universal" system that would embrace all religions. When compelled by the clergy to confess his faith in Christ, Washington refused.

Also included are examinations of George Washington and the Jesuits. It also looks at "Bartonian" history, how David Barton often misquotes the founders to make it appear as if they supported the Bible, when it is provable they did not. It includes examples from Barton's appearance on the Glenn Beck program. This dynamic 3-hour documentary is available for an introductory suggested donation of \$24.95!