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Shalom My Brethren, May Almighty Yahweh and His son Yahshua our Messiah be with you as you read this newsletter. We hope that Almighty Yahweh has given each of you His great and precious promises outlined in His Word. We are commanded to keep the feast of the seventh month with rejoicing and praise. We hope each of you had a great feast of the seventh month; Trumpets, Atonement and the feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day. We know that only those who are truly faithful will enter the true feast of Tabernacles which is the Kingdom of Yahweh.

A TIME OF REJOICING

Our feast theme was taken from Ps. 133.1b "Brethren dwelling together in unity." We had this theme throughout the world and the brethren responded to it in a wonderful way showing love to each other. For us to be unified we had to each learn to humble ourselves before Almighty Yahweh. In Lev, 23:39-44 we are commanded to rejoice before Almighty Yahweh seven days: ³⁹*"On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of Yahweh seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest."* ⁴⁰*And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before Yahweh your Elohim seven days."* ⁴¹*You shall celebrate it as a feast to Yahweh for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month."* ⁴²*You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths,"* ⁴³*that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Yahweh your Elohim."* Many of the brethren commented on what a wonderful and peaceful feast they had this year and I believed it was Yahweh's Holy Spirit that touched us all. He promised us that He would be with us at the time of rejoicing each and every year. In Deut. 16:13-17 it states: ¹³*"You shall keep the Feast of*

Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. ¹⁴ You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns. ¹⁵ For seven days you shall keep the feast to Yahweh your Elohim at the place that Yahweh will choose, because Yahweh your Elohim will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful. ¹⁶ “Three times a year all your males shall appear before Yahweh your Elohim at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles. They shall not appear before Yahweh empty-handed. ¹⁷ Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of Yahweh your Elohim that he has given you. What blessings has Yahweh your Elohim given you brethren? We received joy from Yahweh in our serving of Him in keeping the feast. We praised Him and studied His commandments which gave us light. Everyone is commanded to be there and with an offering to give of the blessings we have received from Him. Our faithfulness determines our blessings which means the more faithful we are the greater the blessings. These are kingdom principles that the selfish and wicked can’t understand. If you are out for yourself, you will be blind to the blessings of Yahweh. Do you derive joy in giving? Almighty Yahweh joyfully gives to all those who understand this principle.

When we rejoice in keeping the commandments of Almighty Yahweh He rejoices in us. Our blessings are overflowing as a direct result of our faithfulness. All our families are directed to keep the feast, or we will receive no rain in the following year. Zech.14:16-19 states: *¹⁶ Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁷ And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, there will be no rain on them. ¹⁸ And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which Yahweh afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁹ This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles’.* Are you going to be faithful in keeping the commandments of Almighty Yahweh by showing up at the feast next year brethren? If you desire His teaching and understanding you must commit yourselves to coming before His presence with an offering as commanded in His word. We as the people of Almighty Yahweh are diligent in our efforts to serve Him and nothing can come between us. Our faithfulness will ensure our overcoming the evil one in his quest to stop us from achieving the kingdom of Yahweh. The feast of Tabernacles is a time of rejoicing every year because we have made it through to the feast which is a type of the kingdom of Yahweh. We will all be blessed that make it so we receive the blessings for keeping the feast just as we receive the blessings for making it to the kingdom of Yahweh.

USA

The brethren in the USA met in Myrtle Beach, SC. and we kept the commanded observance with joy. Almighty Yahweh blessed us with a great feast. We enjoyed the brethren that participated from several different states; spending some quality time with the brethren we don’t see very often. Almighty Yahweh blessed us with some very powerful messages centered on Psalm 133:1b “Brethren dwelling together in unity”. We have fulfilled the third step of the coming together three times in the year to worship Yahweh. Our messages were entitled 1. The Feast of Love, 2. Are We Brethren? 3. Obadiah- Working In Unity For Yahweh, 4. Worship Yahweh and Him Only Shall You Serve! 5. Simcah Torah- Rejoicing In The Law, 6. Yahweh, The Fountain of All Our Blessings! 7. New Beginnings. Our five bible studies were on the subject of Intimacy with Yahweh. We came to the feast to draw ourselves closer to our heavenly father and I believe we accomplished our mission.



Brethren in Myrtle Beach, S.C. keeping the feast as commanded.

Greg Davis



KENYA

Shalom brother Robert.

Greetings in the name of our master Yahshua the messiah. We are all fine here in Kenya and thank our heavenly father for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our lives. This year the feast was held in the Bomet region at a place called Chubek under a tent erected on the newly purchased piece of land for the YPTC unlike in 2015 when it was hosted at deacon Kiraguu's place. Jacob from Kisii, sisters from Njoro and some brethren from Limuru and Dandora joined the other locals from the nearby Saoset, Sogoo, Berea and Kapkatet. The sacred scriptures were being taught most time of the day and night. During evening meetings many people from the neighborhood would attend. At least two

couples confessed the faith and are to be baptized soon. Friday was the last Great day whereby we held a double sabbath and left on Sunday after spending nearly ten days together in this very successful feast.



Brethren Keeping the commanded Feast of Tabernacles in Bomet.

Yahweh bless you.
Bishop Mumira.

MALAWI

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2017-Malawi

Jali in Zomba district was the venue of the Feast of Tabernacles for the rural assemblies. Brethren from other southern region rural YPTC assemblies converged at Jali Congregation. Initially, the plan was to have one Feast venue for all southern region assemblies. However, due to financial constraints, brethren in Blantyre could only be able to celebrate the Feast in Blantyre at Chirimba Congregation.

Brothers George Pantunda and Charles Kear from Blantyre assembly however, travelled to Jali and spent the first 3 days of the Feast period in Jali with the brethren. They later, returned to Blantyre where they joined the brethren celebrating the Feast before Yahweh.

The Feast activities included bible studies, kid's day, family day, baptism among others. The sermons that were preached and all the discussions were connected to the Feast theme "How good and how beautiful it is for the Brethren to dwell together in Unity". During the Feast celebration, two men and three women were baptized in Jali, and one man was baptized in Blantyre. We pray and believe these brethren will continue to remain faithful

to the Covenant they have made with the heavenly Father.

Our brothers Allan in Nchinji and Robson Phodogoma in Lilongwe and the assemblies under their care, celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles in their local Congregations. And they have reported that they had a great time of fellowship before the Almighty Heavenly Father Yahweh.

We are thankful to the whole global family of YPTC for without your prayers and support, we could not be able to do all that we are doing. Almighty Yahweh bless you brethren individually and corporately in the NAME of Yahshua, our soon coming King.



Yahweh bless you all.
Elder Hizzie Nazombe

TRINIDAD

FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2017

The Feast of Tabernacles this year was indeed a very unique experience in that we learnt some new lessons. The theme of the feast was indeed inspired as we saw what it takes for this to be achieved as well as how difficult it can be. Nevertheless, we had a very good time living together, fellowshiping and interacting with each other. We had two persons visit us on the sabbath after the Last Great Day as well.

We left the feast on a very positive note and hope that everyone will apply the things considered during that time. In all 17 persons attended the feast this year. The messages and bible studies this year were, '**A Time to rejoice**', '**Hear O Israel, Yahweh is one**', '**Discover your talent**', '**O you of little faith**', '**Love, the binding force**', '**A preview of the kingdom**', '**The Feast of ingathering**', '**What happens after death?**', '**Good over Evil**', '**Where do we go from here?**'

It is our prayer that all those who kept the Feast of Tabernacles this year will truly be blessed for doing so. Let's make this upcoming year one of progress and growth in every way and maintain a very positive attitude. The kingdom of Yahweh is coming to this earth brethren and we can be a part of it if we remain faithful to the end.



Greetings from all the brethren in Trinidad!

May Yahweh bless everyone!
Elder Quincy and Sister Charlene George.

UGANDA

Feast of Tabernacles Report 2017:

Remembering the feast of Tabernacles? This was the first year that YPTC observed the feast with registration certificates in Uganda. It was a tremendous blessing and success to those that attended. Many commented on how they enjoyed the many deep messages, the activities and the meals that the ministry provided. A first time to celebrate it with the ministry's public-address system purchased recently. A first-time feast attendee commented that this was the best feast they ever attended. In addition to being our largest feast to date, we had the school teachers and children representing many different communities. So far there is a positive attitude growing in the members and hope for a greater positive response in the future.



Shalom Samuel Bekunda

Eyes on Israel

Dwayne “the Rock” Johnson hosts over 57 million followers on Facebook—impressive. But that’s a tiny fraction of the 2.2 billion people who follow another Rock!

This Rock embodies deliverance, protection, and uprightness. This Rock saves, rescues, and has laid a foundation for a kingdom that will endure forever.

And this Rock is mentioned over 200 times throughout the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.

Who is this Rock?

“For who is Elohim besides Yahweh? And who is the Rock except our Elohim?” (*Psalms 18:31*)

This Rock is Yahweh—the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel).

Yet, in this neatly packaged illustration, Yahweh was preparing His people for another aspect of His nature, which King David wrote about in Psalm 89:26:

“You are my Father, My Elohim, and the Rock of my salvation **Yahshua**.”

Little did David realize the depth of Yahweh’s plan of **salvation**, whose meaning is derived from Hebrew name **Yahshua**. Nevertheless, he and the prophets continued to write about Him, all the while longing to truly know Him. Let’s journey through Elohim’s plan of salvation for the Jewish People and the world as revealed through His mighty creation—the Rock.



This split rock at Mount Horeb in Saudi Arabia is thought by some to be the rock from which Elohim supernaturally made water gush forth for the Israelites

Our Rock Is a Redeemer Who Rescues Us

To redeem something or someone is to buy them back or rescue them in some way.

As Israel cried out for deliverance from enslavement in Egypt, Father Yahweh acted mightily on behalf of His children:

“He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime He led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light.” (*Psalms 78:13–16*)

From the earliest days of Israel’s new life in the wilderness under the protection of Yahweh’s cloud in the day and fire at night, **Yahweh also manifested His supernatural protection as a rock, providing life-giving**

water to His children.

“He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.”

Moreover, “they remembered that Yahweh was their rock, the Most High Elohim their [kinsman] redeemer [ga'al].” (*Psalms 78:15, 35*)

This idea of Yahshua the Rock being a kinsman redeemer (ga'al), as the psalmist writes above, is significant as we follow Yahweh's plan of salvation.

In ancient Hebrew culture, a kinsman redeemer referred to a male relative who acted on behalf of a relative in need. Our Father Yahweh is still acting today on behalf of all of His children to redeem, deliver, and save us. Let's look at some more ways He has come to the rescue.

Our Rock Is a Fortress Who Protects and Defends Us

King David was an expert in fortresses—conquering them and hiding in them.

He hid in the caverns of Ein Gedi as King Saul desperately pursued him with murder on his heart and in his hand. Though these seaside mountains afforded David some natural protection, he understood that it would not be this rock nor his own military skill that would provide the safety and security he needed to save his life.

David confessed, “I will say of Yahweh, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my Elohim, in whom I trust.’” (*Psalms 91:2*)



One of many waterfalls at the Ein Gedi Nature Preserve (*YouTube capture*)

When Yahweh is involved in our protection, the world sees us and wonders, “**How did they do that?**” And that is what David said to his Elohim: “I have become a marvel to many, for You are my strong refuge.” (*Psalms 71:7*)

May the world see the marvelous work that Yahweh has done in our lives when He becomes our refuge and fortress. And just as David did, may we praise Yahweh continually for His protection and deliverance.

“I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge. I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Yahweh Elohim, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.” (*Psalms 71:14–16*)

Our Rock Is a Righteous Judge

“Righteousness” means to be found fair, right, and just.

To illustrate this in terms of a rock, we can say that a rock **“stands its ground.”** It does not waiver to the left or to the right, regardless of the influences pushing against it.

And that is an excellent description for our Elohim:

“Yahweh is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.” (*Psalm 92:15*)

Because of His unchanging, just, and fair nature, Yahweh is the standard-bearer for right and wrong. Elohim alone is the judge who issues fair punishment and just reward based on His standards alone. This is one of the reasons why we are to trust Him alone as our guide throughout life, as David wrote:

“For you are my Rock and my fortress; and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me.” (*Psalm 31:3*)

We may want to stop for a moment and ask ourselves, **“Who is guiding my life today?”**

The Rock of Our Salvation

Although King David, the Israelites, and the prophets understood Yahweh to be the “Rock of my salvation, Yahshua,” for them His salvation was limited to the physical-moral sphere.

As we’ve seen so far, Yahweh saved the Israelites in the following ways:

- He delivered them from enslavement.
- He provided life-giving water in the wilderness.
- He defended David from his enemies.
- He set the standard for righteousness.

This helps us understand why the Jewish People missed their Messiah when He finally arrived. They were expecting a physical salvation from their Roman oppressors.

And they were expecting an immediate installation of the Messianic kingdom.

While they were offering lambs and goats as a temporary covering for their sins, they missed significant prophecies about the perfectly Righteous One who would do what no lamb or goat offering could do—become their final sacrifice:

“He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to His own way; and Yahweh has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” (*Isaiah 53:5–6*)



This rocky hill near Damascus Gate at the Old City of Jerusalem has the appearance of a skull, leading some to believe that this is “the place of the skull” where Yahshua was executed. (*See Matthew 27:33; Mark 15:22; Luke 23:33; John 19:17*)

Isaiah 53 says that Elohim would provide someone to become the guilt offering that would bring us peace and heal our wounds. Because of His suffering, our sins can no longer keep us separated from Yahweh. (*Hebrews 10:10; Romans 6:10, 22–23*)

“Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of Elohim, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of Yahweh is eternal life in Messiah Yahshua our Master.” (*Romans 6:22–23*)

It is this spiritual salvation through Messiah Yahshua that Elohim was trying to prepare the Jewish People for through the many illustrations of Himself as the Rock.

Let’s look at how those illustrations pointed to Yahshua.

The Rock in the wilderness was Messiah Yahshua:

“All drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Messiah.” (*1 Corinthians 10:4*)

The Kinsman Redeemer, our Father Yahweh, saved His children Israel out of Egypt and protected and provided for them through their wilderness wanderings. **The Kinsman Redeemer, our Brother Yahshua**, saved us and delivered us from the wages of sin and gave us a new identity as children of Elohim:

“He redeemed us so that the blessing promised to Abraham would come to the Gentiles in Messiah Yahshua, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.” (*Galatians 3:14*)

Yahshua is our Refuge from the accusations of the enemy, for Yahshua paid the wages of our sin on our behalf.

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Messiah Yahshua.” (*Romans 8:1*)

Yahshua is the Righteous One—the One who is our High Priest and sits at the right hand of the Father. For this reason, “if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Yahshua HaMashiach, the righteous.” (*1 John 2:1*)

And as we will see next, **Yahshua is the Foundation Stone / the Cornerstone** upon which we build a spiritual house that will last for eternity. Peter said,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.” (*1 Peter 2:6*)

Our Rock Is a Foundation / Cornerstone

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. He was in the beginning with Elohim.” (*John 1:1*)

Yahshua, our Salvation, is not another rock (or another El). He is one with Yahweh. In fact, Yahshua is so much a part of Yahweh that He is the Word of Elohim that “became flesh and dwelt among us.” (*John 1:14*)

The Word of Yahweh entered the world to teach us how to stand upright, without wavering to the left or to the right. Yahshua told us how to do that:

“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. “The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”” (*Matthew 7:24–25*)

The Word of Yahweh, Yahshua, is the foundation stone that Yahweh spoke of:

“See, I am laying in Zion a Foundation Stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: ‘One who trusts will not panic.’” (*Isaiah 28:16; see also 1 Corinthians 3:11*)

Of course, Believers understand this stone to be Messiah Yahshua.

But the Jewish sage Rashi (AD 1040–1105) also believed this sure foundation, this cornerstone, referred to King Messiah. He writes:

“Behold, I am He Who has already laid [a stone in Zion. Already] a decree has been decreed before Me, and **I have set up the King Messiah, who shall be in Zion as an אֶבֶן בִּיחָן, a fortress stone**, an expression of a fortress and strength. ... a foundation of a foundation, which is a solid foundation.” (*Rashi’s commentary on the Bible*)

Yet, Rashi and Jewish People worldwide do not agree that this foundation is, indeed, Yahshua, and that causes them to stumble.

Our Rock Is a Stumbling Block

The revelation that Yahshua is the foundation stone of an eternal and spiritual salvation is too difficult to bear for many people, especially if they have not studied Messianic prophecies like Isaiah 53. The Jewish People, for example, are still looking for a physical savior. And have been stumbling over the foundation stone for 2,000 years, just as Isaiah prophesied would happen:

“He will become a sanctuary, a stone one strikes against; for both houses of Israel He will become a rock one stumbles over—a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.” (*Isaiah 8:14*)

Yet, there is a divine reason for why the Jewish People are stumbling:

“Through their stumbling, salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make Israel jealous.” (*Romans 11:11*)

It is time for Believers to make Israel very jealous!

How do we do that? By being faithful in everything you do!

We can hold an open house to show off the marvelous works that Yahweh has done in our spiritual homes. We can point people to our home’s foundation, Yahshua, the Word of Yahweh made flesh (*John 1:1*).

“As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of Elohim chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Elohim through Yahshua HaMashiach.” (*1 Peter 2:4–5*)

It's time to hear and do the Word so that our inner Spirit will demonstrate how we have been hewn out of the mighty salvation power of Yahshua.



The Garden Tomb: This ancient tomb just outside Damascus Gate at the Old City of Jerusalem had been hewn out of the rock surrounding it and is thought by some to be the tomb where Yahshua was laid to rest and from where He resurrected. (See Mark 15:42–16:8; Isaiah 53:9)

What started out as one foundation stone and twelve disciples has grown to a following of over 2.2 billion living stones, representing the largest building of any kind in the world.

Sadly, 99% of the Jewish People don't see Yahshua as their Foundation Stone. And they don't see Him as Messiah in the Torah, the Prophets, or the Psalms because much of Scripture that foreshadows Him is not taught in Yeshiva (Jewish seminary), nor is it read in the weekly Shabbat readings.

"And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, 'The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will banish unholiness from Jacob.'" (Romans 11:26)



News, Notes & Notables

Looking ahead to the next new moon: The new moon of the 10th month should be visible on the evening of Tuesday the 19th of December 2017. So Watch

Genesis 1:14-18 we see the significance of the heavenly bodies. *"Then Elohim said and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; Then Elohim said, let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth; and it was so. Then Elohim made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. Elohim set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And Elohim saw that it was good."* (NKJV)

Be sure to look for this new moon and report your findings to us by calling 717-383-6975.

We are commanded to pray for the sick among us in James 5:13-15 ¹³ *“Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of Yahweh: ¹⁵ and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and Yahweh shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, it shall be forgiven him.* Let us pray for these people who have a petition before Almighty Yahweh.



Prayer

List

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Ben Peabody Family
Bernice & Pamela Walker
Betsy Pierson
Ben Weaber
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Charlene McDaniel
Cora Ashton
Daniel & Tammy Morelli
Darius & Marissa Bailey
Dave & Jan Johnson
Derrick Carden
Dorothy Brunson
Dorothy & Raymond McKelvey
Ed & Josephine Yatsko
Ethan Davis
Gary & Barbara Deerwester
Gary Tony Brewer
George Ratliff
Hiawatha Cromer
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Joy Artis & Family Kaylo Bloodworth
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