DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

(i) INTRODUCTION

We all know in part and prophesy in part. I Corinthians 13:9

The following doctrinal beliefs are just a part of the truth, and are a current revealed truth by the Spirit of Elohim to us. We believe that the Spirit will continue teaching us, revealing truths to us and guiding us into all truth, and also correcting us by pointing us to pure paths of Elohim.

We do not constitute the only Body of the Messiah, but we believe that we are just a small part of the vast Body of the Messiah that is everywhere in the world. Elijah thought that he was the only prophet left but Elohim told him that there were seven thousand (7000) men that had not bowed their knees to Baal. This number was far more than the number one (Elijah). We recognize this fact, and that the Messiah has reserved symbolic seven thousand (7000) men or fellowships that we do not know currently. We are not the only ones.

We recognize the Set-Apart Spirit as our divine teacher and the only given teacher. We believe in All Inspired Scriptures and every verse of them.

The Word of Elohim is not bound according to II Timothy 2:9.

We believe that the Word of Elohim is not the word of man and is not the word of a Congregation, or is not the word of any denomination. It is the Word of Elohim that was in the beginning with Elohim and created us. John 1:1-5

No man, no denomination and no Congregation can make or create the Word of Elohim that was in the beginning with Elohim. The Word was before any man. The truths revealed to us by Elohim's Spirit do not belong to us that we should stop people from preaching it without our authority. Elohim can use any vessel He chooses. We do not have therefore authority to sell His Word. We believe that the true Word belongs to Elohim.

We believe that the Congregation is not a company owned by man nor is it a profit making organization. Our goal is to reach out to the world and present the Gospel of the kingdom of Elohim. The Congregation is not a political party but the living body of the Master Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah).

The following are our doctrinal beliefs that should bow down to the Word of Elohim. They are only a part of the Inspired Scriptures. Hence, they are not a closed creed.

(ii) **DOCTRINAL BELIEFS**

The following are the current doctrinal beliefs which must be subject to the pure Word of Elohim:

1. ONE ELOHIM (Yahueh our Elohim, Yahueh is One).

There is only one Elohim. In Him is His Word. He has a Spirit. He is the Designer of all creation. The Father is GREATER than the Son.

Mark 12:29, Mark 12:32-34, James 2:19, Isaiah 45:5; 44:6, 8, I Timothy 2:5, Deuteronomy 6:4-8; 4:39; 32:39, John 20:28, John 4:24; 6:63, I Kings 8:60

2. YEHOSHUA THE MESSIAH AS THE WORD OF ELOHIM MANIFEST IN THE FLESH. The Word of Elohim comes out of Elohim and is life. The Word is Elohim. Elohim's Word should never be sold to people. The Son is submissive to the Father. He was resurrected from death by the Father after three days and three nights according to inspired scriptures. John 1:1-5, I John 1:1-4, I Timothy 3:16, Colossians 2:9, Isaiah 9:6, II Corinthians 5:19, John 14:10-11, 8-9.

3. THE SET-APART SPIRIT IS THE ETERNAL SPIRIT OF ELOHIM.

Elohim is Spirit. A Spirit is a life. Elohim is Eternal life (Spirit). The Set-Apart Spirit is the Spirit of Elohim and is shared by the Messiah. Elohim and the Word have one Spirit. The only way to live Elohim's Set-Apart & righteous life is to be indwelt by His Spirit. The Set-Apart Spirit is life, power, dynamic force, nature and presence of the Father. The Spirit is poured out onto a believer through the Son (Acts 2:33 & Titus 3:6) either directly or by laying on of hands by the presbytery (eldership) or gifted servants of Elohim (1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Timothy 1:6, Acts 2:38; 5:32; 8:17; 19:6). The early believers became true witnesses of the Messiah after they were endued with power from above after they received the Set-Apart Spirit (Acts 1:8). The Set-Apart Spirit connects our minds and hearts to that of the Father in heaven through the Messiah. It is through the Set-Apart Spirit that we are connected to one spiritual Body of the Messiah (Romans 12:5, Ephesians 4:3-6) thereby uniting believers into the one true Faith (1 Corinthians 12:12-14).

James 2:26, John 4:24, II Peter 1:21, Luke 4:1, II Corinthians 3:17, Matthew 27:50, Acts 7:59-60, Ecclesiastes 12:7, Genesis 2:7; 25:8, Psalm 104:29, Job 34:14-15

4. ALL INSPIRED SCRIPTURES ARE PROFITABLE.

We shall obey what "ALL Inspired Scriptures" require us to do through the power of Elohim's Spirit.

We shall obey all the authority of all the books of the Inspired Scriptures.

All Inspired Scriptures will be our doctrine.

II Timothy 3:15-17; 4:1-4, Matthew 21:42; 23:23-24, II Peter 1:20-21, I Thessalonians 2:13, Romans 1:1-3, John 19:36-37, Daniel 10:21.

5. BAPTISM (IMMERSION)

Baptism should be done in the Name of the Master Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah). For this is the Name of the Son and contains the surname of the Father for the Messiah to be called the Son of Elohim. The Father and the Son have one Spirit. And this Spirit is sent by the Father in the Name of the Messiah. Someone that has truly repented (turned away from evil ways & sin) qualifies for water baptism. Baptism is by immersion in water and means burial of the old nature (Colossians 2:12 & Romans 6:3-5) and arising in newness of life in the Spirit (1 Peter 3:21, Romans 7:6; 12:1)

Colossians 3:17, Matthew 28:19-20, Isaiah 9:6, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16-17, Acts 10:48, Acts 19:7, Acts 8:35-37.

6. GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT OF ELOHIM

When the Master ascended into heaven, He gave gifts unto men for perfection, growth & maturity of the Body of the Messiah.

Ephesians 4:4-15;1:1, I Corinthians 12:1-31, Romans 8:9-11, 14, Acts 1:8, Jude 19, John 14:15-20, 26, Galatians 5:22-25; 1:1.

7. ELDERS AS LOCAL CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP.

Elohim has provided a well organized leadership for His people i.e. Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah) is the head of the Body of the Messiah (Ephesians 1:20-23) and under His divine and invisible leadership, Elohim has authorized appointment of Elders in each congregation to shepherd the flock, through His instructions in the Set-Apart Scriptures. All believers should come under the divine and authorized leadership of Elohim which are several Elders and Deacons (Attendants or Assistants). If you are a stand-alone then you are in rebellion.

8. THE PRESENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE BODY OF THE MESSIAH IS THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM.

We do not believe in earthly and man made headquarters e.g. New York, Bethel or any other earthly place today.

John 4:20-24, Galatians 4:26, Hebrews 12:22-23, Revelation 21:1-3.

9. THE MESSIAH IS THE ONLY HEAD OF THE CONGREGATION

We shall only have the Messiah as the only head. We do not believe in human Presidents, Chief Apostles, and other man made titles not authorized by the Inspired Scriptures e.g. Reverend, Senior Pastor, Senior Evangelist. We are all brethren in the body under one headship of the Master Yehoshua.

Hence, all the Congregations are only answerable to the Word of Elohim. They are answerable to Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah), and not to any Congregation or man. Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4, Colossians 1:18, 24, I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27.

Titles: Psalms 111:9, Matthew 23:8-9, Job 32:21-22.

10. THE NAME OF YEHOSHUA HAMASHIACH (MESSIAH) BY WHICH WE ARE TO DO ALL. Whatever we do in word or deed we are commanded to do all and everything in the Name of Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah). There is no other name given by which we must be saved other than this name. Colossians 3:17, Philippians 2:9-11, I John 5:13, Acts 4:12, II Timothy 2:19, John 14:13-14, James 5:13-15, John 20:30-31, John 14:25-26, I John 3:23-24.

11. LAW, TRUTH & FAVOR.

The law came by Moses while the Truth & Favor by Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah). Truth & Favor did not come to abolish the law. We have the Law, Truth & Favor today. True salvation involves these three.

John 1:17, Matthew 5:17-19, Malachi 3:6-11 (tithes), Romans 3:31, Psalms 119:142, 126, Galatians 5:14.

Death penalty, curse and enmity are what were abolished in the Law.

Colossians 2:14, Ephesians 2:15-16, II Timothy 1:10, Galatians 3:10-13, Romans 7:6, Leviticus 18:29-30.

Sinners are under the power of condemnation of the Law.

Galatians 4:3-5, Romans 3:19-20, Romans 6:14.

12. DECENCY & ORDER.

We believe in decency and order in everything as a commandment from the Master. There should be order and decency in worship, prayer, preaching, singing, dressing, etc. I Corinthians 14:40, I Corinthians 14: 16-23, 27-33.

13. COMMANDMENTS OF ELOHIM.

All Commandments of Elohim are truth and life. The Commandment is a lamp and the law is light. The oil in a lamp represents the Spirit of Elohim.

Revelation 12:17, I John 3:22-24, John 14:15-18, John 15:10, 12-14, Psalms 119:151, 174, 139-144, Proverbs 7:1-3, Proverbs 6:23 (Palms 119:105).

14. PROPHECY

We believe in Inspired Scriptures prophecy and all prophetic events therein. In prophecy, beasts are worldly kingdoms while Babylon the great is a world empire of false religion. Horns are political kings in Beasts. Harlots are unfaithful Congregations produced by false religion (Babylon the great).

15. YEHOSHUA THE MESSIAH DIED FOR OUR SINS & WAS RESURRECTED AFTER THREE DAYS & THREE NIGHTS.

Yehoshua the Messiah made atonement for our sins in the heavenly temple on the Day of Atonement in the same year of His death and resurrection. There was a Passover, Pentecost and Atonement in that same year as has been in the previous years.

Galatians 3:13, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Matthew 26:5-74, Matthew 27:1-38, Acts 10:39-40.

16. THE MASTER YEHOSHUA MESSIAH IS COMING BACK. Matthew 24:29-44, Mark 13:33-37, Revelation 19:11-14, II Thessalonians 2:1; 4:16-17 17. THERE WILL BE A RESURRECTION OF THE JUST & OF THE UNJUST.

The just shall partake of the first resurrection while the unjust shall partake of the second resurrection. There is a period of a thousand years between the two resurrections. There is no second chance after death, as it is appointed for everyone to die once then judgment. Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 20:5-6, John 6:39-40, John 6:54, I Thessalonians 4:15-17, Luke 20:35-36, I Corinthians 15:21-23

18. SIN

Sin is the transgression of the Law. It is rejection of Elohim's Spirit. It is disobedience to the leading of Elohim's Spirit. It is the rejection of Elohim's provided Favor. It is perverting Elohim's Word, systems and patterns. It is pride and selfishness. It is doubt. It is knowing to do good and not doing it, etc.

I John 3:4, Romans 8:9, James 4:17, Hebrews 11:6.

 THE FATHER & YEHOSHUA HAMASHIACH (MESSIAH) ARE THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY & FOREVER.

The Messiah of today is the same of yesterday, who walked here on earth and died for sins. He performs His yesterday promises today through obedient people. His yesterday Law and Commandments are also for today. Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6-7.

20. TESTING ALL SPIRITS.

We are commanded to believe not every spirit but to try the spirits whether they are of Elohim or not because many false prophets and false teachers are in the world. I John 4:1-3

21. FRUITS OF THE SET-APART SPIRIT.

- We believe that they are perfect evidence that a believer is indwelt by the Set-Apart (i) Spirit. We believe that evil spirits also speak in tongues. Love being one of the fruits of the Spirit is by which we are to be recognized as The Messiah's disciples. Galatians 5:22-26, Romans 12:21, I Corinthians 13:1-13, James 1:26-27, John 15:9, 12-14, 17
- (ii) Humbleness is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Elohim gives Favor to the humble and resists the proud. We do not believe in pride in whatever its form. We do not believe in pride or boastful claims against other denominations & Congregations. Since Elohim gives Favor to the humble, we believe in humbleness for we need more Favor in these last days. Pride made a good angel into the Devil Satan. James 4:6-11, Titus 3:2-8, Galatians 5:13-16, 19-20, Ephesians 4:29-32

We believe in all the fruits of the Set-Apart Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22-26.

- (iii) Love Love is the greatest among faith and hope. It is the identification by which the world are to know that the believers are Disciples (Taught ones) of the Messiah. Love should be exhibited in our homes, congregations, in our communities, and everywhere we are and we go. Love is the truest sign of Elohim's people. We show our love of Elohim by obedience to His Commandments (1 John 2:5; 5:3, 2 John 6).
- 22. THE CONGREGATION/ BODY OF YEHOSHUA MASHIACH.
- (i) We believe that a true Congregation must not only bear the name of the Master Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah) but also keep His Commandments through the power of the Set-Apart Spirit. The true Congregation of Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah) includes true believers in the Messiah, Commandment keepers and His converted people in other denominations that we may not regard. We believe that we do not have the power to connect people to the mystical Body of the Messiah but that the Messiah chooses persons anywhere in any denomination by His Spirit, whether we like that denomination or not, whether we despise that denomination or not. We believe that it is only those individuals among us that are truly obedient that the Messiah Himself spiritually joins to His body. Hence, a denomination or ourselves may excommunicate a true believer but that does not affect his being part of the true Body of the Messiah. That also means that a person may be in our midst and fellowship with us but he may not be part of the Body of the Messiah. A personal relationship with Elohim is what brings salvation. We do not give life but Elohim does.

The Congregation of Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah) is the Messiah's body. The Messiah is the head. The Congregation is spiritual and includes individuals. It is the Spirit that adds a person to the Congregation. None becomes a member through earthly registers

Matthew 16:18, Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 1:22-23.

- (ii) True believers are held together through the power of the Set-Apart Spirit that corrects them, guides them, perfects them, and leads them. Denominations are held by their denominational names, systems and man-made constitutions; when what holds them is taken away they fall away, fall apart and fail.
- (iii) Worship places can be named (Gospel Hall), for easy earthly identification but the Spirit will add only obedient persons to the Spiritual Congregation. It is not a denomination. A Hall is not the Congregation of Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah). It is the truly obedient persons worshipping in that Hall that become part of the Congregation of Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah). Even obedient persons from other denominations are part of the Spiritual Congregation of Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah). It is the Master that gives His people this name, and not us.
- (iv) The sisters in Congregations are to wear a head-covering on their heads during worship according to 1 Corinthians 11:1-16. Woman is the esteem of man and in the presence of the revealed Elohim, man's esteem (glory) must be covered. The

Messiah is the High Priest and symbolically wears the miter of that office (Leviticus 21:10).

Man's Elohim's esteem (glory) and therefore is to have his head bare or exposed. Angels are witnessing this according to 1 Corinthians 4:9. Read Ephesians 5:23-25

23. FORGIVENESS

We believe that this is one of the major foundations of the true faith. Elohim so loved us that He sent His only begotten Son to come and die for our sins. He forgives us our sins when we come to Him with a true heart of repentance. He forgives us so that we should have eternal life, and that we should also forgive others. We receive eternal life and the Set-Apart Spirit because of forgiveness. Elohim does not forgive those who do not forgive others, and neither does He hear their prayers. We should tell the Gospel to others and let the light shine because we were forgiven.

Matthew 6:12, 14-15; 5:23-24, Matthew 18:21-35, Luke 6:30-33, John 3:16, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13, (Matthew 5:23-24), I John 4:20-21.

24. PRAYER

We believe that prayer is a way of communicating to Elohim. All prayer must be directed to the Father in the name of Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah).

In private prayer, one must enter into a closet and close the door behind him & pray in secret to the Father.

In the congregation, only one man at a time must make petitions to Elohim, the rest must listen and say "Amen" at the end, to maintain order. An "Amen" must be said after hearing and understanding, and agreeing to the prayer.

A prayer must be made to the Father in faith, and free from vain repetitions.

Matthew 6:5-13, Matthew 7:7-12, John 14:13-14, I Thessalonians 5:17, I Corinthians 14:23, 26, 33, 40, 16, Hebrews 11:6.

25. BORN AGAIN/ BORN OF ELOHIM

We believe that except a man is born again of the Spirit and Water he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Being born again should happen in this life. There is no second chance after death for unrepentant sinners. A born again person has a new heart upon which the Spirit writes Elohim's law. He has Elohim's Spirit in him.

We believe that a Believer that knows the truth but does not have the Spirit of The Messiah is none of His. (Romans 8:9)

John 3:5-6, 12-21, James 1:18, I Peter 1:3,23, I John 3:9, Hebrews 8:10, Ephesians 4:23-24, Ezekiel 36:25-27, Psalm 51:10-13, I John 5:4; 4:7-8

John 15:3; 17:17, 19, Psalm 119:9, I Corinthians 4:15, Colossians 1:12-18, Romans 8:14, Ephesians 5:26

26. UNITY OF FAITH & SPIRIT.

There is only one true faith, one Spirit and one Master who is the head of one body, the Congregation. The Messiah prayed for this unity that all His followers may be one in Him through Him by one faith and Spirit.

Every true follower of the Messiah is given Favor according to the measure of the gift of the Messiah, and this Favor is needed by the whole Body of the Messiah. We shall rejoice when we meet people with the truth for such are sent by the Master Messiah and should be treated as such. The truth must unite with truth; the true with the true. There is no agreement of light with darkness.

The Messiah is the author and finisher of our faith. It is not man's faith nor are we the author of it.

By Elohim's Favor, we shall endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit and faith. We believe in contending for the faith of Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah).

Ephesians 4:3-5, 13, John 17:20-21, Romans 15:5-7; 16:1; 14:1, Matthew 10:40-41, Acts 2:41-42; 9:26-27; 15:14, I Corinthians 1:10-17, III John 9-11, Hebrews 13:2 (Genesis 18:1-8; 19:1-3) II John 10-11, II Timothy 3:5, Ephesians 5:11, Romans 16:17-18, Psalm 133:1 (Proverbs 6:19)

27. CONGREGATION ORGANISATION

We believe that the Messiah by the Set-Apart Spirit provided a pattern of Congregation organization and leadership in His Word, and that the Word is the one that should organize His body according to the divine pattern. We believe that Congregation local leadership are the Elders and Deacons. We also believe that when the Messiah ascended, He gave gifts (e.g. Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors & Teachers) for unity of faith and perfecting of the whole Body of the Messiah.

An Elder or a Deacon can be dropped from his position but no man can take an Elohim-given gift from someone. Elders and Deacons can have any one of the gifts. No one person should lead the Congregation alone. The President and head of the Congregation is the Messiah. The headquarters is the heavenly Jerusalem. Congregations coordinate out of love and also out of obedience requirements to the Father's Commandments. All are ultimately accountable to the heavenly Headquarters and to one another. There is no mother congregation but each congregation has the common heavenly Headquarters.

Matthew 23:8-112, Ephesians 4:16, Job 32:21-22, Psalm 111:9

Ephesians 4:8-13; 1:1, I Corinthians 12:4, 7, 11, 27, 30, Romans 12:6-8, Galatians 1:1. I Timothy 3:1-13; 5:17-20, Titus 1:5-9, I Peter 5:1-4, 3 John 1, Acts 20:17-18, 28, Acts 11:30; 15:4, James 5:13-15, I Timothy 4:14; 5:17, Hebrews 13:17.

28. ACCOUNTABILITY, HONESTY & TRANSPARENCY

The accountability, honesty and transparency that should be found in the Congregation of Believers should be heavenly kind and should be brighter than any that is depicted elsewhere in the world if we are truly true worshippers, and manifesting the Kingdom of love, light and righteousness. If these are dimmer than the accountability, honesty and transparency levels in the world then we are disqualified as the light to the world.

No true believer engages in bribery and any corrupt practices.

29. SUBMISSION

All forms of submission must be practiced everywhere and to where or whom they are due. Believers are the light of the world for all to see and learn from. If a believer is not submissive to anyone as required by inspired scriptures it means they are not born from above (Elohim). Submission is willingness to accommodate or yield to someone's requests or rights or authority. However, it is sin to yield to sin. Submission has its limits since being submissive to sin is disobedience to God. We should not submit ourselves to sin.

While being submissive to earthly ordinances, overall spiritual submission should never be neglected because all people are required to submit themselves to the rule of God.

There are different persons to which submission must be granted:

- (a) All believers to authority. Read I Peter 2:13-14, Romans 13:1-3 and Hebrews 13:17
- (b) All slaves or servants to their masters. Read Genesis 16:6-9, Ephesians 6:5,9, Colossians 3:22; 4:1
- (c) All wives to their husbands. Read Ephesians 5:22, 25, Colossians 3:18-19, I Peter 3:1-2, 7
- (d) Believers to fellow believers (one to another). I Peter 5:5, Ephesians 5:21
- (e) **Children to their parents.** Colossians 3:20-21
- (f) Younger to elder.
 I Peter 5:5a, I Timothy 5:1-2.
 Any person order than you should be respected with all purity, and fear of God.
- (g) All people or Congregation to Elohim. Ephesians 5:24, Deuteronomy 4:40.

30. SHARING – All things in common

None of the believers in every congregation should lack while others have as this is a sign of lack of love, selfishness, greediness and sign of the kingdom of darkness. Every Congregation of Believers should depict the love, characteristics of the Creator and the nature of His Kingdom through divine practical love by which they are made to be unique and Set-Apart in the world of darkness; no excuses for failing to exhibit divine love and for failing to be true Ambassadors of the Kingdom of light, love and of the Father.

<u>Mat_10:39</u> He that findeth his life <mark>shall lose</mark> it: and he that loseth his life for my sake <mark>shall</mark> find it.

<u>Mat 16:25</u> For whosoever will save his life shall lose it and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

<u>Mar_8:35</u> For whosoever will save his life <mark>shall lose</mark> it; but whosoever <mark>shall lose</mark> his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same <mark>shall</mark> save it.

<u>Mar 8:36</u> For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? <u>Joh 12:25</u> He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

Manifesting the Kingdom of darkness is also through having lack and abundance in the same Congregation; this makes believers as false worshippers.

<u>Gal 6:10</u> As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Act 2:44 And all those who believed were together, and had all in common,

Act 2:45 and sold their possessions and property, and divided them among all, as anyone might have need.

31. TITHES & OFFERINGS

(a) FINANCIAL OFFERINGS freewill and no one should be compelled by man but should be moved or compelled out of their own willingness and out of love. No man should force another as this is carnality.

2Co 9:6 And this: He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and he who sows on blessing shall also reap on blessing.

2Co 9:7 Let each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not of grief or of necessity, for Elohim loves a joyous giver.

(b) TITHES

This is a commandment to recognize that Elohim is the Creator and owner of all things. Tithes are not out of monthly income but out of Land produce and livestock and done yearly and every third year.

<u>Deu 14:22</u> Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. (EVERY YEAR)

<u>Deu_14:28</u> At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of <u>thine increase</u> the same year, and shalt lay *it* up within thy gates: (POOR, STRANGERS, ETC)

<u>Deu 26:12</u> When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given *it* unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

<u>Lev 27:32</u> And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even* of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

<u>2Ch_31:6</u> And *concerning* the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* by heaps.

<u>Deu_12:6</u> And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:

32. PASSOVER, PENTECOST & ATONEMENT.

The Messiah ordained the Master's Supper on the Day of the Passover. He was impaled on this same day. He is our Passover. The Master's Supper should be kept on the day of the Passover which is the 14th day of the 1st month (Nisan) on the Jewish calendar.

Leviticus 23:5, Exodus 12:1-6, 18, Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:19, I Corinthians 11:23-25. We also believe that 50 days from the day of the Passover, on the day of Pentecost, in the same year of the Master's crucifixion, the disciples received the Set-Apart Spirit.

Leviticus 23:15-16, 21, Deuteronomy 16:9, Acts 2:1-4; 20:16, I Corinthians 16:8.

The same year of the Master's death & resurrection, on the Day of Atonement (10th day of the 7th month), the Messiah made atonement for our sins in the heavenly temple, and after which the Devil was thrown down on earth on the same day.

Leviticus 23:26-31, Numbers 29:7, Leviticus 16:29-34, Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:10-14, Romans 5:11, Revelation 12:1-2, 5-12.

33. FESTIVALS & FEASTS

We believe in obedience to observance of the Festivals & Feasts of Elohim given to the Congregation of Israel in the OBJECT (real spiritual lesson & obedience requirements) and not in the Shadows pointing to the OBJECT, and also in observing the SEVEN Annual Sabbaths in the spirit of the OBJECT and not the shadow.

Gal 4:10 You observe days and months and seasons and years.

Gal 4:11 I fear for you, lest by any means I have laboured for you in vain.

Festivals & feasts should not be observed in a carnal way or through shadows but in a spiritual way (OBJECT) to teach us spiritual lessons that shall improve our relationship with Elohim.

(a) Passover

This day was not a Sabbath.

The shadow was the Passover of Israel where the death angel came over the midnight of 14th Abib. The Object is "Do this in remembrance of Me".

<u>1Co</u> 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Master until He comes.

Exodus 12:13-14, Numbers 28:16, Luke 22:15-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

Unleavened Bread: Exodus 23:18, 1 Corinthians 10:16

Drinking of the fruit of the vine (grace juice): Deuteronomy 32:14, Isaiah 65:8-9, Matthew 26:27-29

Our love for the Messiah and sign of humility among the brethren is also acted out in a footwashing event: John 13:3-17

(b) Feast of Unleavened Bread

After partaking of the Passover, the next seven days is the feast of unleavened bread where believers strive to live a sin-free life of obedience.

The first Day of Unleavened Bread on the 15th Abib is the first Annual Sabbath. The seventh or last day (21st Abib) of Unleavened Bread is the Second Annual Sabbath.

The Object is "having been set free from sin we should live a sin free life"

Rom 6:22 But now, having been set free from sin, and having become servants of Elohim, you have your fruit resulting in set-apartness, and the end, everlasting life.

Read Leviticus 23:6, Matthew 16:12, Mark 8:14-15, Luke 12:1, Romans 6:13-22, 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; symbolizing the initial step toward righteousness and coming out of sin; the first Sabbath

The 2nd Sabbath symbolizes complete coming out of the worldly way of sin and rebellion to follow righteousness of our Saviour (Exodus 12:15, 20, Numbers 28:17-25, Acts 20:6-7). The early church observed the Days of Unleavened Bread according to Acts 20:6-7.

(c) Pentecost (Shavuot)

This is the Third (3rd) Annual Sabbath.

The Day of Pentecost (Shavuot) of Feast of Weeks is a Sabbath Day and the Third Annual Sabbath (Leviticus 23:15-21, Numbers 28:26) and is counted from the Day after the weekly Sabbath that falls during the Days of Unleavened Bread; seven Sabbaths or seven complete weeks, bringing us to the following Day which is Shavuot. The shadow is that it was observed as a memorial of the Day the Creator made a covenant with Israel at Sinai (Exodus 24:4-8) but as the OBJECT it is observed as the Day that the Messiah endued His Congregation of Believers with power from on High through the outpouring of the Set-Apart Spirit (Luke 24:49, John 14:26; 15:26, Acts 1:4-8) and the Spirit was sent on this Day (Acts 2:1-18) making them His true witnesses and to abide with His people forever (John 14:16). The Day of Shavuot or Feast of First-fruits points to the initial harvest of souls, a kind of first fruits to the Creator (Romans 8:23; 11:16; 16:5, 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; 16:15, James 1:18, Revelation 14:4).

(d) Day of Trumpets

The Day of Trumpets is the fourth (4th) Annual Sabbath and is on the first (1st) day of the Seventh month and is a holy convocation (Leviticus 23:24-25), reminding us to keep our minds on heavenly things so that we rejoice upon the return of our Savior at the Last Trump (Luke 21:27-28).

Lev 23:24 "Speak to the children of Yisra'ěl, saying, 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you have a rest, a remembrance of blowing of trumpets, a set-apart gathering.

On this Day we eagerly look for the return of the Messiah when He returns at the sound of the Last trumpet and voice of the archangel (1 Corinthians 15:22-23, 51-53, 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17, 1 Peter 5:4, Revelation 2:23; 22:12.

A blowing of Trumpets reminds us of this signal calling (shadow) Israel to assemble, to prepare for journeying; and an alarm for war (Numbers 10:1-10).

(e) Day of Atonement

This is the fifth (5th) Annual Sabbath and is on the tenth (10th) Day of the Seventh (7th) Month. This day points to the OBJECT of the Messiah's having made the Atonement for us. Therefore, we have been reconciled through the Messiah to the Father (Romans 5:6-11, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, Colossians 1:19-22, Hebrews 2:18). On this Day believers shall do no work and shall afflict (fast) their souls.

Lev 23:27 "On the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be a setapart gathering for you. And you shall afflict your beings, and shall bring an offering made by fire to התר.

- Lev 23:28 "And you do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before אנה your Elohim.
- Lev 23:29 "For any being who is not afflicted on that same day, he shall be cut off from his people.
- Lev 23:30 "And any being who does any work on that same day, that being I shall destroy from the midst of his people.

Lev 23:31 "You do no work – a law forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Lev 23:32 'It is a Sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your beings. On the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you observe your Sabbath."

(f) Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast of Tabernacles is observed seven (7) days starting on the 15th Day of the Seventh (7th) Month (Tishri 15 through 21), and the first (1st) Day is the sixth (6th) Annual Sabbath (Leviticus 23:34-36, 43, Numbers 29:12). The Feast of Tabernacles lasts seven (7) days followed by the Last Great Day which the Messiah observed.

Lev 23:34 "Speak to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Festival of Booths for seven days to יהוה.

Lev 23:35 'On the first day is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.

Zec 14:16 And it shall be that all who are left from all the gentiles which came up against Yerushalayim, shall go up from year to year to bow themselves to the Sovereign, אור of hosts, and to observe the Festival of Booths.

The OBJECT about the Feast of Tabernacles is that it shows the coming righteous reign of our soon coming King and this shall be a time of peace, prosperity and happiness. The King shall put into effect the Laws of His Father which are studied during the Feast of Tabernacles showing the Creator's eventual sovereignty over the whole earth.

(g) Last Great Day

The Last Great Day is the seventh (7th) Annual Sabbath which comes after the seveth or last day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Lev 23:34 "Speak to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Festival of Booths for seven days to הוה.

Lev 23:35 'On the first day is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work.

Lev 23:36 'For seven days you bring an offering made by fire to הוה. On the eighth day there

shall be a set-apart gathering for you, and you shall bring an offering made by fire to התר. It is a closing festival, you do no servile work.

Num 29:35 'On the eighth day you have an assembly, you do no servile work,

Joh 7:37 And on the last day, the great *day* of the festival, יהושע stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and let him who believes in Me drink.

Joh 7:38 "As the Scripture said, out of His innermost shall flow rivers of living water.

The OBJECT about the Last Great Day is about the coming great harvest of all humans that ever lived, Revelation 20:5, and the eternal judgment is performed, Revelation 20:11-15, Hebrews 6:4. It is the Father's ultimate salvation, Leviticus 23:36. After this the New Heaven and earth shall be enjoyed, Isaiah 66:22, Revelation 21:1)

34. SCRIPTURAL MONTHS & DAYS

(a) SCRIPTURAL MONTHS

The scriptural months are identified or start by the appearance of the thin crescent of the visible new moon.

Psa 81:3 Blow the ram's horn at the time of the New Moon, At the full moon, on our festival day.

Neh 10:32 And we imposed commands on ourselves, to give from ourselves yearly one-third of a sheqel for the service of the House of our Elohim:

Neh 10:33 for the showbread, and for the continual grain offering, and for the continual burnt offering of the Sabbaths, of the New Moons, for the appointed times, and for the set-apart offerings, and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Yisra'ěl, and all the work of the House of our Elohim.

Isa 66:23 "And it shall be that from New Moon to New Moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before Me," declares התוך.

(b) SCRIPTURAL DAY

The scriptural day begins and ends with the Sunset and ends next Sunset.

- Gen 1:4 And Elohim saw the light, that it was good. And Elohim separated the light from the darkness.
- Gen 1:5 And Elohim called the light 'day' and the darkness He called 'night.' And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the first day.

Gen 1:8 And Elohim called the expanse 'heavens.' And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the second day

Lev 23:32 'It is a Sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your beings. On the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you observe your Sabbath."

35. IMAGES, LIKENESSES & IDOLS.

We do not believe in worshipping Elohim aided by images, likenesses, icons and idols. We shall not worship man made works. Elohim is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in truth and Spirit. We do not believe in man made crosses and icons on buildings. True worship is spiritual.

The second Commandment among the ten forbids making and worshipping any graven image or any likeness of anything.

Exodus 20:1-5, John 4:23-24.

36. NEW HEAVENS & NEW EARTH.

There shall be new heavens and a new earth where shall dwell righteousness, peace, joy, good health and happiness. The new lovely earth shall be an inheritance for the righteous. Elohim shall be king. There shall be one Elohim and His name one. All the wicked, demons and Satan shall be cut off. There shall be nothing that offends and brings evil. The inheritance for the righteous is so good and beyond description.

II Peter 3:9-13, Revelation 21:1-2, 22-27; 22:14-15, Isaiah 65:17-18, Isaiah 66:22-24, Matthew 5:5, Proverbs 2:21-22

37. GREAT COMMISSION.

We believe that the great commission is a direct commandment of the Master Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah) to His Congregation, and that all those who truly believe in Him should obey it. He commanded His Congregation to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. This commandment must be kept at all times and everyday. Elohim is not willing that any soul should perish.

Divine protection, signs and wonders shall follow them that believe and keep this commandment.

It is also the responsibility of the Congregation to warn the world of coming judgment otherwise sinners' blood shall be required from her head. By warning the world she has delivered her soul. (Ezekiel 33:9)

Each one has something to contribute according to the gifts one has. Everyone has a ministry or work to do. Each member of the Body of the Messiah is a witness of Yehoshua HaMashiach (Messiah) in this world. We do not believe that it is only the leadership that has a ministry. Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-18, Ezekiel 33:1-20, Acts 14:20; 1:8.

End.