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### Some Believers In Yah'shuah Call Paul A Heretic!

Some people professing belief in Yah'shuah as the Messiah have called the Apostle Paul a heretic! They say that as Paul taught Israelite believers to forsake observing the law Yahweh gave them by Moses, he taught Israelite believers to rebel against Yahweh's word. And those who speak rebellion against Yahweh's word are indeed heretics and anathema!

### Paul's Followers Accuse His Detractors Of Being False Brethren!

Paul's followers and defenders among those who also profess belief in Yah'shuah as the Messiah dismiss such talk. They assert that Paul was a most faithful servant of Yahweh and Yah'shuah and probably did more than any other apostle or servant of Yah'shuah to advance the cause of Yah'shuah. They instead accuse Paul's detractors of being false brethren who have secretly come in among believers in Yah'shuah, to spy out their freedom in Yah'shuah and subsequently malign them. They assert that Paul's detractors are indeed the heretics, for casting aspersions against a servant as great as Paul!

### Who Is Right Between These Divided And Contending Believers In Yah'shuah?

Who is right? Between these two contending and divided groups of believers in Yah'shuah, who is right? And what is Yah'shuah's view about this matter, seeing that both contending and divided groups profess to believe in him?

### Yah'shuah's Word Concerning True Prophets

Matthew 5:11-12 reads,

*<sup>5:11</sup>"Blessed are you when people reproach you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake. <sup>5:12</sup>Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

True prophets in times gone by have indeed been reproached, persecuted and had all kinds of evil falsely spoken against them, on account of serving Yahweh. Is the fact that some have spoken evil against Paul and reproached him testimony of his having been a true prophet or servant of Yahweh and Yah'shuah?

### Yah'shuah's Word Concerning False Prophets

Matthew 7:15-23 reads,

*<sup>7:15</sup>"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. <sup>7:16</sup>By their fruits you will know them. Do you gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? <sup>7:17</sup>Even so, every good tree brings forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. <sup>7:18</sup>A good tree can't bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. <sup>7:19</sup>Every tree that doesn't grow good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire. <sup>7:20</sup>Therefore, by their fruits you will know them. <sup>7:21</sup>Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>7:22</sup>Many will tell me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy by your name, by your name cast out demons, and by your name do many mighty works?' <sup>7:23</sup>Then I will tell them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.'*

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Was Paul a false prophet who came to people in sheep's clothing, but inwardly was a ravaging wolf? Did Paul do the will of Yah'shuah's heavenly Father? Did Paul work iniquity?

### False Prophets Do Many Mighty Works In Yah'shuah's Name

Yah'shuah's words show that it is possible for a person to prophesy by his name, by his name cast out demons, and by his name do many mighty works. Nevertheless, doing all these is NOT sufficient proof that the person so doing is truly his servant. For his true servants are those who do the will of his heavenly Father and do not work iniquity, but work righteousness.

### The Test Of Whether Or Not Paul Was A True Servant Of Yah'shuah

Paul prophesied by Yah'shuah's name, by Yah'shuah's name cast out demons, and by Yah'shuah's name did many mighty works. Nevertheless, Paul wasn't rendered a true servant of Yah'shuah on account of his having done all these mighty works in Yah'shuah's name. The test of Paul being a true servant of Yah'shuah was whether or not he did the will of Yah'shuah's heavenly Father and worked righteousness, rather than iniquity.

### False Prophets To Lead Many Astray

Matthew 24:11 reads,

***24:11** Many false prophets will arise, and will lead many astray.*

Was Paul one of the MANY false prophets Yah'shuah predicted would arise and lead MANY astray? Are the majority of professing Christians, who uphold Paul as a true servant of Yah'shuah, the MANY who have been led astray?

### Why False Prophets And Impostors Perform Great Signs And Wonders

Matthew 24:23-24 reads,

***24:23** "Then if any man tells you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or, 'There,' don't believe it. **24:24** For there will arise false Christs, and false prophets, and they will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.*

Yah'shuah predicted that impostors and false servants would arise and show great signs and wonders. This clearly shows that the performance of great signs and wonders is NOT proof of the veracity of a servant, seeing that even impostors and false prophets have power and authority to perform GREAT signs and wonders.

It should also be noted that the PURPOSE for impostors and false servants performing great signs and wonders is to lead astray the elect. In other words, these are straying or lying signs and wonders, for their purpose is to cause people to stray away from Yahweh's way!

Were Paul's great signs and wonders performed for the purpose of leading people astray from Yahweh's word and way?

### How People Speak Concerning False Prophets

Luke 6:26 reads,

***6:26** Woe, when men speak well of you!  
For their fathers did the same thing to the false prophets.*

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Today the majority of professing Christians speak well of Paul. Does this indicate that he was a false prophet, seeing that in times gone by the majority of people have spoken well of false prophets?

### Test Those Who Call Themselves Apostles

Revelation 2:2 reads,

***<sup>2:2</sup>"I know your works, and your toil and perseverance, and that you can't tolerate evil men, and have tested those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and found them false.***

Paul called himself an apostle. Was he a true apostle or a false apostle? Has he been tested and found to have been true or false? Has he been found to have been righteous or evil?

### The Judgement Of Lovers And Practitioners Of Falsehood

Revelation 22:12-16 reads,

***<sup>22:12</sup>"Behold, I come quickly. My reward is with me, to repay to each man according to his work. <sup>22:13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. <sup>22:14</sup>Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. <sup>22:15</sup>Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. <sup>22:16</sup>I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify these things to you for the assemblies. I am the root and the offspring of David; the Bright and Morning Star."***

Did Paul do Yahweh's commandments or did he love and practice falsehood?

### Paul's Testimony Of His Own Ministry

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 reads,

***<sup>15:1</sup>Now I declare to you, brothers, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which you also stand, <sup>15:2</sup>by which also you are saved, if you hold firmly the word which I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. <sup>15:3</sup>For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>15:4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>15:5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>15:6</sup>Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers at once, most of whom remain until now, but some have also fallen asleep. <sup>15:7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>15:8</sup>and last of all, as to the child born at the wrong time, he appeared to me also. <sup>15:9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, who is not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the assembly of God. <sup>15:10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am. His grace which was bestowed on me was not found vain, but I worked more than all of them; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. <sup>15:11</sup>Whether then it is I or they, so we preach, and so you believed.***

Paul clearly called himself an apostle, even as Cephas, James and others were apostles. He initially preached that events in Christ's life took place as they had been prophesied in the Scriptures - meaning what is now commonly called the Old Testament. He also asserted that he had "worked more than all of" the other apostles.

What did Paul later preach? Did he later preach what he had received from those who preceded him in serving Yah'shuah, or did he preach different things?

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Paul's initial preaching suggests that he believed the prophecies in the Scriptures, at least those concerning Yah'shuah's life. Did he also believe other prophecies in the Scriptures, even those concerning matters outside Yah'shuah's life?

### Yahweh's Word To David Concerning His Son

2 Samuel 7:4-16 reads,

<sup>7:4</sup>*It happened the same night, that the word of Yahweh came to Nathan, saying, <sup>7:5</sup>**Go and tell my servant David, Thus says Yahweh, Shall you build me a house for me to dwell in? <sup>7:6</sup>for I have not lived in a house since the day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tent. <sup>7:7</sup>In all places in which I have walked with all the children of Israel, spoke I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people Israel, saying, Why have you not built me a house of cedar? <sup>7:8</sup>Now therefore thus shall you tell my servant David, Thus says Yahweh of Hosts, I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people, over Israel; <sup>7:9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the name of the great ones who are in the earth. <sup>7:10</sup>I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as at the first, <sup>7:11</sup>and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. Moreover Yahweh tells you that Yahweh will make you a house. <sup>7:12</sup>When your days are fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who shall proceed out of your bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>7:13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>7:14</sup>I will be his father, and he shall be my son: if he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men; <sup>7:15</sup>but my lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before you. <sup>7:16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before you: your throne shall be established forever.***

Yahweh promised his servant David that his son would succeed him to the throne over Israel. Yahweh also promised not to remove his lovingkindness - his Holy Spirit - from this son of David, even when this son would commit iniquity.

### David Charged Solomon His Son To Observe All In The Law Of Moses

1 Kings 2:1-4 reads,

<sup>2:1</sup>*Now the days of David drew near that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, <sup>2:2</sup>I am going the way of all the earth: be you strong therefore, and show yourself a man; <sup>2:3</sup>and keep the charge of Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn yourself. <sup>2:4</sup>That Yahweh may establish his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, If your children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.*

David's words to his son and successor Solomon were very clear. Solomon was to do all of Yahweh's words as written in the law of Moses.

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### Yahweh Appeared To Solomon And Gave Him Wisdom, Understanding And Riches

1 Kings 3:1-15 reads,

<sup>3:1</sup>*Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of Yahweh, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.* <sup>3:2</sup>*Only the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was no house built for the name of Yahweh until those days.* <sup>3:3</sup>***Solomon loved Yahweh, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.*** <sup>3:4</sup>*The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer on that altar.* <sup>3:5</sup>***In Gibeon Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, Ask what I shall give you.*** <sup>3:6</sup>*Solomon said, You have shown to your servant David my father great lovingkindness, according as he walked before you in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you; and you have kept for him this great lovingkindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.* <sup>3:7</sup>*Now, Yahweh my God, you have made your servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child; I don't know how to go out or come in.* <sup>3:8</sup>*Your servant is in the midst of your people which you have chosen, a great people, that can't be numbered nor counted for multitude.* <sup>3:9</sup>***Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this your great people?*** <sup>3:10</sup>*The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.* <sup>3:11</sup>*God said to him, Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice;* <sup>3:12</sup>***behold, I have done according to your word: behold, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there has been none like you before you, neither after you shall any arise like you.*** <sup>3:13</sup>***I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like you, all your days.*** <sup>3:14</sup>*If you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as your father David did walk, then I will lengthen your days.* <sup>3:15</sup>*Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream: and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.*

When Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream he gave him a wise and understanding heart, greater than that given to all humans before him and subsequent to him.

### The Fruits Of The Wisdom And Understanding Yahweh Gave Solomon

1 Kings 4:25-34 reads,

<sup>4:29</sup>***God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and very great understanding, even as the sand that is on the sea-shore.*** <sup>4:30</sup>*Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt.* <sup>4:31</sup>*For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all the nations round about.* <sup>4:32</sup>***He spoke three thousand proverbs; and his songs were one thousand five.*** <sup>4:33</sup>***He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, and of birds, and of creeping things, and of***

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*fish. <sup>4:34</sup>There came of all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.*

### **Yahweh Glorified His Name In All The Earth Through The Wisdom And Understanding He Gave Solomon**

Through the wisdom that Yahweh gave Solomon Yahweh did a great work in Israel. For he glorified his name among all nations through the wisdom and understanding that he gave Solomon. And representatives of all nations of the earth came to hear the wisdom of Solomon that Yahweh had given him. Yahweh's word therefore went out to all the nations of the whole world through the wisdom and understanding that he had imparted to Solomon.

Some tangible results arising from Yahweh's wisdom and understanding in Solomon are the proverbs Solomon spoke, compiled in the book of Proverbs.

### **Yahweh Reiterated To Solomon To Observe All Of Yahweh's Law**

1 Kings 6:11-14 reads,

*<sup>6:11</sup>The word of Yahweh came to Solomon, saying, <sup>6:12</sup>Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, and execute my ordinances, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. <sup>6:13</sup>I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel. <sup>6:14</sup>So Solomon built the house, and finished it.*

### **Yahweh Again Appeared To Solomon And Commanded Him To Walk In Uprightness And Integrity Of Heart**

1 Kings 9:1-10 reads,

*<sup>9:1</sup>It happened, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of Yahweh, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, <sup>9:2</sup>that Yahweh appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. <sup>9:3</sup>Yahweh said to him, I have heard your prayer and your supplication, that you have made before me: I have made this house holy, which you have built, to put my name there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. <sup>9:4</sup>As for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances; <sup>9:5</sup>then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, according as I promised to David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel. <sup>9:6</sup>But if you shall turn away from following me, you or your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; <sup>9:7</sup>then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have made holy for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. <sup>9:8</sup>Though this house is so high, yet shall everyone who passes by it be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why has Yahweh done thus to this land, and to this house? <sup>9:9</sup>And they shall answer, Because they forsook Yahweh their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshiped them, and served them: therefore has Yahweh brought all this evil on them. <sup>9:10</sup>It happened at*

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*the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Yahweh and the king's house*

### **Despite Having Served Yahweh For 20 Years The Status Of Solomon's Heart Towards Yahweh Wasn't Clear**

It should be noted that it took 20 years to build the two houses, the house of Yahweh and the king's house. It was after these 20 years that Yahweh appeared to Solomon the second time.

For 20 years Solomon had been undertaking the work of Yahweh, especially that of building the house of Yahweh, and manifesting to the world the wisdom and understanding that Yahweh had given to him, thereby declaring Yahweh's name among the nations. Nevertheless, despite serving Yahweh for two decades, it still wasn't clear to Yahweh whether Solomon's heart was as that of his father David, loving him wholeheartedly. Yahweh was still giving him conditional promises, clearly showing that his assessment was that Solomon was still liable to depart from following Yahweh and into serving other gods.

### **It Is Possible For One Yahweh Has Given ALL The Resources Necessary To Faithfully Serve Him To Rebel Against Him**

In other words, despite Yahweh having given Solomon his Holy Spirit, despite Yahweh having given Solomon the greatest wisdom and understanding given to a human being, it was still possible for Solomon to rebel against Yahweh and serve other gods! This clearly shows that despite Yahweh giving us whatever gifts that he gives us, and we serve him for a long period of time, even two decades, there is still no guarantee that we will continue walking before him with uprightness and integrity of heart! It is still possible for human beings to rebel from Yahweh, departing from him and turning to worshipping other gods. It should therefore not be assumed that just because Yahweh has appointed one as his servant, and his servant has worked faithfully for him for a long period of time, that his servant will continue on in faithful service. For it is indeed possible that his servant will rebel against him and serve other gods!

### **The Fruits Of The Wisdom Yahweh Put In Solomon's Heart**

1 Kings 10:23-24 reads,

<sup>10:23</sup>*So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.*  
<sup>10:24</sup>*All the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.*

### **Solomon's Eventual Rebellion Against Yahweh**

1 Kings 11:1-13 reads,

<sup>11:1</sup>*Now king Solomon loved many foreign women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites;*  
<sup>11:2</sup>*of the nations concerning which Yahweh said to the children of Israel, You shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon joined to these in love.* <sup>11:3</sup>*He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.* <sup>11:4</sup>*For it happened, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his God,*

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*as was the heart of David his father. <sup>11:5</sup>For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. <sup>11:6</sup>Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh, and didn't go fully after Yahweh, as did David his father. <sup>11:7</sup>Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the mountain that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon. <sup>11:8</sup>So did he for all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods. <sup>11:9</sup>Yahweh was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from Yahweh, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, <sup>11:10</sup>and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he didn't keep that which Yahweh commanded. <sup>11:11</sup>Therefore Yahweh said to Solomon, Because this is done of you, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant. <sup>11:12</sup>Notwithstanding in your days I will not do it, for David your father's sake: but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. <sup>11:13</sup>However I will not tear away all the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to your son, for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.*

Solomon eventually disobeyed Yahweh by rebelling against Yahweh, despite having served Yahweh for a long time in his life, despite having had the Holy Spirit dwelling in him, despite having been given the greatest wisdom and understanding given to a human being. Despite all these things that Yahweh did for him, and despite all the service he did for Yahweh, he still rebelled against Yahweh! Despite having witnessed Yahweh's way to the entire world for several years Solomon still rebelled against Yahweh!

### **There Is No Guarantee That A Person Who Serves Yahweh More Than All His Peers Will Remain Faithful To Yahweh**

Solomon's life is proof testament that even a servant of Yahweh who excels all human beings in the manner he is used by Yahweh is not guaranteed to remain faithful to Yahweh. Even one who has the Holy Spirit is not guaranteed to remain faithful to Yahweh. Even one who has the most wisdom and understanding granted a human being is not guaranteed to remain faithful to Yahweh. Even one who is sought after by the entire world, that they may hear Yahweh's words from his mouth, is not guaranteed to remain faithful to Yahweh.

### **Faithfully Obeying Yahweh Stems From A Person's Heart Without External Imposition**

Yahweh's people should learn this lesson from Solomon's life. Just because Yahweh endows one with plenty of resources in one's life, and over several years, and one serves Yahweh over several years, is no guarantee that that servant will remain faithful to Yahweh to the end. Solomon disobeyed Yahweh's words, given to him both directly by Yahweh and also in the book of the law. It should therefore be clear that obeying Yahweh is something one decides to do in one's heart. Faithfully serving Yahweh, and walking before him in uprightness and integrity of heart, stem from a person's heart, and cannot be imposed upon one despite Yahweh according one all the necessary resources, even his Holy Spirit and an abundance of wisdom and understanding.

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### The Holy Spirit Appointed Paul An Apostle Of Yah'shuah

Acts 13:1-4 reads,

<sup>13:1</sup>Now in the assembly that was at Antioch there were some prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen the foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>13:2</sup>As they served the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul for me, for the work to which I have called them."

<sup>13:3</sup>Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. <sup>13:4</sup>So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus.

It is clear that Saul (Paul) was appointed an apostle by Yah'shuah through the Holy Spirit. His claim to have been an apostle was indeed a valid claim, even as Solomon's claim to have been king over Israel was a valid claim.

### Paul Performed Signs And Wonders As An Apostle

Acts 13:6-12 reads,

<sup>13:6</sup>When they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-Jesus, <sup>13:7</sup>who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding. The same summoned Barnabas and Saul, and sought to hear the word of God. <sup>13:8</sup>But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the proconsul from the faith.

<sup>13:9</sup>But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fastened his eyes on him, <sup>13:10</sup>and said, "Full of all deceit and all cunning, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?"

<sup>13:11</sup>Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is on you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun for a season!"

Immediately there fell on him a mist and darkness. He went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. <sup>13:12</sup>Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

The Holy Spirit facilitated Paul performing a great sign and wonder, with the eventual result of it being the proconsul believing in Yah'shuah on account of the sign and wonder that he had seen.

### Reports Eventually Spread That Paul Taught Jewish Believers To Forsake The Law Of Moses

Acts 21:17-26 reads,

<sup>21:17</sup>When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. <sup>21:18</sup>The day following, Paul went in with us to James; and all the elders were present. <sup>21:19</sup>When he had greeted them, he reported one by one the things which God had worked among the Gentiles through his ministry. <sup>21:20</sup>They, when they heard it, glorified God. They said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law. <sup>21:21</sup>They have been informed about you, that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children neither to walk after the customs. <sup>21:22</sup>What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come. <sup>21:23</sup>Therefore do what we tell you. We have four men who have a vow on them. <sup>21:24</sup>Take them, and purify yourself with them, and pay their expenses for

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*them, that they may shave their heads. Then all will know that there is no truth in the things that they have been informed about you, but that you yourself also walk keeping the law.* <sup>21:25</sup> *But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written our decision that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from food offered to idols, from blood, from strangled things, and from sexual immorality."*

<sup>21:26</sup> *Then Paul took the men, and the next day, purified himself and went with them into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of purification, until the offering was offered for every one of them.*

Later on in Paul's ministry word spread that he was teaching Jews dwelling among Gentiles to forsake the law of Moses. The leading brethren in Jerusalem didn't believe this report they had heard, for Paul personally kept the law. It seemed strange to them that one who personally keeps the law would himself teach his brethren to do the opposite of what he was doing. They therefore didn't believe that Paul was a hypocrite, doing one thing and telling his brethren to do the opposite. Nevertheless, many Jews continued to assert that Paul so preached, notwithstanding his personal conduct.

### **Paul Taught His Israelite Brethren To Stop Living By The Law And To Live By Faith**

Galatians 3:10-14 reads,

<sup>3:10</sup> *For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who doesn't continue in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them."* <sup>3:11</sup> *Now that no man is justified by the law before God is evident, for, "The righteous will live by faith."* <sup>3:12</sup> *The law is not of faith, but, "The man who does them will live by them."* <sup>3:13</sup> **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree,"** <sup>3:14</sup> *that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Christ Jesus; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Paul taught that those who are of the works of the law are under a curse. He also taught that Christ redeemed those who were under the curse of the law from being under it.

The law was given to Israelites and not to non-Israelites. Therefore Paul was teaching that Israelites had been under the curse of the law. He also taught that those Israelites who believed in Christ had been redeemed from the curse of the law. Seeing that he taught that those Israelites who are still of the works of the law are under the curse of the law, and that they shouldn't be under this curse, he implied that they should stop abiding in the works of the law and abide only in faith!

In other words, Paul taught Israelites that faith was opposed to the works of the law. He taught them to forsake the works of the law and to abide only in faith, seeing that it is through faith that they were justified before Yahweh. He implied that as the law did not and could not justify Israelites there was no point abiding by it, especially considering that abiding by it brought one under its curse!

In essence, Paul taught Israelites to forsake the law and abide only in faith, a faith devoid of undertaking the works of the law!

This was the report that had spread and had reached Jerusalem, concerning what Paul was teaching Jews living among Gentiles. And here it is indeed observed that he taught Jews living among Galatians to forsake the law and abide only in faith! The rationale for their so forsaking the law is irrelevant. The key point is that he taught them to forsake the law as delivered by Yahweh through Moses!

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### Paul Taught Ephesian Brethren That The Law Of Commandments Contained In Ordinances Was Abolished

Ephesians 2:11-22 reads,

<sup>2:11</sup>Therefore remember that once you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "uncircumcision" by that which is called "circumcision," (in the flesh, made by hands); <sup>2:12</sup>that you were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>2:13</sup>But now in **Christ Jesus** you who once were far off are made near in the blood of Christ. <sup>2:14</sup>For he is **our peace, who made both one, and broke down the middle wall of partition,** <sup>2:15</sup>having abolished in the flesh the hostility, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man of the two, making peace; <sup>2:16</sup>and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, having killed the hostility thereby. <sup>2:17</sup>He came and preached peace to you who were far off and to those who were near. <sup>2:18</sup>For through him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>2:19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, <sup>2:20</sup>being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone; <sup>2:21</sup>in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>2:22</sup>in whom you also are built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

Paul taught non-Israelites that they are now one with Israelites, for what previously separated them from Israelites, "the hostility, the law of commandments contained in ordinances", had been abolished or killed! Paul therefore clearly taught that the law of Yahweh as delivered to Israel by Moses was abolished by Yah'shuah through the cross! This teaching to the Ephesians is consistent with his teaching to the Galatians, whereby he teaches Israelites to forsake the law of Yahweh as delivered by Moses.

### Two Separate Records Of Paul Teaching Israelites To Forsake The Law Of Moses

It is therefore established on at least two separate occasions that Paul taught his Israelite brethren to forsake the law of Yahweh as delivered by Moses, and also taught that this law had been killed or abolished, and therefore was no longer to be observed!

### Paul Practised Hypocrisy

Nevertheless, Paul personally observed this law, as seen in Acts 21. Paul was therefore practising hypocrisy, teaching Israelites to forsake observing the law while he personally observed it!

### Paul Believed The Prophecies In The Scriptures Concerning The Messiah

Earlier on in 1 Corinthians 15 we saw Paul asserting that initially he taught that which he had received from others, teaching that the life of Yah'shuah manifested the predictions contained in the Scriptures concerning the Messiah. Yah'shuah was therefore the Messiah according to Paul's early preaching. At this early stage in his ministry he manifested a belief in the prophecies contained in the Scriptures.

Galatians 3:15-16 reads,

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<sup>3:15</sup> *Brothers, I speak like men. Though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been confirmed, no one makes it void, or adds to it.* <sup>3:16</sup> *Now **the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He doesn't say, "To seeds," as of many, but as of one, "To your seed," which is Christ.***

At the time he wrote to the Galatians he was still teaching that the life of Yah'shuah manifested the predictions contained in the Scriptures concerning the Messiah. He therefore showed that at this stage he still believed prophecies in the Scriptures, at least as they pertained to Yah'shuah.

### Does Scripture Prophecy That The Law Of Moses Was To Be Abolished By The Messiah?

But Paul also taught that the law had been abolished. Does Scripture prophecy the abolition of the law by the Messiah, even as it prophesied various aspects of the life of the Messiah?

### Scripture Prophecies The Continuing Applicability Of The Law Of Moses

Deuteronomy 30:1-10 reads,

<sup>30:1</sup> *It shall happen, when all these things are come on you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations, where Yahweh your God has driven you, <sup>30:2</sup> and shall return to Yahweh your God, and shall obey his voice according to all that I command you this day, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul; <sup>30:3</sup> that then Yahweh your God will turn your captivity, and have compassion on you, and will return and gather you from all the peoples, where Yahweh your God has scattered you. <sup>30:4</sup> If any of your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of the heavens, from there will Yahweh your God gather you, and from there will he bring you back: <sup>30:5</sup> and Yahweh your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and he will do you good, and multiply you above your fathers. <sup>30:6</sup> Yahweh your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love Yahweh your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live. <sup>30:7</sup> Yahweh your God will put all these curses on your enemies, and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. <sup>30:8</sup> You shall return and obey the voice of Yahweh, and do all his commandments which I command you this day. <sup>30:9</sup> Yahweh your God will make you plenteous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground, for good: for Yahweh will again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers; <sup>30:10</sup> if you shall obey the voice of Yahweh your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law; if you turn to Yahweh your God with all your heart, and with all your soul.*

Israel, as a result of her sins, has been scattered among various nations all over the earth. Israelites, at this time of writing, haven't yet been gathered from their scattered locations to be returned to their own land, the land given to their fathers for a possession.

### Israelites Will Observe Yahweh's Law By Moses Prior To Their Gathering And Return To Their Land

30:2 shows that prior to their gathering in readiness for their return to their land Israelites WILL obey Yahweh's voice according to all that Moses commanded Israel at the time Moses

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spoke! In other words, the commandments that Israelites will abide by prior to their gathering and return to their own land will be those Yahweh commanded them by Moses!

### **Israelites Will Observe Yahweh's Law By Moses Once Gathered And Returned To Their Land**

30:8 shows that after their gathering and return they will continue to obey Yahweh's voice, doing all his commandments that he commanded them by Moses! In other words, they will not cease to abide by his commandments by Moses once they return to their own land, but will carry on with them.

30:10 reiterates that Yahweh will bless Israel after her return to her own land, when Israel keeps his commandments and statutes which are written in the book of the law - the commandments he commanded them by Moses.

### **Yahweh's Requirement That Israel Observes His Law By Moses Hasn't Changed**

It is therefore clear that Yahweh's requirement upon Israel to observe his commandments that he gave them by Moses hasn't changed! On account of rejecting these commandments Yahweh removed Israel from her own land. On account of repenting of their rebellion, and returning again to Yahweh, doing all these commandments while they are still in the lands of their exile, Yahweh will again return to them and do them good. For he will gather them from those locations of exile and return them to their own land. And once in their own land they will continue to observe these very same commandments, and Yahweh will bless them greatly on account of so observing them!

### **Paul Didn't Believe Prophecies In The Scriptures Concerning The Continuing Applicability Of Yahweh's Law By Moses**

This is the prophecy concerning the law contained in the book of the law or the Scriptures! This is the very same book of the law or Scriptures containing the prophecies concerning the Messiah, that Paul used to affirm that Yah'shuah indeed was the Messiah!

But Paul didn't believe the prophecies in the Scriptures concerned with the law's continuing applicability. For Paul taught that it had been abolished, and that it was "the hostility"!

### **Paul DIDN'T Believe All The Scriptures Despite Preaching The Supremacy Of Faith!**

In other words, Paul did NOT believe all the Scriptures, believing only those portions that he wanted to believe, and disbelieving those portions that he did not want to believe! His later ministry days were different from his early ministry days. For in his early ministry days he taught what he had received from others - belief in all the Scriptures. But in his later days, after he had worked more than other apostles, according to his own testimony, he departed from believing all the Scriptures and disbelieved fundamental portions of the Scriptures - those concerned with the continuing applicability of Yahweh's law for his children - the Israelites!

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### Paul Taught REBELLION Against Yahweh's Word

Paul therefore clearly taught REBELLION against Yahweh's word! For he taught Israelites to rebel against Yahweh!

### Yahweh Commands His People To Remember The Law Of Moses Before His Great And Terrible Day

Malachi 4:4-6 reads,

*<sup>4:4</sup>"Remember the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and ordinances. <sup>4:5</sup>Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes. <sup>4:6</sup>He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."*

In Yahweh's prophecy by Malachi he clearly commands remembrance of the law of Moses his servant, which he commanded to Moses in Horeb for all Israel, even all of the law. He speaks this command with respect to the time of the prophet Elijah whom he is to send, before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes. In other words, according to Yahweh, the law of Moses is indeed applicable at the time of the prophet Elijah just before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes.

### Paul Spoke REBELLION Against Yahweh's Word

As matters currently stand the great and terrible day of Yahweh hasn't yet come. This therefore shows that the law of Moses is still applicable at this time, according to Yahweh's word by Malachi. Yet Paul taught that it had been abolished, thereby manifesting his unbelief of Yahweh's prophetic words, and therefore rebellion against Yahweh!

### Yahweh's Word Against Hard-Hearted Rebels

Psalms 95:7-11 reads,

*<sup>95:7</sup>For he is our God.*

*We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

*Today, oh that you would hear his voice!*

*<sup>95:8</sup>Don't harden your heart, as at Meribah,*

*As in the day of Massah in the wilderness,*

*<sup>95:9</sup>When your fathers tempted me,*

*Tested me, and saw my work.*

*<sup>95:10</sup>Forty long years I was grieved with that generation,*

*And said, "It is a people that errs in their heart.*

*They have not known my ways."*

*<sup>95:11</sup>Therefore I swore in my wrath,*

*"They won't enter into my rest."*

Yahweh's word for those who refuse to hear his voice, who harden their hearts, is clear. Such people won't enter into Yahweh's rest!

Paul refused to hear Yahweh's words by Moses and Malachi concerning the continuing applicability of the law of Moses. He spoke contrary to Yahweh's word, teaching his Israelite brethren to rebel against Yahweh! Because he spoke rebellion against Yahweh, disregarding Yahweh's voice, Yahweh's judgement is that he won't enter into Yahweh's rest - unless he truly repented and had a proper change of heart!

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### Paul Refused To Learn The Lesson Yahweh Teaches Human Beings

Deuteronomy 8:2-3 reads,

<sup>8:2</sup>*You shall remember all the way which Yahweh your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not.* <sup>8:3</sup>*He humbled you, and allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you didn't know, neither did your fathers know; that he might make you know that **man does not live by bread only, but by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh does man live.***

Paul refused to learn this lesson contained in the book of the law. For rather than live by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh, Paul taught his Israelite brethren to disobey Yahweh's command to them! Paul taught them to rebel against Yahweh - to forsake living by everything that proceeds out of Yahweh's mouth, but to choose, in their arrogance and rebellion, what portions of Yahweh's word to live by and what portions not to live by!

### Paul Taught Israelites To Be Proud Against Yahweh!

Yahweh taught the children of Israel humility - living by everything that proceeds out of Yahweh's mouth. Paul taught the children of Israel pride and arrogance - rebelling against Yahweh's word and arrogating to themselves what portions of Yahweh's word to live by and what portions not to live by!

Paul's teaching was GREAT REBELLION and EVIL!

### Yahweh's Judgement On The Righteous Who Eventually Rebel Against Him

Ezekiel 33:12-20 reads,

<sup>33:12</sup>*You, son of man, tell the children of your people, **The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his disobedience;** and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turns from his wickedness; **neither shall he who is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sins.*** <sup>33:13</sup>*When I tell the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but in his iniquity that he has committed, therein shall he die.*

<sup>33:14</sup>*Again, when I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; <sup>33:15</sup>if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.* <sup>33:16</sup>*None of his sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him: he has done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.* <sup>33:17</sup>*Yet the children of your people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.* <sup>33:18</sup>*When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he shall even die therein.* <sup>33:19</sup>*When the wicked turns from his wickedness, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.* <sup>33:20</sup>*Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not equal. House of Israel, I will judge you everyone after his ways.*

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### Similarities Between Solomon And Paul

Solomon and Paul are similar in some respects. They started out in serving Yahweh properly, following in the footsteps of those who faithfully served Yahweh before them. They did great works for Yahweh, far and wide. On account of their works for Yahweh, many in the earth, in diverse locations, heard of Yahweh's name and were witnessed to by the works done by their hands. Nevertheless, in their later years, they both departed from Yahweh. They both rebelled against Yahweh's word clearly written in the book of the law.

### Yahweh's Judgement For Solomon And Paul

Yahweh's judgement for righteous people who rebel against him and turn to iniquity is clear - DEATH! None of their righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in the iniquity that they have committed shall they die!

Therefore, unless Solomon and Paul repented of this iniquity prior to the end of their lives in this world, DEATH is their judgement. For they rebelled against Yahweh, thereby showing that their hearts weren't upright and of integrity before Yahweh! Yahweh gave them time to prove to him what was in their hearts, and they showed that they didn't truly love Yahweh with all of their heart, mind and soul! They preferred rebellion rather than submission, preferring pride and arrogance rather than humility!

### Yah'shuah's Judgement Upon The Likes Of Paul

Yah'shuah's judgement upon the likes of Paul is very clear. In Matthew 7 he says that those servants who work iniquity are false prophets, despite their performing many signs and wonders in Yah'shuah's name. On this basis Paul is a false prophet, seeing he worked iniquity, teaching Yahweh's children, Israelites, to rebel against Yahweh! In Matthew 24 **Yah'shuah revealed the purpose of false prophets - to lead many astray, even if possible to lead the elect astray!** Paul therefore taught rebellion in an effort to lead many astray, including the elect! Many today speak very well of Paul. Nevertheless Yah'shuah warned that it is false prophets that people generally speak well of! Yah'shuah's words in Revelation 2 show that Paul was an evil man, having become a false apostle, seeing that he taught rebellion against Yahweh's word! And Yah'shuah's words in Revelation 22 show that because Paul practised falsehood he will be outside Yahweh's city, unless he truly repented!

### Paul Was A Heretic And Anathema Of Christ

It therefore appears that the minority view among believers in Yah'shuah is the correct one with respect to Paul. Paul was a heretic and therefore anathema of Christ! He taught rebellion against Yahweh's word, seeking to lead astray many from the way of Yahweh and Yah'shuah. True followers of Yah'shuah should NOT listen to Paul's rebellious words and should do away with him!

### Another Gifted Servant Of Yahweh Who Rebelled Against Him

Ezekiel 28:11-19 reads,

<sup>28:11</sup> *Moreover the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,* <sup>28:12</sup> *Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and tell him, Thus says the Lord Yahweh: You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.* <sup>28:13</sup> *You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the sardius, the topaz, and*

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*the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the emerald, and gold: the workmanship of your tambourines and of your pipes was in you; in the day that you were created they were prepared. <sup>28:14</sup>You were the anointed cherub who covers: and I set you, so that you were on the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>28:15</sup>You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you. <sup>28:16</sup>By the abundance of your traffic they filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I have cast you as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed you, covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>28:17</sup>Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I have cast you to the ground; I have laid you before kings, that they may see you. <sup>28:18</sup>By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your traffic, you have profaned your sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of you; it has devoured you, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all those who see you. <sup>28:19</sup>All those who know you among the peoples shall be astonished at you: you are become a terror, and you shall nevermore have any being.*

The king of Tyre WAS the anointed cherub who covers, who sealed up the sum, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. He was perfect in his ways from his creation UNTIL unrighteousness was found in him.

### Why The King Of Tyre Turned Against Yahweh

His heart became lifted up, and turned against Yahweh, on account of his beauty. He corrupted his wisdom on account of his brightness.

His latter works were therefore unrighteous, violent, sinful, corrupt, iniquitous and profane, despite his former works having been perfect and righteous and holy!

### Even Gifted Anointed Cherubs Faithfully Serving Yahweh Can Rebel Against Him

It is therefore clear that even an anointed cherub endowed with all the resources that the king of Tyre was endowed with is not guaranteed to remain faithful to Yahweh, despite beginning his service in a faithful manner and doing so for a considerable period of time. For when such well-endowed people permit their hearts to be lifted up, departing from humility, they eventually turn against Yahweh. Yahweh doesn't force their hearts to act in a given manner. Yahweh allows them to do as their hearts purpose, whether to serve Yahweh in humility or to rebel against Yahweh in pride or upliftment of heart.

### Yahweh's Penalty For Rebel Servants

The penalty Yahweh has spoken against the king of Tyre is the same penalty he speaks against those who depart from humbly serving him in perfection and resort to rebellion against him and iniquity. This penalty is the same whether the person concerned is an anointed cherub or an anointed king of a nation or an anointed servant of his such as an apostle or prophet. This penalty is DEATH - nevermore having any being!

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### **Solomon Was A Human Version Of The Rebellious Anointed Cherub**

Solomon was a human version of the anointed cherub who covered. At a human level he sealed up the sum of wisdom and was endowed with a great amount of riches. He served Yahweh faithfully for a period of time, witnessing Yahweh's name and works among the peoples of the earth living during his time. Nevertheless, his heart became lifted up - possibly on account of his impressive wisdom and understanding. He departed from humbly serving Yahweh and resorted to disregarding Yahweh's words, doing his own thing! Because he lifted up his heart, no longer abiding by Yahweh's word, and doing what seemed right to him, he became a rebel against Yahweh, even as the anointed cherub became a rebel against Yahweh. Yahweh passed judgement against him and removed both him and his kingdom from Yahweh's presence!

### **Paul Was A Human Version Of The Rebellious Anointed Cherub**

Paul was another version of the anointed cherub who covered. At the level of servants of Yah'shuah within his assembly he possessed great wisdom and was endowed with a great ability to propagate Yah'shuah's name among various peoples in the earth during his time and subsequently. He served Yah'shuah faithfully for a period of time. Nevertheless, his heart became lifted up - possibly on account of his great wisdom and the fact that he excelled his contemporary apostles in the numbers brought into belief in Yah'shuah on account of his works. He departed from humbly serving Yah'shuah and resorted to disregarding Yahweh's words, doing his own thing! Because he lifted up his heart, no longer abiding by Yahweh's word, and doing what seemed right to him, he became a rebel against Yahweh, even as the anointed cherub became a rebel against Yahweh. As Yahweh passes judgement against his servants who rebel against him, removing them from his presence and exterminating them, so also will he do to Paul - unless Paul truly repented, from his heart, of his rebellion!