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Pure And undefiled Religion

James 1:26-27 reads,

*^{1:26}If anyone among you thinks himself to be religious, while he doesn't bridle his tongue, but deceives his heart, this man's religion is worthless. ^{1:27}Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this: **to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.***

How does one keep oneself unstained by the world?

The Stained Are Brought Into Contempt

Isaiah 23 reads,

*^{23:1}The burden of Tyre. Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Kittim it is revealed to them. ^{23:2}Be still, you inhabitants of the coast, you whom the merchants of Sidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished. ^{23:3}On great waters the seed of the Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue; and she was the market of nations. ^{23:4}Be ashamed, Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, I have not travailed, nor brought forth, neither have I nourished young men, nor brought up virgins. ^{23:5}When the report comes to Egypt, they shall be sorely pained at the report of Tyre. ^{23:6}Pass over to Tarshish; wail, you inhabitants of the coast. ^{23:7}Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days, whose feet carried her afar off to sojourn? ^{23:8}Who has purposed this against Tyre, the giver of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honorable of the earth? ^{23:9}Yahweh of hosts has purposed it, **to stain the pride of all glory, to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.** ^{23:10}Pass through your land as the Nile, daughter of Tarshish; there is no restraint any more. ^{23:11}He has stretched out his hand over the sea, he has shaken the kingdoms: Yahweh has given commandment concerning Canaan, to destroy the strongholds of it. ^{23:12}He said, You shall no more rejoice, you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon: arise, pass over to Kittim; even there shall you have no rest. ^{23:13}Behold, the land of the Chaldeans: this people was not; the Assyrian founded it for those who dwell in the wilderness; they set up their towers; they overthrew the palaces of it; they made it a ruin. ^{23:14}Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for your stronghold is laid waste. ^{23:15}It shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years it shall be to Tyre as in the song of the prostitute. ^{23:16}Take a harp, go about the city, you prostitute that has been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that you may be remembered. ^{23:17}It shall happen after the end of seventy years, that Yahweh will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her hire, and shall play the prostitute with all the kingdoms of the world on the surface of the earth. ^{23:18}Her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to Yahweh: it shall not be*

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treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for those who dwell before Yahweh, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

23:9 shows that those who are stained are brought into contempt. This implies that to avoid being brought into contempt one should avoid being stained.

Traits Of The Stained

Hosea 6:4-10 reads,

6:4"Ephraim, what shall I do to you?

Judah, what shall I do to you?

***For your love is like a morning cloud,
And like the dew that disappears early.***

*6:5*Therefore I have cut them to pieces with the prophets;

I killed them with the words of my mouth.

Your judgments are like a flash of lightning.

*6:6*For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice;

And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

*6:7*But they, like Adam, have broken the covenant.

They were unfaithful to me, there.

*6:8*Gilead is a city of those who work iniquity;

It is stained with blood.

*6:9*As gangs of robbers wait to ambush a man,

***So the company of priests murder in the way toward Shechem,
Committing shameful crimes.***

*6:10*In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing.

There is prostitution in Ephraim.

Israel is defiled.

There are those who are stained with blood - those who work iniquity. Among the iniquities worked by these are robbery, murder and prostitution. Also, the love of the stained is not a lasting love, being very transient in nature. The stained look to outward form of worship, rather than worshipping from their hearts. For they sacrifice and offer burnt offerings, but do not have mercy or the knowledge of the Mighty One in their hearts. They, like Adam, are unfaithful to Yahweh in that they break Yahweh's covenant.

To Avoid Being Stained By The World

It is therefore imperative that those who seek to be unstained by the world should be righteous before Yahweh, avoiding works of iniquity such as robbery, murder and prostitution, among others. They should also be steadfast in their love, loving Yahweh wholeheartedly, manifesting his mercy and knowing him. They should also be faithful to Yahweh, honouring their covenant with Yahweh.

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Yahweh's Judgements On The Stained

Jude 5-25 reads,

^{1:5}Now I desire to remind you, though you already know this, that **the Lord**, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward **destroyed those who didn't believe.** ^{1:6}**Angels who didn't keep their first domain, but deserted their own dwelling place, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.** ^{1:7}**Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, having, in the same way as these, given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.** ^{1:8}**Yet in like manner these also in their dreaming defile the flesh, despise authority, and slander celestial beings.** ^{1:9}But Michael, the archangel, when contending with the devil and arguing about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him an abusive condemnation, but said, "May the Lord rebuke you!" ^{1:10}**But these speak evil of whatever things they don't know.** What they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, in these things are they destroyed. ^{1:11}**Woe to them! For they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in Korah's rebellion.** ^{1:12}These are hidden rocky reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you, **shepherds who without fear feed themselves;** clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn leaves without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; ^{1:13}wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever. ^{1:14}To these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with ten thousands of his holy ones, ^{1:15}to execute judgment on all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." ^{1:16}**These are murmurers and complainers, walking after their lusts (and their mouth speaks proud things), showing respect of persons for the sake of advantage.**

^{1:17}But you, beloved, remember the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ^{1:18}They said to you that "**In the last time there will be mockers, walking after their own ungodly lusts.**" ^{1:19}**These are they who cause divisions, and are sensual, not having the Spirit.** ^{1:20}But you, beloved, **keep building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.** ^{1:21}**Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.** ^{1:22}**On some have compassion, making a distinction,** ^{1:23}**and some save, snatching them out of the fire with fear, hating even the clothing stained by the flesh.**

^{1:24}Now to him who is able to keep them from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory in great joy, ^{1:25}to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

"The World" Can Mean Peoples Inhabiting The Earth

Psalm 9:7-8 reads,

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^{9:7} *But Yahweh reigns forever.
He has prepared his throne for judgment.*

^{9:8} *He will judge **the world** in righteousness.
He will administer judgment to the peoples in uprightness.*

"The world", as used in 9:8, is synonymous with the peoples inhabiting the earth. "The world" can therefore mean the peoples inhabiting the earth.

"Men Of The World" Are Equated With The Wicked

Psalm 17:13-15 reads,

^{17:13} *Arise, Yahweh,*

*Confront him, cast him down.
Deliver my soul from **the wicked** by your sword;
^{17:14} *From **men** by your hand, Yahweh,**

*From **men of the world**, whose portion is in this life,
Whose belly you fill with your treasure:*

*They are satisfied with children,
Leave the rest of their substance to their babes.*

^{17:15} *As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness;
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with seeing your form.*

David equates "men of the world" with the wicked. He also contrasts these from the righteous. The world, when used in reference to people, implies those who are wicked rather than the righteous.

The World Is Synonymous With The People Inhabiting The Earth

Psalm 96:10-13 reads,

^{96:10} *Say among the nations, "Yahweh reigns."
The world is also established.
It can't be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity.*

^{96:11} *Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.*

Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it!

^{96:12} *Let the field exult, and all that is therein.*

Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy

^{96:13} *Before Yahweh; for he comes,*

For he comes to judge the earth.

***He will judge the world with righteousness,
The peoples with his truth.***

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Yahweh Will Judge The World With Righteousness

Psalm 98:8-9 reads,

^{98:8} *Let the rivers clap their hands.
Let the mountains sing for joy together.*

^{98:9} *Let them sing before Yahweh,
For he comes to judge the earth.*

*He will judge **the world** with righteousness,
And **the peoples** with equity.*

Yahweh Will Punish The World For Their Evil

Isaiah 13:9-12 reads,

^{13:9} *Behold, the day of Yahweh comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to **destroy the sinners of it out of it.** ^{13:10} For the stars of the sky and the constellations of it shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not cause its light to shine. ^{13:11} **I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity: and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.** ^{13:12} I will make a man more rare than fine gold, even a man than the pure gold of Ophir.*

Isaiah also equates the world with sinners - evildoers, the wicked, the arrogant, the proud, the haughty and the terrible.

Sons Of This World Contrasted With Sons Of The Light

Luke 16:8 reads,

^{16:8} *His lord commended **the unrighteous steward** because he had done wisely, for **the sons of this world** are, in their own generation, wiser than **the sons of the light.***

Yah'shuah also contrasted the world with light. Those of the world are the unrighteous. Those of light are the righteous.

The World Did Not Recognise Yah'shuah Its Maker

John 1:6-13 reads,

^{1:6} *There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. ^{1:7} The same came as a witness, that he might testify about the light, that all might believe through him. ^{1:8} He was not the light, but was sent that he might testify about the light. ^{1:9} The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into **the world.***

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^{1:10} He was **in the world**, and **the world was made through him**, and **the world didn't recognize him**. ^{1:11} He came to his own, and those who were his own didn't receive him. ^{1:12} But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God's children, to those who believe in his name: ^{1:13} who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John here equates the world with the people inhabiting the earth.

The World Is Sinful

John 1:29-30 reads,

^{1:29} On the next day, he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away **the sin of the world!**" ^{1:30} This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who is preferred before me, for he was before me.' ^{1:31} I didn't know him, but for this reason I came baptizing in water: that he would be revealed to Israel."

John the Baptist also equated the world with its inhabitants, seeing that it is the inhabitants who are capable of sin, and whose sin can indeed be taken away.

Yahweh Sent Yah'shuah To Save The World

John 3:16-21 reads,

^{3:16} For God so loved **the world**, that he gave his one and only Son, **that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.** ^{3:17} For God didn't send his Son into **the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him.** ^{3:18} **He who believes in him is not judged. He who doesn't believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only born Son of God.** ^{3:19} **This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil.** ^{3:20} **For everyone who does evil hates the light, and doesn't come to the light, for fear that his works would be reproved.** ^{3:21} **But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be revealed, that they have been done in God."**

Yah'shuah again equated the world with its inhabitants, people capable of perishing, of having eternal life, of being judged, of being saved, of believing or not believing, of loving, of conduct or works, etc. He also further equated the world with those men who love darkness rather than light, whose works are evil and fear being reproved.

Yah'shuah Is The Saviour Of The World

John 4:39-42 reads,

^{4:39} From that city many of the Samaritans believed in him because of the word of the woman, who testified, 'He told me everything that I did.'" ^{4:40} So when the

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*Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed there two days. ^{4:41}Many more believed because of his word. ^{4:42}They said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of your speaking; for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed **the Christ, the Savior of the world.**"*

The Samaritans also equated the world with its inhabitants - those capable of being saved by the Christ.

The World Includes The Jews

John 7:1-8 reads,

*^{7:1}After these things, Jesus walked in Galilee, for he would not walk in Judea, because **the Jews sought to kill him.** ^{7:2}Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was at hand. ^{7:3}His brothers therefore said to him, "Depart from here, and go into Judea, that your disciples also may see your works which you do. ^{7:4}**For no one does anything in secret, and himself seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, reveal yourself to the world.**" ^{7:5}For even his brothers didn't believe in him.*

*^{7:6}Jesus therefore said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. ^{7:7}**The world can't hate you, but it hates me, because I testify about it, that its works are evil.** ^{7:8}You go up to the feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, because my time is not yet fulfilled."*

Both Yah'shuah and his brothers equated the world with the people inhabiting it, such as the Jews. Yah'shuah further narrowed down the world to mean those who hated him, those whose works are evil.

The World Is In Darkness

John 8:12 reads,

*^{8:12}Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life.**"*

The world is made up of those capable of following Yah'shuah.

Yah'shuah Communicated Yahweh's Words To The World

John 8:25-26 reads,

^{8:25}They said therefore to him, "Who are you?"

*Jesus said to them, "**Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.** ^{8:26}**I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you. However he who sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these I say to the world.**"*

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The people Yah'shuah spoke the words that he had heard from the Father are the ones he called the world. The world is basically made up of its inhabitants, who are generally doers of evil.

Yah'shuah Lit Up The World When He Was Present On The Earth

John 9:1-5 reads,

^{9:1}As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ^{9:2}His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

^{9:3}Jesus answered, "Neither did this man sin, nor his parents. But, that the works of God might be revealed in him, ^{9:4}I must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day. The night is coming, when no one can work. ^{9:5}**When I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**"

9:5 can also be rendered, "when I am among the inhabitants of the earth, I am the light of the inhabitants of the earth."

Sceptics In The World Do Not Believe The Words That The Father Sends To Them

John 10:34-38 reads,

^{10:34}Jesus answered them, "Isn't it written in your law, 'I said, you are gods?'" ^{10:35}If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture can't be broken), ^{10:36}Do you say of him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You blaspheme,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God?' ^{10:37}If I don't do the works of my Father, don't believe me. ^{10:38}But if I do them, though you don't believe me, believe the works; that you may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

Among "the world" are sceptics - those who do not believe the words that the Father has sent to them through his servants.

The World Can Be Swayed By Signs And Wonders

John 12:12-19 reads,

^{12:12}On the next day a **great multitude** had come to the feast. When they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ^{12:13}they took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet him, and cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

^{12:14}Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it. As it is written, ^{12:15}"Don't be afraid, daughter of Zion. Behold, your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt." ^{12:16}His disciples didn't understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him, and that they had done these things to him. ^{12:17}**The multitude therefore that**

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was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, was testifying. ^{12:18}For this cause also the multitude went and met him, because they heard that he had done this sign. ^{12:19}The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "See how you accomplish nothing. Behold, the world has gone after him."

The Pharisees equated the world with the multitude that had gone after Yah'shuah.

Those Who Believe In Yah'shuah Depart From The Darkness Of The World

John 12:44-50 reads,

^{12:44}Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me, but in him who sent me. ^{12:45}He who sees me sees him who sent me. ^{12:46}I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness. ^{12:47}If anyone listens to my sayings, and doesn't believe, I don't judge him. For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. ^{12:48}He who rejects me, and doesn't receive my sayings, has one who judges him. The word that I spoke, the same will judge him in the last day. ^{12:49}For I spoke not from myself, but the Father who sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. ^{12:50}I know that his commandment is eternal life. The things therefore which I speak, even as the Father has said to me, so I speak."

Not All In The World Belong To The World

John 13:1 reads,

^{13:1}Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that his time had come that he would depart out of this world to his Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

13:1 can also read, "now before the feast of the Passover, Yah'shuah knowing that his time had come that he would depart out from among the people inhabiting this earth to his Father, having loved his own who were among the people inhabiting this earth, he loved them to the end".

The World Does Not Receive Attributes Of Righteousness

John 14:15-21 reads,

^{14:15}If you love me, keep my commandments. ^{14:16}I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever, — ^{14:17}the Spirit of truth, whom the world can't receive; for it doesn't see him, neither knows him. You know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you. ^{14:18}I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you. ^{14:19}Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more; but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also. ^{14:20}In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ^{14:21}One who has my commandments, and keeps them, that

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person is one who loves me. One who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him."

The world - the people inhabiting this earth who do not keep Yah'shuah's commandments, are contrasted with those who inhabit this earth but keep Yah'shuah's commandments - those who love Yah'shuah.

The World Has Its Prince

John 14:22-31 reads,

^{14:22}Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, what has happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?"

*^{14:23}Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him. ^{14:24}He who doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word which you hear isn't mine, but the Father's who sent me. ^{14:25}I have said these things to you, while still living with you. ^{14:26}But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I said to you. ^{14:27}Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, give I to you. Don't let your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful. ^{14:28}You heard how I told you, 'I go away, and I come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I said 'I am going to my Father;' for the Father is greater than I. ^{14:29}Now I have told you before it happens so that, when it happens, you may believe. ^{14:30}I will no more speak much with you, for **the prince of the world** comes, and he has nothing in me. ^{14:31}But that **the world** may know that I love the Father, and as the Father commanded me, even so I do. Arise, let us go from here.*

The world is made up of those people who do not keep Yah'shuah's commandments, those people who do not love Yah'shuah. These people who do not love Yah'shuah have a prince - Satan!

The World Hates Those Who Belong To Righteousness

John 15:17-25 reads,

*^{15:17}"I command these things to you, that you may love one another. ^{15:18}If **the world** hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. ^{15:19}If you were of **the world**, **the world** would love its own. But because you are not of **the world**, since I chose you out of **the world**, therefore **the world** hates you. ^{15:20}Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his lord.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will keep yours also. ^{15:21}But all these things will they do to you for my name's sake, because they don't know him who sent me. ^{15:22}If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. ^{15:23}He who hates me, hates my Father also. ^{15:24}If I hadn't done among them the works which no one else did, they wouldn't have had sin. But now have they seen and also hated both me and my Father. ^{15:25}But that the*

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word may be fulfilled which was written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.'

Among "the world" - those who do not love Yah'shuah and do not keep his commandments, were the Jews living during the time that he lived.

The Counsellor Convicts The World About Sin

John 16:7-11 reads,

*^{16:7}Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I don't go away, the Counselor won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ^{16:8}When he has come, he will convict **the world** about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment; ^{16:9}about sin, because **they** don't believe in me; ^{16:10}about righteousness, because I am going to my Father, and you see me no more; ^{16:11}about judgment, because **the prince of this world** has been judged.*

The World Rejoiced When Yah'shuah Was Killed

John 16:19-22 reads,

*^{16:19}Therefore Jesus perceived that they wanted to ask him, and he said to them, "Do you inquire among yourselves concerning this, that I said, 'A little while, and you won't see me, and again a little while, and you will see me?'" ^{16:20}Most assuredly I tell you, that you will weep and lament, but **the world** will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. ^{16:21}A woman, when she gives birth, has sorrow, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she doesn't remember the anguish any more, for the joy that a human being is born into the world. ^{16:22}You therefore now have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.*

Yah'shuah Visited The World For A Season

John 16:28 reads,

*^{16:28}I came out from the Father, and have come into **the world**. Again, I leave **the world**, and go to the Father."*

The Righteous Have Oppression In The World

John 16:33 reads,

*^{16:33}I have told you these things, that in me you may have peace. **In the world** you have oppression; but cheer up! **I have overcome the world.**"*

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Those Belonging To Yah'shuah Are The Redeemed From The World

John 17 reads,

^{17:1} Jesus said these things, and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify you; ^{17:2} even as you gave him authority over all flesh, that to all whom you have given him, he will give eternal life. ^{17:3} This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Jesus Christ. ^{17:4} I glorified you on the earth. I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do. ^{17:5} Now, Father, glorify me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world existed. ^{17:6} I revealed your name to the people whom you have given me out of **the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me.** They have kept your word. ^{17:7} Now they have known that all things whatever you have given me are from you, ^{17:8} for the words which you have given me I have given to them, and they received them, and knew for sure that I came forth from you, and they believed that you sent me. ^{17:9} I pray for them. **I don't pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.** ^{17:10} All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ^{17:11} **I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I am coming to you.** Holy Father, keep them through your name which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are. ^{17:12} **While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name.** Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ^{17:13} But now I come to you, **and I say these things in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves.** ^{17:14} I have given them your word. **The world hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.** ^{17:15} **I pray not that you would take them from the world, but that you would keep them from the evil one.** ^{17:16} **They are not of the world even as I am not of the world.** ^{17:17} Sanctify them in your truth. Your word is truth. ^{17:18} **As you sent me into the world, even so I sent them into the world.** ^{17:19} For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. ^{17:20} Neither for these only do I pray, but for those also who believe in me through their word, ^{17:21} that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us; **that the world may believe that you sent me.** ^{17:22} The glory which you have given me, I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one; ^{17:23} I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one; **that the world may know that you sent me, and loved them, even as you loved me.** ^{17:24} Father, I desire that they also whom you have given me be with me where I am, that they may see my glory, which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world. ^{17:25} Righteous Father, **the world didn't know you, but I knew you; and these knew that you sent me.** ^{17:26} I made known to them your name, and will make it known; that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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Those To Belong To Yah'shuah Must Cease To Hate Him And Begin To Love Him

17:6 notes that Yah'shuah's people came from "the world" - the group of people who do not love Yah'shuah and therefore do not keep Yah'shuah's commandments. In other words, those who are Yah'shuah's people must cease to hate Yah'shuah and commence to love him. They must cease to break his commandments and must commence and remain in keeping his commandments.

All Human Beings Belong To Yahweh

It should also be noted from 17:6 that all human beings, whether or not they love Yah'shuah, belong to Yah'shuah's Father - Yahweh. Those who believe in Yah'shuah, those who love Yah'shuah, those who keep Yah'shuah's commandments, he gives to Yah'shuah. Seeing that not all human beings currently believe in, love or keep Yah'shuah's commandments, it is indeed the case that not all human beings have yet been given to Yah'shuah.

Humans Belonging To Yah'shuah Still Belong To Yahweh

17:9 notes that the people who love Yah'shuah, whom Yahweh gives to Yah'shuah, do not cease being Yahweh's. In other words, whereas before they loved Yah'shuah they belonged to Yahweh and not to Yah'shuah, after they commenced to love Yah'shuah they belonged to both Yahweh and Yah'shuah. In other words, their ownership is now shared between both Yahweh and Yah'shuah, whereas before their love for Yah'shuah, the latter did not have ownership rights over them.

Yah'shuah's People Are Kept In The Father's Name

17:12 shows that the manner Yah'shuah kept those whom the Father had given him was in the name of the Father. Following Yah'shuah's example, those who belong to Yah'shuah should ensure that they be kept in the Father's name.

For Preservation In Salvation One Must Be Kept In The Father's Name

It should be noted that an effect of being kept in the Father's name is preservation in salvation - preservation in the fold of the Saviour - Yah'shuah. It therefore appears that for one to be and remain saved one must be kept or preserved in the Father's name.

How is one who belongs to Yah'shuah kept in the Father's name?

Yah'shuah Did Not Forget His Saving Objective When Dealing With The World

17:21 notes an objective of the various requests in Yah'shuah's prayer to his Father - that the world may believe that he, the Father, sent Yah'shuah. In other words, the various works that Yah'shuah undertook were calculated to facilitate in those who did not love Yah'shuah coming round to loving Yah'shuah, keeping Yah'shuah's commandments, believing in Yah'shuah, and thereby being saved from everlasting death, being given, instead, everlasting life! In other words, Yah'shuah did not forget his objective in coming into the world - among

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those who hated him. He came among those who hated him that he may save them from everlasting death, giving them, instead, everlasting life!

Yah'shuah's Disciples Should Act To Facilitate The Salvation Of The World

Learning from Yah'shuah his disciples should do as he did. They should undertake their various works to facilitate those who hate Yah'shuah coming round to believing in Yah'shuah, doing Yah'shuah's commandments, and loving Yah'shuah. In this these who hate Yah'shuah move from their state of everlasting death into the state of everlasting life.

Those Who Hate Yah'shuah Do Not Keep His Commandments

17:23 reiterates the objective in 17:21 - the salvation of the world - those who hate Yah'shuah and do not observe Yah'shuah's commandments.

Being Religious Does Not Exclude One From Belonging To The World

John 18:20-21 reads,

*^{18:20}Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to **the world**. I always taught **in synagogues, and in the temple, where the Jews always meet**. I said nothing in secret. ^{18:21}Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them. Behold, these know the things which I said."*

Yah'shuah here equated the world with the Jews - those who met in synagogues and in the temple. In other words, just because a group of people regularly attend religious services does not exclude them from belonging to the world - belonging to the group of people who hate Yah'shuah, who do not believe in him and who do not do his commandments!

In The World Exist Those Who Are Of Truth And Those Who Are Not Of Truth

John 18:36-37 reads,

*^{18:36}Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of **this world**. If my kingdom were of **this world**, then my servants would fight, that I wouldn't be delivered to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not **from here**."*

^{18:37}Pilate therefore said to him, "Are you a king then?"

*Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. To this end I have been born, and to this end I have come into **the world**, that I should testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."*

Yah'shuah contrasts those who are of the truth from those of the world. In other words, in the world are two groups of people - those who belong to the truth and those who do not so belong. Those who do not so belong are those who hate Yah'shuah, who do not believe in him and who do not love him. Those who belong to the truth are those who are redeemed

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from the world, coming to believe in Yah'shuah, coming to love Yah'shuah and coming to observe Yah'shuah's commandments.

Worldly Traits And Yahweh's Judgement Upon Those Who Hold Such Traits

James 4:1-10 reads,

^{4:1}Where do wars and fightings among you come from? Don't they come from your pleasures that war in your members? ^{4:2}You lust, and don't have. You kill, covet, and can't obtain. You fight and make war. Yet you don't have, because you don't ask. ^{4:3}You ask, and don't receive, because you ask amiss, so that you may spend it for your pleasures. ^{4:4}You adulterers and adulteresses, don't you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ^{4:5}Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who lives in us yearns jealously"? ^{4:6}But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ^{4:7}Be subject therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{4:8}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ^{4:9}Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to gloom. ^{4:10}Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Yah'shuah The Atoning Sacrifice For The Sins Of All In The World

1 John 2:1-6 reads,

*^{2:1}My little children, I write these things to you so that you may not sin. If anyone sins, we have a Counselor with the Father, **Jesus Christ, the righteous**. ^{2:2}And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world. ^{2:3}This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commandments. ^{2:4}He who says, "I know him," and doesn't keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ^{2:5}But whoever keeps his word, God's love has most assuredly been perfected in him. This is how we know that we are in him: ^{2:6}he who says he remains in him ought himself also to walk just like he walked.*

Why You Should Not Love The World

1 John 2:15-17 reads,

^{2:15}Don't love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him. ^{2:16}For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's, but is the world's. ^{2:17}The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God's will remains forever.

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The Way Of The World Contrastd Against The Way Of Righteousness

1 John 3 reads,

^{3:1}Behold, how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! **For this cause the world doesn't know us, because it didn't know him.** ^{3:2}Beloved, now we are children of God, and it is not yet revealed what we will be. But we know that, when he is revealed, we will be like him; for we will see him just as he is. ^{3:3}**Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure.** ^{3:4}**Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness.** ^{3:5}**You know that he was revealed to take away our sins, and in him is no sin.** ^{3:6}**Whoever remains in him doesn't sin. Whoever sins hasn't seen him, neither knows him.** ^{3:7}Little children, let no one lead you astray. **He who does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.** ^{3:8}**He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of God was revealed, that he might destroy the works of the devil.** ^{3:9}**Whoever is born of God doesn't commit sin, because his seed remains in him; and he can't sin, because he is born of God.** ^{3:10}**In this the children of God are revealed, and the children of the devil. Whoever doesn't do righteousness is not of God, neither is he who doesn't love his brother.** ^{3:11}For this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that **we should love one another;** ^{3:12}unlike Cain, who was of the evil one, and killed his brother. Why did he kill him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous. ^{3:13}**Don't be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.** ^{3:14}We know that we have passed out of death into life, because **we love the brothers.** He who doesn't love his brother remains in death. ^{3:15}**Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.** ^{3:16}By this we know love, because he laid down his life for us. **We ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.** ^{3:17}**But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his compassion from him, how does the love of God remain in him?** ^{3:18}My little children, **let's not love in word only, neither with the tongue only, but in deed and truth.** ^{3:19}And by this we know that we are of the truth, and persuade our hearts before him, ^{3:20}because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ^{3:21}Beloved, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have boldness toward God; ^{3:22}and whatever we ask, we receive from him, because **we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight.** ^{3:23}**This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he commanded.** ^{3:24}He who keeps his commandments remains in him, and he in him. By this we know that he remains in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

Worldly Spirits Masquerading As Spirits Of Truth

1 John 4:1-6 reads,

^{4:1}Beloved, **don't believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.** ^{4:2}By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ^{4:3}and every spirit who doesn't confess that Jesus

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Christ has come in the flesh is not of God, and this is the spirit of the antichrist, of whom you have heard that it comes. Now it is in the world already. ^{4:4}*You are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world.* ^{4:5}*They are of the world. Therefore they speak of the world, and the world hears them.* ^{4:6}*We are of God. He who knows God listens to us. He who is not of God doesn't listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*

How To Overcome The World

1 John 5:1-5 reads,

^{5:1}*Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. Whoever loves the father also loves the child who is born of him.* ^{5:2}*By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments.* ^{5:3}*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. His commandments are not grievous.* ^{5:4}*For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: your faith.* ^{5:5}*Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

The Whole World Lies In The Power Of The Evil One

1 John 5:14-21 reads,

^{5:14}*This is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he listens to us.* ^{5:15}*And if we know that he listens to us whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him.* ^{5:16}*If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life for those who sin not to death. There is a sin leading to death. I don't say that concerning this he should make a request.* ^{5:17}*All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.* ^{5:18}*We know that whoever is born of God doesn't sin, but he who was born of God keeps himself, and the evil one doesn't touch him.* ^{5:19}*We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.* ^{5:20}*We know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, that we know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.* ^{5:21}*Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

Deceivers Are Operating In The World

2 John 6-11 reads,

^{1:6}*This is love, that we should walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.* ^{1:7}*For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who don't confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the Antichrist.* ^{1:8}*Watch yourselves, that we don't lose the things which we have accomplished, but that we receive a full reward.* ^{1:9}*Whoever transgresses*

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and doesn't remain in the teaching of Christ, doesn't have God. He who remains in the teaching, the same has both the Father and the Son. ^{1:10}If anyone comes to you, and doesn't bring this teaching, don't receive him into your house, and don't welcome him, ^{1:11}for he who welcomes him participates in his evil works.

The World Encompasses Those Who Dwell On The Earth

Revelation 3:10 reads,

*^{3:10}Because you kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that which is to come on **the whole world**, to test **those who dwell on the earth**.*

The Deceiver Of The Whole World

Revelation 12:7-9 reads,

*^{12:7}There was war in the sky. Michael and his angels made war on the dragon. The dragon and his angels made war. ^{12:8}They didn't prevail, neither was a place found for him any more in heaven. ^{12:9}**The great dragon was thrown down, the old serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.***

CONCLUSION

James 1:26-27 reads,

*^{1:26}If anyone among you thinks himself to be religious, while he doesn't bridle his tongue, but deceives his heart, this man's religion is worthless. ^{1:27}Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this: **to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.***

How does one keep oneself unstained by the world?

In the world exist sin and unrighteousness, faithlessness and callousness. These are the stains of the world. To avoid being stained by the world one must cease from these stains or worldly ways. One must believe in Yah'shuah as Yahweh's anointed or Christ/Messiah. One must love Yah'shuah, and manifest this love by observing Yah'shuah's commandments, which are, in reality, Yahweh's commandments, seeing that Yah'shuah does not speak his own words, but only what he receives and hears from his Father Yahweh.