MIQDASH BETHEL COVENANT INSTITUTION

A LETTER OF LOVE TO THOSE STILL IN THE HOUSE OF YAHWEH

From Kepha Arcemont, who served among you as Deacon, Elder, and Judge
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To my brothers and sisters in Clyde and Abilene, to the Elders who serve there, and to my own son among them:

Shalom (peace). I am writing because **Yahweh** commands it of me.

> ***"Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart; thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbour, and not bear sin because of him."*** **Leviticus 19:17**

To know what I know and keep quiet would be the hatred that verse forbids. So I am going to tell you the truth as plainly as I can, and I ask one thing of you: read to the end before you decide what I am.

I. YOU KNOW WHO I AM

I am not a stranger, and I am not someone who never believed. My first Feast was Pentecost of 1987. I pitched a small tent on the feast grounds on T&P Lane and was baptized at that Feast. I was ordained a Deacon at Unleavened Bread in 1988, an Elder at Tabernacles in 1989, and a Judge in 1991. I helped build the sanctuary you sit in. I taught your children at the Yliyah School, served as the Principal for years, baptized some of you, counseled some of you, and wrote commentaries on the laws in the first two law books, called "The Books of Life." I was assigned the laws for the 1st one! For twenty-one years I gave that work everything I had, and I was never paid a salary for it.

I also have things to answer for. I gave counsel I regret. I carried out instructions I should have questioned. I put people out because I was told to. If I wronged you or your family, I ask for your forgiveness.

II. WHAT YOU CAME LOOKING FOR WAS GOOD

You came for the Name of **Yahweh** and for His laws. So did I. That hunger was right then and it is right now. The people I met on those grounds were some of the finest I have ever known, and many of you still are. Nothing in this letter asks you to give up the Sabbath, the Feasts, the Name, or the

covenant. I keep them still. I am asking you to examine one thing only: **the man you were told to follow**.

III. THE TEST YAHWEH GAVE US

Yahweh did not leave us to guess whether a man speaks for Him. He gave the test Himself.

> ***"And if thou say in thy heart: 'How shall we know the word which Yahweh hath not spoken?' When a prophet speaketh in the name of Yahweh, if the thing follows not, nor comes to pass, that is the thing which Yahweh hath not spoken; the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him."***
> **Deuteronomy 18:21-22**

That is the whole test, and it is not mine. Now set the record beside it. You do not need a newspaper for this. Many of you were there.

October 2000. In the 1990s we were told the tribulation would end in nuclear fire by October of 2000. It did not.

September 12, 2006. On The Prophetic Word broadcast he said, ***"Write down this date. September 12, nuclear war. Prophecy shows that nuclear war will start September 12, 2006."*** The day came. Brethren in Kenya sat in shelters wearing gas masks. Nothing happened.

June 12, 2007. Then we were told the war had only begun to grow that day, a ***"nuclear baby"*** that would take nine months to be born. Nothing happened.

June 12, 2008. Then he gave that date on national television and said, ***"It could be turned loose before then."*** Nothing happened.

Today. As I write, the House's own website says **Yahweh** ***"held back"*** the nuclear baby and that ***"it will be turned loose soon."*** We were told that back in 2006!

Each time the date passed, the date was moved and the explanation changed. But the test **Yahweh** gave makes no allowance for a moved date: ***"if the thing follows not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which Yahweh hath not spoken."***

Then consider the office he claimed. We were taught that he and his brother Jacob were the two witnesses. Jacob died on March 22, 1991. I was an Elder then, I remember Yisrayl calling the Elders together at the old sanctuary to test our unity. Within months we were handed rewritten pages to put

into our Books of Yahweh so that the prophecy would still fit. I still have my original BOY, 1987 Goatskin edition! I had my doubts, and I swallowed them. Thirty years later, on October 8, 2021, Yisrayl Hawkins died at his home in Clyde at the age of eighty-seven, as every man dies.

Read for yourselves the chapter he built that office on, the eleventh chapter of Revelation. I do not cite it as my authority. I cite it because it was his. Its two witnesses are killed together, lie in the street of one city for three days and a half, and stand on their feet again. One brother died of cancer in 1991. The other died thirty years after him, also with cancer. Both are in the grave.

I say this without anger, and I will say it plainly. **Yisrayl Hawkins was a false prophet**. Not because Elder Kepha Arcemont says so, but because the word he spoke in the name of **Yahweh** did not come to pass, and **Yahweh** has told us what that means.

> ***"I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied."*** **Jeremiah 23:21**

IV. THE FRUIT OF THE SHEPHERD

> ***"Woe unto the shepherds of Israel that have fed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the sheep?"*** **Ezekiel 34:2**

Measure the shepherd by that chapter. What follows is public record, not rumor.

2008 and 2009. He was arrested in February 2008. In October 2009 he pleaded no contest to four counts of child labor violations involving children working on House of Yahweh and Yisrayl Hawkins properties, and he was fined and placed on probation. The bigamy counts were dismissed as part of that plea. I left for several reasons: to protect Yisrayl Hawkins, the House of Yahweh, and my family!

October 2008. Elder Yedidiyah (I was one of his counselors, a dear friend, and my brother in law) was convicted by a Callahan County jury of aggravated sexual assault of a child and sentenced to thirty years in prison. The court of appeals upheld the conviction in 2010. When I began asking questions about that case, as a Judge of the House, I was not told the truth. I was lied to by Elder Parayah Thornton, who admitted this lie in front of Elder Benyamin Napoleon! On the third day of Tabernacles in 2011 I was stopped at the gate and turned away, by my closest friends, Elder Shaul Schneider, Elder Michael Sheets (who I have known since 1974) Elder Mattithyah Stubbs,

Elder Chizqiyah Palmer Hawkins, and Elder Tsephanyah Owens, with my wife and children behind me. 4 of those Elders are dead and yet I am still alive!

After his death. A will was filed in Callahan County leaving ***"everything that I own"*** to the House. The heirs contesting it told the court that he held more than two hundred properties and more than five million dollars in assets.

Now set that beside what you know from your own lives. In all my years there I, and my wife Judge Shandra Arcemont was never paid, and I was far from the only one. I counseled Deacon Charlie Vance whose wife earned twenty-five dollars a week in the Work and was made to pay back a shortage of $5.00 that she did not cause. And when it was found out they made a mistake, they did not give her back her $5.00! A wall was raised down the middle of the sanctuary between husbands and wives, that I myself was in charge of building! Our confessions were written down and kept. Why? We were taught to turn our faces from those who left, even our own family. I did that to my own mother and 4 sisters because they left the HOY! Which of these did **Yahweh** command? The prophet **Ezekiel** has the words for it: ***"with force have ye ruled over them and with rigour"*** (**Ezekiel 34:4**). I say these things to my own shame! And I did them because that is what Yisrayl Hawkins said to do! And I believed him!

V. LEAVING A MAN IS NOT LEAVING YAHWEH

You have been told there is nowhere else to go. You have been told that those outside are fall-aways, and that salvation is found in one place, under one man. I believed it too. The day I was turned away I drove back down Oak Forest Road weeping, because I thought I had been shut out from **Yahweh**. I had not been!

> ***"For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not too hard for thee, neither is it far off. ... But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it."*** **Deuteronomy 30:11, 14**

The covenant was never deeded to a corporation. When I got a copy of the HOY charter, I was stunned and confused! In the charter it states: **The House of Yahweh is a Christian church for the worship of God!** At the time I didn't understand how true that was until I was told to leave! In 2008 I stood at Tel Arad in Israel, where the words ***"House of Yahweh"*** were found written on a piece of pottery some twenty-six centuries old. That name belonged to **Yahweh** long before anyone filed a charter in Texas, and it belongs to every household that keeps His covenant. Jacob Hawkins read the article of

that ostraca being found in the Jerusalem Post 34 years earlier! But he never went there to see the place, I did!

> ***"Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from Yahweh. ... Blessed is the man that trusteth in Yahweh, and whose trust Yahweh is."*** **Jeremiah 17:5, 7**

> ***"Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his dust; in that very day his thoughts perish."*** **Psalms 146:3-4**

Keep the Sabbath. Keep the Feasts. Keep His Name. Lay down only the man.

VI. TO THE ELDERS, AND TO MY SON

To the Elders: I sat where you sit. I know what it is to defend a thing you have begun to doubt, when your house, your living, and your family are all inside the gate. I hold nothing against the men who turned me away. They believed they were doing right, as I did when I gave the same kind of order. But you will answer to **Yahweh** for the flock, and not to the memory of a man.

> ***"After Yahweh your Elohim shall ye walk, and Him shall ye fear, and His commandments shall ye keep, and unto His voice shall ye hearken, and Him shall ye serve, and unto Him shall ye cleave."*** **Deuteronomy 13:4 [Hebrew 13:5]**

To my son Elder Mattithyah Arcemont Hawkins: you were two years old when I brought you onto those feast grounds at Pentecost in 1987. **I brought you there.** Whatever stands between us now, that part is mine to carry. I am not asking you to agree with me. I am telling you that my door is open to you today and every day, with no condition on it.

> ***"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers."*** **Malachi 4:6 [Hebrew 3:24]**

VII. WHAT I ASK OF YOU

I am not asking you to follow me. I have vowed never again to follow a man blindly, and I would not have you follow me that way either. I am not asking for money, and I never will. I ask three things.

First. Write the dates down, each one, and read **Deuteronomy 18:20-22** beside them.

Second. Read **Deuteronomy 13**, **Jeremiah 23**, and **Ezekiel 34** by yourself, with no man's commentary in your hand, and ask **Yahweh** to show you what is so.

Third. Ask one honest question out loud, and watch what happens to the one who asks. A house that belongs to **Yahweh** has nothing to fear from a question.

If you want to talk, write to me. I will answer you, I will keep your confidence, and I will never shame you for the years you gave. You gave them to **Yahweh** in good faith, and He knows it.

> ***"And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart."*** **Jeremiah 29:13**

With love, in the Name of **Yahweh**,

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