

What does the Bible say about **WORSHIP**, what it is,
how is it performed?

Worship

Bible studies on **WORSHIP**, writing what I feel the lord
says to me, each time the word **WORSHIP** (*or the
derivatives of the word*) occurs in the Scriptures.

Preface

We all know what **WORSHIP** means, don't we – it means singing praises to the Lord God of Isra'el (*ADONAI*) maybe with our hands raised in the air.....? Is that it? On the last page(s) I write a summary of the studies on the word **WORSHIP** in the Scriptures, and a conclusion (*which will amaze*). I have been told by a Jewish Rabbi that the word translated "**WORSHIP**" and "Bow down" are the same word in Hebrew.....

We have **WORSHIP** services in our Churches, don't we. But what does the Word of God, the Bible, say about, or how does it define **WORSHIP**, and to whom should **WORSHIP** be directed (*or not*)? Well, I think that we all appreciate that it should ONLY be directed to Yod Hey Vav Hey (*the Tetragrammaton name of God, given to Moses and pronounced YahWeh*) ADONAI, Elohim, Yehovah (*an amalgamation of Yod Hey Vav Hey and ADONAI apparently*) the Lord God of Isra'el, the Mighty One of Ya'akov, Lord of Hosts, to give only some of His many names, in another study into the names of ADONAI, in which I have found well over 120 names, titles and attributes of ADONAI. Fortunately, this study, and many others, are on the web site now.

In common with the other several studies I have done so far, each on a single word in the Scriptures, the index is at the beginning instead of more traditionally, at the end, showing the Study number in order to help find what I felt the Lord is saying in each verse involved. I have done this in order that these studies may be used as a source of reference. They are not intended to be used as daily bible study notes, although that is up to the reader. The other Bible studies on a word may be found at:

www.bible-studies-on-a-word.org.uk

where I hope this will join them, a seventh study on a given word in Scripture. Currently, I am doing a further study on a word: **PRAYER** and derivatives of the word, which is now complete and on the web site.

What I have done, is to read the **whole context** of the verse containing the word **WORSHIP** (*and the variants on that word*) then asking the Lord what he is telling me about **WORSHIP** (*and the variants on that word*) in that whole context, often the whole chapter and sometimes even more. Obviously, I quote here, only the verse itself. I have used the Complete Jewish Bible and quoted the verse from that, I also quote the **AV** in parenthesis and italics, below the verse in the **CJB**. So often, the **AV** simply uses the word **WORSHIP** without any explanation of the form of **WORSHIP**. The **CJB** often offers a deeper meaning or form of **WORSHIP**. To find out each occasion the verse in which the word appears in the Bible, I have used my Cruden's Complete Concordance of the Authorised Version – **KJV** – using www.biblegateway.com to cut and paste from into the Studies..

I am, of course, **acutely** aware that my own thoughts have probably intruded in these studies, for which I ask forgiveness, where you may feel that is needed.

This is a means of Bible Study which, I suggest, is an unusual way to study the Bible, finding out what the Lord is saying to you, but there are, of course, many other ways to study the Scriptures – “*yer pays yer money an’ yer takes yer choice,*” so to speak.

May these studies be a source of blessing to all who read, consult or otherwise use them.

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Bible Studies on the word

WORSHIP.

1. **Genesis 22:5:** “Avraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey. I and the boy will go there, **WORSHIP** and return to you.”

(**AV:** *5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and **WORSHIP**, and come again to you.*)

Here both **AV** and **CJB** use the same word. So what do we learn of **WORSHIP** here? The context doesn't tell us precisely, so let us look at what specifically Avraham was about to do. He was going to sacrifice to the living God. So, we see today that sacrificing to the living Lord God, ADONAI, is an act of **WORSHIP**. **WORSHIP** is an action. 26th April 2016

2. **Exodus 24:1:** “To Moshe [**ADONAI**] said, “Come up to **ADONAI** — you, Aharon, Nadav, Avihu, and seventy of the leaders of Isra'el. Prostrate yourselves at a distance,”

(**AV:** *And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and **WORSHIP** ye afar off.*)

Once again, the **AV** doesn't specify what form **WORSHIP** is to take, in this context. Here, in the **CJB**, all these leaders of Isra'el were told to **WORSHIP** **ADONAI** by prostrating themselves whilst Moshe was to go further, to approach **ADONAI** alone, to receive instructions for the people on how they were to live their lives. So what do we see of **WORSHIP** here? Firstly, we see that **WORSHIP** is an action, specifically in this case, to **prostrate** oneself before the Lord God of Isra'el. What does prostrate oneself mean? Normally this is to lay flat on the ground with one's face to the ground, but it could also mean to bow so low that one's face is on the ground. 27th April 2016

3. **Exodus 34:14:** “because you are not to bow down to any other god; since **ADONAI** — whose very name is Jealous — is a jealous God.”

(**AV:** *For thou shalt **WORSHIP** no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:*)

Again, the word **WORSHIP**, in the **AV**, is defined in the **CJB** as a specific action – Bowing. Now, as I understand these things from other Scriptures, this isn't just a gentle bending at the waist! The face is lowered almost, if not totally, down to the ground. This is done in humility to God. This is something we must NEVER do to any other person or object, for, as **the verse** here says, the name of our God is Jealous (**Jehovah Kanna Shemo** meaning “**The Lord whose name is Jealous.**”)! Once more, **WORSHIP** is an action. 28th April 2016

4. **Deuteronomy 4:19:** “For the same reason, do not look up at the sky, at the sun, moon, stars and everything in the sky, and be drawn away to **WORSHIP** and serve them; *ADONAI* your God has allotted these to all the peoples under the entire sky.”

*(AV: And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to **WORSHIP** them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.)*

The Lord God was here instructing Moses and the people of Isra’el, that there is nothing on earth, absolutely nothing that we should **WORSHIP** except Him. In this verse, the Lord was also forbidding any **WORSHIP** of anything in the sky: sun; moon or any of the stars! I can see only one other ‘thing’ we could **WORSHIP**, but I’ll keep that to myself for now. Hopefully, it will come out as these studies continue. Now we do not see here what form of **WORSHIP** to which the Lord was referring, but it could be a form, of which we have not (*yet*) seen in the Scriptures. We have seen in the first 3 studies: sacrifice; prostrating one’s self or bowing to the Lord God of Isra’el.

29th April 2016

5. **Deuteronomy 8:19:** “If you forget *ADONAI* your God, follow other gods and serve and **WORSHIP** them, I am warning you in advance today that you will certainly perish.”

*(AV: And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and **WORSHIP** them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.)*

Verse 11, at the beginning of the paragraph, starts with “Be careful not to forget *ADONAI* your God.....” For me, I can easily find myself so absorbed in in something, that I can (*and do*) forget my God, to my shame. The lesson here for me is to ask the Lord God of Isra’el, to help me keep the **WORSHIP** of Him ever before me. Not easy. It is so easy to think about other things, in effect, gods and so blot *ADONAI* out of our mind. So (“*nu*” in Hebrew) what do I learn of **WORSHIP** in this context? Basically, that my **WORSHIP** of *ADONAI* is to be continuous, non-stop, to be always before me, whatever I am doing. By so doing, acknowledge that it is the Lord God who is giving me that ability to do whatever it is I am doing.

30th April 2016

6. **Deuteronomy 11:16:** “But be careful not to let yourselves be seduced, so that you turn aside, serving other gods and **WORSHIP**ping them.”
(**AV:** *Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and **WORSHIP** them;*)

Well here is a very strongly worded instruction and a warning in the context of **this verse** and in the verse itself! Between the two translations, ‘Seduced’ and ‘Deceived’ are very similar, ‘Seduced’ would seem to be a more subtle form of Deception. The point here is that we can be seduced to **WORSHIP** things, or people or even groups of people, more easily than straightforward deception, which conveys ‘in-your-face.’ Serving (**WORSHIPPING**) other gods doesn’t necessarily mean having a statue before which one would maybe bow in reverence. Many years ago, many people would **WORSHIP** their car. Many **WORSHIP** a pop group, some idolise a sport such as football or cricket, others may **WORSHIP** a sports star or even a preacher! That preacher could be in the form of a Scripture teacher or author. That preacher/teacher/author could be held to be better than others, idolised even, which is a form of **WORSHIP**. This is that for which we must watch out, not be seduced or deceived into **WORSHIPPING** that group or person. We might even be seduced into **WORSHIPPING** an ideology or even a technology. So (“*nu*” again in Hebrew) we learn of **WORSHIP**, that it is to exclusively for one God alone. 1st May 2016

7. **Deuteronomy 17:3:** “by going and serving other gods and **WORSHIPPING** them, the sun, the moon, or anything in the sky — something I have forbidden —“
(**AV:** *And hath gone and served other gods, and **WORSHIPPED** them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;*)

In the last Study, we saw that **WORSHIP** is to be exclusively to or of our Lord God. Now, in this context, we see that there is a punishment for disobeying God’s instruction, and it is a very severe punishment – death! In the previous Study, we saw some of those things which attract our attention and deeds and even our **WORSHIP**. The Lord has just said to me as I type this, that it is even possible to **WORSHIP** the Bible, rather than the Lord God Himself, whose word it is! Oh dear, I didn’t see that one coming! We see here then, that **WORSHIP** is very serious and not to be taken lightly. 2nd May 2016

8. **Deuteronomy 26:10:** “Therefore, as you see, I have now brought the first fruits of the land which you, *ADONAI*, have given me.’ You are then to put the basket down before *ADONAI* your God, prostrate yourself before *ADONAI* your God,”
(**AV:** *And now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and **WORSHIP** before the LORD thy God*)

Once more, we see that the **AV** uses the word **WORSHIP** non-specifically, not telling us the form of **WORSHIP** to be offered to the Lord God. As a result of this, it seems that the actual word, **WORSHIP**, has come to mean, music and singing today, something of which we have seen nothing so far – but, there is a lot more to see in these studies, 188 altogether. In this study, we see again, that **WORSHIP** is an action, in this case, to prostrate oneself (*flat on the ground, face down!*) before the Lord God of Isra’el, having brought to the Lord the first fruits of our lives. We must remember that, for today, we must give thanks to the Lord for all the smallest things He has given us, as well as those which may seem more significant to us. Give thanks, **WORSHIP** God, in and for all things. *3rd May 2016*

9. **Deuteronomy 29:26:** “They went and served other gods, prostrating themselves before them, gods they had not known and which He had not assigned them.”
(**AV:** *For they went and served other gods, and **WORSHIPped** them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them*)

Once again, the **CJB** shows which specific form of **WORSHIP** is shown here in this passage. The Lord is warning the people of Isra’el, his own Chosen Nation, of what will happen to them (*and the Land*) if (*and when*) they go their own way instead of following the Living Lord God of Isra’el. This is in the form of a prophesy, as will be spoken by the other Nations when they see what *ADONAI* has done to His people. It also indicates in **verses 23 and 24**, just how complete will be God’s anger as to what He does to the Land when He throws out His Chosen when they prostrate themselves before gods that they had not known previously. As we have seen in previous Studies here, the Lord God does this because He is a jealous God and will NOT tolerate any “competition,” **WORSHIP** of any entity but of Himself! So, here today, we see that **WORSHIP** is to be exclusively to the living Lord God of Isra’el. *4th May 2016*

10. **Deuteronomy 30:17:** “But if your heart turns away, if you refuse to listen, if you are drawn away to prostrate yourselves before other gods and serve them;”
(**AV:** *But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and **WORSHIP** other gods, and serve them;*)

Here in **verse 15**, we are presented with a choice, life and good or death and evil. The first thing I hear the Lord saying today is that **WORSHIP**, in today’s passage, before anything or any other god is disobedience, effectively choosing death and evil, but to prostrate one’s self before the Lord God, is an act of obedience, choosing life and good. The punishment for this disobedience is very severe! For the Isra’elis, the promise was that they would not live long in the land to which they were going to take possession across the River Jordan (*as given by one sided covenant, irrevocable, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their descendants for ever*) they would perish. For us today, this is just as applicable for those who have given their lives to Jesus and then **WORSHIPED** any other god. **Study Number 6** gives several examples of ‘other gods’ to which we must not offer **WORSHIP!** Thank God for Jesus, who offers forgiveness for our sins.
5th May 2016

11. **I Samuel 1:3:** “This man went up from his city every year to **WORSHIP** and sacrifice to *ADONAI-Tzva’ot* in Shiloh. The two sons of ‘Eli, Hofni and Pinchas, were *cohanim* of *ADONAI* there.”
(**AV:** *³ And this man went up out of his city yearly to **WORSHIP** and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.*)

Today, we see the linking of **WORSHIP** and sacrifice, this time within the same verse. Elkanah was quite obviously a religious man, taking his wives with him to Shiloh, where the Tabernacle was located at the time. We don’t know what distance was involved, but he must have been committed to the Lord God that he carried out this trip every year. It isn’t mentioned what he took with him to sacrifice to the Lord, *ADONAI -Tzva’ot*, as part of his **WORSHIP**. It could well have been a sheep, as we learn in **verses 4 & 5**, that he gave portions of the sacrifice to his wives and the sons and daughters of P’ninah and a double portion to Hannah, who was childless. In **this verse**, **WORSHIP** was to be a regular part of life, presumably, prayer was a daily part of that life, continuing **WORSHIP**, but we are not told that. The offering of the sacrifice was something only to be done at the Tabernacle.
6th May 2016

12. **I Samuel 15:25:** “Now, please, pardon my sin; and come back with me, so that I can **WORSHIP** ADONAI.”
(AV: ²⁵ Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may **WORSHIP** the LORD.)

The context of **this verse** is the whole of **Chapter 15**. I read in **verse 9** that “*they weren’t inclined to destroy these things,*” meaning that the people comprising the Isra’eli army wouldn’t destroy every living thing of the Amalekites, leading Sha’ul to keep the king alive too. This was in total disobedience to the instructions God had commanded through Sh’mu’el, the result of this disobedience we read in this Chapter. (*This disobedience, not destroying ALL Amalek was to come back to bite the Isra’elis as we read in the book of Esther, with Haman, the Agagite – son of Agag the king in this Chapter? After all, Sha’ul only claimed to have destroyed all Amalek. See Smith’s Bible Dictionary*) Sha’ul pleaded with Sh’mu’el for forgiveness of his sins and for him to go with him to Gilgal to **WORSHIP** ADONAI. Sh’mu’el was eventually persuaded to go, but we are not told what form of **WORSHIP** was performed. What I am hearing that the Lord God is saying in **this whole Chapter** is that obedience to the commands of ADONAI, God is a form or manifestation of **WORSHIP** of the living Lord God of Isra’el. So, to **WORSHIP** God, we must obey his commands. So where are these commands? Obviously, the first place to look is in His word, the Scriptures. We may also have prompting in our spirit, or we may have a word from an Elder or Pastor. We must keep awake to read/hear such things, remembering to evaluate them against the Scriptures, as in the case of Prophecies. 7th May 2016

13. **I Samuel 15:30:** “Then Sha’ul said, “I have sinned; but in spite of that, please show me respect now before the leaders of my people and before Isra’el by coming back with me, so that I can **WORSHIP** ADONAI your God.”
(AV: ³⁰ Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may **WORSHIP** the LORD thy God.)

Sha’ul had disobeyed ADONAI and now he knew it in no uncertain fashion from Sh’mu’el. He had bowed to the people’s ways instead of leading them in the complete extermination of Amalek and all their livestock, and so, sinned before ADONAI. However, he was afraid to “lose face” before the people of Isra’el, and hence, was pleading with Sh’mu’el to uphold him before those same people by coming with Sha’ul to **WORSHIP** ADONAI. We only know from the context of this verse, that the form of **WORSHIP** here was to sacrifice animals (*Sheep?*) to the Lord God of Isra’el. Interestingly, Sha’ul knew that ADONAI was not with him, as Sha’ul wanted Sh’mu’el to uphold him, in order that Sha’ul could **WORSHIP** the God of Sh’mu’el, so acknowledging that he had sinned against ADONAI and was not in a condition to **WORSHIP** God himself. 9th May 2016

14. **I Kings 12:30:** “and the affair became a sin, for the people went to **WORSHIP** before the one [in Beit-El and] all the way to Dan [to worship the other].”
(**AV:** ³⁰ *And this thing became a sin: for the people went to **WORSHIP** before the one, even unto Dan.*)

Yorov'am (*Jerobo'am in AV*) in order to stop the 10 tribes returning to Yerushalayim to worship *ADONAI*, the Living Lord God of Isra'el (*in Y'hudah and hence the return to being one nation*) had made 2 Gold Calves (*placed in 2 different places*) for the people of the 10 tribes to **WORSHIP** in either place. This was (*and is today*) a gross sin to **WORSHIP** anyone or thing apart from *ADONAI*. So Isra'el (*the 10 tribes*) became apostate, as they **WORSHIPped** a 'foreign' god. From **Study 10**, we see that Isra'el (*the 10 tribes*) had chosen evil and death, by disobedience to *ADONAI*! We see in **verse 24** of this Chapter, that this split in the whole nation of Isra'el, was God's doing, all as a result of Isra'el following Yorov'am to be their king in place of Rechav'am (*Rehobo'am in AV*) because Rechav'am wouldn't reduce the tax burden on the whole of Isra'el. When Isra'el (*the 10 tribes*) continued to go up to Yerushalayim to **WORSHIP** *ADONAI*, Yorov'am had to do something or he would lose the kingship he had only just gained, so he compounded his sin, by convincing the 10 tribes to sin also. What we learn of **WORSHIP** in this passage, is that it is all too easy to be drawn away to sin by **WORSHIPing** anyone or any other than *ADONAI*. This deception was a ploy of Ha'Satan, of course, to draw them (*and us if we are not very careful*)! 10th May 2016

15. **II Kings 5:18:** “Except this, and may *ADONAI* forgive your servant for it: when my master goes into the temple of Rimmon to **WORSHIP** there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow down in the temple of Rimmon — when I bow down, may *ADONAI* forgive your servant for this.”
(**AV:** ¹⁸ *In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to **WORSHIP** there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.*)

Wow, some demonstration of the repentance of Na'aman after he saw the power of *ADONAI* working in himself! Here, he now acknowledges that there is no other God but *ADONAI*, but realises too that when he returns to Aram, he will be expected to support his king when he goes to **WORSHIP** the, to Na'aman, now a foreign god, he realises that would be dishonouring the living God, *ADONAI*. Elisha tells him that God understands and will not penalise Na'aman for going in with his king, **WORSHIPing** a foreign god – “go in peace,” Elisha tells him. Now, we must understand here, that Elisha is NOT saying that it is OK to **WORSHIP** a foreign god!!!! We must NOT **WORSHIP** any foreign god, to do so would be disobedience to *ADONAI*! I learn of the Lord God here, that He is merciful when we ask things of Him. Not that we should seek permission to **WORSHIP** a foreign god!!! 11th May 2016

16. **II Kings 17:36:** “On the contrary, you are to fear *ADONAI*, who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm. **WORSHIP** Him, and sacrifice to Him.”

(AV: ³⁶ but the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye WORSHIP, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.)

This passage, **verses 29 to 41** is slightly difficult to follow, as to whom it is referring. The people whom Shalman'esar, king of Ashur had brought into the country to replace the Samaritans (*Shomronim*) he had removed to other lands, exiled them, these new people from several other lands, did not know the 'rules' of how to **WORSHIP** *ADONAI*. Their gods, which they had brought with them, had rules on how to appease (by **WORSHIPing**) their gods in specific ways. They had been taught by a cohanim, who had been brought back to Samaria specifically to teach them the ways of *ADONAI*, the Torah and to fear Him. However, they just added *ADONAI* to their 'list' of gods and carried on their pagan ways, as if nothing had changed! They did not fear *ADONAI*, He was just another god to them, so they carried on with their old pagan ways! So what do I learn about **WORSHIP** here? To fear God, *ADONAI*, is to **WORSHIP** Him and Him alone by obedience. To do this is not a question of 'rules!' It is obedience to all His Mitzvah, the Torah and rulings on how to live the whole life, not just a part of it is **WORSHIPing** *ADONAI*.

12th May 2016

17. **II Kings 18:22:** “But if you tell me, ‘We trust in *ADONAI* our God,’ then isn't He the one whose high places and altars Hizkiyahu has removed, telling Y'hudah and Yerushalayim, ‘You must **WORSHIP** before this altar in Yerushalayim?’

(AV: ²² But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall WORSHIP before this altar in Jerusalem?)

Rav-Shakeh had been sent to taunt the Jews, their king, Hizkiyahu in particular, saying that Hizkiyahu had removed all the altars and high places, so how can *ADONAI* now defend the Jews? His taunting continued, referring to relying upon Egypt wasn't much good either. But, Hizkiyahu had (*correctly*) told the Jews that they must only **WORSHIP** *ADONAI* in God's appointed place, Yerushalayim. He was, of course, correct! This is another case, where **WORSHIP** must be done only in accordance with God's precise commands. So **WORSHIP** must be done only where *ADONAI* directs, which in those days, was only in Yerushalayim. Today, we can **WORSHIP** *ADONAI* any time and place, we have freedom of **WORSHIP**. Hallelujah!

13th May 2016

18. **I Chronicles 16:29:** “give *ADONAI* the glory due to His name; bring an offering, and come into His presence. **WORSHIP** *ADONAI* in splendid, holy attire.”
(*AV: 29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: **WORSHIP** the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*)

There are those who would interpret **this verse** as advocating that we can only **WORSHIP** *ADONAI* whilst wearing our “Sunday Best!” Personally, if it is warm enough, I wear shorts and (a usually *‘Isra’el’*) ‘T’ Shirt. I don’t believe that the Lord looks at anything but the heart! Maybe, the “splendid, holy attire” refers to the priestly garments. I write no more here. What is seen here about **WORSHIP** is that it is greatly concerned about giving thanks and bringing an offering to God for all things. The context here is the whole of **this Chapter**, I would recommend reading the **whole chapter** before proceeding. Another aspect of **WORSHIP** in **this passage**, is that for the first time, singing thanks and praise to *ADONAI* is advocated as a form of **WORSHIP**. Very interesting, that not until here in the 18th of these Studies, are music and singing mentioned. This must surely show the relative importance of singing and music as a form of **WORSHIP**, yet in just about the whole Church, singing and music would seem to be the only form of **WORSHIP** to be performed. Something wrong here, I fear. SELAH! (*SELAH* means ‘think about what you have just read’) The first part of **this verse** advocates giving “*ADONAI* the glory due to his name; bring an offering,” as a part of the **WORSHIP** too. Another thought here is that to **WORSHIP** *ADONAI*, we must come into His presence with those offerings and giving glory to Him. So many of the songs we sing (*without giving too much thought*) is about what I or we are doing for/to the Lord. WOW! Much to think about here!

14th May 2016

19. **II Chronicles 32:12:** “Isn’t this the same Hizkiyahu who removed [*your God’s*] high places and altars and ordered Y’hudah and Yerushalayim to **WORSHIP** before one altar and offer sacrifices only on it?”
(*AV: 12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall **WORSHIP** before one altar, and burn incense upon it?*)

This is almost a total repeat of **II Kings 18:22** in **Study 17** above. Here, Sancheriv, king of Ashur, is taunting the Isra’elis and king Hizkiyahu because, as we know and probably they all knew too, that Hizkiyahu had done the right thing, being, as mentioned in **verse 1** of **this chapter**, part of the faithfulness of King Hizkiyahu, as the **WORSHIP** of *ADONAI* should not be anywhere away from Yerushalayim and the Temple. We know from **II Kings 19:35**, that Ashur lost 185,000 men after they besieged Yerushalayim and Sancheriv returned to his own land ‘with his tail between his legs’ and was killed by his own sons, probably because he had lost. As written in **Study 17** above, we do not have a choice, if *ADONAI* says do it this way or here or any other condition, we **MUST WORSHIP** where and when and in the way *ADONAI* lays down. Frank Sinatra sang a song, “I did it my way.” Well, this doesn’t work with our **WORSHIP** of *ADONAI* ! In fact, this is the original sin, which we all commit.

15th May 2016

20. **Psalm 5:7:** “But I can enter Your house because of Your great grace and love; I will bow down toward Your holy temple in reverence for You.”
(*AV: But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I **WORSHIP** toward thy holy temple.*)

Once again, the AV doesn't tell us what form the **WORSHIP** should take. Here, we see that the **WORSHIP** is in the form of bowing down toward the Holy Temple of *ADONAI* in fear and reverence toward Him, and we see that the reason for this is as a result of the “multitude of thy mercy” (*AV*) in the form specified: “because of your great grace and love” (*CJB*). For how king David could and would **WORSHIP** the Lord, we need to refer to the preceding verses of this Psalm, but why his need? To bow down before *ADONAI* the Lord, and asking him to lead him in His righteousness in order to cope with those who seek to entrap him into their evil ways. Following them and their ways would render David unable to enter the Holy Temple or petition *ADONAI*. In and for our daily needs, we need to **WORSHIP** *ADONAI* and seek His righteousness in our own lives, which will help us avoid wrongdoing and those who would try to lead us astray. Thank You Lord, for this revelation. Amen.

17th May 2016

21. **Psalm 22:27:** “All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to *ADONAI*; all the clans of the nations will **WORSHIP** in Your presence.”
(*AV: 27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall **WORSHIP** before thee.*)

Please read the **whole of this Psalm**, it is all about the agonies of Yeshua on the Cross (*prophetically*). King David is crying out to *ADONAI*, who seems not to be hearing his cry. Yet, he knows that *ADONAI* will be **WORSHIP**ed by all the nations after they remember and turn to the Lord God of Isra'el, as in **this verse**. All peoples will **WORSHIP** in His presence, as the **next verse** says, “For the kingdom belongs to *ADONAI*, and he rules the nations.” We know too, that we shall **WORSHIP** Him, now and forever, whatever happens in between. Amen. Hallelujah! 20th May 2016

22. **Psalm 22:29:** “All who prosper on the earth will eat and **WORSHIP**; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him, including him who can't keep himself alive,”
(*AV: 29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and **WORSHIP**: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.*)

It would seem at first glance that **this verse** shows that eating goes with **WORSHIP**, since **WORSHIP**, as in **verse 27** in the previous study, isn't defined here at all. So what does the context tell us? In **verse 26**, we see that “those who seek *ADONAI* will praise Him.” From this, I understand that praise is a form of **WORSHIP**, but this doesn't mention being with music, so this is calling out praise to our God. Also, we see in the latter half of **the verse before us**, that all who die (*before the Lord's return*) will kneel before *ADONAI*, this is believers and non-believers alike, since all die. This suggests that kneeling is also a form of **WORSHIP**. I gather that the non-believers will kneel because they are forced to do so – with a boot on their neck? We who trust in the Lord God of Isra'el, will kneel joyfully before Him. Hallelujah! Amen.

21st May 2016

23. **Psalm 29:2:** “give *ADONAI* the glory due His name; **WORSHIP** *ADONAI* in holy splendour.”

(AV: *2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; WORSHIP the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*)

Here we have not shown/told how to **WORSHIP** but where, or under what circumstances we are to **WORSHIP**. Now does this mean, as some would interpret it, to wear our ‘Sunday best’ when we go to meet the Church? This was covered in **Study 18**, so we will not go any further down that road! No, I feel that the Lord God is referring to the place where **WORSHIP** of *ADONAI* should be carried out or ‘performed.’ It would seem that whilst this might mean the Tabernacle (*in king David’s time*) but for us today, it means our spiritual place or position rather than a physical place or position. Say we are out shopping, our mind would be on for what we are doing in that place – shopping – making sure we don’t forget anything – our mind is on other things then. It is different if we are walking home from the shop/office/what have you/friends alone, then we could be in a spiritual place to **WORSHIP** *ADONAI*, looking at His creation all around us. This may be out loud or just in our hearts, dependent upon who is around us. However, **Psalm 66:18** (*Had I cherished evil thoughts, Adonai would not have listened.*) shows another way of not being in the right ‘place.’

22nd May 2016

24. **Psalm 45:11:** “and the king will desire your beauty; for He is your lord, so honour him.”

(AV: “*So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for He is thy Lord; and WORSHIP thou him.*”)

Here we see that to **WORSHIP** *ADONAI*, is to honour Him. This begs the question of, ‘how do we honour Him?’ Well, firstly, we must realise that He is our Lord, as **this verse** says. For more, we must look at the context, in other words, read **the whole Psalm**, it is only **17 verses** long. After that, **verse 10** is a good start! “Listen, daughter! Think, pay attention! Forget your own people and your father’s house,” it says. WOW! This first half is quite explicit. **Verses 6 to 7a** may be ascribed to Yeshua, as well as to the king at the time, and are a good start to honouring *ADONAI* as well, by acknowledging these things as some of his attributes. For these things, we must honour Him, to **WORSHIP** the Lord God for these things. As the song says: ‘Ascribe greatness to our God the rock.....’ This is part of our honouring *ADONAI* by our **WORSHIP** of Him. Hallelujah! Amen.

23rd May 2016

25. **Psalm 66:4:** “All the earth bows down to You, sings praises to You, sings praises to Your name.”

(AV: “All the earth shall **WORSHIP** thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.”)

Once more, the AV doesn't tell us what form our **WORSHIP** should take. The CJB shows that singing praises to the Lord, to the name of ADONAI is another form of **WORSHIP** (although it mentioned here as a separate item.) “The Name” is in Hebrew, “Ha'Shem.” This is the first time that singing has been mentioned as a form of **WORSHIP**, to ADONAI or anyone/anything else. So singing is one way, of many that we have seen in these Studies, to **WORSHIP** ADONAI. However, here in **this verse**, it is coupled with bowing down. That could be difficult, but that is what the Word of God is saying here.

24th May 2016

26. **Psalm 81:9:** “There is not to be with you any foreign god; you are not to **WORSHIP** an alien god.”

(AV: ⁹ there shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou **WORSHIP** any strange god.)

In this passage, we are given a warning of where our **WORSHIP** (in any form) must NOT be directed! **This verse** itself tells us that we must not even harbour (i.e. keep or have in our presence) much less **WORSHIP** a foreign god! If we do, then, as **verse 12** says, ADONAI will let us go our own ways and reap the consequences. ADONAI longs to give us the very best things in life, as written in **verses 14 to 16**. So, in **this Psalm**, we are warned not to **WORSHIP** any object or person or an even idea (philosophy) other than ADONAI Himself. We saw in **Study 3** that our God is a jealous God and will not tolerate **WORSHIP** of any but Himself. Help me Lord to keep from even looking at any object, person or philosophy but You. Amen.

25th May 2016

27. **Psalm 86:9:** “All the nations You have made will come and bow before You, ADONAI; they will honour Your name.”

(AV: All nations whom thou hast made shall come and **WORSHIP** before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.)

This Psalm commences as a prayer of David, where he is pleading before the Lord God of Isra'el, ADONAI, to hear his plea and answer him (**verses 1 to 3**) at that time of David's day of trouble (**verse 7**). Once again, the AV doesn't tell what form of **WORSHIP** is meant here. We see, in both translations, that all mankind will come and bow down in **WORSHIP** before ADONAI, a form of **WORSHIP** we have seen before in these studies. As **the Psalm** goes on, we also see that David is extolling ADONAI and praising Him, acknowledging that ADONAI is beyond compare and that the nations (all mankind) will eventually come to **WORSHIP** ADONAI (**this verse of this study**). All will bow in **WORSHIP** of ADONAI and will honour Him, which begs the question: will they do it willingly or not?

26th May 2016

28. **Psalm 95:6:** “O come, let us **WORSHIP** and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.”

(AV: *6 O come, let us **WORSHIP** and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.*)

After calling His people, Isra’el, to sing, shout and, with thanksgiving, enter the presence of the Lord God of Isra’el in the **first two verses**, the **next three verses** extol ADONAI. Having, effectively, set the scene, they are then invited to **WORSHIP** ADONAI, acknowledging Him to be their God in **verse 7**. Now that is not to say, that **this Psalm** doesn’t instruct us Gentiles (*as grafted in amongst God’s Chosen people - Romans 11:13-18*) for it applies equally to us today. So, we are to **WORSHIP** ADONAI after the singing, shouting and exalting ADONAI, our **WORSHIP** is to take the form here, of bowing down and kneeling before ADONAI to pay homage and **WORSHIP** to Him, so acknowledging His sovereignty over all. Thank You Lord Jesus. Amen.

8th June 2016

29. **Psalm 96:9:** “**WORSHIP** ADONAI in holy splendour; tremble before Him, all the earth!”

(AV: *9 O **WORSHIP** the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.*)

This Psalm is similar in layout to **Psalm 95** in the previous study, inasmuch as it starts by calling us to sing to ADONAI and extol Him, so again leading up to **WORSHIPPING** Him. Our **WORSHIP** this time is to tremble before Him (*in awe, or Holy fear*) whilst being “in Holy Splendour.” Now ‘trembling in awe’ is to acknowledge the awesome presence of ADONAI and His majesty and absolute power over all things and people. So, “in Holy Splendour?” For the people of the time **this Psalm** was written, would have been in the Temple. For us today, we must bring ourselves into the presence of ADONAI in prayer, in complete humility. Only then can we **WORSHIP** “in Holy Splendour.” So, we see here another form of **WORSHIP** that we haven’t seen in previous studies – to “tremble before Him.”

9th June 2016

30. **Psalm 97:7:** “All who **WORSHIP** images will be put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols. Bow down to Him, all you gods!”

(AV: *7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: **WORSHIP** him, all ye gods.*)

In **this Psalm**, ADONAI is praised, magnified and exalted both before and after **this verse**. Here we told what will happen to any of us who **WORSHIP** any (*false*) images or make our “**boast in worthless idols**.” We shall “**be put to shame**,” and we know from many other Scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments, that this means, in Eternal terms, the Lake of Fire! So, this is an instruction of what we are NOT to do in **WORSHIP**. Also, we see in the last line of **this verse**, that the demonic spirits, who are behind these false images and idols, are to bow down to Him (*ADONAI*) and we know, they do not have the option to disobey this instruction. Therefore, we must not offer **WORSHIP** any object or person apart from ADONAI Himself.

11th June 2016.

31. **Psalm 99:5:** “Exalt ADONAI our God! Prostrate yourselves at His footstool (He is holy).”

*(AV: Exalt ye the LORD our God, and **WORSHIP** at his footstool; for he is holy.)*

Once again, the AV uses the broad term, **WORSHIP** and the CJB shows us precisely what form of **WORSHIP** of ADONAI we should perform. We are commanded here to exalt ADONAI and prostrate ourselves “at His footstool.” Two things here: How do we exalt the Lord God, and where or what is His footstool? Firstly, to exalt ADONAI, we must proclaim His greatness, goodness, deeds and so much else to the world. Secondly, what is His footstool? We do not know the human author of **this Psalm**, nor do we know when it was written. We have a clue (*see next study and elsewhere in the Scriptures*) that it is Mount Moriah (*or the Temple Mount, as it is known today*) to which we must prostrate ourselves in **WORSHIP**. So, in this study, we see that there is a place toward which or where we must prostrate ourselves in **WORSHIP** of ADONAI, the Lord God of Isra’el. 12th June 2016.

32. **Psalm 99:9:** “Exalt ADONAI our God, bow down toward his holy mountain, for ADONAI our God is holy!”

*(AV: Exalt the LORD our God, and **WORSHIP** at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.)*

Once again, we turn to the CJB to discover the form of **WORSHIP** to be performed. As seen in previous studies, we are to exalt ADONAI our God, the living Lord God of Isra’el, and to bow down to Him. Specifically, to “**bow down toward His Holy Mountain.**” We have seen previously, that this is Mount Moriah. Also, this time again, we are reminded why we should do so – because “**our God is Holy!**” Holy is a frequently used word (*Kadosh in Hebrew*) in the Scriptures and its meaning is far greater than we usually think of it: Sacred, divine, all powerful, beyond imagination, incorruptible, always correct, loving, pure, awe-inspiring, exalted, infinitely good, to be held in reverence. This is just to name a few of the reasons, not in any particular order, why we must bow down to ADONAI in **WORSHIP**, in addition to all the other forms of **WORSHIP** to ADONAI, the living Lord our God. 13th June 2016.

33. **Psalm 132:7:** “Let’s go into His dwelling and prostrate ourselves at His footstool.”

*(AV: We will go into his tabernacles: we will **WORSHIP** at his footstool.)*

The CJB tells me that **this Psalm** is a “song of ascents,” to be sung as the person ascended to the place where the Ark of God was resting at the time. It shows the perseverance of king David in looking for a dwelling place for the Ark. Having reached the place, we are exhorted to go into that dwelling place and to **WORSHIP** Him, ADONAI, there by prostrating ourselves at His footstool. As a form of **WORSHIP**, prostrating one’s self to the Lord seems to have fallen almost completely out of favour with Churchgoers today! There are rare occasions when an Archbishop or even a Bishop may do this, but **we** do not do this, yet it is a command of ADONAI. As we see here in the AV, it not just a suggestion, as the CJB seems to read.

14th June 2016

34. **Psalm 138:2:** “I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your grace and truth; for You have made your word [even] greater than the whole of Your reputation.”

*(AV: I will **WORSHIP** toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.)*

In this **Psalm's verse**, there is a direction in which to offer our **WORSHIP** to ADONAI. Shown too, is that our **WORSHIP** should be giving thanks to the name of ADONAI and His grace and truth. Shown too, here in **this verse**, the reason for us to offer this **WORSHIP**: Since the Lord God has made His word even greater, magnified, even above His reputation and His name. Wow! This shows how important in the eyes of ADONAI, is His word. It implies to us, just how important He feels it is, that we study His word. **WORSHIP** in this verse is shown to be done in reverence of ADONAI our God. 20th June 2016

35. **Isaiah 2:8:** “Their land is full of idols; everyone **WORSHIPs** the work of his hands, what his own fingers have made.”

*(AV: ⁸ their land also is full of idols; they **WORSHIP** the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made: ⁹ and the mean man boweth down,)*

This is not the form of **WORSHIP** that the Isra'elis were performing, but to whom they are offering the **WORSHIP**. The **next verse**, is asking ADONAI not to forgive these people! It is absolutely forbidden for God's chosen people (*or anyone else for that matter*) to **WORSHIP** in any way, any idol. Our **WORSHIP** is strictly reserved for ADONAI alone! We see also in **this verse**, that it wasn't just some individuals who were **WORSHIPING** idols, the whole land was full of idols. To what a sorry state had come the Isra'elis, in following the foreigners who had come into the land, bringing their idolatry with them. 23rd June 2016

(This day, the United Kingdom voted for independence from the EU! Hallelujah!)

36. **Isaiah 2:20** “On that day a man will take hold of his idols of silver and idols of gold, which they made for themselves to **WORSHIP**, and fling them away to the moles and bats!”

*(AV: ²⁰ In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to **WORSHIP**, to the moles and to the bats;)*

In **this passage** we see, not how the **WORSHIP** was performed, but what and why the action was taken with their objects of **WORSHIP**. In the **verses 19 and 21**, they show us how the idolaters were desperately trying to get rid of those idols made by themselves and then equally desperately hide themselves to escape from the wrath and “terror of ADONAI and His glorious Majesty, when He sets out to convulse the earth.” They are terrified simply because they knew they had deliberately committed evil in the sight of ADONAI and were unrepentant, even though they had been told the penalty! On an application note, how does this affect us today, believers or not?

Surely, each one of us has secret idols that we wouldn't wish ADONAI or anyone else to know about! We must recognise them and call upon ADONAI to forgive us for these things. Is it my car? Is it my stamp collection? Is it watching football on TV? Is it my family? Ooppss! 25th June 2016

37. **Isaiah 27:13:** “On that day a great *shofar* will sound. Those lost in the land of Ashur will come, also those scattered through the land of Egypt; and they will **WORSHIP** ADONAI on the holy mountain in Yerushalayim.”

(*AV: 13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall **WORSHIP** the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.*)

In **this Psalm, in this verse** in particular, ADONAI is reassuring His chosen people, that He will bring them (*all*) back to the land, where they will **WORSHIP** ADONAI on the Holy Mountain, His Holy Mountain – Mount Moriah. Today known as the Temple Mount, where it is forbidden for Jews to pray, much less **WORSHIP** there! ADONAI has spoken it, which means that, unlikely as it seems at present, it will happen in God’s good time! There is no point in trying to speed up the circumstances, the timing of ADONAI is perfect. Amen. **HALLELUJAH!** 26th June 2016

38. **Isaiah 36:7:** “But if you tell me, ‘We trust in *ADONAI* our God,’ then isn’t He the one whose high places and altars Hizkiyahu has removed, telling Y’hudah and Yerushalayim, ‘You must **WORSHIP** before this altar?’”

(*AV: 7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall **WORSHIP** before this altar?*)

Rav-Shakeh was taunting the living Lord God of Isra’el and the Judeans, about king Hizkiyahu having removed all the asherah poles, all the high places and altars and other idols from the land. Rav-Shakeh obviously imagined that they were places where the people went to **WORSHIP** the living God – WRONG! Hizkiyahu had removed them because ADONAI had said that the only place to **WORSHIP** ADONAI was at the Temple in Yerushalayim. All the things and places removed had only been used to **WORSHIP** false gods! At this threat by the king of Ashur, Hizkiyahu went into the Temple and prayed, ADONAI answered that prayer by killing most of the army of Ashur. 185,000 of them, overnight! One may consider that prayer could be considered to be a form of **WORSHIP**. Certainly, Rav-Shakeh learned to his cost that taunting ADONAI is not a recommended form of **WORSHIP!** 27th June 2016

39. **Isaiah 46:6:** “They squander the gold from their bags and weigh silver on a scale; they hire a goldsmith to make a god, before which they fall down and **WORSHIP!**”

(*AV: 6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they **WORSHIP.***)

The futility, the stupidity, the waste of time, money and effort, to bow down or prostrate oneself to a false god! ADONAI was castigating the Isra’elis for them doing just this! What they were doing was to spit in the face of ADONAI every time they (*or me/us today!*) **WORSHIP** any false god. That they bow down or prostrate themselves before a false god is not the point here, what is the point, is that they are not doing it to the living Lord God of Isra’el, their own God who, as it says **in verses 3 to 5**, it is ADONAI who has nurtured them from birth to old age! Then **in verse 13** there is a reminder to Isra’el (*and to us today*) “for Isra’el my glory,” the importance of the nation of Isra’el to ADONAI even today – even if they may not seem to be so. 29th June 2016

40. **Isaiah 49:7** “Here is what ADONAI, the Redeemer of Isra’el, His Holy One, says to the one despised, whom the nations detest, to the servant of tyrants: “When kings see you, they will stand up; princes too will prostrate themselves, because of ADONAI, who is faithful, the Holy One of Isra’el, who has chosen you.””

*(AV: Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Isra’el, and his Holy One, to him whom man despises, to him whom the nation abhors, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall **WORSHIP**, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Isra’el, and he shall choose thee.)*

The AV once again uses the word **WORSHIP** without defining the form this **WORSHIP** is taking. In the CJB however, the **WORSHIP** is defined as being the prostrating of one’s self before princes, but also that kings will stand up in **WORSHIP**! This is the first time that “standing up” is seen as a form of **WORSHIP**! In **this verse**, very unusually, it is not to ADONAI that the **WORSHIP** is to be directed! This is a prophetic utterance, whereby the **WORSHIP** will be directed to “**the one despised, whom the nations detest.**” In this world of today, this is God’s chosen nation of Isra’el, as **in this verse** is a fairly accurate way of describing the way the UN, and the nations view, and treat, the Nation of Isra’el. However, the present attitudes will not continue to prevail, this word will come to pass, ADONAI said it, it must happen!

30th June 2016

41. **Isaiah 66:23** “Every month on *Rosh-Hodesh* and every week on *Shabbat*, everyone living will come to **WORSHIP** in My presence,” says ADONAI.”

*(AV: ²³ And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to **WORSHIP** before me, saith the LORD.)*

On Rosh Hodesh, the first day of every month (*which is at the new Moon*) and on Shabbat every week, we shall all come to **WORSHIP** in the presence of ADONAI. This will happen when the New Heavens and the New Earth come into being, see **verse 22**, which will be after the Millennium and the judgement. **Verse 24** tells us all, referring to Isra’el and Gentiles, that when they leave the **WORSHIP** of ADONAI after Rosh Hodesh and Shabbat, they will look upon the corpses of those who wouldn’t accept God or Jesus, they will all be in the Lake of Fire, and apparently, we shall be able to see them from Heaven! So what do we learn of **WORSHIP** in **this passage**? Since **this verse** follows **verse 22**, this must refer to when we are in Heaven and it must mean that we continue to **WORSHIP** ADONAI in heaven. Now, it seems to imply that this will be 12 and 52 times a year. But we shall be in Eternity where time no longer exists? Well, there is a mystery! We are not told the form of our **WORSHIP** either in this ‘time,’ but following from the foregoing studies in this series, it may well be in the form of prostrating ourselves before the Lord God, ADONAI.

1st July 2016

42. **Jeremiah 7:2** “Stand at the gate of the house of *ADONAI* and proclaim this word: ‘Listen to the word of *ADONAI*, all you from Y’hudah who enter these gates to **WORSHIP** *ADONAI*”

(*AV*: ² Stand in the gate of the LORD’S house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to **WORSHIP** the LORD.)

The context of **this verse** is **verses 1 to 15**, a very severe reprimand of the people in Jerusalem and Y’hudah by *ADONAI*, because they were **WORSHIPING** Ba’al and committing many other sins! Effectively, *ADONAI* was rejecting the **WORSHIP** of the people because of their sins against Him. These words were spoken against the people as they were going into the Temple, where they would go through the motions of their “**WORSHIP**” of *ADONAI* and go straight back out to their sinful ways. *ADONAI* continued to tell them that He would throw them out of the Land if they didn’t reform their ways, but they didn’t as we know - as happened not much later when N’vukhadnetzar came and took them all away to Babylon. *ADONAI*, gave the people a very full description in **this passage** of what they were doing wrong in His sight and what He was going to do to them and Jerusalem – as He had done to Shiloh, years earlier, when He drove out all the descendants of Ephraim! *2nd July 2016*

43. **Jeremiah 13:10** “I will ruin this evil people, who refuse to hear My words and live according to their own stubborn inclinations, who go after other gods to serve and **WORSHIP** them. They will be like this loin cloth, which is useless for anything.”

(*AV*: ¹⁰ This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to **WORSHIP** them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.)

Once again, *ADONAI* is telling His chosen nation, to change their ways, as they have gone far from the ways of *ADONAI* in their stubbornness. He is telling them that they have become as useless as the loin cloth Jeremiah had recovered. *ADONAI* is telling all Isra’el, that He will make them all drunk, at every level of their society (**verses 12 and 13**). *ADONAI* will then cause them to smash against each other (**verse 14**) but He then goes on to plead with them to heed these warnings, **in verse 16**. Why? Because they were directing their **WORSHIP** and service to foreign gods which are not even gods, instead of towards “**ADONAI the God of Isra’el**” (**verse 12**). They, and we today, must stay on the narrow path of God’s way, **WORSHIP** only *ADONAI*, in His prescribed way only and not go and **WORSHIP** celebrities, cars, our home, or anything else, to the exclusion of *ADONAI*. *3rd July 2016*

44. **Jeremiah 25:6** “Don’t follow other gods by serving and **WORSHIPPING** them. “Don’t provoke my anger with things your own hands have made; then I will do you no harm.”

*(AV: And go not after other gods to serve them, and to **WORSHIP** them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.)*

Once again, ADONAI is rebuking the people of Y’hudah for not following in the ways of ADONAI, He is warning them that they are provoking Him to anger, for going to **WORSHIP** idols, gods, made with their own hands! ADONAI is telling them, if only you will cease doing this, He will do them no harm. But, **in verse 7**, they would not listen to ADONAI, they were continuing to provoke ADONAI with their home made gods and by **WORSHIPPING** them! ADONAI then reveals that He is going to send for N’vukhadnetzar and his armies, who would to come upon Y’hudah and destroy them, and make them an object of horror and ridicule as shown in **verses 8 and 9**. We know from history and the Scriptures, that is exactly what did happen. So sad, but this is a lesson and a warning to us today! *4th July 2016*

45. **Jeremiah 26:2** “ADONAI says: ‘Stand in the courtyard of ADONAI’s house and speak to the people from all the cities in Y’hudah who come to **WORSHIP** at ADONAI’s house; say everything I order you to say to them, and don’t leave out a word.’”

*(AV: ² Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD’S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to **WORSHIP** in the LORD’S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:)*

ADONAI was becoming very upset with the Judeans by this time of Jeremiah’s life! In **verse 6**, He again threatens to do to the Temple as He did to Shiloh – destroy it completely! Jeremiah was standing in the courtyard of the Temple as the Judeans were ritualistically going into the House of the Lord, the Temple, to **WORSHIP** ADONAI, but as soon as they had performed what they thought of as **WORSHIP**, they went out and continued the depraved ways they had adopted, making and **WORSHIPPING** idols etc. ignoring what they had been told for centuries by the prophets – Jeremiah now. Their so called ‘**WORSHIP**’ was false **WORSHIP**! They stupidly imagined that if they went through the ‘motions,’ so to speak, ignoring the Torah, that God would accept that and forgive their multiple sins. This warning was to no avail, as we know, they ignored the warning that Jeremiah was telling them – again! This is a warning to us today, Christianity is not going to Church on a Sunday and living our own way the rest of the week. Christianity is a **lifestyle**, not just a belief! Help me, please, Lord Jesus, to live Christianity. *5th July 2016*

46. **Jeremiah 44:19** [*Then the wives added,*] “Are we the ones who offer incense to the queen of heaven? Do we pour out drink offerings to her? And did we make cakes marked with her image for her and pour out drink offerings to her without our husbands’ consent?”

*(AV: And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to **WORSHIP** her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?)*

Whoops! How wrong can one be! The people had made Yirmeyahu go down with them into Egypt. They refused to even hear the word of ADONAI from Yirmeyahu. They complained bitterly that when they stopped their **WORSHIP** of all the idols (*whilst still in Yerushalayim*) everything went wrong for them. This was their justification for going down to Egypt. So, as we are examining what **WORSHIP** is, the CJB doesn’t use the word, but the AV does, and we can see here, from the context in both translations, that this **WORSHIP** was evil, since the people were offering incense, pouring out drink offerings and making cakes as a form of **WORSHIP** to the “queen of heaven!” The women were pointing out that what they did in **WORSHIP** of the “queen of heaven,” with the total agreement of their menfolk! This is a form of **WORSHIP** totally alien to ADONAI and was not and today must not be done! The result of them continuing to do so, is prophesied in **verses 26 to 29**. *7th July 2016*

47. **Ezekiel 46:2** “The prince is to enter by way of the outer vestibule of the gate and stand by the support of the gate. The *cohanim* are to prepare his burnt offering and peace offerings. Then he is to prostrate himself in **WORSHIP** at the threshold of the gate, after which he is to leave; but the gate is not to be shut until evening.”

*(AV: ² And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall **WORSHIP** at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.)*

The object of this series of studies is **WORSHIP**, but here it is clearly stated that it is to prostrate oneself, in this case, at the threshold of the gate (*to the Temple*). So to whom, in this case, does this refer? The second word of **this verse** say clearly that it is the prince, so who is this prince? **Ezekiel 44:3** is an early mention of ‘the prince’ in the context of this book. Also, **Isaiah 43:28** seems to say, or imply, that the ‘princes’ are the Chief Priests, which would seem to fit in the context of **the verse** being studied, as the Chief Priest would have some separation from the other priests and would be a leader of all in the **WORSHIP** of ADONAI. The normal priests (*cohanim*) are preparing the burnt offers for the chief priest. *13th July 2016*

48. **Ezekiel 46:3** “The people of the land are also to prostrate themselves in **WORSHIP** before ADONAI at the entrance to that gate on *Shabbat* and on *Rosh-Hodesh*.”

(AV: ³ Likewise the people of the land shall **WORSHIP** at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.)

Very clearly, the form of **WORSHIP** to ADONAI is defined in **this verse** as being prostrating oneself (*again*)! **This verse** also tells us to whom the instruction to prostrate them-selves is directed. Also, we are told the place to do this - it is at the entrance Gate to the Temple. We learn also that the occasion when this **WORSHIP** to ADONAI is to be performed, is on *Shabbat (Friday/Saturday)* and *Rosh Hodesh (first day of each month, see <http://www.jewfaq.org/chodesh.htm>)*. On *Shabbat* before the Gate is closed in the evening and on the first day of the month, remembering that the day starts at Sunset in the Jewish calendar! Looking at all this, it is easy to understand how the Isra'elis could come to do this just by habit. Similarly, it is all too easy for us to do the same regarding how we **WORSHIP** ADONAI, with the Church and in our own private “devotions.”

BE WARNED!

16th July 2016

49. **Ezekiel 46:9** “But when the people of the land come before ADONAI at the designated times, whoever comes in to **WORSHIP** by way of the north gate is to leave by way of the south gate, and whoever comes in by way of the south gate is to leave by way of the north gate; he is not to go back out through the gate by which he entered but is to exit straight ahead of him.”

(AV: ⁹ But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to **WORSHIP** shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.)

We have already seen that the form of **WORSHIP** to ADONAI here is to prostrate themselves, but here, we also see that there are rules to be followed at the times for **WORSHIP** and these rules are different for the people to that for the prince. The prince is to leave the Temple area by the same gate through which he entered. The people, however, are to leave by the opposite gate to the one by which they entered. This, of course, begs a question as to why the difference? Looking at several commentaries, it would seem that this is simply to maintain a semblance of order, whilst another commentary suggests that each man of the people should go out, after **WORSHIPPING** ADONAI a different man. Several Commentaries suggest that this is in order that there should not be any impediment for those entering, but anyway, there would be men leaving by each gate at the same time as those entering the same gates. Others suggest that no-one should have their back to the Temple as they leave the Temple area.... Confused of Tunbridge Wells.....

17th July 2016

50. **Daniel 3:5** ... “⁵ that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, harp, zither, lute, bagpipe and the rest of the musical instruments, you fall down and **WORSHIP** the gold statue that N’vukhadnetzar the king has set up.”

*(AV: ⁵ that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and **WORSHIP** the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:)*

Now this is going to be very hard for those who believe that music is essential for **WORSHIP**. In **this passage**, both the music and the **WORSHIP** were not for us believers! For a start, this **WORSHIP** is not for ADONAI, but for a foreign god. Next, the **WORSHIP** was to be initiated by music, whereupon the people were commanded to fall down (*i.e. prostrate themselves*) in **WORSHIP** of this false god - on pain of death! So, this **WORSHIP** was compulsory, not from the heart, as is required for ADONAI. This brings home, that our **WORSHIP** of ADONAI, is to be out of real reverence and love for Him, completely voluntary.

18th July 2016

51. **Daniel 3:10** “¹⁰ Your majesty, you have ordered that everyone who hears sound of the horn, pipe, harp, zither, lute, bagpipe and the rest of the musical instruments is to fall down and **WORSHIP** the gold statue;”

*(AV: ¹⁰ Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and **WORSHIP** the golden image:)*

Well, let’s get those Jews! Again, the form of **WORSHIP** is to ‘fall down,’ the implication being to prostrate oneself and the music is the cue to do so. The point is that it is one thing that Jews (*and all of us believers*) must not do, is to **WORSHIP** any god but ADONAI! Not much more to be said now.

19th July 2016

52. **Daniel 3:11** “¹¹ and that whoever does not fall down and **WORSHIP** is to be thrown into a blazing hot furnace.

*(AV: ¹¹ and whoso falleth not down and **WORSHIPETH**, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.)*

Here we see only how determined is Ha’Satan that the Jews (*and us*) should be prevented from our **WORSHIP** of ADONAI and be forced to **WORSHIP** a false god! The penalty for not serving this false god is death, decreed by Ha’Satan, but as we see in this passage, the living Lord God of Isra’el, ADONAI, is able to save us from the satanic decree, HALLELUJAH!”

20th July 2016

53. **Daniel 3:12** “¹² There are some Jews whom you have put in charge of the affairs of the province of Bavel, Shadrakh, Meishakh and ‘Aved-N’go; and these men, your majesty, have paid no attention to you. They do not serve your gods, and they do not **WORSHIP** the gold statue you set up.”

*(AV: ¹² There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor **WORSHIP** the golden image which thou hast set up.)*

Once again, here is a case of “let’s get those Jews!” Hananyah (*Shadrakh*) Misha’el (*Meishakh*) and Azaryah (*Aved N’Go*) showed that they would rather die a terrible death than fall down (*prostrate themselves*) and **WORSHIP** before any god but ADONAI. Oh that we all had such a level of commitment to **WORSHIP** only the living Lord God of Isra’el, ADONAI. Notice how each of their Hebrew names ends in one of the names of ADONAI: Yah of El. This must tell us something about the ones who have such names and their commitment to ADONAI. Oh that I could honestly declare that I would **WORSHIP** no other god but ADONAI in those sort of circumstances! Please Father God, don’t bring me to the test in case I fail you. *21st July 2016*

54. **Daniel 3:14** “¹⁴ N’vukhadnetzar said to them, “Shadrakh! Meishakh! ‘Aved-N’go! Is it true that you neither serve my gods nor **WORSHIP** the gold statue I set up?”

*(AV: ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor **WORSHIP** the golden image which I have set up?)*

N’vukhadnetzar was incredibly upset, to put it nicely, that these 3 Jews, whom he had elevated to positions of high authority at the request of Dani’el (*Chapter 2:49*) had failed to **WORSHIP** the statue he had set up for everyone to **WORSHIP**, on pain of a horrible death in a furnace! Once again the prescribed form of **WORSHIP** was to fall down, prostrate. He was asking them if it was true that they refused to do so. In the following **verses** we find their answer. *2nd July 2016*

55. **Daniel 3:15** “¹⁵ All right, then. If you are prepared, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, harp, zither, lute, bagpipe and the rest of the musical instruments, to fall down and **WORSHIP** the gold statue, very well. But if you won’t **WORSHIP**, you will immediately be thrown into a blazing hot furnace — and what god will save you from my power then?”

*(AV: ¹⁵ Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and **WORSHIP** the image which I have made; well: but if ye **WORSHIP** not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?)*

N’vukhadnetzar, was not quite sure that they really would defy his order, but he wants to hear from them direct, after all, these were very senior men in his kingdom! He then goes on to warn Shadrakh, Meishakh and ‘Aved-N’go what will happen to them if they refuse and he believes there is no god that can save them from his power. I believe that N’vukhadnetzar was sure that they would buckle down and **WORSHIP** the statue as he thought that he was all powerful and the gods were on his side. As we see in the **following verses**, he was totally wrong! He was ordering everybody, including them, to fall down and **WORSHIP** a foreign god, to them and to us, a non-god! Hallelujah to ADONAI!

23rd July 2016

56. **Daniel 3:18** “¹⁸ But even if he doesn’t, we want you to know, your majesty, that we will neither serve your gods nor **WORSHIP** the gold statue which you have set up.”

*(AV: ¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor **WORSHIP** the golden image which thou hast set up.)*

In **the verses 16 & 17**, which could be taken as an arrogant reply, however, I am sure, in the context at the time, was the correct way to reply to king N’vukhadnetzar as a refusal. However, the three Jewish men went on to say in **this verse**, that they could not **WORSHIP** any object or being, but ADONAI. Thus, they put their lives on the line!!! They knew that the consequence of this refusal was death in earthly terms, but they here **WORSHIPPED** ADONAI by putting their total trust in Him for their salvation. That trust, or faith, in ADONAI was/is an extreme form of **WORSHIP** and I am not sure that any of us could actually do that! Although those 12 Coptic Christian men beheaded by the ISIS terrorists on a beach in Libya a year or more ago, did have that much faith in ADONAI to refuse to submit to Islam and paid for their faith by death – they continued to praise ADONAI even as their heads were cut off! Oh praise you Lord Jesus for the courage of those brave men and many more in the Middle East today suffering the same or a similar death. Please Father God, ADONAI, do not bring us to the test, amen!

26th July 2016

57. **Daniel 3:28** “²⁸ N’vukhadnetzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrakh, Meishakh and ‘Aved-N’go! He sent his angel to deliver his servants who trusted in him. They defied the royal order to the point of being willing to give up their bodies, in order not to serve or **WORSHIP** any god but their own God.”

*(AV: ²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor **WORSHIP** any god, except their own God.)*

What a faith in ADONAI they had! That was a supreme test of their faith, to refuse to **WORSHIP** a foreign entity. Their refusal to prostrate themselves to anyone or anything but to ADONAI cost them their lives, except that ADONAI saved them in such a dramatic way that it caused N’vukhadnetzar to bless ADONAI! So what do we learn of **WORSHIP** here? That if we **WORSHIP** ADONAI in spirit and in truth, at the risk of our lives, and if saving us displays the glory of God, He may indeed save us. But that is not something upon which we should rely, that would be presumption! Those Coptic Christians beheaded on the beach in Libya were not rescued from that death, but died in their faith, which was a witness to the ISIS men. 29th July 2016

58. **Micah 5:13** “¹³ I will cut off your carved images and standing-stones from among you; no longer will you **WORSHIP** what your own hands have made.”

*(AV: ¹³ thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more **WORSHIP** the work of thine hands.)*

This **whole chapter** is a prophesy (*well, the whole book*) about what is to happen in Isra’el in the then future. **Verse one**, starts **the chapter**, showing that Yeshua Ha’Mashiach will be born in Beit Lechem. Then **our verse today**, tells that Ha’Shem (*the Hebrew name for ADONAI: The Name*) will cause the **WORSHIP** of idols to cease, because ADONAI will destroy all the objects of their **WORSHIP** at that time. ADONAI doesn’t have infinite patience when His Chosen Nation ceases to **WORSHIP** Him and Him alone. We see here that we must only **WORSHIP** ADONAI, whatever form that **WORSHIP** takes. 30th July 2016

59. **Zephaniah 1:5** “...⁵ those **WORSHIP**ping heaven’s army on the roofs, also those who **WORSHIP** and swear by ADONAI but swear by Malkam as well,…”

*(AV: ⁵ and them that **WORSHIP** the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that **WORSHIP** and that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham;)*

This chapter begins with ADONAI telling Isra’el that he is going to devastate the whole land and people of Isra’el. Why? Because the people had gone so far away from ADONAI, **WORSHIP**ping false gods as they **WORSHIP**ped the true God falsely! They had **seriously** sinned against ADONAI, effectively mocking His prophet, Tz’fanyah and mixing **WORSHIP** of ADONAI with **WORSHIP** of Malcam (*Malcam was the national idol of the Ammonites and had a crown of pure gold weighing a Talent – about 100Lbs. May also be the same idol as Moloch or Milcom*) and Malcam may be a derivation of the word for ‘king.’ **Verse 12c** tells us that the people didn’t believe that ADONAI would do any of the things that Tz’fanyah was prophesying. So, for us today, we must beware of false **WORSHIP**, of mixing **WORSHIP** of ADONAI with that of anything else! 31st July 2016

60. **Zephaniah 2:11** “¹¹ ADONAI will be fearsome against them, for He will make all the earth’s gods waste away. Then all the coasts and islands of the nations will **WORSHIP** Him, each from its place.”

(AV: ¹¹ The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall **WORSHIP** him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.)

“ADONAI will be fearsome against them,” starts **this verse**. This begs the question, ‘who is them?’ Going back to **verses 8 and following**, we see that this refers to Mo’av (Moab) and ‘Amon, **in verses 12 and 13**, we see that Ethiopians, Ashur (Syria and Iraq) and Ninveh (Nineveh - modern day Mosul in Iraq) are apparently included. ADONAI will make all their gods waste away when He is fearsome against them! “THEN all the coasts and islands of the nations will **WORSHIP** him, each from its place.” So what do we learn about **WORSHIP** here? It seems that the nations against whom ADONAI will be fearsome, are not the “coasts and islands of the nations.” So we learn very little about **WORSHIP** itself, its form or anything else, only who is excluded from the **WORSHIP** of ADONAI. 2nd August 2016

61. **Zechariah 14:16** “¹⁶ Finally, everyone remaining from all the nations that came to attack Yerushalayim will go up every year to **WORSHIP** the king, ADONAI-Tzva’ot, and to keep the festival of Sukkot.”

(AV: ¹⁶ And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to **WORSHIP** the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.)

This can only be after the Tribulation, when Yeshua comes for the second time. There will be many people (*NOT compared to the number before that Tribulation!!!*) From that time, Yeshua will reign as King over the whole earth (*for 1,000 years – the Millennium*) and we are told here that this will be an annual event where all the nations of the earth will go to Yerushalayim at Sukkot (*Feast of Tabernacles*) to **WORSHIP** the King, ADONAI -Tzva’ot (*LORD God of Hosts*)! We are not told either, the form of **WORSHIP** that everyone will carry out, or perform. We are not told **in this verse** if they all go up voluntarily in the Love of ADONAI -Tzva’ot, or by being aware of the consequences of failing to do so – see next Study. 3rd August 2016

62. **Zechariah 14:17** ¹⁷ “If any of the families of the earth does not go up to Yerushalayim to **WORSHIP** the King, *ADONAI-Tzva’ot*, no rain will fall on them.”
(*AV: 17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to **WORSHIP** the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.*)

Here we see what will happen to those who do not go up to Yerushalayim to **WORSHIP** ADONAI. Basically, starvation! No rain, no food! This is not a short term lack of rain, this word does not say it will only be for a defined time. What a price to pay for refusing to go up to Yerushalayim to **WORSHIP** the King, ADONAI Tzva’ot. What an incentive for going up, even to those who don’t own ADONAI as their lord. This brings to mind that those over whom the believers reign are not believers, if it were so, we would be reigning over ourselves which is nonsense! Again, in **this verse**, this passage, we are not told what form the **WORSHIP** is to take. It is assumed that it would be to prostrate oneself.

4th August 2016

63. **Matthew 2:2** ² and asked, “Where is the new born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to **WORSHIP** him.”
(*AV: 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to **WORSHIP** him.*)

There is no indication here of the form of **WORSHIP** this might be, only that these Magi may have come from Babylon and may have descended from those Astronomers of the time of Dani’el, from whom they may have learned about such things. However, how it came about that they discerned the significance, or even the existence of the star is not the subject of these studies.

8th August 2016

64. **Matthew 2:8** ⁸ Then he sent them to Beit-Lechem with these instructions: “Search carefully for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and **WORSHIP** him.”
(*AV: 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and **WORSHIP** him also.*)

Now the form of “**WORSHIP**” intended by Herod, was to kill! No way should anyone even think to perform this “type” of **WORSHIP**!!! I’m afraid that my sense of humour gets me here, the only two positives which means a negative, ‘yeah, right’ comes to mind! The message in **the verse** is: Steer clear of this form of **WORSHIP**!

9th August 2016

65. **Matthew 4:9** ⁹ and said to him, “All this I will give You if you will bow down and **WORSHIP** me.”

(AV: ⁹ *And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and **WORSHIP** me.*)

I think everyone knows this episode in the New Testament. No way would/should any believer be seduced by Ha’Satan to **WORSHIP** Ha’Satan – The Adversary in English! As Yeshua said to Ha’Satan as we see in the next verse/study, **‘WORSHIP** ADONAI your God, and serve only him.’ ‘Nuff said really. What we do see, however, is that the form of **WORSHIP** expected here, is to ‘bow down.’

10th August 2016

66. **Matthew 4:10** ¹⁰ “Away with you, Satan!” Yeshua told him, “For the Tanakh says, **‘WORSHIP** ADONAI Your God, and serve only Him.”

(AV: ¹⁰ *Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt **WORSHIP** the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*)

This is the result of Ha’Satan’s third attempt to corrupt the Son of God. First he took Yeshua out to the wilderness, then up to the highest pinnacle of the Temple in Yerushalayim, and now, this time to a very high mountain, from which He could see all the kingdoms of the world. Again, Yeshua rebuked Ha’Satan with the Scriptures, refusing to bow down in **WORSHIP** to Ha’Satan. **WORSHIP** ADONAI your God, and serve only him, he was told. (*It is worth remembering at this point, that Ha’Satan was offering the whole world to Yeshua, it was his to offer since Adam relinquished it to him in the Garden of Eden.*) Praise and **WORSHIP** ADONAI that Yeshua is coming back to retrieve the whole world for Himself.

11th August 2016

67. **Matthew 15:9** ⁸ “These people honour Me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from Me. ⁹ Their **WORSHIP** of Me is useless, because they teach man-made rules as if they were doctrines.”

(AV: ⁹ *But in vain they do **WORSHIP** me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*)

In **this passage**, Jesus was telling the Pharisees and the Scribes that as a result of their putting the traditions of men above the Teaching (*Torah*) and in effect, they **WORSHIP** them, that this means that their **WORSHIP** of ADONAI is useless and hence of no effect, as ADONAI will not recognise it. What is shown here, is that **WORSHIP** of ADONAI, must start with the right heart attitude toward ADONAI. Whatever form of **WORSHIP** it might be, it **MUST** come out of the right mental/spiritual attitude toward ADONAI. “We’ve always done it this way.” Does this sound familiar in your Church/Fellowship?

7th August 2016

68. **Mark 7:7** ⁷ Their **WORSHIP** of Me is useless, because they teach man-made rules as if they were doctrines.’
(AV: ⁷ *Howbeit in vain do they **WORSHIP** me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*)

Whilst **this verse** is essentially the same as in the previous study, going back to **verse 5**, we see that the Pharisees and Scribes were criticising Jesus, because his disciples had failed to follow the traditions of the elders, whereas the Pharisees etc. held them to be necessary in order to **WORSHIP** ADONAI. Yeshua was informing them that this is why their **WORSHIP** is useless, quoting from **Isaiah 29:13**, to reveal to them that their hearts are in the wrong place to **WORSHIP**, in spirit and in truth, ADONAI, hence it is useless!
19th August 2016

69. **Luke 4:7** ⁷ So, if You will **WORSHIP** me, it will all be Yours.”
(AV: ⁷ *If thou therefore wilt **WORSHIP** me, all shall be thine.*)

Ha’Satan was trying to get Yeshua to bow down and **WORSHIP** him! If Yeshua had done so, it would have meant that He handed His God-ship to Ha’Satan, which would have made Ha’Satan superior to the Father and Himself. We must remember, that Ha’Satan was the owner of what he was offering Yeshua, since Adam had handed everything to him. Yeshua, however, did not fall for this second attempt (*see verse 3*) either, of Ha’Satan to corrupt Him. In the **next verse**, Yeshua simply reminded Ha’Satan of what the Tanakh says in **Deuteronomy 6:13ff**, that we (*including Ha’Satan himself*) shall **WORSHIP** no other god but ADONAI. Oh if only we could always discern when Ha’Satan attacks us, as the angel of light, and tell him the same as Yeshua did!
20th August 2016

70. **Luke 4:8** ⁸ Yeshua answered him, “The *Tanakh* says, **WORSHIP ADONAI Your God and serve Him** only.”
(AV: ⁸ *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt **WORSHIP** the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*)

This is quite an unmistakable commandment! As mentioned in the previous study, Yeshua was quoting to Ha’Satan from the word of God from **Deuteronomy 6:13ff** again, although the Tanakh says to fear ADONAI in both the CJB and the AV, rather than **WORSHIP** only ADONAI.
21st August 2016

71. **John 4:20** ²⁰ “Our fathers **WORSHIP**ped on this mountain, but you people say that the place where one has to **WORSHIP** is in Yerushalayim.”
(AV: ²⁰ Our fathers **WORSHIP**ped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to **WORSHIP**.)

This verse quotes the words of the Samaritan woman at the well, talking with Yeshua. In **verse 12**, she is claiming descent from Ya’akov, and from this one may deduce that she claims that the Samaritans **WORSHIP** ADONAI, her forefather, Ya’akov’s God, but this is not clear from this Scripture. Nor is it clear where their **WORSHIP** was carried out, but these questions are not important to this particular study. So, who said one has to **WORSHIP** in Yerushalayim and who should one **WORSHIP**? It is quite clear that the **WORSHIP** of ADONAI in Yerushalayim was mandated in many places in the Tanakh. What is not clear is the form of **WORSHIP** being referred to, only that, in those days, the **WORSHIP** of ADONAI was carried out in Yerushalayim. Today, it is different, and we may offer praise and **WORSHIP**, in Spirit and truth, (**verse 23**) to ADONAI wherever we are. Hallelujah! 22nd August 2016
(which would have been my Mother’s 106th Birthday)

72. **John 4:22** ²² You people don’t know what you are **WORSHIPING**; we **WORSHIP** what we do know, because salvation comes from the Jews.
(AV: ²² Ye **WORSHIP** ye know not what: we know what we **WORSHIP**: for salvation is of the Jews.)

Since **the verse** here records Yeshua’s words, this refutes the possibility posed in the previous study, that the Samaritans **WORSHIP** ADONAI! Even so, **this verse** doesn’t record any information about the form of **WORSHIP**. But another revelation here, concerns the fact that salvation comes from the Jews, a fact not appreciated by many in the Church, especially those promoting or simply acquiescing to “replacement theology!” 23rd August 2016

73. **John 4:23** ²³ But the time is coming — indeed, it’s here now — when the true **WORSHIPPERS** will **WORSHIP** the Father spiritually and truly, for these are the kind of people the Father wants **WORSHIP**ping him.
(AV: ²³ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true **WORSHIPPERS** shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to **WORSHIP** him.)

Here we see that only those who “spiritually and truly” **WORSHIP** the Father, ADONAI, are the ones that the Father wants to **WORSHIP** Him! Now this may come as a big surprise to many, but He doesn’t even **want** to be **WORSHIP**ED if it is not done in the full knowledge of who He is and “in Spirit and Truth!” I suppose that this rules out those in Churchianity rather than Christianity, or, going to Church doesn’t make anyone a Christian! So, going through the motions doesn’t “cut any ice” with the Father. 24th August 2016

74. **John 4:24** ²⁴ God is Spirit; and **WORSHIPPERS** must **WORSHIP** him spiritually and truly.”

(AV: ²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that **WORSHIP** him must **WORSHIP** him in spirit and in truth.)

Having seen in the previous studies **in this chapter**, that those who **WORSHIP** the living Lord God of Isra'el, must do so in spirit and in truth. Now, we are shown that the reason for this is that ADONAI Himself is Spirit! Our spirit must **WORSHIP** His Spirit in truth! Plain and simple.

25th August 2016

75. **John 12:20** ²⁰ Among those who went up to **WORSHIP** at the festival were some Greek-speaking Jews.

(AV: ²⁰ And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to **WORSHIP** at the feast:)

Now, had these Greek speaking Jews come only for the Festival? Since it seems they may have been at the house where El'azar (*Lazarus*) was entertaining Yeshua for a meal, **verse 9** says that a large crowd of Judeans had learned He was there; and they came.... This would suggest that they were there to see El'azar (*who had been raised from the dead by Yeshua*) – gawping, as we might say today. However, **verse 12** tells us that Yeshua was on His way, at this time, into Yerushalayim for the Festival, so the gawping may not have applied to those Greek speaking Jews. It is not clear. Had they only come to Yerushalayim to **WORSHIP** ADONAI. We don't, once again, know what form of **WORSHIP** this was to be. Probably to sacrifice, and maybe also to prostrate themselves in **WORSHIP**, to ADONAI.

26th August 2016

76. **Acts 7:42** ⁴² So God turned away from them and gave them over to **WORSHIP the stars** as has been written in the book of the prophets, **'People of Isra'el, it was not to Me that you offered slaughtered animals and sacrifices for forty years in the wilderness!** (**Amos 5:25-27**)

(AV: ⁴² Then God turned, and gave them up to **WORSHIP** the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?)

This is part of the lecture on the Jewish history that Stephen gave to the Chief Priest – which was not at all appreciated by the priesthood! In fact, it led rapidly to Stephen's death by stoning! Stephen refers in **this verse**, to the Prophet **Jeremiah** in **19:13**, where Jeremiah was castigating the Jews for **WORSHIPPING** false gods, the stars (AV: *the host of heaven*) instead of ADONAI! This **WORSHIP** started off in **Exodus 32** and it seems that the false form of **WORSHIP** included dancing naked (for which, *Aharon made them nude to shame them!*). Hence this is NOT a form of **WORSHIP**, nor to whom it was directed, that is to be performed by anyone, Jew or Christian!

27th August 2016

77. **Acts 7:43** ⁴³ No, you carried the tent of Molekh and the star of your god Reifan, the idols you made so that you could **WORSHIP** them. Therefore, I will send you into exile beyond Bavel.

(AV: ⁴³ Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to **WORSHIP** them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.)

Here Stephen continues his 'not wanted' history lesson for the High Priest! He is reminding the High Priest that his predecessors had gone so far away from the Will of ADONAI that He had no choice but to banish them all to Babylon. They had made idols of foreign gods and gave **WORSHIP** to them all, effectively spitting in the face of the real and only God! Stephen then went on to tell the High Priest (*and presumably all the other priests who were there*) that they were all doing similar things now (*at that time*) really laying into the priests, High and otherwise, from **verse 51 to 53**! Stephen was berating them as behaving in a similar way to those predecessors, killing those who brought to them, the word of God, which they didn't want to hear. What was meant was that they too were rejecting the word of God through Jesus and His witnesses, like Stephen!

28-August 2016

78. **Acts 8:27** ²⁷ So he got up and went. On his way, he caught sight of an Ethiopian, a eunuch who was minister in charge of all the treasure of the Kandake, or queen, of Ethiopia. He had been to Yerushalayim to **WORSHIP**;

(AV: ²⁷ And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to **WORSHIP**,)

First of all, Philip was obedient to the Angel of ADONAI in that he got up and went where he was told. When he did this, he came across an Ethiopian Eunuch, the Minister of the Treasury. He had been to Yerushalayim to **WORSHIP**. This begs the question of why an Ethiopian would go to Yerushalayim to **WORSHIP**? It would seem that a probable answer to that question is that he was a Jewish Proselyte and hence, had been to **WORSHIP** ADONAI, the living Lord God of Isra'el. Again, the most likely form of **WORSHIP** offered would have been to offer a sacrifice and to prostrate himself before ADONAI at the Temple. As a result of Philip's obedience, the Eunuch apparently became the first Gentile believer

29th August 2016

79. **Acts 17:23** ²³ For as I was walking around, looking at your shrines, I even found an altar which had been inscribed, 'To An Unknown God.' So, the one whom you are already **WORSHIPPING** in ignorance — this is the one I proclaim to you.

(AV: ²³ For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly **WORSHIP**, him declare I unto you.)

First reaction to **this verse** is: "WOW! What a way to grab their attention!" The Greeks, in case they missed a god, had this extra alter made. Paul told them that the God they **WORSHIP** in ignorance, is the one and only true God who created all things. As a result of Paul's message, some men, including a town councillor, Dionysius, and a lady, Damaris, came to faith in ADONAI. Hallelujah! The people then were not as sceptical as today. Since the **WORSHIP** mentioned was to a non-god, we don't know the form of the **WORSHIP**

30th August 2016

80. **Acts 18:13** ¹³ saying, “This man is trying to persuade people to **WORSHIP** God in ways that violate the *Torah*.”

(AV: ¹³ *Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to **WORSHIP** God contrary to the law.*)

Sha’ul was being persecuted by many of the Jews in Corinth and at this point, he had been taken before the (*newly installed*) Roman Governor, accusing him of violating the *Torah* (*Torah meaning teaching not law!*). This was a lie, of course, as it is quite clear that all are to **WORSHIP** ADONAI, but those Jews, along with many other Jews, refused to accept that Jesus is the Son of God and in fact IS God, ADONAI. Again, the form of **WORSHIP** here seems irrelevant to the subject of this verse. Therefore, we learn little about **WORSHIP** in *this verse*. 31st August 2016

81. **Acts 24:11** ¹¹ As you can verify for yourself, it has not been more than twelve days since I went up to **WORSHIP** in Yerushalayim;

(AV: ¹¹ *Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to **WORSHIP**.*)

Sha’ul is here making his defence to Felix the governor of Judea, against the false charges against him. He says that he only been in Yerushalayim for about 12 days for purpose of preparing (*purifying*) himself to **WORSHIP** ADONAI in the Temple. Again we are not told the form of **WORSHIP** Sha’ul had performed in the Temple, but it probably would have been offering a sacrifice and prostrating himself before ADONAI in accordance with the custom of the day. 3rd September 2016

82. **Acts 24:14** ¹⁴ “But this I do admit to you: I **WORSHIP** the **God of our fathers**^[b] in accordance with “the Way” (*which they called a sect*). I continue to believe everything that accords with the *Torah* and everything written in the Prophets.

(AV: ¹⁴ *But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so **WORSHIP** I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:*)

[b] **Exodus 3:15**. Sha’ul was here telling Felix, the governor that he would only **WORSHIP** the God of Avraham, Yitz’chak and Ya’akov, the God of their fathers. Sha’ul being a Pharisee, he would have been exceedingly zealous to do this and even though he now followed “the Way” as a Messianic Jew, he would still **WORSHIP** only ADONAI! His beliefs hadn’t changed at all. 5th September 2016

83. **1 Corinthians 14:25** ²⁵ and the secrets of his heart are laid bare; so he falls on his face and **WORSHIPS** God, saying, “God is really here among you!”
(*AV: ²⁵ And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will **WORSHIP** God, and report that God is in you of a truth.*)

Sha’ul is telling us, here in **this passage**, by prophesying in the meetings, it is possible that a non-believer will be convicted of his/her sin with the result that he/she will fall prostrate in **WORSHIP** of ADONAI. In other words, prophetic utterances can be an evangelistic tool, causing the **WORSHIP** of ADONAI! Also, prophetic utterances are a manifestation of the presence of ADONAI in the meeting. This is also the first time in these studies in the New Testament, that we have been shown the form of the **WORSHIP** of ADONAI to be prostration, falling on the face. Once again we see that there is no music involved in this **WORSHIP**. 6th September 2016

84. **Philippians 3:3** ³ For it is we who are the Circumcised, we who **WORSHIP** by the Spirit of God and make our boast in the Messiah Yeshua! We do not put confidence in human qualifications,
(*AV: ³ For we are the circumcision, which **WORSHIP** God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*)

I see here that we are aided in our **WORSHIP** of ADONAI by the Ru’ach Ha’kodesh, the Holy Spirit. **WORSHIP** by any other means is not what is acceptable to ADONAI our God. Sha’ul is pointing out that although he has much to qualify him to **WORSHIP** God according to the Tanakh, it is of no use whatsoever under the New Covenant. What we don’t see here is the form of **WORSHIP** to be offered under the New Covenant, whilst under the Tanakh, Circumcision was a (*small*) part of the **WORSHIP** of ADONAI. 8th September 2016

85. **Hebrews 1:6** ⁶ And again, when God brings his Firstborn into the world, He says, “**Let all God’s angels WORSHIP him.**”^[d]
(*AV: ⁶ And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God **WORSHIP** him.*)

[d] **Psalms 97:7** If and when we **WORSHIP** Yeshua and ADONAI, we will join a huge congregation, including the Angelic hosts, who **WORSHIP** ADONAI. What a time that will be We do not know the form of **WORSHIP** instructed here, but suspect that it is prostrating ourselves before almighty God in absolute subjection to Him and His will, to acknowledge that He is above all else, absolutely unique, beyond all comparison. What a God we **WORSHIP!** 9th September 2016

86. **Revelation 3:9** ⁹ Here, I will give you some from the synagogue of the Adversary, those who call themselves Jews but aren't, on the contrary, they are lying, see, I will cause them to come and prostrate themselves at your feet, and they will know that I have loved you.

*(AV: ⁹ Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and **WORSHIP** before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.)*

Here is the message to the Messianic believers in Philadelphia to encourage them. It is seen here that the "Jews" who were of the synagogue of The Adversary (*Ha'Satan in Hebrew*) who had been opposing the Messianic believers, would be made to come and **WORSHIP** before the feet of the Messianic believers. It is also seen here that the form of **WORSHIP** is to prostrate themselves before them, at their feet, in effect to show the superiority of Yeshua, ADONAI, the God that these Philadelphian Messianic believers **WORSHIP**, not to **WORSHIP** the believers! *11th September 2016*

87. **Revelation 4:10** ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before the One sitting on the throne, who lives forever and ever, and **WORSHIP** Him. They throw their crowns in front of the throne and say,

*(AV: ¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and **WORSHIP** him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,)*

Here the four living beings: like a Lion; like an Ox; like a Human and like a flying Eagle, never stopped saying "**Holy, Holy, Holy is ADONAI, God of heaven's armies, the One who was, who is and who is coming.**" Every time these beings gave glory, honour and thanks to ADONAI, the 24 elders fall down before ADONAI and **WORSHIP** Him. Now this form of **WORSHIP** could be to fall on their knees, but the context leads us, that they would prostrate themselves before ADONAI in **WORSHIP**. Another part of their **WORSHIP** may be in the throwing their crowns in front of the throne, where ADONAI is seated, and giving Him more glory, honour and power for who He is and does. *12th September 2016*

88. **Revelation 9:20** ²⁰ The rest of mankind, those who were not killed by these plagues, even then did not turn from what they had made with their own hands — they did not stop **WORSHIPPING** demons and **idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk.**^[a]

(AV: ²⁰ *And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not **WORSHIP** devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk*)

[a] Ref: **Psalm 115: 4-7; 135:4-7; Dani'el 5:23** This is now near the end of the seven “woes” coming upon mankind. In the **6th verse of this chapter**, the 4 angels went out to kill 1/3rd of mankind! However, even with the plagues etc. they did not repent of all their evil, some of which is listed in **this verse**, specifically they would **WORSHIP** “demons and **idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk!**” The **next verse** goes on to tell of some of the other evil things mankind was doing, see **chapter 22 verse 15** for some more evil things mankind was doing. They are doing anything and everything but **WORSHIP** ADONAI and do what He instructed us not to do. Mankind had descended into a time of unparalleled evil. In the **verse** of this study, is shown exactly who or what we should not **WORSHIP!**

13th September 2016

89. **Revelation 11:** ¹ I was given a measuring rod like a stick and told, “Get up, and measure the Temple of God and the altar, and count how many people are **WORSHIPPING** there!

(AV: ¹ *And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that **WORSHIP** therein.*)

There is no indication here of the form of **WORSHIP**, nor more importantly, to whom that **WORSHIP** will be directed, even though it is at the Temple in Yerushalayim. The implication, from the context, being that it will not be to ADONAI, but to false gods or even idols.

14th September 2016

90. **Revelation 13:8** ⁸ Everyone living on earth will **WORSHIP** it except those whose names are written in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb slaughtered before the world was founded.

(AV: ⁸ *And all that dwell upon the earth shall **WORSHIP** him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*)

Another example in Scripture of what we must NOT **WORSHIP**, but Christians, whose names are written in the Book of Life, will be Raptured before this happens. PTLA! (*Praise the Lord always/ anyway*). We shall not **WORSHIP** the Beast, but will always **WORSHIP** ADONAI alone! Hallelujah! Amen.

15th September 2016

91. **Revelation 13:12** ¹² It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence; and it makes the earth and its inhabitants **WORSHIP** the first beast, the one whose fatal wound had been healed.

(AV: ¹² *And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to **WORSHIP** the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*)

This second beast, with the 2 horns like those of a lamb, speaking like a dragon, is Ha'Satan ("The Adversary" in English) himself, who is instructing all the inhabitants of the world to **WORSHIP** the beast. Some say the beast is the anti-Christ, who is to be **WORSHIPPED**. Again, we are not shown the form of **WORSHIP**, but one conventionally, it is to fall down before him, prostrate. Writing as a pre-Triber, Believers before that time, will be taken up to meet Yeshua in the clouds for the marriage supper of the Lamb for one week of years, before returning with Yeshua to rule the earth for 1,000 years. Hallelujah!!! Amen!!! 20th September 2016

92. **Revelation 13:15** ¹⁵ It was allowed to put breath into the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast could even speak; and it was allowed to cause anyone who would not **WORSHIP** the image of the beast to be put to death.

(AV: ¹⁵ *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not **WORSHIP** the image of the beast should be killed.*)

Once more this is a warning to never **WORSHIP** the Anti-Christ to us believers in Yeshua Ha'Mashiach as Saviour. Ha'Satan will use what means he can to deceive us into **WORSHIPPING** him. Here we see that he is able to perform miracles, even making the image of the Beast, Anti-Christ, speak. Failure to **WORSHIP** the beast will result in death. Also, in order to buy or sell (*including food and drink*) must have the mark of the beast on their right hand or forehead. 21st September 2016

93. **Revelation 14:7** ⁷ In a loud voice he said, "Fear God, give Him glory, for the hour has come when He will pass judgment! **WORSHIP** the One who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water!"

(AV: ⁷ *Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and **WORSHIP** him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*)

In **this passage**, we see that ADONAI is the one (*and only one*) we should **WORSHIP** ever. It not revealed the form of **WORSHIP** to be performed, but since it is to be done in fear, it can only be in an attitude of abasement: prostrating one's self before Him, to acknowledge that He must be given glory, since the hour has come when He will pass judgement! We are to **WORSHIP** the One who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water! Amen. Amen. 22nd September 2016

94. **Revelation 14:9**⁹ Another angel, a third one, followed them and said in a loud voice, “If anyone **WORSHIPs** the beast and its image and receives the mark on his forehead or on his hand,

*(AV: ⁹And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **WORSHIP** the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,)*

We learn nothing of the form of **WORSHIP** here in **this verse** before us. Here we see the commandment, effectively, for God’s people to **not WORSHIP** the beast or to receive the mark of the beast. The **following verse** tells of the result for those who do **WORSHIP** the beast and receive his mark, to go to the Lake of Fire, not something to be desired! If only my eldest son would even allow the subject (*of Christianity*) to be raised, I long and pray for him not to be headed for that Lake of Fire, but he is only one of many in today’s world who want **not** to know. Oh Lord, have mercy on all those with this attitude to their future.

24th September 2016

95. **Revelation 14:11**¹¹ and the smoke from their tormenting goes up forever and ever. They have no rest, day or night, those who **WORSHIP** the beast and its image and those who receive the mark of its name.”

*(AV: ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who **WORSHIP** the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.)*

As mentioned in the previous study, we have **in this verse**, the result that will happen, to those who **WORSHIP** the beast, and receive the mark of its name. In **the next verse**, we believers are greatly encouraged to persevere in observing the Commands (*of ADONAI*) and we are to exercise Yeshua’s faithfulness. (*Here is not the place to delve into what these mean.*) We learn nothing of the form of **WORSHIP** in this passage, but it seems that it is likely to be some form of adulation. The object of this **WORSHIP** is definitely not for believers! Not only that, we shall be gone, raptured, before the anti-Christ is revealed! It may be a temptation to some believers, hence the call for perseverance.

25th September 2016

96. **Revelation 15:4**⁴ ADONAI, who will not fear and glorify Your name? Because you alone are holy. All nations will come and **WORSHIP** before You, for Your righteous deeds have been revealed.

*(AV: ⁴Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and **WORSHIP** before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.)*

Who amongst the believers will not fear and glorify the name of ADONAI? This is in the context of the 7 angels with the 7 last plagues, which when poured out, then ends God’s fury (*verse 1*). After this comes the prophecy in **this verse**, that all nations will come and **WORSHIP** before ADONAI. Again, it is not shown the form of **WORSHIP**, but the implication is that it may be in the form of bowing down or prostrating themselves. Whilst typing this, the thought occurs that it could be raising hands and arms to ADONAI. Amen.

26th September 2016

97. **Revelation 19:10** ¹⁰ I fell at his feet to **WORSHIP** him; but he said, “Don’t do that! I’m only a fellow-servant with you and your brothers who have the testimony of Yeshua. **WORSHIP** God! For the testimony of Yeshua is the Spirit of prophecy.”
(**AV**: ¹⁰ *And I fell at his feet to **WORSHIP** him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: **WORSHIP** God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*)

The form of **WORSHIP** here in this first instance is prostration or possibly falling to one’s knees. However, the angel is quick to tell Yochanan, DON’T DO THAT! He pointed out that he is only a fellow servant with those who have the testimony of Yeshua, and that John (*and us, by implication*) must only **WORSHIP** God himself and absolutely no-one else.
29th September 2016

98. **Revelation 22:3** ³ no longer will there be any curses. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will **WORSHIP** Him;
(**AV**: ³ *And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:*)

This reference does not appear in in my Crudens Concordance (*of the AV*). As may be seen above, the **AV** uses “serve Him.” From the context, it would seem that the better translation is **WORSHIP**. We learn nothing of the form of **WORSHIP**, but it is seen that there is a reward (*once the saints are in Heaven*) of that **WORSHIP** which is seen here in **verse 4** – to see His face, something no human may see and live, not even Moshe! That will be some blessing!
5th October 2016

99. **Revelation 22:8** ⁸ Then I, Yochanan, the one hearing and seeing these things, when I heard and saw them, I fell down to **WORSHIP** at the feet of the angel showing them to me.
(**AV**: ⁸ *And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to **WORSHIP** before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.*)

Here is shown again, what we must not **WORSHIP**! The personage here, to which Yochanan offered his **WORSHIP** was an angel, who, as we know from many passages in Scripture is powerful and able to perform miracles, BUT, as this one in **this chapter** points out to Yochanan, is only a fellow servant along with us believers. Now, the form of **WORSHIP** shown in this verse is of “falling down” to **WORSHIP**. This could have been Yochanan falling to his knees, but more likely, prostrating himself in **WORSHIP** at the feet of this angel.
6th October 2016

100. **Revelation 22:9** ⁹ But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am only a fellow-servant with you and your brothers, the prophets and the people who obey the words in this book. **WORSHIP** God!”

(**AV**: ⁹ *Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: **WORSHIP** God.*)

We are shown here one of the things/beings we must not **WORSHIP**! Then we are told who we must **WORSHIP**, ADONAI. We are not shown the form our **WORSHIP** should take, but, by implication, it is to fall down (*to our knees or maybe prostrate ourselves*) before God, as John did to the angel in **verse 8** above. We also see here that the angels are not superior to us (*except their ability to perform miracles*) as they are our fellow servants.

22nd October 2016

Bible Studies on the word

WORSHIPPED

101. **Genesis 24:26:** “The man bowed his head and prostrated himself before ADONAI.”

(AV: *And the man bowed down his head, and **WORSHIPPED** the LORD.*)

Here we see an action in **WORSHIP**. This man acknowledged the God of Avraham, that the God of Avraham had led him to the right place and the right time to find, as we now know, the right girl for Yitz'chak, to be his wife. The servant had 'put out a fleece' to the Lord, as we would say today, for the Lord to show that he had met the right girl (*verses 12-14*). Having then seen that this was the girl to whom the Lord had revealed to him, in *this verse*, he **WORSHIPPED** ADONAI by prostrating himself on the ground before ADONAI. So, we see here in these studies into what is

WORSHIP, that to prostrate oneself before the Lord God of Isra'el is a form of **WORSHIP**.

25th April

102. **Genesis 24:48** ⁴⁸ bowed my head, prostrated myself before ADONAI and blessed ADONAI, God of my master Avraham, for having led me in the right way to obtain my master's brother's [*grand*] daughter for his son.

(AV: *⁴⁸ And I bowed down my head, and **WORSHIPPED** the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.*)

Since the purpose of this study is to see/read what is meant by **WORSHIP** (*and its derivative words*) it is quite clearly stated *in this verse* (*in the CJB*) that **WORSHIP** here is in the form of the servant prostrating himself before ADONAI in thanksgiving for having led him directly to ADONAI's choice of girl, Rivkah, to be the wife of Yitzchak. Interesting to note, that the servant bowed his head as the first movement into prostrating himself.

23rd October 2016

103. **Genesis 24:52** ⁵² When Avraham's servant heard what they said, he prostrated himself on the ground to ADONAI.

(AV: *⁵² And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he **WORSHIPPED** the LORD, bowing himself to the earth.*)

Once more, the form of **WORSHIP** is to prostrate one's self, also, this **WORSHIP** is directed towards the Lord God of Isra'el (*although Isra'el as such, didn't exist at that time*). The Lord had answered Avraham's servant's prayer, which was the cause of the **WORSHIP**.

25th October 2016

104. **Exodus 4:31** ³¹The people believed; when they heard that ADONAI had remembered the people of Isra'el and seen how they were oppressed, they bowed their heads and **WORSHIPPED**.

(AV: ³¹ And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and **WORSHIPPED**.)

So all the leaders of Isra'el at that time, bowed their heads and **WORSHIPPED**. This followed the revelation to them, that ADONAI had remembered His chosen nation and their suffering as slaves in Egypt. This would seem to show another way of performing **WORSHIP**, just to bow the head. Immediately following this in the **following verse, now in Chapter 5**, Pharaoh showed his contempt for the Lord God of Isra'el by refusing to let Isra'el go. 26th October 2016

105. **Exodus 12:27** ²⁷ say, 'It is the sacrifice of ADONAI's Pesach [Passover], because [ADONAI] passed over the houses of the people of Isra'el in Egypt, when he killed the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" The people of Isra'el bowed their heads and **WORSHIPPED**.

(AV: ²⁷ That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and **WORSHIPPED**.)

At this time, the people of Isra'el were told how to celebrate Pesach, by killing the Pesach lamb and to put the blood on the doorposts and lintel of their homes and that this action would preserve them from the destruction of the first born of man and beasts, of all in the land, in homes without the blood. They believed and knew that this was an instruction from ADONAI, so in respect for ADONAI, they bowed their heads and **WORSHIPPED** Him. However, we learn no more of the mode of performing **WORSHIP** than was seen in the previous study. 27th October 2016

106. **Exodus 32:8** ⁸ So quickly they have turned aside from the way I ordered them to follow! They have cast a metal statue of a calf, **WORSHIPPED** it, sacrificed to it and said, 'Isra'el! Here is your god, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'" (AV: ⁸ They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have **WORSHIPPED** it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.)

Aharon made the people remove everything they had of value, gold, all that they had, and Aharon melted it down and made a golden calf. They were totally thumbing their noses at the living Lord God of Isra'el, ADONAI, the one who brought them out of slavery in Egypt, then, they sacrificed to the calf and **WORSHIPPED** it! Absolutely wrong to do such a thing! We learn nothing of the form of **WORSHIP** in this passage either. 30th October 2016

107. **Exodus 33:10** ¹⁰ When all the people saw the column of cloud stationed at the entrance to the tent, they would get up and prostrate themselves, each man at his tent door.

(**AV:** ¹⁰ *And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and **WORSHIPPED**, every man in his tent door.*)

Here we see that the act of **WORSHIP** was to prostrate themselves, even in the doorway of their own tent. The Isra'elis did this to **WORSHIP** ADONAI after seeing the supernatural event of the cloud moving itself to the doorway of the tabernacle (*tent in the CJB*) each time Moshe went into the tent. 31st October 2016

108. **Exodus 34:8** ⁸ At once Moshe bowed his head to the ground, prostrated himself (**AV:** ⁸ *And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and **WORSHIPPED**.*)

As a result of the pronouncement by YUD-HEH-VAV-HEH, that His showing mercy etc. and also His causing the negative effects of parental offenses being passed on to the following generations, Moshe bowed his head to the ground, and prostrated himself before ADONAI. So here is **WORSHIP** of the living God of Isra'el actually at the feet of ADONAI, who had appeared in the cloud. **WORSHIP** here is performed as prostrating one's self. 1st November 2016

109. **Deuteronomy 17:3** ³ by going and serving other gods and **WORSHIPPING** them, the sun, the moon, or anything in the sky — something I have forbidden — (**AV:** ³ *And hath gone and served other gods, and **WORSHIPPED** them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;*)

Here is told of the things we must NOT **WORSHIP** any object, idea, form or person. To **WORSHIP** in any way, anything other than ADONAI is here shown to be punishable by death! Death by stoning, as **these verses** command, means that this is not to be carried out behind closed doors, but in public BY the public, started by the witnesses! What an incentive to keep one's self pure! 2nd November 2016
(*This day would have been our 59th Wedding Anniversary.... We didn't realise at the time, our wedding day was on the 40th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration.*)

110. **Deuteronomy 29:26** ²⁶ They went and served other gods, prostrating themselves before them, gods they had not known and which he had not assigned them.

(**AV:** ²⁶ *For they went and served other gods, and **WORSHIPPED** them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them*)

The context here, is that ADONAI will put His curse upon anyone who **WORSHIPs** any one or thing other than ADONAI Himself. The Ca'anaites were being cursed (*thrown out of the land*) because they idolatrously **WORSHIPPED** idols and not the true living Lord God of Isra'el. The way in which that **WORSHIP** was conducted (*prostrating themselves*) is not the issue here, just that they did not **WORSHIP** the only being that is worthy of **WORSHIP**, no other being or object. Being thrown out of the land and being cursed by ADONAI is also what will happen if any Isra'eli were to **WORSHIP** anyone but ADONAI. 4th November 2016

111. **Judges 7:15** ¹⁵ When Gid'on heard the dream and its interpretation, he fell on his knees in **WORSHIP**. Then he returned to the camp of Isra'el and said, "Get up! because ADONAI has handed Midyan's army over to you."
(AV: ¹⁵ And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he **WORSHIPPED**, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.)

What a miracle ADONAI performed **in this chapter!** No wonder Gid'on fell to his knees and **WORSHIPPED** ADONAI! When ADONAI had told Gid'on that He was going to hand over Midyan to the Isra'elis, probably Gid'on was rather apprehensive about that, but believed when he heard the Midyanite's dream and its interpretation, he saw that ADONAI had revealed to him the state of the morale of the Midyanites. We see here, the form of **WORSHIP** is to fall to his knees. 7th November 2016

112. **I Samuel 1:19** ¹⁹ They got up early in the morning and **WORSHIPPED** before ADONAI, then returned and came to their house in Ramah. Elkanah had sexual relations with Hannah his wife, and ADONAI remembered her.
(AV: ¹⁹ And they rose up in the morning early, and **WORSHIPPED** before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.)

Once more, there is no indication of the form of **WORSHIP** performed, but it is clear that it was to the one true God. He alone is worthy of our **WORSHIP** – no other! Digressing a little, we have in this passage, an instance of where ADONAI does answer prayer. Literally, thank God for that! 10th November 2016

113. **I Samuel 1:28** ²⁸ Therefore, I too have loaned him to ADONAI — as long as he lives, he is on loan to ADONAI." And he prostrated himself there before ADONAI.
(AV: ²⁸ Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he **WORSHIPPED** the LORD there.)

It is clearly shown **in this passage**, that the form of **WORSHIP in the verse**, is to prostrate oneself before the LORD. However, as a small digression again, one must deduce that the one **WORSHIPPING** must have been Eli the Cohen, as he is the one conversing with Hannah. 11th November 2016

114. **I Samuel 15:31** ³¹ So Sh'mu'el followed Sha'ul back, and Sha'ul **WORSHIPPED** ADONAI.
(AV: ³¹ So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul **WORSHIPPED** the LORD.)

Sha'ul had disobeyed ADONAI's strict instructions, afraid of the people even though he had been made king over them (!), given to Sha'ul through Sh'mu'el, so Sh'mu'el refused to go with Sha'ul to **WORSHIP** ADONAI. But Sha'ul pleaded with him and he relented, but only to uphold Sha'ul in the eyes of the people, Whereupon we are told here that Sha'ul **WORSHIPPED** ADONAI. However, his form of **WORSHIP** is not revealed **in this passage**. 12th November 2016

115. **II Samuel 12:20** ²⁰ Then David got up off the ground, washed, anointed himself and changed his clothes. He went into the house of *ADONAI* and **WORSHIPPED**; then he went to his own palace; and when he asked for food, they served it to him; and he ate.

*(AV: ²⁰ Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and **WORSHIPPED**: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.)*

In this instance, we are not told the form of **WORSHIP** and the AV offers no further information, but we are told that king David went into the house of *ADONAI* to do so. He went to **WORSHIP** *ADONAI* and only *ADONAI*. His actions confused his servants, but he explained them to those servants. *ADONAI* had done what He said He would do to the child, and king David's prayers did not change that. 13th November 2016

116. **II Samuel 15:32** ³² When David reached the top of the ascent, where it was customary to **WORSHIP** God, Hushai the Arki came to meet him with his tunic torn and earth on his head.

*(AV: ³² And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he **WORSHIPPED** God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:)*

Here we have **WORSHIP** performed, the form of which is not revealed. **The context** would seem to indicate it might have been to prostrate oneself. Interesting that it says that it was customary to **WORSHIP** at this place at the top of the ascent or hill, maybe to thank *ADONAI* for helping people to get to the top? 14th November 2016

117. **I Kings 9:9** ⁹ But the answer will be, 'It's because they abandoned *ADONAI* their God, who brought their ancestors out of the land of Egypt, and took hold of other gods, **WORSHIPPING** and serving them; this is why *ADONAI* brought all these calamities on them.'

*(AV: ⁹ And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have **WORSHIPPED** them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.)*

Again, we do not see what form of **WORSHIP** would be performed at this time. We do read, however, that this passage was prophetic, in that the House which Shlomo had built was a wonderful thing, a place of awe. That would cause wonderment in those who would see it after *ADONAI* had caused its destruction. For the fact that Isra'el had gone away from **WORSHIPPING** *ADONAI* and were **WORSHIPPING** foreign gods instead! 15th November 2016

118. **I Kings 11:33** ³³ I will do this because they have abandoned me and **WORSHIPPED** 'Ashtoret the goddess of the Tzidoni, K'mosh the god of Mo'av and Milkom the god of the people of 'Amon. They haven't lived according to my ways, so that they could do what was right in my view and obey my regulations and rulings, as did David his father.

*(AV: ³³ Because that they have forsaken me, and have **WORSHIPPED** Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.)*

It is important to have read the whole of **this chapter**, to get the context of **this verse!** However, we do not learn, again, what form of **WORSHIP** is involved here. What we do see is the reason for the anger of ADONAI being kindled against Shlomo, and what was to result from that anger. Shlomo went against the warnings of ADONAI NOT to mix with non-Isra'eli people, especially ladies, as they would turn Shlomo's heart against ADONAI, which had happened - and Shlomo was **WORSHIPPING** several (*if not many*) foreign gods instead of ADONAI. This is a very serious warning to us, as real Christians, to make sure we do not **WORSHIP** anybody or anything but ADONAI Himself, He is a jealous God!

16th November 2016

119. **I Kings 16:31** ³¹ But then, as if it had been a trifling thing for him to commit the sins of Yarov'am the son of N'vat, he took as his wife Izevel the daughter of Etba'al king of the Tzidonim, and went and served Ba'al and **WORSHIPPED** him.

*(AV: ³¹ And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and **WORSHIPPED** him.)*

The king of Isra'el in this context is Ach'av, son of Omri. **Verse 30** tells us that he exceeded in his wickedness, more than all his predecessors! In **verse 31** here, he even **WORSHIPPED** Ba'al, the god of the Tzidonim, after taking for himself a wife, the daughter of the king of Tzidon. Once again, it is not revealed the form of **WORSHIP** he performed. The form is not important in this context, only that we must once again observe that he angered ADONAI so much in so doing, hence, we must remember that there is no other to whom we should offer any form of **WORSHIP**, except to the Lord God of Isra'el, ADONAI.

17th November 2016

120. **I Kings 22:53** ^{54 (53)} He also served Ba'al and **WORSHIPPED** him; and he made ADONAI the God of Isra'el angry, in keeping with everything his father had done. *(AV: ⁵³ For he served Baal, and **WORSHIPPED** him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.)*

Oh dear, not just displeasing ADONAI, but making Him angry! Achazyah, the king of Isra'el, had served Ba'al and **WORSHIPPED** it too, just as had his father, Ach'av, before him - he only reigned for 2 years. How strange that Achazyah's name ends with one of the names of God YAH! Is it surprising since he had made "ADONAI the God of Isra'el angry?" Oh how much we must be careful to **WORSHIP** ADONAI, and only ADONAI!

18th November 2016

121. **II Kings 17:16** ¹⁶ They abandoned all the *mitzvot* of ADONAI their God. They made cast metal images for themselves, two calves. They made an *asherah*. They **WORSHIPPED** the whole army of heaven. They served Ba'al.
(AV: ¹⁶ *And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and **WORSHIPPED** all the host of heaven, and served Baal.*)

Oh, how the people of the 10 tribes of Isra'el sinned against ADONAI! They were, of course, led in this by their kings and leaders, to **WORSHIP** other non-gods, in a form not revealed to us, in **this Chapter**. In **verse 17**, they even sacrificed their own children, by burning them alive, to Ba'al! In 'our' **verse** above, they **WORSHIPPED** the whole army of heaven – the Satanic spirits, instead of **WORSHIPPING** ADONAI and ADONAI alone. Of course, we know from **this Chapter**, that ADONAI took them out of the land and scattered them all over the place, **see verse 6**, as punishment by ADONAI for abandoning their obedience to the instructions (*Mitzvot*) of ADONAI in the Torah and not exclusively offering their **WORSHIP** to the only God, ADONAI. What a lesson for us as believing Christians!
19th November 2016

122. **II Kings 21:3** ³ For he rebuilt the high places Hizkiyahu his father had destroyed; he erected altars for Ba'al and made an *asherah*, as had Ach'av king of Isra'el; and he **WORSHIPPED** all the army of heaven and served them.
(AV: ³ *For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and **WORSHIPPED** all the host of heaven, and served them.*)

All that King Hizkiyahu had done to cleanse Y'hudah, Isra'el, to turn their hearts back to ADONAI, his son M'nasheh totally reversed! **This verse** alone tells us enough, but reading further into **the Chapter** reveals how much worse things he did! Oh so sad for Y'hudah, Isra'el. M'nasheh led the nation to **WORSHIP** all the army of Heaven (*meaning all the Satanic spirits*). It is no longer relevant what form this **WORSHIP** took in **this verse**, as we see that it was certainly not **WORSHIP** of the only being worthy of **WORSHIP** – ADONAI. He became totally apostate!
20th November 2016

123. **II Kings 21:21** ²¹ He followed entirely the manner of life of his father, serving the idols that his father served and **WORSHIPPING** them.
(AV: ²¹ *And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and **WORSHIPPED** them.*)

Again, no indication of the form of **WORSHIP** performed, only that Amon went further into evil, even than his father! We read in **Verse 22**, that he abandoned ADONAI and His ways altogether. Reading further, to **verse 23**, his ways were so bad that his servants conspired and killed him after only 2 years into his reign! BE WARNED AGAIN, to follow ADONAI and his ways and **WORSHIP** Him only! There is no other God.
21st November 2016

124. **I Chronicles 29:20** ²⁰ Then David said to all the community, “Now bless *ADONAI* your God.” All the community blessed *ADONAI*, the God of their ancestors, bowing their heads and prostrating themselves before *ADONAI* and before the king.

(*AV: ²⁰ And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and **WORSHIPPED** the LORD, and the king.*)

It is shown here that the form of **WORSHIP** performed is that of blessing “*ADONAI*, the God of their ancestors, bowing their heads and prostrating themselves before *ADONAI* and before the king.” So, bowing of their heads and prostrating themselves is **WORSHIP**. That describes the form of **WORSHIP** in **this verse** pretty comprehensively, but it does pose the question of what is the “blessing?” Is it part of the form of **WORSHIP** of *ADONAI*? The answer to that question might form part of a future study. 22nd November 2016

125. **II Chronicles 7:3** ³ All the people of Isra’el saw when the fire came down, and the glory of *ADONAI* was on the house; they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the flooring; prostrating themselves, they gave thanks to *ADONAI*, “for he is good, for his grace continues forever.”

(*AV: ³ And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and **WORSHIPPED**, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.*)

In **this verse** today, it is clearly shown that the form of **WORSHIP** was to bow down to the earth, in the process of prostrating themselves. **The verse** implies that that when the people prostrated themselves before *ADONAI*, their faces were to the ground. For myself, if I saw a miracle, of that magnitude – fire coming down from Heaven and the sh’khinah glory on the Temple, I would have been terrified and thrown myself to the ground, prostrating myself before the Lord God of Isra’el! 26th November 2016

126. **II Chronicles 7:22** ²² But the answer will be, ‘It’s because they abandoned ADONAI the God of their ancestors, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and took hold of other gods, **WORSHIP**ping and serving them; this is why [ADONAI] brought all these calamities on them.’”

(AV: ²² *And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and **WORSHIPPED** them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.*)

What a terrible warning to me/us(!) of what will happen if and when we abandon the **WORSHIP** of ADONAI and **WORSHIP** (*servicing*) other gods, be they our car, our home, our garden, photographs of voluptuous semi-naked women leading to pornography, or even our own family. It doesn’t have to be a physical idol as such. We have seen in our own readings of the Scriptures what did finally happen to Isra’el, exactly as **verses 19 and 20** of this passage declares. We must not imagine that such things couldn’t happen to me/us. So what is the form of **WORSHIP** shown here? It is serving these other gods instead of serving the living God, ADONAI. **Verse 14**, that well known and often quoted verse, “**If my people.....**” Living Lord God of Isra’el, ADONAI, please have mercy upon me and keep me serving You and You alone in my **WORSHIP** in this life, as will happen in Heaven. **AMEN!** 27th November 2016

127. **II Chronicles 29:28** ²⁸ The whole assembly prostrated themselves, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

(AV: ²⁸ *And all the congregation **WORSHIPPED**, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.*)

Please read the whole of **Chapter 29** before proceeding, it is so exciting and joy inducing! Straightforwardly, the form of **WORSHIP** is clearly shown to be the whole assembly prostrating themselves – as the **singers (only)** sang the song of ADONAI and the Trumpeters sounded. It must have been glorious to have been there at that time! Hizkiyahu was trying to restore Isra’el (*including the 10 tribes*) from all the sins committed by Achaz, his predecessor. All glory, honour and praises to ADONAI our God. 28th November 2016

128. **II Chronicles 29:29** ²⁹ When the offering was over, the king and everyone present with him bowed down and prostrated themselves.

(AV: ²⁹ *And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and **WORSHIPPED**.)*

Again, please read the whole of **Chapter 29** before proceeding, it is so exciting and joy inducing! The second part of **verse 30** tells all: “***They sang praises until they were filled with joy***, and they bowed their heads and prostrated themselves.” After the offering was over, even the king himself, bowed down and prostrated himself before ADONAI. So once again, the form of **WORSHIP** is bowing down and prostrating oneself. Also, this was all done in the context of offering sacrifices to ADONAI, something which had not happened for a long time in Y’hudah. Again, the singing was only done by the L’vi’im, not by the whole assembly. Perhaps this equates to our Church Choirs of today? 29th November 2016

129. **II Chronicles 29:30** ³⁰ Then Hizkiyahu the king and the leaders ordered the *L'vi'im* to sing praises to *ADONAI*, using the words of David and of Asaf the seer. They sang praises until they were filled with joy, and they bowed their heads and prostrated themselves.

(AV: ³⁰ Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and **WORSHIPPED**.)

Once again, please take the time to **read the whole of Chapter 29** before proceeding, it really is so exciting and joy inducing! Now we see what the Lord is saying in this **verse, 30**, where the second part tells all: “***They sang praises until they were filled with joy***, and they bowed their heads and prostrated themselves.” **WORSHIP** is once again shown to be bowing the head and prostrating one’s self to *ADONAI*. Before this the singers (the *L'vi'im*) **sang Psalms** (*using the words of David and Asaf*) so much, that they continued until they were filled with Joy, the Joy of the Lord of course. So much so, as shown in **verses 35b and 36**: “Thus the service of the house of *ADONAI* was restored. ³⁶ Hizkiyahu and all the people rejoiced over what God had prepared for the people, since it had all happened so suddenly.” **Verse 3** explains how this had all happened suddenly, since Hizkiyahu had wasted no time, as soon as he had been made king and “sorted out” all that had to do with his installation, to restore everything in the House of the Lord, the Temple and to restore the **WORSHIP** of the whole nation to *ADONAI* and His ways – following the Torah. What a chapter this is that we have been reading!

30th November 2016

130. **II Chronicles 33:3** ³ For he rebuilt the high places which Hizkiyahu his father had smashed; he erected altars for the *ba'alim*, made sacred poles and **WORSHIPPED** all the army of heaven and served them.

(AV: ³ For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and **WORSHIPPED** all the host of heaven, and served them.)

What a come-down after the last three studies! M'nasheh was only 12 years old when he became king, after his father, Hizkiyahu, died. He was obviously a cocky little **** and completely left *ADONAI*, the God of his father, totally undoing all the ways in which he had been (*presumably*) brought up and leading all Y'hudah astray. This may be seen in the **next few verses of this chapter**. What do we learn of **WORSHIP** in **this verse**? The answer is not a lot, except that we should only **WORSHIP** *ADONAI* and no other! M'nasheh **WORSHIPPED** just about everything and everybody BUT *ADONAI*, and he corrupted all Y'hudah with him!

1st December 2016

131. **Nehemiah 8:6** ⁶ ‘Ezra blessed *ADONAI*, the great God; and all the people answered, “Amen! Amen!” as they lifted up their hands, bowed their heads and fell prostrate before *ADONAI* with their faces to the ground.

(*AV: Nehemiah 8* ⁶ *And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and **WORSHIPPED** the LORD with their faces to the ground.*)

In **verse 5**, we see that all the people stood up to hear the reading of the Word of God, Torah, and **verse 3** tells us that they listened attentively. To lift up the hands could well have been a part of the sequence of the **WORSHIP** of *ADONAI*: lift up hands; bow the head and then prostrate themselves with their faces to the ground. Essentially, the form of **WORSHIP** here was to prostrate oneself before *ADONAI*. Once again though, there is no mention of any form of music or singing associated with **WORSHIP** of *ADONAI* here. 3rd December 2016

Nehemiah 9:3 ³ Standing where they were, they read in the scroll of the *Torah* of *ADONAI* their God for one-quarter of the day. For another quarter they confessed and prostrated themselves before *ADONAI* their God.

(*AV: Nehemiah 9:3* ³ *And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and **WORSHIPPED** the LORD their God.*)

They read in the Torah, usually mistranslated as “Law,” but strictly meaning “Teaching” or “Instruction” for living. We see in the **context of this verse**, that the people of Isra’el were in the process of learning and confessing how that had gone so far away from the teachings of the Torah of *ADONAI*, and then prostrating themselves in **WORSHIP** before *ADONAI* their God. What we see here about **WORSHIP** is that it involves confessing our sins before we are clean before *ADONAI*, then we can actually **WORSHIP** the living Lord God of Isra’el. We see also that this was not a quick “been there, done that” happening! Having spent THREE HOURS listening and learning from the reading of Torah, they then spent another THREE HOURS confessing their sins and their having gone away from God’s way, and prostrating themselves before *ADONAI*. Can you imagine doing this today? 4th December 2016

132. **Job 1:20** ²⁰ Iyov got up, tore his coat, shaved his head, fell down on the ground and **WORSHIPPED**; ²¹ he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will return there. *ADONAI* gave; *ADONAI* took; blessed be the name of *ADONAI*.”

(*AV: 20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and **WORSHIPPED**,*)

I thought it advisable to add **verse 21** here, as it conveys so much about the way in which Iyov (*Job*) responded to the tragedies that had befallen him. Wow! If only I could see myself having such faith in *ADONAI*, that if He took away everything I have, that I would instantly **WORSHIP** Him. The form of **WORSHIP** here, once again, is to fall down on the ground, in other words, to prostrate himself before *ADONAI*. Interesting that Iyov tore his coat and shaved his head, but it wouldn’t be that this was part of the **WORSHIP** here, but rather that these were a symbol showing bereavement. 5th December 2016

133. **Psalm 106:19** ¹⁹ In Horev they fashioned a calf, they **WORSHIPPED** a cast metal image.

(AV: ¹⁹ *They made a calf in Horeb, and **WORSHIPPED** the molten image.*)

Psalm 106 is an catalogue of how Isra'el went so badly wrong and so often! Here is **this verse**, is listed just one of those occasions: they made a calf and then they **WORSHIPPED** it. In doing so, as **verses 20 to 23** go on to show, they forgot the God who had done so much for them and ADONAI would have destroyed them altogether, had not Moshe intervened. We learn nothing here about **WORSHIP** in this situation, but the Lord has put this vision in my mind, of a crowd in a football stadium with their arms in the air and repeatedly bowing forward in **WORSHIP** of their team. The Isra'elis could have been doing this to the calf they had made. Again, so very sad. Here we see again what we must NOT **WORSHIP**. 6th December 2016

134. **Jeremiah 1:16** ¹⁶ I will pronounce my judgments against them for all their wickedness in abandoning me, offering incense to other gods and **WORSHIPPING** what their own hands made.

(AV: ¹⁶ *And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and **WORSHIPPED** the works of their own hands.*)

Yirmeyahu was being instructed by ADONAI to go to face the king of Isra'el, and other kings of other countries, to admonish them for their wickedness in **WORSHIPPING** other gods, by burning Incense to them. Telling them what was going to happen to them. We see **in this verse**, that their form of **WORSHIP** to these false gods, was to burn incense to them. Burning Incense was a form of **WORSHIP**, but this was to false gods, which is totally wrong. We must ONLY offer any form of **WORSHIP** to ADONAI, the living Lord God of Isra'el and no other! 7th December 2016

135. **Jeremiah 8:2** ² They will spread them out, exposed to the sun, the moon and the entire army of heaven, whom they loved, served, walked after, sought after and **WORSHIPPED**. The bones will not be collected or reburied but will be left lying on the ground like dung.

(AV: ² *and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have **WORSHIPPED**: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.*)

To get the full picture of what is going on here, read **Jeremiah 7:28 to 8:12 or further** if you wish. It goes on to show why what is to happen in our **verse 2** here. Isra'el had gone so far away from ADONAI and His Torah, in **WORSHIPPING** the sun, the moon, the entire "army of Heaven." In this context, we are not told the form of **WORSHIP**, but this is of no concern, since it is directed toward anything and everything but ADONAI (*again*) which is expressly forbidden by the Torah (*teaching or instruction*). Interesting here, in this context, and in previous of these studies, the "army of Heaven" is not the same as the "army of Heaven" mentioned in Revelation, which there is all ADONAI's angels. We believers must be so careful not to be deceived into **WORSHIPPING** that which is not God. 8th December 2016

136. **Jeremiah 16:11** ¹¹ then you are to say to them, ‘It is because your ancestors abandoned me, says *ADONAI*, and went after other gods, serving and **WORSHIPPING** them, but abandoned me and did not keep my *Torah*.

(*AV: 11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have **WORSHIPPED** them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;*)

Once again, Yirmeyahu is berating the people of Isra’el because they have gone away from following after the instructions or teaching of God’s *Torah*. In the previous verse, 10, the people are effectively claiming innocence, hence **verse 11**, where Jeremiah tells them what they have done wrong, or rather what they have failed to do. They have followed after and **WORSHIPPED** non-gods instead of doing what *ADONAI* had taught them in the *Torah* and to **WORSHIP** only *ADONAI*. Again, we learn nothing of the form of **WORSHIP** performed to these false gods, only that they were completely in the wrong in the eyes of God. 9th December 2016

137. **Jeremiah 22:9** ⁹ The answer will be, ‘Because they abandoned the covenant of *ADONAI* their God and **WORSHIPPED** other gods, serving them.’”

(*AV: 9 Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and **WORSHIPPED** other gods, and served them.*)

Yirmeyahu was warning the king of Isra’el that *ADONAI* says: “*Do what is right and just; rescue the wronged from their oppressors; do nothing wrong or violent to the stranger, orphan or widow; don’t shed innocent blood in this place,*” in **verse 3 of this chapter**. However, the king didn’t heed the warning, since, as we see in **our verse**, he and all Isra’el, continued refusing to **WORSHIP** *ADONAI* and *ADONAI* alone. We do not know the form of **WORSHIP** in **this verse**, nor from its context, but the fact is that they insisted on **WORSHIPPING** their foreign, non-gods. Hence, Jerusalem was going to become a ruin! 10th December 2016

138. **Ezekiel 8:16** ¹⁶ He brought me into the inner courtyard of ADONAI's house; and there, at the entrance to the temple of ADONAI, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of ADONAI and their faces toward the east; and they were **WORSHIPPING** the sun toward the east.

(AV: ¹⁶ And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they **WORSHIPPED** the sun toward the east.)

The people of Isra'el sank further and further into idol **WORSHIP**. In **this vision** of Yechezk'el, 25 of the leaders of the people were (*deliberately*) turning their backs to the Temple (*ie.* ADONAI) and were **WORSHIPPING** the sunrise! In **verse 14**, the women were weeping for Tammuz (*a Babylonian god, husband of Ishtar*) another forbidden object of **WORSHIP**. In **verse 17**, they were even "putting the branch to their nose(s)" to ADONAI. To do this, as we might do at someone we don't like – with our hand vertically outstretched with our thumb on our nose and wiggling our fingers, and probably, even at the same time, "blowing a raspberry!" Since they were **WORSHIPPING** a false god, the form of **WORSHIP** is not relevant to us, especially as it was to someone/something to which we must **not** offer **WORSHIP**. 11th
December 2016

139. **Dani'el 2:46**⁴⁶ Then King N'vukhadnetzar fell on his face and **WORSHIPPED** Dani'el; he ordered that a grain offering and incense be offered to him.
(AV: ⁴⁶ Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and **WORSHIPPED** Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.)

The king of Babylon, the most powerful man in the world at the time, prostrated himself in **WORSHIP** of Dani'el! Although N'vukhadnetzar was definitely not a believer in the Lord God of Isra'el, he at least recognised a power higher than himself or any of his other gods. He thought that the power was in Dani'el himself, so he prostrated himself in **WORSHIP**, and acknowledged that Dani'el's God is the God of gods in **verse 47**. Very definitely, the form of **WORSHIP** was prostrating himself.
12th December 2016

140. **Dani'el 3:7** ⁷Therefore, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, harp, zither, lute and the rest of the musical instruments, all the peoples, nations and languages fell down and **WORSHIPPED** the gold statue that N'vukhadnetzar the king had set up.

(AV: ⁷Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and **WORSHIPPED** the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.)

Here is an association of music with **WORSHIP**, but since for us today, it is a completely wrong thing to **WORSHIP** an idol, as we know, and the music to signify time to **WORSHIP** (*anything or person*) is also the wrong signal! The leaders here had little idea of the Lord God of Isra'el, even if they had heard of Him, He was just another god amongst their hundreds of gods, so it was no problem for all these officials to fall down (*prostrate themselves*) to **WORSHIP** just another god. In **Chapter 2**, N'vukhadnetzar, himself, had only acknowledged ADONAI, the God of Daniel, as being the most powerful god among the gods and had not broadcast that to all the peoples, as happened later in the book of Dani'el. All these officials were simply **WORSHIPPING** just another deity. 14th December 2016

(Wow! *It is my Eighty First Birthday today!*)

141. **Matthew 2:11** ¹¹Upon entering the house, they saw the child with his mother Miryam; and they prostrated themselves and **WORSHIPPED** him. Then they opened their bags and presented him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

(AV: ¹¹And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and **WORSHIPPED** him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.)

Here, the Magi **WORSHIPPED** the Lord Yeshua by prostrating themselves. Having done that, they then brought out their bags and gave the presents they had brought to pay homage to the new King of Isra'el. There were three gifts, each of unknown quantity, which has led to the myth that the Magi were three kings, they were astromomers. We learn that the form of **WORSHIP** offered was to prostrate themselves before ADONAI in earthly or human form. 16th December 2016

142. **Matthew 8:2** ²Then a man afflicted with *tzara'at* came, kneeled down in front of him and said, "Sir, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

(AV: ²And, behold, there came a leper and **WORSHIPPED** him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.)

WORSHIP in **this verse** is shown in the **CJB**, to be kneeling. How wonderful that Yeshua was indeed willing to heal this man. The man obviously knew who Yeshua really was, not just another Rabbi with a healing mission. Hence he **WORSHIPPED** Yeshua by kneeling in **WORSHIP** before Him. 17th December 2016

143. **Matthew 9:18**¹⁸ While he was talking, an official came in, knelt down in front of him and said, “My daughter has just died. But if you come and lay your hand on her, she will live.”

(AV: ¹⁸ While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and **WORSHIPPED** him, saying, my daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.)

WORSHIP, in this case, consisted of kneeling before Yeshua, thus, with an acknowledgement in his words, this official (*of what one might ask, the local Synagogue perhaps?*) showed complete faith in Yeshua’s ability to restore his daughter to life. The **following verses** show that Yeshua did indeed raise her, even though He was ridiculed by those around the house. 19th December 2016

144. **Matthew 14:33**³³ The men in the boat fell down before him and exclaimed, “You really are God’s son!”

(AV: ³³ Then they that were in the ship came and **WORSHIPPED** him, saying, of a truth thou art the Son of God.)

So what form of **WORSHIP** is here? All we see is that the disciples “fell down before Him.” As they were 12 disciples plus Yeshua, in the boat, which, hence, would not have had a lot of space, it is unlikely that they would have all prostrated themselves at the same time, so one would imagine that they would all have fallen to their knees and bowed their heads to the deck in **WORSHIP** to Yeshua. 20th December 2016

145. **Matthew 15:25**²⁵ But she came, fell at his feet and said, “Sir, help me!”

(AV: ²⁵ Then came she and **WORSHIPPED** him, saying, Lord, help me.)

The form of **WORSHIP** performed here is, as in so many cases in Scripture, is not clearly defined. It may easily be imagined, that in falling at the feet of Yeshua, this Gentile woman may have fallen to her knees and looked up to Yeshua as she pleaded with Him for her daughter’s freedom from the demonic powers, that held the daughter captive. It is clear, however, that this **WORSHIP** was an action, not in any words that she used. 21st December 2016

146. **Matthew 18:26**²⁶ But the servant fell down before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’

(AV: ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down, and **WORSHIPPED** him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.)

In **this parable** from Yeshua, this man fell down before the master, in **WORSHIP**. We don’t learn anything more of the act of **WORSHIP**, except that the reason for the **WORSHIP** was not in contrition or in any way to magnify the recipient, but simply trying to get his own way, to alleviate, in some way, the debt he owed. The man’s attitude can be seen in the way in which he treated another man who owed him a debt. NOT the way or reason to **WORSHIP** ADONAI. 22nd December 2016

147. **Matthew 28:9** ⁹ Suddenly, Yeshua met them and said, “*Shalom!*” They came up and took hold of his feet as they fell down in front of him.
(*AV: ⁹ And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and **WORSHIPPED** him.*)

In **this verse**, where Miryam of Magdala and the other Miryam had gone to the Grave with spices etc. as we learn in the other Gospels, then miracles happened at the same time: there was an earthquake; an Angel of ADONAI came down from Heaven, rolled away the stone (*from the opening to the grave*) and sat on it. He spoke to the ladies, telling them not to be afraid, but to go and tell the Talmidim that Yeshua had been raised from the dead and they were to go to meet him in the Galil. So when Yeshua met them as they were on their way, appearing suddenly, they fell at His feet, holding on to them, in **WORSHIP** of Yeshua! What a fantastic (*true*) story this is! Imagine the joy! What do we learn of **WORSHIP** here? Obviously, the ladies could only have prostrated themselves, in order to grasp His feet. 23rd December 2016

148. **Matthew 28:17** ¹⁷ When they saw him, they prostrated themselves before him; but some hesitated.
(*AV: ¹⁷ And when they saw him, they **WORSHIPPED** him: but some doubted.*)

Having gone to the hill in the Galil (*as they had been told by the two Miryams, who had been told by Yeshua to tell them*) the 11 disciples prostrated themselves before Yeshua in **WORSHIP**. Interestingly, **in verse 19**, the disciples were **not** told to make converts, but to make **disciples!** We are told that some hesitated or doubted, we are not told who or even how many, only that there were at least two of them. **Mark 15:11** tells us that none of the disciples believed the ladies. This is repeated in **Luke 24:11**, where Yeshua reprimanded them for their doubts in **Luke 24:38**, since they thought that they had seen a ghost! Yeshua had told them that these things were to happen, but they couldn't comprehend it. Would any of us? 24th December 2016

149. **Mark 5:6** ⁶ Seeing Yeshua from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him (⁷ and screamed at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Yeshua, Son of God Ha'Elyon? I implore you in God's name! Don't torture me!”)
(*AV: ⁶ But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and **WORSHIPPED** him, ⁷ And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.*)

The next verse is included for what must be obvious reasons. This poor man, possessed by so many demons, who cried out to Yeshua, since they recognised Him as the Son of the Most High God, the man fell down onto his knees to **WORSHIP** Yeshua, while his demons cried out, pleading with Yeshua not to torture them! It is difficult to determine quite who is doing what here. Happy Hanukkah to all. 25th December 2016

Hope you are all had a good Christmas.

150. **Mark 15:19** ¹⁹ They hit him on the head with a stick, spat on him and kneeled in mock **WORSHIP** of him.

(AV: ¹⁹ *And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees **WORSHIPPED** him.*)

Oh dear, what a thing! We see that the form of **WORSHIP** was to kneel before Yeshua, but it was not real **WORSHIP**, as **we read**, it was mocking Him, false **WORSHIP**. This is something which we must never do! Please ADONAI, forgive those soldiers, as Roman pagans, **WORSHIPPING** so many gods, all except ADONAI, they really didn't know what they were doing. 26th December 2016

151. **Luke 24:52** ⁵² They bowed in **WORSHIP** to Him, then returned to Yerushalayim, overflowing with joy.

(AV: ⁵² *And they **WORSHIPPED** Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy*)

WORSHIP here in **this passage** is shown to be bowing before Yeshua. In this passage, they did not prostrate themselves, as in so many other passages of Scripture, making prostration seem to be the "norm." Having seen, and accepted, that it really was Yeshua, they went back to Yerushalayim overflowing with joy, as they realised that all Yeshua had told them was true. 27th December 2016

152. **John 4:20** ²⁰ "Our fathers **WORSHIPPED** on this mountain, but you people say that the place where one has to **WORSHIP** is in Yerushalayim."

(AV: ²⁰ *Our fathers **WORSHIPPED** in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to **WORSHIP**.*)

In the context of **this verse**, the woman of Shomron was saying that the Jews and the Samaritans **WORSHIPPED** in different places, which, at that time, was true. However, in the **next verses**, Yeshua told here that in the future, the place of **WORSHIP** would not be important, only that we should **WORSHIP** ADONAI in spirit and in truth. So what we learn about **WORSHIP** is that the method or place of performing **WORSHIP** is not important, but that it must come from our spirit, truly from our heart, for that is our spiritual **WORSHIP** of ADONAI. 28th December 2016

153. **John 9:38** ³⁸ "Lord, I trust!" he said, and he kneeled down in front of him.

(AV: ³⁸ *And he said, Lord, I believe. And he **WORSHIPPED** him.*)

What a long (*true*) story here, the **whole chapter**, so **please read** it all, to understand the context. Of **WORSHIP** here, we read that it takes the form of kneeling before Yeshua in **WORSHIP** of Him. In this account, we see that the man, because he had been healed of his blindness, became a believer, but before that happened, he was sufficiently convinced that Yeshua was the Son of God, that he even "cheeked" the P'rushim (*Pharisees*) when they repeatedly questioned him, and they refused to believe that Yeshua had healed him. 29th December 2016

154. **Acts 10:25** ²⁵As Kefa entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell prostrate at his feet.

(AV: ²⁵ And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and **WORSHIPPED** him.)

The form of **WORSHIP** in **this verse** is clearly prostration of oneself. However, Cornelius should not have done that to Kefa, since the Angel had clearly told him in **verse 5** that he was to send for a man named Kefa. Cornelius was not told that Kefa was anyone special, just that Kefa was to be brought to Cornelius' house. Nothing was even said about Kefa having a message for them, but when Kefa asked why he had been sent for, only that in **verse 33** they explained everything to Kefa and expected Kefa to have heard from the Lord with a message for them. 30th December 2016

155. **Acts 16:14** ¹⁴One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in fine purple cloth. She was already a "God-fearer," and the Lord opened up her heart to respond to what Sha'ul was saying.

(AV: ¹⁴ And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which **WORSHIPPED** God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.)

Lydia was already a "God-fearer," we don't know from the text, but she must have been a practising Jewess who **WORSHIPPED** ADONAI, the Lord God of Isra'el. There is no indication of the form of her **WORSHIP**. She had listened to Sha'ul (*Paul is just his name in Greek, it was never changed.*) speaking and the Lord opened up her mind to hear what was said, then Lydia and all her household became believers and were immersed (*baptised, in today's parlance*). So we learn nothing of how this **WORSHIP** was performed. 31st December 2016

156. **Acts 17:25** ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as if he lacked something; since it is he himself who gives life and breath and everything to everyone.

(AV: ²⁵ Neither is **WORSHIPPED** with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;)

"**WORSHIPPED** with men's hands?" What can that mean? A number of possibilities come to mind: clapping the most high; raising the arms with the hands high in the air; waving the hands; to name a few. The **CJB** gives a clue in that "serving with our hands" is written here, but that is dismissed by the first word in **the verse** and in the **remainder of the verse**! So, the conclusion is that this **WORSHIP** is not of ADONAI at all. It would seem then that to make false gods is using the hands – for a wrongful purpose in the eyes of ADONAI! 1st January 2017

157. **Acts 18:7** ⁷ So he left them and went into the home of a “God-fearer” named Titius Justus, whose house was right next door to the synagogue.
(AV: ⁷ *And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that **WORSHIPPED** God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.*)

We see in **this verse**, that to **WORSHIP** ADONAI, one must fear Him. This is not a “cringing fear,” but being in awe of ADONAI, His greatness, His power, His knowledge, His magnificence, His knowledge, etc. So, being in awe of someone or something is form of **WORSHIP**, which is a sin, unless the **WORSHIP** is directed at ADONAI Himself.
3rd January 2017

158. **Romans 1:25** ²⁵ They have exchanged the truth of God for falsehood, by **WORSHIPPING** and serving created things, rather than the Creator — praised be he for ever. *Amen.*
(AV: ²⁵ *Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and **WORSHIPPED** and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*)

What an indictment, in the **rest of the chapter**, of the practices of the Romans! Sha’ul is here telling them that they have NOT **WORSHIPPED** the truth, **WORSHIPPING** the created things instead of He who created them, and carrying out all sorts of awful actions! The form of **WORSHIP** here is irrelevant, since it is done to wrong things, not to ADONAI.
4th January 2017

159. **II Thessalonians 2:4** ⁴ He will oppose himself to **everything** that people call a **god** or make an object of **WORSHIP**; **he will put himself above** them all, so that he will sit in the Temple **of God** and proclaim that he himself is **God**.^[a] Ezekiel 28:2]
(AV: ⁴ *Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is **WORSHIPPED**; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*)

This is Ha’Satan (*English: the Adversary*) himself, declaring that he is above all the things that man **WORSHIPS**, this is all the false gods. This is not telling the believing brothers in Thessalonica that they are **WORSHIPPING** a false god, but warning them to beware of the one who is coming, who will set himself up to deceive all men into believing that he is the true God. **Verses 2 to 4** give the warning that Ha’Satan will come to try to deceive the believers as well. Interestingly, **verse 3** tells us that he will not come until after the apostasy, meaning, when many people in the Church fall away from **WORSHIPPING** ADONAI, the true God. The Scripture does not reveal the form of **WORSHIP** because it is not important in the context.
5th January 2017

160. **Hebrews 11:21** ²¹ By **trusting**, Ya'akov, when he was dying, blessed each of Yosef's sons, **leaning on his walking-stick as he bowed in prayer**.^[g Genesis 47:31 (Septuagint)]

(AV: ²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and **WORSHIPPED**, leaning upon the top of his staff.)

This **famous chapter** of Hebrews is all about trusting, of having (*and exercising*) faith. In **this verse**, Ya'akov had just asked Yosef (**Genesis 47:31**) to ensure that he was not buried in Egypt, but returned to be buried with his fathers, Avraham and Yitz'chak. Having obtained an assurance from Yosef, that he would do that, Ya'akov then **WORSHIPPED**, by bowing, leaning on his stick, in prayer. So here we see that prayer is a form of **WORSHIP**. We obviously, also must assume that this prayer would be **WORSHIP** of ADONAI and no-one else. 7th January 2017

161. **Revelation 5:14** ¹⁴ The four living beings said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and **WORSHIPPED**.

(AV: ¹⁴ And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and **WORSHIPPED** him that liveth for ever and ever.)

Even as the 4 living beings said "Amen," to what was said in the **previous verse**, the 24 elders fell down and **WORSHIPPED**. The **previous verse** tells why: "**To the One sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb, belong praise, honour, glory and power, forever and ever!**" We must take it, that it is implied, by the falling down, that those elders prostrated themselves in their **WORSHIP** of ADONAI on the Throne and of the Lamb. 8th January 2017

162. **Revelation 7:11** ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne, the elders and the four living beings; they fell face down before the throne and **WORSHIPPED** God, saying,

(AV: ¹¹ And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and **WORSHIPPED** God,)

Verse nine tells us that a crowd (*beyond number*) called out: "**Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**" This caused the Angels, the Elders and the four Living Beings to **WORSHIP** ADONAI and the Lamb. **This verse** also tells us the form of that **WORSHIP** as being prostrating themselves – falling face down and saying, we are told in **verse twelve**: "**Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honour and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!**" WOW! This *IS the way to* **WORSHIP** God! 9th January 2017

163. **Revelation 11:16** ¹⁶ The twenty-four elders sitting on their thrones in God's presence fell on their faces and **WORSHIPPED** God,
(*AV: ¹⁶ And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and **WORSHIPPED** God,*)

This scenario is very similar to that in the previous study on **Revelation 7:11**. The 24 Elders prostrated themselves again before ADONAI in **WORSHIP** after the 7th Angel sounded the Shofar and loud voices in Heaven proclaimed "***The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah, and he will rule forever and ever!***" whereupon those 24 Elders gave thanks, and much more, to ADONAI in **the following verses**. Hence, once again, **WORSHIP** is seen to be prostrating oneself before ADONAI.
10th January 2017

164. **Revelation 13:4** ⁴ They **WORSHIPPED** the dragon, because he had given his authority to the beast; and they **WORSHIPPED** the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who can fight against it?"
(*AV: ⁴ And they **WORSHIPPED** the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they **WORSHIPPED** the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*)

The whole earth, **in verse 3**, followed the beast in amazement then **WORSHIPPED** the dragon, because he had given his authority to the beast, and hence, they subsequently **WORSHIPPED** the beast. The dragon had completely deceived all the people on earth except those that had their names written in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb. **See verse 8**. This is, of course, NOT what or who we should **WORSHIP!** Those whose names are written in the Book of Life are those who had become God's holy people during the Tribulation, who **WORSHIPPED** ADONAI alone.
11th January 2017

165. **Revelation 16:2** ² So the first one went and poured his bowl onto the earth, and disgusting and painful sores appeared on all the people who had the mark of the beast and **WORSHIPPED** its image.
(*AV: ² And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which **WORSHIPPED** his image.*)

Please do not **WORSHIP** the beast, nor take his mark! Do not perform **WORSHIP** of the beast in any way shape or form! All the contents of the 7 bowls full of God's wrath are poured out on those who do take the mark of, or **WORSHIP**, the beast. This part of the book of Revelation is a very serious warning to us all, of the consequences of doing either of these, and this is only the first bowl.
12th January 2017

166. **Revelation 19:4** ⁴The twenty-four elders and the four living beings fell down and **WORSHIPPED** God, sitting on the throne, and said, "Amen! Hallelujah!"
(*AV: ⁴And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and **WORSHIPPED** God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.*)

Once again, **WORSHIP** is shown to be falling down. This may not be the 24 Elders and the 4 living beings prostrating themselves, but it is beyond just bowing themselves. This **WORSHIP** is caused by the shouting in **verses 1, 2 and 3**, which give glory to God, ADONAI. Long may we believers give the glory to God and **WORSHIP** Him, as is His right!
13th January 2017

167. **Revelation 19:20** ²⁰But the beast was taken captive, and with it the false prophet who, in its presence, had done the miracles which he had used to deceive those who had received the mark of the beast and those who had **WORSHIPPED** his image. The beast and the false prophet were both thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulphur.
(*AV: ²⁰And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that **WORSHIPPED** his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*)

To take the mark of the beast is final, from then, there is no going back, no second chance! Whether one realises it or not, taking the mark of the beast is tantamount to **WORSHIPPING** the beast. It is quite clearly stated here in Scripture (**Rev. 20:15**) that the destiny of all who have **WORSHIPPED** the beast or have taken the mark are destined for the lake of fire, since their names are not written in the Lamb's Book of life. The form of **WORSHIP** is not relevant.
14th January 2017

168. **Revelation 20:4** ⁴Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them received authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for testifying about Yeshua and proclaiming the Word of God, also those who had not **WORSHIPPED** the beast or its image and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands. They came to life and ruled with the Messiah for a thousand years.(*AV: ⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not **WORSHIPPED** the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*)

Again, we see no indication of the form of **WORSHIP** performed, only that there is a clear message of what will happen to those who do not **WORSHIP** the beast, but, obviously, **WORSHIP** only ADONAI. These people are the ones who refused to cease testifying of Yeshua, and proclaiming the Word of God, at the cost of their lives. This was during the tribulation. I cannot help but think of those 20 or so Egyptian Coptic Christians who were beheaded on the beach in Libya a few years ago, they submitted to being beheaded (*by Muslims*) rather than deny our Lord. Oh Lord Jesus, may I have the strength of trust in you, to not deny you ever.
15th January 2017

Bible Studies on the word

WORSHIPPER

169. **John 9:31** ³¹ We know that God doesn't listen to sinners; but if anyone fears God and does his will, God does listen to him.

(AV: ³¹ Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a **WORSHIPPER** of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

Please read the **whole chapter** before reading on from here, there is so much teaching in it. We don't know the name of this once blind man, and this is not important, but he told the P'rushim (*Pharisees*) what they should have already known, but didn't want to acknowledge, so **in verse 34**, they called him a Mamzer (*Bastard*)! He reminded them that ADONAI doesn't listen to the prayers of a sinner (*except the sinner's prayer*) only to one who is a **WORSHIPPER** of God. We do not have any explanation of the form of **WORSHIPPING** in this passage, only that if we want God to hear our prayers, we must be a believer (*that God IS*). 16th January 2017

170. **Acts 19:35** ³⁵ At last, the city clerk was able to quiet the crowd. "Men of Ephesus!" he said, "Is there anyone who doesn't know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis, and of the sacred stone which fell from the sky?"

(AV: ³⁵ And when the town clerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a **WORSHIPPER** of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?)

Artemis (or Diana, as it was also known) was a foreign god **WORSHIPPED** by many in and around Ephesus and the local craftsmen made a very good income making metal, wood or stone images for it. These craftsmen were more or less rioting because Sha'ul had caused many former **WORSHIPPERS** to turn away from the false god to follow "the way," or be believers in Yeshua as Lord and Saviour. To **WORSHIP** a false god such as this one is against the Living God, ADONAI, and is something that we followers of "the way," must not do! 17th January 2017

Bible Studies on the word

WORSHIPPERS

171. **II Kings 10:19** ¹⁹ Therefore summon all the prophets of Ba'al to me, all his **WORSHIPPERS** and all his priests. None of them is to be missing, because I am going to offer a great sacrifice to Ba'al; whoever is missing will not remain alive." But Yehu was setting a trap, in order to destroy the **WORSHIPPERS** of Ba'al.
(**AV:** ¹⁹ Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the **WORSHIPPERS** of Baal.)

All these people who **WORSHIPPED** Ba'al, were to be gathered together, to be killed, as seen in the **following verses**. In this, Yehu was doing the Will of ADONAI, God, for which ADONAI rewarded him with the setting up of a (*short 4 generation*) dynasty in Shomron. However, as is seen later in the chapter, Yehu then ceased being zealous for ADONAI, but followed the ways of Yarov'am. We learn nothing about **WORSHIP** in **this verse**, except that, once more, it is not directed toward the living Lord God of Isra'el, but towards foreign gods – which we must **not** do! 18th January 2017

172. **II Kings 10:21** ²¹ Yehu sent throughout all Isra'el, and all the **WORSHIPPERS** of Ba'al came, so that there was not one man left that didn't come. They entered the temple of Ba'al, and the temple of Ba'al was filled from one end to the other.
(**AV:** ²¹ And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the **WORSHIPPERS** of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.)

We see here that Yehu had compelled every single person that was a **WORSHIPPER** of Ba'al, to come to the temple of Ba'al, under threat of death if they didn't come. Every one of them was there. Again, we learn nothing of the form of **WORSHIP** that would have been performed by these people, except that it was wrong, since it was to **WORSHIP** of a foreign god and not ADONAI Himself alone. 19th January 2017

173. **II Kings 10:23** ²³ Yehu and Y'honadav the son of Rekhav entered the house of Ba'al and said to the **WORSHIPPERS** of Ba'al, "Search to see that none of the servants of ADONAI is here with you, only **WORSHIPPERS** of Ba'al."

(AV: ²³ And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the **WORSHIPPERS** of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the **WORSHIPPERS** of Baal only.)

Having ensured that all the Ba'al **WORSHIPPERS** were in there, a check was made. Then Yehu and Y'honadav went into the Temple of Ba'al and offered sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now did they, in their hearts, offer them to ADONAI, or did they enter into the spirit of Ba'al? Next question.... The others in there offered to Ba'al, having gone there to **WORSHIP** Ba'al. They were against ADONAI and not one of them escaped death at the hands of Yehu and his 80 followers, waiting outside to go in, and kill every one of the **WORSHIPPERS** of Ba'al. Again, there is no indication of the form of **WORSHIP** they would have performed. 20th January 2017

174. **John 4:23** ²³ But the time is coming — indeed, it's here now — when the true **WORSHIPPERS** will **WORSHIP** the Father spiritually and truly, for these are the kind of people the Father wants **WORSHIPPING** Him.

(AV: ²³ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true **WORSHIPPERS** shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to **WORSHIP** him.)

Here Yeshua is telling the woman that she, and we, need to be true **WORSHIPPERS** of ADONAI, in spirit and truth. There is no other way. Jesus didn't elaborate on how to **WORSHIP** ADONAI, just that the only **WORSHIPPERS** ADONAI wants, as shown in verse 24, are those who **WORSHIP** Him in Spirit and truth. 21st January 2017

175. **Hebrews 10:2** ² Otherwise, wouldn't the offering of those sacrifices have ceased? For if the people performing the service had been cleansed once and for all, they would no longer have sins on their conscience.

(AV: ² For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the **WORSHIPPERS** once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.)

This epistle was written before the destruction of the 2nd Temple, hence sacrificial **WORSHIP** was still continuing at the time of writing. The form of **WORSHIPPING** here was the sacrificial offering of the blood of animals to ADONAI. The **WORSHIPPERS** were those who had brought the animals to be sacrificed, as an offering, to cleanse them of their sins. For us today, we do not have to continually offer sacrifices to ADONAI for the remission of our sins, as Yeshua is the final sacrifice for all our sins, He has paid the price for them all. We, individually, must accept His sacrifice for the forgiveness of our own sins. Yeshua is the final sacrifice, He has paid it all. **WORSHIP** of ADONAI by sacrifice is no longer valid. 22nd January 2017

Bible Studies on the word

WORSHIPPETH

176. **Nehemiah 9:6** ⁶ “You are *ADONAI*, you alone. You made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their array, the earth and all the things that are in it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve them all. The army of heaven **WORSHIPS** you. (*AV: 6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven WORSHIPPETH thee.*)

The army (*host*) of Heaven **WORSHIPS** *ADONAI*, we see in this verse. The L’vi’im (*Levites*) told the people (*of Isra’el*) in **verse 5**, to “**Stand up, and bless *ADONAI* your God from everlasting to everlasting; let them say: “Blessed be your glorious name, exalted above all blessing and praise!”** There followed the words of **the verse** in this study, and **subsequent verses**, to bless, exalt and praise *ADONAI* for who He is and what He has done! However, it is not shown in **this verse**, in what way the army of Heaven conducted their **WORSHIP**.
23rd January 2017

177. **Isaiah 44:15** ¹⁵ In time, when it’s ready for use as fuel, he takes some of it to keep himself warm and burns some more to bake bread. Then he makes a god and **WORSHIPS** it, carves it into an idol and falls down before it. (*AV: 15 Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and WORSHIPPETH it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.*)

The form of **WORSHIP** here is of falling down (*prostrating one’s self?*) to the god that has been carved out of the same log that has been used for fire to warm one and bake bread! The futility of this making of foreign gods is shown here, in that the same piece of wood is used for making a god and for common purposes! Things which are holy to *ADONAI* are treated with great respect and honour and come from things which are perfect and used for the one purpose only.
14th January 2017

178. **Isaiah 44:17** ¹⁷ With the rest of the log he fashions a god, a carved image, then falls down before it; he **WORSHIPS** it and prays to it. “Save me,” he says, “for you are my god!” (*AV: 17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and WORSHIPPETH it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.*)

The **next verse** tells what *ADONAI*, though Isaiah, thinks of the people highlighted in **our verse** today. The very stupidity of making a carved image as a god, prostrating themselves in **WORSHIP** before these false images they made, and even praying to it, asking for salvation! The Isra’eli people were doing all these things, knowing that *ADONAI* is the only one able to save them in any situation. How they far they had strayed from the only living Lord God of Isra’el into such abominations. The **WORSHIP** offered here is so totally wrong!
25th January 2017

179. **Dani'el 3:6** ⁶ Whoever does not fall down and **WORSHIP** is to be thrown immediately into a blazing hot furnace.”

*(AV: ⁶ And whoso falleth not down and **WORSHIPPETH** shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.)*

Here we have the supreme example of where music is not a call for believers to fall down, prostrate one's self, in **WORSHIP** of anything or any other person. The only one we should **WORSHIP** is ADONAI, the Lord God of Isra'el, NO-ONE ELSE!

Clearly, also, it is shown here, the form of **WORSHIP** is prostration. 27th January 2017

180. **Dani'el 3:11** ¹¹ and that whoever does not fall down and **WORSHIP** is to be thrown into a blazing hot furnace.

*(AV: ¹¹ And whoso falleth not down and **WORSHIPPETH**, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.)*

What a test! Failing to fall down and **WORSHIP** the gold statue, had the three Jewish governors of the province, Shadrakh, Meishakh and 'Aved-N'go, thrown into the blazing hot furnace. What a witness to ADONAI that they would rather die (*a horrible death, at that*) than fall down in **WORSHIP**, of what is, when all is said and done, a foreign god. Almost as an aside now, **WORSHIP** here is shown to be prostrating one's self.

28th January 2017

181. **Acts 19:27** ²⁷ Now the danger is not only that the reputation of our trade will suffer, but that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will come to be taken lightly. It could end up with the goddess herself, who is **WORSHIPPED** throughout the province of Asia and indeed throughout the whole world, being ignominiously brought down from her divine majesty!”

*(AV: ²⁷ So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world **WORSHIPPETH**.)*

These craftsmen, silversmiths, were afraid on two counts: for their living and for their god (*which effectively supplied their living*) being defamed. Demetrius, their employer, was rousing them all into a mob, claiming that all Asia and indeed the whole world **WORSHIPPED** Artemis (*also known as Diana*) and Sh'aul's teaching that there is only one God, would destroy their living. The form of **WORSHIPPING** in this context, is not defined, but it is clear that Artemis is a false god and we should never **WORSHIP** her, or any other god, but ADONAI. He alone is worthy of our praise and **WORSHIP**.

30th January 2017

Bible Studies on the word

WORSHIPPING

182. **II Kings 19:37** ³⁷ One day, as he was **WORSHIPPING** in the temple of Nisrokh his god, [his sons] Adramelekh and Shar'etzer struck him with the sword and escaped into the land of Ararat. So his son Esar-Hadon took his place as king.

(AV: ³⁷ And it came to pass, as he was **WORSHIPPING** in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.)

Once again, we do not know the form of **WORSHIP** performed by Sancheriv (Sennacherib in the AV) the king of Assyria, only that he **WORSHIPPED** his god, (again, a false god) Nisrokh.. In **Psalms 81** (which I currently read every morning) it says in **verse 9**, that we (meaning Isra'el at that time, but includes each of us believers now): "There is not to be with you any foreign god; you are not to worship an alien god." Sancheriv was **WORSHIPPING** a foreign god, a non-god, meaning that he was wasting his time and effort as it was not a god! We must **WORSHIP** only ADONAI!

31st January 2017

183. **II Chronicles 20:18** ¹⁸ Y'hoshafat bowed his head with his face to the ground; while all Y'hudah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim fell down before ADONAI, **WORSHIPPING** ADONAI;

(AV: ¹⁸ And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, **WORSHIPPING** the LORD.)

What a wonderful read is this whole chapter, at least up to **verse 34**, where king Y'hoshafat then went very wrong. It is well worth reading the whole chapter up to that point. In **this verse**, we read that there are two forms of **WORSHIP** being carried out at the same time, king Y'hoshafat bows with his face to the ground and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim fell down (*prostrated themselves*) before ADONAI, to **WORSHIP** ADONAI. They had all turned to ADONAI in their distress, who had answered them that He would deliver them out of that distress, hence they then **WORSHIPPED** ADONAI.

1st February 2017

184. **Isaiah 37:38** ³⁸ One day, as he was **WORSHIPPING** in the temple of Nisrokh his god, his sons Adramelekh and Shar'etzer struck him with the sword and escaped into the land of Ararat. So his son Esar-Hadon took his place as king.
(AV: ³⁸ *And it came to pass, as he was **WORSHIPPING** in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.*)

Now here is something amazing, that I personally had never realised, **II Kings chapter 19** and **Isaiah chapter 37** are more or less identical. So what new do we see about **WORSHIP**? King Sancheriv had just lost an entire army of 185,000 men and had returned home “with his tail between his legs,” so to speak. Whilst **WORSHIPPING** his god, perhaps seeking his clemency for what he had done, his own sons gave him, what they probably considered his just deserts, the loss of his own life for losing the entire army in one battle. This sheds no light at all upon the form his **WORSHIP** took. What we should note, is that one should not taunt the living Lord God of Isra'el, doing so is at the risk of one's life!
2nd February 2017

185. **Matthew 20:20** ²⁰ Then Zavdai's sons came to Yeshua with their mother. She bowed down, begging a favour from him.
(AV: ²⁰ *Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, **WORSHIPPING** him, and desiring a certain thing of him.*)

It can be seen clearly here, that this **WORSHIPPING** took the form of bowing down. Notice that only the mother was bowing in **WORSHIP**! We know the story here, told **in the following verses**. That the sons of Zavdai were, through their mother, asking that her two sons could sit, one on each side of Yeshua, when He was King in His Kingdom. WOW! What a thing to ask for the top job! They affirmed that they could drink the cup that Yeshua was on His way to drink, but they obviously didn't realise what they were asking, nor what would happen to them in following Yeshua.
3rd February 2017

186. **Colossians 2:18** ¹⁸ Don't let anyone deny you the prize by insisting that you engage in self-mortification or angel-**WORSHIP**. Such people are always going on about some vision they have had, and they vainly puff themselves up by their worldly outlook.
(AV: ¹⁸ *Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and **WORSHIPPING** of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.*)

Here, in the last usage of a derivative of the word **WORSHIP** according to my AV Concordance, this is the last of the studies of what **WORSHIP** is. We see that “self-mortification or angel-**WORSHIP**” are not only to be avoided by ourselves, but that also, we must avoid those who indulge in such activities and those having visions. We learn nothing of the form of this angel-**WORSHIP**, but since it is to be avoided, lack of knowledge of the matter is of no consequence to us!
4th February 2017

Found, during my normal daily Bible reading, an instance of the word **WORSHIPPED** in Joshua chapter 5 verse 14, which is so in the AV and the CJB, yet not mentioned in the Cruden's Concordance. So I add it here:

187. **Joshua 5:14** ¹⁴“No,” he replied, “but I am the commander of *ADONAI*'s army; I have come just now.” Y'hoshua fell down with his face to the ground and **WORSHIPPED** him, then asked, “What does my lord have to say to his servant?”
(*AV: 14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did **WORSHIP**, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?*)

Y'hoshua found himself confronted by what is called, an Epiphany, an appearance of Yeshua in the First (*or Old*) Testament. As soon as Y'hoshua realised that it was the Lord God in front of him, he instantly prostrated himself in **WORSHIP** of the Lord. This must have been a rather frightening experience for him, since it was known from Moshe, that no-one can see the face of *ADONAI* and live! Thus, the form of **WORSHIP** performed in this case is prostrating himself, “**Y'hoshua fell down with his face to the ground.**”
26th February 2017

Summary

of the usage of the word WORSHIP in the AV (and the CJB):

The word **WORSHIP** is mentioned 100 times.
The word **WORSHIPPED** is mentioned 69 times.
The word **WORSHIPPER** is mentioned twice.
The word **WORSHIPPERS** is mentioned 5 times.
The word **WORSHIPPETH** is mentioned 6 times
And the word **WORSHIPPING** is mentioned 5 times.

Of these, studies numbers:

1; 8; 10; 12; 13; 16; 17; 18; 19; 21; 23; 37; 41; 42; 45; 49; 60; 61; 62; 63; 64; 67; 68; 69;
70; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 78; 80; 81; 82; 83; 84; 85; 89; 90; 93; 96; 98; 112; 114; 115; 116;
130; 153; 156; 157; 158; 159; 170; 175; 176 and 177 are, in all, 57 times, where no form
of **WORSHIP** is identified.

Then, studies numbers:

2; 31; 33; 40; 47; 48; 86; 87; 101; 102; 103; 107; 108; 110; 113; 124; 125; 127; 128; 129;
131; 132; 133; 142; 145; 146; 147; 148; 149; 155; 162; 163; 164; 167; and 184 are, in all
35 times, where prostration is the form of **WORSHIP** identified.

Then, studies numbers:

3; 15; 20; 25; 27; 30; 32; 34; 65; 104; 105; 111; 152; 161 and 186 are, in all 15 times,
where bowing is the form of **WORSHIP** identified.

Then, studies numbers:

3; 15; 20; 25; 27; 30; 32; 34; 65; 104; 105; 111; 152; 161 and 186 are, in all 7 times, all
where kneeling is the form of **WORSHIP** identified.

Then study number:

11 is the only one where sacrifice is the form of **WORSHIP** is identified.

Then studies numbers:

24 and 29 are where other forms of **WORSHIP** are identified, but not clearly.

Then studies numbers:

50; 51; 55 and 141 are where music involved in **WORSHIP** is identified, but where the
WORSHIP is forbidden anyway.

Then studies numbers:

4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 14; 26; 35; 36; 38; 39; 43; 44; 46; 52; 53; 54; 56; 57; 58; 59; 76; 77; 79; 88;
91; 92; 94; 95; 97; 99; 100; 106; 109; 117; 118; 119; 120; 121; 122; 123; 136; 134; 135;
136; 137; 138; 139; 140; 160; 165; 166; 168; 169; 171; 172; 173; 174; 178; 179; 180; 181;
182; 183; 185 and 187 are all where **WORSHIP** of objects/persons and places are
forbidden.

This leaves only the 4 studies where music is mentioned and in each case, it is in Dani’el where music is the signal to **WORSHIP** the gold statue set up by N’vukhadnetzar, which means for believers, that such **WORSHIP** of anything or anyone that is not ADONAI, is forbidden! However, music IS mentioned in Study number 129, but only to sing praises to ADONAI, **after which** they prostrated themselves in **WORSHIP** of ADONAI. This is the only occasion where music is mentioned, leading on to prostrating themselves in **WORSHIP** to ADONAI.

CONCLUSION

The **CONCLUSION** reached, is that in no place in Scripture, is singing mentioned as a form of **WORSHIP**. For today’s Christians it is the only form generally thought of as being **WORSHIP**, yet it is not mentioned, as such in the Scriptures. In **study 129 (II Chronicles 29:30)** singing is mentioned, this is mentioned only as singing praises to ADONAI, as a prelude to actual **WORSHIP** of ADONAI.

So why is singing usually referred to as a form of **WORSHIP**? Why do just about all Churches and Fellowships etc. call their meetings **WORSHIP** Services? I personally, as a Church goer for a little over 75 years, and a believer for about 67 of them, in just about every Denomination and many different Fellowships in that time, have never seen any form of **WORSHIP**, as shown in the Scriptures mentioned in this series of studies!

Is this just a simple error perpetuated down the centuries? Or are we all guilty of failing to perform **WORSHIP** of ADONAI as prescribed in the Scriptures?

You tell me, ‘cos I don’t have an answer to these 2 questions.

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Counts of **WORSHIP**

Unidentified form of WORSHIP Study number	Prostration in WORSHIP Study number	Bowing in WORSHIP Study number	Kneeling in WORSHIP Study number	Sacrifice in WORSHIP Study number	Other forms of WORSHIP Study number	Singing in WORSHIP Study number
1	2	3	22	11	24	

8	31	15	28	29
10	33	20		
12	40	25	143	
13	47	27	144	
16	48	30	150	
17	86	32	151	
18	87	34	154	
19	101	65		
21	102	104		
23	103	105		
37	107	111		
41	108	152		
42	110	161		
45	113	186		
49	124			
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67	133			
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69	142			
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