

# **“Return to the Circle”**

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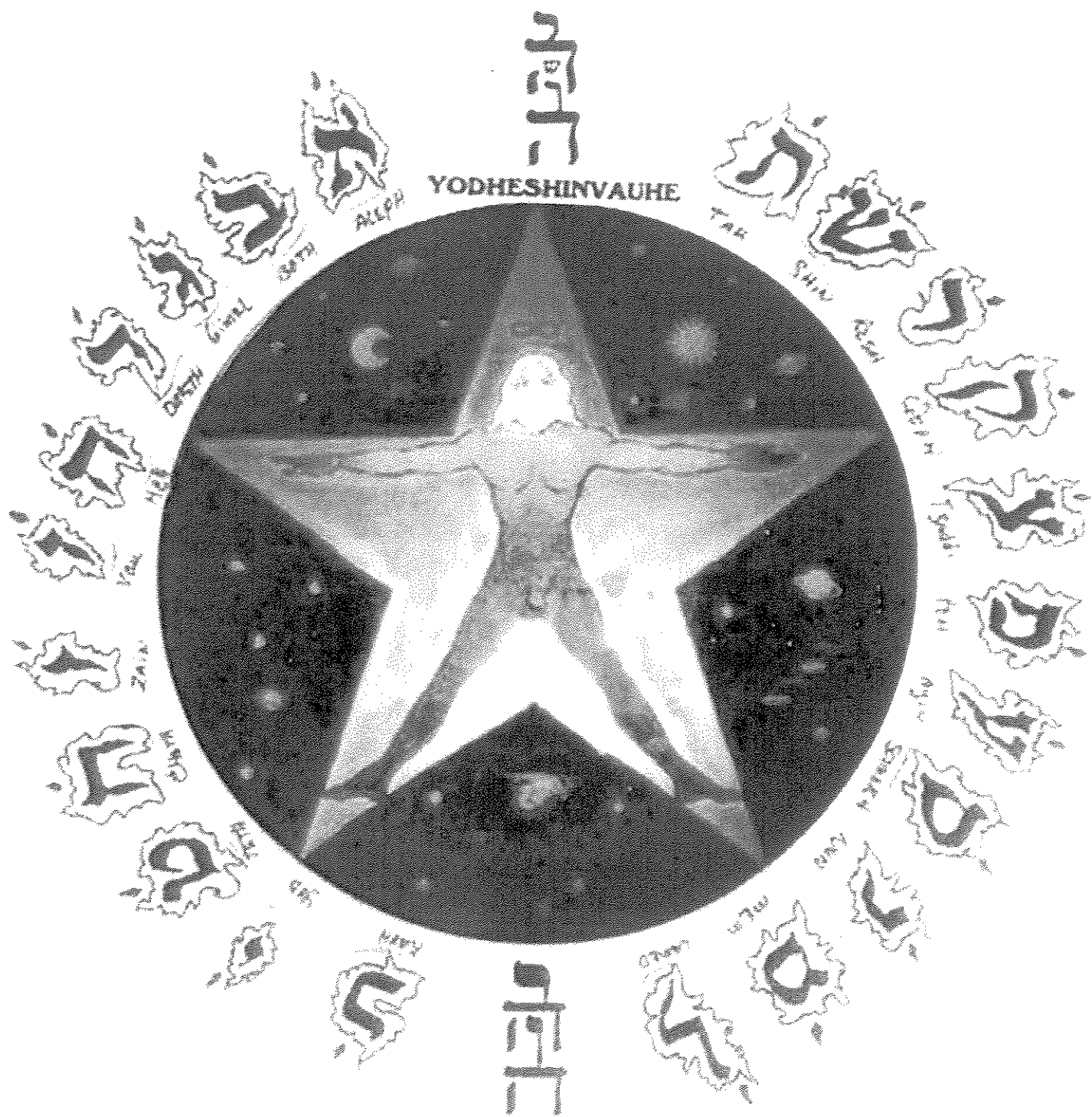


### DEDICATION

It is my heart's desire to dedicate this work, first to the glory of YahWeH, my Father and my Saviour. But then, to my Pastor, mentor, and dear friend, Eugene "Buddy" Johnson.

Pastor Buddy is a mighty Prophet of YahWeH, and has had a life of prayer, fasting, searching, and obedience rewarded by the Almighty with great wisdom. What is written here is Pastor Buddy's wisdom and knowledge set to paper by my hand. He has never failed to give freely of his time to me, and answer my countless questions far beyond what would have been a satisfactory level.

I thank you, Pastor, from the depths of my heart.



## PREFACE

This writing is an attempt to reveal one of the deepest mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Almighty YahWeH, the Eternal One, has provided His family on earth with a means of communing with Himself in a way which is acceptable, and even pleasing to Him. But His means, through the relentless and concerted effort of "the god of this world" and his collaborators and offspring, has been so thoroughly hidden for so very long, that its use has disappeared from the earth.

I believe this accounts, to a large degree, for the ever-growing tumult heard today, under the flagship cry, "WHERE IS GOD?". All the while, the Holy Bible reminds us...

"Ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not,  
BECAUSE YE ASK AMISS."  
(James 4:2,3)

We have lost our fear of YahWeH; and so have not taken any pains to search out His ways. Our reckless bravery has produced OUR ways. Tragically...

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end  
thereof are the ways of death."  
(Proverbs 14:12)

"Where is God?" He is at the end of His way, His path, the old path of truth. If you are on your way, your path, you won't find Him. The great deceiver has offered a broad selection of pathways to God. Each is cleverly crafted to "seem right" to slightly variant groups of the curious. Collectively these pathways seem right to all... all save a tiny few. These are the precious remnant of the House of Israel. They hear the Shepherd's call, and its pull is irresistible. It calls them back to YahWeH's pathway; and they will endure whatever this world will hurl at them, in order to reach Him. One of HIS ways to reach Him, is examined in this writing. To my knowledge, there is little, or nothing, available as a "manual" for an obedient child of Almighty YahWeH to "return to the circle" with knowledge and understanding.

It was Pastor Buddy Johnson whose heart was moved to commission the preparation of this manual, "Return to the Circle"; so that the remnant of Israel can accurately avail themselves of what their Father has provided, but their enemy has hidden.

May YahWeH bless those who are His, through these pages.



## RETURN TO THE CIRCLE

This is an exclusive teaching. It is designed for, and can only be absorbed by those to whom Almighty YahWeH has revealed His sacred name. Satan, the enemy of every true Israelite, has performed his mandated task, "to deceive the whole world", with his usual fine skill. We have been led, inch by inch, so far from the old path of truth that it is just a misty silhouette. To many it is invisible.

The purpose of this teaching is to point passionate Israelites back toward the old path, and hopefully inspire them to walk it. My dear, late father taught me, "If you want to learn to do something very well, watch an expert at work." Wise teaching indeed. Our forefathers, the patriarchs of our race, were experts who knew how to offer up that which was pleasing to YahWeH. By examining what they did, we can learn what we must do...

"Therefore brothers, I call on you through the mercies  
of YHWH to present your bodies A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY,  
PLEASING TO YHWH, your reasonable service."  
(Romans 12:1 Greek Bible)

To learn how to do this is a privilege of the highest order. We are not entitled through any merits of our flesh-man...

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our  
righteousnesses as filthy rags..."  
(Isaiah 64:6 K.J.V.)

But, "through the mercies of YahWeH" our spirit-man, that which qualifies us as sheep of His fold, is invited to approach the Good Shepherd, and offer up that which pleases Him. Our forefathers knew how to do this. We need to watch them at work, to glean understanding of one of the greatest mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Bible tells us that Noah "walked with YahWeH". He was selected by the Creator to carry the Covenant through the deluge. Why Noah?...

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord... Noah was  
a just ('justified') man, perfect ('unblemished') in his  
generations ('bloodline pedigree'). NOAH WALKED WITH GOD."  
(Genesis 6:8,9 K.J.V.)

✓ YahWeH removed those who had committed Biblical adultery (i.e. mixed their bloodline) from the earth by the great flood. Noah, his sons, and all their wives had kept bloodline purity. This entitled them to enter into the ark of protection. When the waters dried, the eight left the ark. Notice the first thing Noah did, having just experienced "so great salvation" under his Father's wing...

"And Noah went out, and his son's, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him... THEN NOAH BUILT AN ALTAR TO YHWH..."  
(Genesis 8:18,20 Hebrew Bible)

Noah's first order of business was to build an altar to YaHWeH. Then...

"And YHWH smelled the delightful odor, and YHWH said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground for the sake of man..."  
(Genesis 8:21 Hebrew Bible)

Clearly the Almighty was pleased with Noah's sacrifice in this sacred place. So pleased, in fact, that He removed the chance of repeating such a curse ever again. Then, while Noah was still inside the altar, YaHWeH spoke a blessing upon him, saying...

"And I, behold, I ESTABLISH My covenant with you, and with your seed after you."  
(Genesis 9:9 K.J.V.)

I highlighted the word "establish" here, to point out a misleading translation. This sounds like YaHWeH is, for the first time, making Covenant with a man. But this is incorrect. You see, altar-building is inextricably connected with Covenant-union. And Covenant is forever. And "forever" not only means "with no end"; it also means "with no beginning". The unbreakable Covenant joining YaHWeH and His children DID NOT begin with Noah...

"And Abel brought he also (in sacrifice to YHWH), from the firstlings of his flocks, even from their fat. And YHWH looked to Abel (with pleasure) and to his offering..."  
(Genesis 4:4 Hebrew Bible)

The word wrongly translated "establish", is the Aramaic word "quwm" (Strong's #6965). It means "continue" and "strengthen". YaHWeH used His pureblood servant, Noah, to carry Covenant across the flood. As a Covenant man, a pure son of Adam, Noah knew what to do to please his Father when he left the ark. It was his priority as he and his family began the continuation of YaHWeH's family.

Let's look at another expert; our patriarch Abraham. The Book of Jashar is twice mentioned in our Bible as a sure witness. It tells us that Noah was teacher and mentor to Abram (later named "Abraham" by YaHWeH), in his own home for nearly fifty years. A genealogical study of the Bible shows that when Noah died, at the age of 950 years, Abraham would have been 95. The claim in Jashar is most reasonable. Abram learned the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven at Noah's feet. YaHWeH spoke to Abram, telling him to leave his home and country, and travel to a yet undisclosed destination. This was a huge sacrifice; yet Abram obeyed. While journeying with his family, Abram was met one day by the Almighty, YaHWeH Himself. Notice first the promise, and then Abram's response...

"And YHWH appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land

to your seed. AND HE BUILT AN ALTAR there to YHWH,  
Who appeared to him."  
(Genesis 12:7 Hebrew Bible)

Abram built this altar in the plain of Moreh, in the place of Sichem (Genesis 12:6). But keep in mind, this was not his place of destination. Abram was still journeying. This is significant because it shows that altar building was not simply a way of marking your home. And entering an altar was not a once in a lifetime kind of pilgrimage. Abram took the considerable effort to erect an altar, to be able to properly commune with the Almighty, while he was enroute. This is proven here; his journey continues...

"And he (Abram) moved from there unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and stretched his tent with Bethel toward the sea, and Ai on the east. AND HE BUILT AN ALTAR there to YHWH, and called on the name of YHWH."  
(Genesis 12:8 Hebrew Bible)

Another stop on his way... another altar. Why? To "call on the name of YahWeH". I don't know about you, but I have learned something most important from watching this expert at work. In time, YahWeH changed Abram's name to Abraham. We are well familiar with the exemplary relationship between our father Abraham, and our Father YahWeH. Abraham had a son, Isaac. He taught his son the fear of YahWeH, and how to obey and please Him. As He did with Abraham, the Almighty abundantly blessed Isaac. Now watch Isaac's instinctive reaction to the blessing hand of the Father...

"And he (Isaac) went from there to Beersheba. And YHWH appeared to him in the same night, and said, I am the El of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you; and I will bless you and increase your seed, because of My servant Abraham. AND HE BUILT AN ALTAR there and called on the name of YHWH."  
(Genesis 26:23-25 Hebrew Bible)

Isaac built an altar, and "called on the name of YahWeH" inside that sacred place of worship. Isaac had a son, Jacob, the father of all Israelites. He watched his father commune with the Creator. And what he saw must have convinced him that this was the correct way to do it...

"And Jacob came in peace to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, as he came from Padan-aram. And he camped in front of the city. And he bought a part of the field where he had stretched his tent... AND HE SET UP AN ALTAR there. And he called it El, the El of Israel."  
(Genesis 33:18-20 Hebrew Bible)

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, built altars to YahWeH everywhere they went. It



was their first order of business. Why was this so important to them? And it was no mean feat, as we will learn later. Well, they knew that the key to life was the fear of YahWeH; to obey Him, and to please Him in His prescribed way. The sacred altar was a pivotal part of this. But, was this a practise locked in their time?

The Israelites eventually fled to Egypt during a time of great famine. YahWeH had orchestrated history to provide for them there, at the hand of Joseph, son of Jacob. Over centuries, however, the Israelites' refuge became their prison. The Almighty chose His servant Moses to free Israel from bondage. Moses also led this vast population as it journeyed through the wilderness. He saw the mighty hand of YahWeH provide them with food, water, and protection, in miraculous ways. Following the defeat of the Amalekites YahWeH spoke to Moses...

"And YHWH said to Moses, Write this, a memorial in a book, and set it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly wipe away the remembrance of Amalek under the heavens. AND MOSES BUILT AN ALTAR. And he called its name, YHWH my banner."  
(Genesis 17:14,15 Hebrew Bible)

Centuries after the days of Abraham, Moses knows to erect an altar to the Almighty, in the wilderness. But was it just a one-time memorial to his forefathers, or did he ever build another altar?...

"And Moses came and told all the words of YHWH to the people, and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, We will do all the words which YHWH has spoken. And Moses wrote all the words of YHWH. And he rose up early in the morning AND BUILT AN ALTAR below the mountain, and twelve memorial pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel."  
(Exodus 24:3,4 Hebrew Bible)

This is long after the defeat of Amalek. YahWeH had just given the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. The people had heard it, and agreed to obey His Law. History shows they soon forsook the Law of YahWeH, but here, as a people committed to walking in communion with their Father through obedience, Moses knew that this communion, their lifeline, would not be accomplished without the place of communion (as well as a memorial) pleasing to YahWeH. So he built an altar... the first thing he did.

All the patriarchs of our race built sacred meeting places, altars, to commune with Almighty YahWeH. The physical act of erecting an altar was no mean thing. It was hard labour, requiring perfect precision. No one would undertake this without knowing its vital importance. So what were our forefathers privy to? Be assured, our enemy, the Deceiver, knows exactly what they knew; and has, with all diligence, seen to it that their distant progeny would forsake this practice. Today, the sacred altar to

YaHWeH is a forgotten relic. To most of churchianity, it is completely unknown. Satan has hidden this vital need with signature skill.

This teaching is presented for one purpose... to turn Israelites; hungry, thirsty Israelites, back to the old path of truth. To restore this forgotten knowledge is a high, yet humbling privilege. I can, however, only admit to being the scribe of this teaching. The knowledge which burgeoned these written words comes from my dear Pastor and mentor; one of YaHWeH's Prophets in these final days. Had it not come from a Prophet, my words would be suspect. Why?...

"For YHWH will do nothing unless He reveals His secret  
to His servants the prophets."  
(Amos 3:7 Hebrew Bible)

Well, praise His holy name, YaHWeH is revealing this high secret to His Prophets in this time. An ember, nearly snuffed by the devil through traditional teaching, is now being fanned by revelation of truth. The sons of Jacob are opening their eyes; eyes lulled to sleep for centuries. Their awakened gaze is being turned back to the old path of truth. An ancient remembrance is flowering into full recognition. Sacred altars to His Majesty are being erected; one here, a few there. HalleluYaH!

How are altars to YaHWeH built? What takes place inside the sacred altar? When is the acceptable time to enter the altar, and commune with our Father? The answers to these questions are there for the discovering. What one does with these answers can retune the Father/child relationship to perfect harmony.

The following is offered to the qualified, with humility, brotherly love, and earnest desire to help your spirit-man soar closer to our Father.

The Sacred Altar to YahWeH

Earlier, I referred to this as an exclusive teaching. I want to put an even finer point on that. Yes, the building and use of a sacred, pleasing altar to the Creator is for His children, true Israelites, and no others. But this does not mean that Israelites will buy it. There is a big difference between "available to", and "accepted by". What do I mean by that? The Bible portrays our race as stubborn, stiff-necked, and disobedient. For most Israelites (the majority don't even know who they are), truth is met with "I don't buy it". Thankfully, however, although widespread, not every Israelite is afflicted with hard-headedness. Some of our brothers and sisters have malleable hearts; and the ability to tell a pearl from a pebble.

To "see" the importance of correct, "pleasing" worship and communion, in YahWeH's prescribed way, is to see the high-spot on the old path of truth. This ranks among the greatest of the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. But what does the Bible reveal about these mysteries? They are NOT for everyone...

"It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."  
(Matthew 13:11 K.J.V.)

The mysteries are shrouded, encoded, hidden... hidden from some forever, from others for a time. As repulsive as this will sound to traditional feeders, there is far more truth hidden beneath the words on your Bible pages, than there is on their surface. How can I say that?...

"Because seeing (the printed words) they see not (the truth behind them); and hearing (the preaching) they hear not (the revelation), neither do they understand (the mysteries)."  
(Matthew 13:13 K.J.V.)

If what is revealed in this teaching is to ignite a fire, it can only be within the breast of Israelites whose hearts have not waxed gross, whose ears have not become dull of hearing, whose eyes they have not yet closed. No man can provide you with blatant proof of what is presented here. That can only come from the voice of the Shepherd as He leads His sheep. All that can be done by these written words is to sharpen the hearing of yearning ears.

The experts, our patriarchs, were privy to this great mystery. If we watch them carefully, and keep our minds elastic, we can learn the secret which YahWeH is revealing to His servants the Prophets, while time remains.

The sacred altar to YahWeH is unique to the Creator. It is unlike the Baal altars which occupy the sanctuaries of modern churchianity, and steer the focus to the clergyman. The sacred altar takes the form of a circle; the only apt geometric representation of the Almighty. How so? The circle is the only shape with no deviation throughout its entirety. It has no beginning, and no end. The circle is comprised of an infinite number of points, each in the exact juxtaposition to the next. A circle is the only shape which can never be misaligned, no matter where laid. All points on its perimeter are equidistant from its centre, as are YahWeH's children from their Father. The circle altar IS the ordained altar.

Can this claim be glimpsed in holy Scripture? I believe it can. See what you think. The Almighty identifies Himself to John the revelator...

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, beginning and  
ending, says YHWH."  
(Revelation 1:8 Greek Bible)

There is far more here than meets the eye. This is a good example of my claim that more lies beneath the words, than atop them. True, "alpha" is the Greek word "alfah" (Strong's #1), meaning "the first letter of the Greek alphabet"; and "omega" is the Greek word "omega" (Strong's #5598), meaning "the last letter of the Greek alphabet". But, under the light of revelation, their meaning blossoms. You see, "alfah" is linked to Strong's #427, and #260. Boil this down and you find that "beginning" ("alfah") carries with it the meaning "union"... union with "ending" ("omega"). So? This dissolves an apparent Scriptural contradiction. YahWeH says here that He is "beginning" and "ending". But elsewhere, He says He is "without" beginning and "without" end. Which is it? Well, when "beginning" is in "union" with "ending", what have we got?... A CIRCLE! Each of the infinite points on a circle IS its beginning, AND its end, YET the entirety of the circle has NO beginning and NO end. To put it crudely, one could say that YahWeH, in character, IS a Circle. Pretty neat, isn't it?

Here's another example of hidden truth. The Prophet Isaiah said...

"He (YahWeH) that sitteth upon the CIRCLE of the earth..."  
(Isaiah 40:22 K.J.V.)

The word "circle" in this Scripture is a rather surprising choice... "the circle of the earth". Why? Because the earth is NOT a circle; it's a "sphere". The earth is three dimensional; a "circle" is two dimensional. This might seem like a trivial discrepancy, but the diligent seeker uses tweezers, not a shovel. Did Isaiah not know the difference between a sphere and a circle? I believe he did; and that "circle" was no mistake. Look back three words in this verse, to "sitteth"... "He that sitteth". This is the Hebrew word "yashab" (Strong's #3427). It has two very different meanings: "to sit down in judgment in ambush", and "to settle", "to ease one's self". Now look at the next phrase in this passage...

"He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth,

AND THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH ARE AS GRASSHOPPERS..."  
(Isaiah 40:22 K.J.V.)

We need to dawn our thinking-caps. Yes, the Almighty created, and owns planet earth. BUT, I don't believe His "sitting" is picturing the earth as a throne. For now, satan is the god of this world... not a worthy throne for His Majesty. The "inhabitants" of the earth are mentioned. Although they are "as grasshoppers", and "reputed as nothing" as flesh beings; a handful of them are also spirit-beings. So we have a few stalks of wheat in a planet of tares. Now think about this. For the tares, the devil's crop, YahWeH's "sitting" is "in ambush", to "judge" them worthy of binding, and being cast into the fire. But, for the wheat, His own crop, His "sitting" is "to settle Himself" to let His children approach Him in worship and communion. And where is this done? Inside the circle altar.

Here's another Biblical glimpse to underpin my claim that YahWeH's ordained altar is circular. In the First Book of Kings we find the account of the Prophet Elijah, as he shows Israel the mighty power of YahWeH in a "showdown" with the prophets of Baal, at Mount Carmel. We find Elijah repairing the altar to YahWeH which had been ruined by the evil King Ahab. Once it was repaired, we read...

"And he (Elijah) made a trench ABOUT the altar..."  
(I Kings 18:32 K.J.V.)

"And the water ran ROUND ABOUT the altar, and he filled the trench also with water."  
(I Kings 18:35 K.J.V.)

Notice the word "about", and the words "round about". In both cases it is the Hebrew word "cabiyl" (Strong's #5439 from #5437). It means "to circuit", and "to compass round". The altar which Elijah repaired was a circular altar.

One final support for the shape of YahWeH's acceptable altar being a circle. In the Book of Joshua, we learn that the Israelites built an altar upon entering the promised land. They understood that this was the first order of business to be attended to. The place where they built the sacred altar was called "Gilgal". This name (Strong's #1537), is taken from the Chaldee word "galgal" (Strong's #1534). It means "wheel" literally, or "by analogy, a rolling thing"... anything that takes the form of a "circle". There is much more significant truth portrayed in this name, but here, it certainly adds credence to the circular altar claim.

Would these Biblical glimpses stand up in man's Law Court as proof? No, probably not. But they stand up in my heart, where the sacred name YahWeH rules. And this is what "proving all things" depends upon. No flesh-man is capable of supplying proof to a spirit-man. YahWeH alone can do that. And YahWeH will use the words of the mouth of one spirit-man (because they come from the abundance of his heart) to ring true in the heart of another.

Yet there is one more thing I want to offer for your consideration regarding the circle as being the "acceptable" altar to YaHWeH. I have separated this from the "Biblical" examination, because it needs a prior foundation layed. You see, to the entirety of churchianity this falls outside Bible truth (and that's putting it mildly). In fact it doesn't; but this is an impossible leap for the traditional mind. So I will present it by itself, laying the foundation first.

We need to bear in mind that satan, although the god of this world (II Corinthians 4:4) for now, is NOT a creator... of anything. Whatever he has, he has stolen. He has stolen the great truths of the Only Creator; but when he uses them, he strives to put his signature on them. He kills two birds with one stone by so doing. He strokes his own pride as he shares them with his offspring; but more importantly, by displaying them with his signature, he renders the great truths TABOO to the blinded children of YaHWeH. Let me illustrate. What hits your heart when I say the word "Zodiac"? I'll bet it's "witchcraft", "horoscopes", "occult", "voodoo", "devil worship", and "DON'T TOUCH IT". Am I right? And why does 100% of traditionalism react this way? Because satan is very, very clever. Here is what he does, and why. The word "Zodiac" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word "Mazzarah", or "Mazzaroth" in English (Strong's #4216). Does this word mean anything to you? Well, it does to YaHWeH...

"Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleaides, or  
loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth  
MAZZAROTH in his season? Or canst thou guide Arcturus  
with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven?  
Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?"  
(Job 38:31-33 K.J.V.)

Here we find the Almighty speaking to Job, and reminding him of his insignificance. He's basically saying, "who do you think you are?". The point is, one of the things He asks Job, "Can you do this?", is about Mazzaroth. YaHWeH created Mazzaroth, satan didn't! YaHWeH set the Zodiac, the procession of the constellations in the heavens. AND IT WASN'T EVIL! The only reason the traditional mind gasps in horror when it hears this word, is because satan is smart enough to know the vital importance of YaHWeH's message, written in the stars, and smart enough to share it with his offspring. He's also smart enough to make it appear as witchcraft to the children of the Almighty, so they will never tap into its revelation.

When we finally shake free of the bonds of stupidity, we can see a simple stack of building-blocks... Block #1 - YaHWeH created all that exists. Block #2 - Everything YaHWeH created is good, and revelatory. Block #3 - Satan created nothing. Block #4 - Everything satan uses, and shares with his offspring, he stole from YaHWeH. Block #5 - Satan is smarter than you can imagine. Block #6 - If satan uses something YaHWeH created, it must be important. Block #7 - WE SHOULD NOT RUN FROM WHAT SATAN TEACHES HIS OFFSPRING; WE SHOULD EXAMINE IT CLOSELY TO SEE WHAT HE SEES. With this now planted in your mind - the foundation layed - I can present to you



further evidence supporting the circular shape of the altar to YahWeH. Remember I told you Israel was hard to convince? Well, it has taken a full page of foundation laying to support a couple of sentences. Both historical and archeological evidence proves that the ancients, from every civilization, and in every part of the world, have entered circles, laid out on the ground, for worship and sacrifice. Now, I know that all who have been traditionally mind-shaped will cry out in unison, "But they were all evil!" Granted, some of them were. But many knew the great mysteries of YahWeH, just as our patriarchs did. Regardless; go back to the foundation. If they did (some of them) know our Father, we should be looking carefully at why they used the circle. But if they were all devil-worshippers, we should be equally observant; because what they were shown by their god, he stole from the Creator, and knows well the power it holds. When the "good guys" AND the "bad guys" ride the same breed of horse into battle, you had better get yourself one of those horses.

Let's move on. If you still reject the importance of an "altar" to worship the Almighty; and if you still reject the importance of its circular shape, then I have nothing further to offer you. But for those hearts, within which this resonates as truth, I want to now fill that circle.

How are sacred circle altars laid out, and what, if anything, do they contain? Never loose sight of the fact that mysteries are mysteries on purpose. What do I mean by that? Look at this Scripture, spoken by our Messiah...

"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again AND REND YOU."  
(Matthew 7:6 K.J.V.)

The "holy things" and the "pearls" are the great mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. They hold great power. This power has to be protected. It must be hidden from all save the called sheep of the Royal Fold, the elect of YahWeH. Why? Because the dogs and the pigs won't just ignore them, oh no. In fact, they crave them. They want the knowledge and power which that knowledge gives. And what will they do with it?... TURN BACK AGAINST YOU, AND TEAR YOU APART WITH IT! How? They will suck the knowledge to use against you, and plot to hide it from you. The very fact that this is such a tough dig proves it. They know the power of the circle; yet have kept it completely taboo to YahWeH's children. If presenting the circle seemed strange, so will filling it. And now you know why.

First, the word "altar"... When we see this word in the Old Testament, describing what our patriarchs built, it is the Hebrew word "mizbeach" - pronounced "miz-bay-akh" (Strong's #4196). It means "altar"; but derives from the Hebrew word "zabach" - pronounced "zaw-bakh" (Strong's #2076), meaning "to slaughter an animal", "to offer sacrifice". So should we be sacrificing animals? No. This is not the place to launch a separate study, but this has to do with the two Covenants. Under the Mosaic Covenant,

animal blood had to be sacrificed to make temporary atonement for the sins of YahWeH's children. But the one-time sacrifice made by Almighty YahWeH Himself, as our Saviour-Messiah, eradicated both our sins, AND the Mosaic Covenant. We are now under the new, liberating Covenant of the Order of Melchisedec; the Covenant which "remembers our sins no more".

So why an altar? To worship our Father in the way which pleases Him, AND to make sacrifices to Him. But I thought animal sacrifices were done away with. They were; but we make a different sacrifice to YahWeH. We offer up the "living sacrifice of our own bodies, holy, pleasing to YahWeH; our reasonable service."

The sacred altar which is acceptable to our Father is not made by the skill of human craftsmen, from carved wood, polished marble, beaten gold and silver. This is how lord Baal wants his altars built. You can see them in most of the religious palaces in your town. YahWeH's altar is much different. He said...

"An ALTAR OF EARTH thou shalt make unto Me..."  
(Exodus 20:24 K.J.V.)

The word "earth" here is most interesting. It is the Hebrew word "adamah" (Strong's #127). It means "soil"; the dirt of the ground. But it comes from the root word "adam" (Strong's #119). This is the word used in the Book of Genesis when YahWeH formed Adam from the dirt, or dust of the earth. It literally means "to show blood in the face", or "to blush", describing Adam's white-skinned ability to turn red in the face. In "adamah" it refers to the redness of the soil. What I find so significant is that the material YahWeH formed Adam's flesh body from, is what He wants His worship altar made from.

The acceptable altar to YahWeH begins with a circle, ringed on the ground. But first, there is something of prior necessity. WHERE do you place your sacred circle? There are a few things to consider here. And the final decision will be a "best mix" of all the salient factors. First, the surface of the earth is traversed by "energy lines", like a grid. Although this may be news to you, it is a scientific fact, not an old-wives' tale. Where the energy lines intersect there are electro-magnetic power "spikes", or spots of peak energy. Cats are very good at finding these spots; watch where they sleep, have their kittens, and die. Some Israelites are gifted at recognizing the power points. Under ideal other conditions, one of these locations would be a most auspicious place for your altar. But other conditions may not be ideal. Of great importance is the matter of privacy. Proper worship of the Father requires liberty of mind for His children. A nosey, intrusive neighbour will dampen your worship like a wet blanket thrown on a camp-fire. Then there is the matter of accessibility. You may have an area of your property which is private, and of high energy; but it may be in a place which is flooded every spring, and unreachable every winter. Ownership of the land must be considered as well. If you don't own land, but know someone who does, and is willing to let you build your altar there; be very sure his

heart and motives are pure. Satan will be most happy to have one of his offspring let you put your altar on his land. This would be to enter a very dark, and harmful arena. But if you know a land owner of good heart, and wish to approach him for use of a portion, be sure to apprise him of your intentions in sufficient detail so as to preclude any future change of heart on his part.

This may all sound rather daunting. It is not my intention to put anyone off, simply to warn you that any action taken regarding the building of your altar must be taken carefully, prayerfully, and with open eyes. This is a perfect matter to surround with pray AND fasting.

So what does a willing and obedient child of YahWeH do, if he has no access to suitable land for a worship altar? Many today live in apartments, town-houses, or perhaps a seniors' home. Can they not follow the old path of truth in worship of YahWeH? Yes, most certainly...

"... and where the Spirit of YahWeH is, THERE IS LIBERTY."  
(II Corinthians 3:17 The Word of YahWeH Bible)

We have liberty to obey our Father in the best way we can, in whatever state we find ourself. Yes, a large altar outside is preferable, and ideal; but if all you have is floor-space in your dwelling; build a small, portable worship altar. Let's face it, YahWeH is not impressed by anything the flesh-man can do. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." What pleases Him is the determination of His child to do his very best. And if setting up a small altar in your bedroom, when required, is the best you can do, it will be given full marks. My son and I use a portable altar twice each month. It's our best, and YahWeH blesses us in it. Later, I will give all the necessary details concerning the portable altar.

For those who have a suitable outdoor site for laying a sacred circle, there must be preparation of the area. How is this done? The first thing to do is clean the site. All debris, litter, and the like should be removed. This is only proper and fitting for a holy place of worship. After that, the site should be salted; that is, you should spread salt over it in the same way one would broadcast seed by hand. There is good reason for so doing. Every acceptable offering to YahWeH must be accompanied by salt...

"... WITH ALL THINE OFFERINGS THOU SHALT OFFER SALT."  
(Leviticus 2:13 K.J.V.)

Salt preserves, salt purifies, salt is a conductor. Salt the ground before you erect your altar to YahWeH. Once salted, spread kerosene over the site and set it afire. One cannot know what may have taken place on your plot of land, in the recent, or distant past. The fire will cleanse the site, and re-energize it.

As you prepare the site in the way described, express your heart, through your lips, in a prayer of dedication to the Creator. Ask Him to bless it,

and protect it. Once the altar is complete, the final elements of dedication will be done, and this will be explained later. But this initial dedicatory prayer is important.

You are now ready to lay out a circle on the ground. How big should it be? Does it matter? I believe it does. This is another of those nuggets which never seem to lay on the surface for the casual stroller to scoop as he saunters. The gold is always buried, waiting for the diligent digger. We do know this. The many circles which have been discovered in disparate places on the globe, share in common a diameter of 39 feet 6 inches, or a multiple thereof. Coincidence? I think not. Numbers are extremely significant. They actually hold, and convey power. The science of numbers, known as "numerology" was NOT invented by satan; but by the Almighty Creator, YaHWeH. Many great mathematicians have realized the fact of Divine Creation through studying the wonders of their trade. The number 39/6 as a whole is seen in sacred geometry and astrology. But the individual numbers: "3", "9", and "6" are powerful in their own right. "3" in Scripture represents Divine perfection and completeness. Throughout the Bible it heralds "YaHWeH is in this". "6", on the other hand, is the number representing "man". Well, in the sacred circle, "3" (YaHWeH) and "6" (man) hold communion. And "9" signifies both the fruit of the Spirit, and the gifts of the Spirit. "9" is also 3 threes; Divine perfection at its perfection, so to speak. I believe the 39'6" circle to be the ideal size, if your plot of suitable land permits.

How is the circle laid on the ground? First, determine the centre-point of your circle. This should be marked with a temporary wooden stake. Tie a line to the stake (light rope or a natural fiber) of a length sufficient to act as a radius for "drawing" the circle on the ground. At the exact radius length, tie a container which you will fill with salt. This can be a simple cardboard funnel. Cut a hole in the bottom of the container, large enough for a healthy flow of salt onto the ground. As you walk the perimeter, radius-line taut, you will leave a ridge of salt in a perfect circle, of correct diameter. Why must the circle be drawn with salt? Why won't paint, powder, or cinders do? Why not simply dig a trench to form a circle?

Salt is one of earth's compounds which is very "special", and chosen by YaHWeH. It signifies the Covenant between YaHWeH and His children. That Covenant is actually a "Salt Covenant"...

"All the heave offerings of the holy things which the sons of Israel shall lift up to YHWH, I have given you, and to your sons, and to your daughters with you, by a never ending statute, A COVENANT OF SALT, IT SHALL BE FOREVER BEFORE YHWH TO YOU AND TO YOUR SEED WITH YOU."  
(Numbers 18:19 Hebrew Bible)

"Do you not know that YHWH the El of Israel has given the kingdom to David over Israel forever, to him and to his sons, A COVENANT OF SALT."  
(II Chronicles 13:5 Hebrew Bible)

Is it not amazing how the Creator has provided us with such abundance of simple, common, overlooked things which are so very powerful; able to impart great change? Plain water, when it covers us in baptism, applies the shed blood of the Lamb, and imparts the gift of His Holy Spirit. The dirt we walk on is what Adam was formed from by the hands of the Almighty; and what we stand on to worship Him. And salt... it's everywhere; under the earth, on the earth, in the sea. Yet this common resource holds such wonderful power. An electro-magnetic conductor, a means of preservation, it draws out toxins and heals wounds. Salt reveals flavour. Salt could be said to "embody" our Covenant relationship to YahWeH and makes every offering to Him "acceptable". But here's the cherry on the sundae. All that is imparted by the raw material, salt; YahWeH intends for His children to impart back to this planet...

"YE (every true Israelite) ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH."  
(Matthew 5:13 K.J.V.)

Isn't that amazing? The Creator "salts" His children into Covenant with Him; then we salt the earth. Our salting of this hostile place of sojourn, makes it easier for our brothers and sisters to complete the journey. And it holds back the wrath of YahWeH for a time.

A prominent ring of salt now graces your property. In time, the rain will wash it away. Also, the little animals which come out at night will be drawn to the salt. They need salt in their diet, and most of them are found to be deficient in salt in our polluted environment. So our altar actually benefits some of YahWeH's innocent creation. What you will find from these factors, however, is that the salt ring will disappear. From time to time it will be necessary to re-ring the circle. And, it is a fitting practice to walk the circle, adding a little salt, every time you enter it. It helps the qualified entrant remember his Covenant relationship with the Father. In time, the ground which was purified from burning will sprout new vegetation. But not under the salt-ring, nor the central rectangle (to be explained later). The salt burns whatever vegetation it touches. So you will eventually have a bare circle on your property, making any future re-salting easier.

Regarding the salt itself; choose it keeping two things in mind. First, choose a natural, un"improved" salt; not iodized, or otherwise adulterated by human intervention. Secondly, because it takes a large quantity of salt for a large altar (not to mention topping-up), use the cheapest natural product available.

Now you want to acquire an accurate compass. I mentioned earlier that one of the advantages of the circle shape is that it can never be misaligned, no matter where it is laid. This is true. So why do you need a compass? Because within the circle will be placed memorial stones; and the correct, accurate alignment of these is most critical indeed.

It's needful to lay another foundation truth here... about the importance

of correct alignment. Like so many truths, this is another which no man can prove to your heart. Only the Father can do that. Traditional churchianity has been most thorough and consistent in teaching those under its spell that things "scientific" cannot be trusted. Naturally they dare not allow one to dabble in science, because questions would arise for which they have no answer. The old standby, "This is of the devil, and we should not be going there", has worked well to quench any ember of rational thought. The truth is, Almighty YahWeH is NOT an aged, bearded man on a big throne. YahWeH is a SPIRIT (see John 4:24). And that word, "Spirit" is the Greek word "pneuma" (Strong's #4151 from #4154). It means "a current of air", and "a blast of breath". The Creator is a power, a force, a "blast" of pure energy. This sounds rather like a sci-fi movie, doesn't it? And that's how the overlords of religion want you to see it... but IT'S TRUE! This energy force, which is our Father, fills all space and time; and imparts life to all that has life. As difficult as it is for our tiny minds to grasp, this ubiquitous YahWeH does have a centre; a place to "abide", if you will...

"Great is YHWH, and exceedingly to be praised IN THE CITY  
OF OUR EL, HIS HOLY MOUNTAIN. Beautiful on high, the joy  
of all the earth, Mount Zion, IN THE SIDES OF THE NORTH,  
THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING."  
(Psalms 48:1,2 Hebrew Bible)

The centre, the "City" of the great King YahWeH, is in THE NORTH. And if our altar is to fully tap into the force-flow of power, emanating from His Holy Mountain, we need to accurately align our worship and communion, and our offerings to true north. If this rattles "hogwash" in your head, this is not for you. But if it rings "amen" in your heart, the compass is your friend.

As I mentioned earlier, correct, accurate alignment is critical for the stones, "memorial-stones", which are to be placed on the circle's perimeter, as well as other elements which will be discussed in their proper order.

Consider these words, spoken by the Almighty to His servant Moses...

"You shall make an altar of earth for Me... In every place  
which I cause My name to be remembered, I will come to you  
and will bless you. AND IF YOU MAKE AN ALTAR OF STONE  
FOR ME, you shall not build them of cut stones. When you  
swing your tool on it, you defile it."  
(Exodus 20:24,25 Hebrew Bible)

There is something here that, at first glance, could be misleading. It is not a deliberate translation slip... This is the original text. It is, however, a structure common in Hebrew, but awkward to the English speaking mind. It's the word "if" (and IF you make an altar of stone[s])... it makes it look optional, but it's not. It really means "when"...



"when you make an altar". The best way to translate this structure is to shift its placement... "IF you are making My altar, make it of earth, with whole (uncut) stones." This is much clearer to the English-trained mind. Now you can better digest these vital passages of Scripture...

"And it happened, when all the nation had completely crossed over the Jordan (river), YHWH spoke to Joshua, saying, Take twelve men for you out of the people, one man of each tribe. And charge them, saying, Take twelve stones from this, from the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests fixed (stood firm). And you shall carry them over with you and lay them down in the lodging place which you stay the night. And Joshua called to the twelve men whom he had made ready out of the sons of Israel, one man out of each tribe. And Joshua said to them, cross over before the ark of YHWH your El to the middle of the Jordan, and each man of you lift up one stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel, so that this shall be a sign among you, which your children (we Israelites) ask thereafter, saying, What are these stones to you? You shall say to them, Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off (held back) before the ark of the covenant of YHWH, as it crossed over into the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. AND THOSE STONES ARE FOR A MEMORIAL TO THE SONS OF ISRAEL ALL THE DAYS. And the sons of Israel did as Joshua commanded and took the twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant stood firm. AND THEY ARE THERE TO THIS DAY." (Joshua 4:1-9 Hebrew Bible)

"And Elijah took TWELVE STONES according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of YHWH came, saying, Israel shall be your name. AND HE BUILT AN ALTAR WITH THE STONES, IN THE NAME OF YHWH..." (I Kings 18:30-32 Hebrew Bible)

The twelve memorial stones are an integral part of the altar pleasing and acceptable to Almighty YaHWeH. And the alignment of these stones is essential to the tapping of the power which IS the Creator. Traditional religious teaching would never dare divulge this truth as truth. It would, if backed into a corner by questions, call this "witchcraft"; "devil worship". Why? Because satan has deceived their minds; then, because they accepted the lie, rather than the truth, YaHWeH Himself has bound them to it, and chained them to their choice...

"Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." (II Thessalonians 2:10,11 K.J.V.)

Stones are very important to YahWeH, possessing high symbolism. A study of the Scriptures containing the word "stones" will prove this fact. Stones are made by the Creator. They are permanent, yet evolving. The changes in their structure, over billions of years, and the differences in the constituents of their homogeneity, tell the story of the earth. Over time, they take-on, and cling to what surrounds them: dirt, and contaminants. Perhaps they also tell the story of Israel.

Notice something very significant about the stones which Joshua (Yahshua in Hebrew) instructed the twelve men to collect (representing YahWeH-shua instructing us) as the altar memorial stones. These stones were "baptized" if you will, in the Jordan river. The Jordan itself is highly symbolic. It separated the Israelites from the "promised land". To enter that most desired place, each individual Israelite must first cross through the Jordan. The name "Jordan" is the Hebrew name "Yardan" (Strong's #3381), from the root word "yarad" (Strong's #3381). It means both "a boundary", and "to cast down", and "to subdue". The child of YahWeH must cast down sin, and subdue his flesh-man. It is a boundary between what he is entitled to, and receiving it. The Jordan river symbolizes the water of life, flowing from the Father. One might say it represents His seminal-fluid, forming a distinct and impenetrable boundary against those who are not His seed; and at the same time, a voluntarily crossable boundary to those who are His seed. They must be "baptized" in water for the remission of sin. In this way they apply the shed blood of their Father-Messiah to their flesh-man. It washes the dirt which they took-on and clung to; just like the stones. Then they can subdue the roughness of the flesh-man, striving for "perfection"... "smoothness"; again, like the Jordan-washed stones.

The altar you build to YahWeH requires strategically placed stones, in accurate alignment. The stones you need to collect are smoothed river-stones. The size is not critical, other than meeting two criteria: what one man can carry, and appropriate to your altar size. For those who must use a portable altar (to set up in an apartment, or for travelling), select small stones; perhaps the size of one's hand.

Not to complicate or confuse, when you collect your river stones, you will actually need to take seventeen stones, not just twelve. The reason is twofold. First, we remember thirteen tribes of Israel. Yes, Jacob (Israel) had twelve sons. But one of them, his favourite son, the "birthright son", Joseph, had two sons of his own, Manasseh and Ephraim. Since Manasseh was the eldest, the birthright blessing (a special "double portion" blessing) would normally go to him. But such was not to be...

"And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father (Jacob) is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon his bed. And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me. And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude

of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. And now thy two sons Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee in Egypt, ARE MINE (Jacob's) as Reuben and Simeon, THEY SHALL BE MINE. And thy issue (sons), which thou begetttest after them SHALL BE THINE, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance... And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these? And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this. And he (Jacob) said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face; and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed. And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly (on purpose); for Manasseh was the firstborn... And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand (the hand of greater blessing) upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father, for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh."

(Genesis 49:1-20 K.J.V.)

We see something most important in this lengthy passage of Scripture. Joseph, one of Jacob-Israel's twelve sons, and the birthright son, had his House, his tribe, split into two tribes: Ephraim, and Manasseh. And these two tribes were, if you will, transferred to the status of their father's tribe. Jacob-Israel "claimed", and blessed these two grandsons as HIS sons. He said that Ephraim and Manasseh "are mine", and that sons born to Joseph subsequent to these two boys would be Joseph's. The net result is THIRTEEN, rather than twelve tribes... ALL the "sons of Israel".

The four additional stones (17 total, minus 13 tribe memorials) are for the centre of your altar. I will explain these later.

Where then, do we place the tribe memorial stones?

A circle is divided into 360 equal parts, like the spokes of a wheel. These 360 slices of pie, if you will, are called "degrees" ( $^{\circ}$ ). Why did the ancient mathematicians choose to make the 360th part of a circle the standard unit of radiant measure? Why not a 400th part, or a 90th part? I believe this was under Divine direction. We earlier brushed the edge of the sacred science of numerology; another of the many revelatory marvels invented by YaHWeH, stolen and used by satan, hence avoided like the plague by professing Christianity. Numbers are powerful. Numbers are spiritually significant. The principal elements of "360" are "3" and "120" (primary multiplicands of 360); and "9" (the sum of its digits). "3" is the number of Divinity (YaHWeH enthroned - YaHWeH as the Word - YaHWeH as Holy Spirit); "120" is the number of perfect completion (the first allotment of years to man, once sin removed man from the Garden - the symbolic number to express "finished" throughout the Bible - the first expansion of "12", the number of the sons of Israel); and "9" is the "resurrection" number. One could go on about the number "360" and its spiritual meaning, but to the dumbed-down and disinterested, this is just a game played with integers. To the wide-eyed Israelite however, sacred numerology is a gateway to revelation.

The first thing you must do, in order to properly place your memorial stones in your altar, is to locate the "true-north" point on the perimeter of your circle. Compasses point to "magnetic-north", not true north. This wanders over time. Today, to find true-north, go  $5^{\circ}$  to the west of your compass-needle, and you'll have it. This, for complicated reasons, holds true no matter where you live on the planet. Indicate the true-north point on your circle with a temporary marker. You now want to sub-divide the circle into twelve equal radiant segments of  $30^{\circ}$ . A rope-line, or any rigid straight-edge will help, if you don't have access to a transit or other locating scope instrument. One simple way to do this is to next locate the south-point. Running a line from the north-point, through the circle's centre, continuing to the opposite perimeter, will give you accurate south. Keep a taut line joining north and south (temporarily). Using a known right-angle ( $90^{\circ}$  - perhaps a factory-cut sheet of plywood), run a line perpendicular to the north-south line, through the centre-point. This will give you the east and west points. Use a temporary marker to indicate all your points. Now you have four quadrants marked on your circle's perimeter (north, south, east, and west). Each of these quadrants is  $90^{\circ}$ , and therefore has to be subdivided into three  $30^{\circ}$  sections. In other words, two additional, equally spaced markers have to be located between each pair of quarter-marks. Use your compass to initially mark these. Starting from north, running clockwise, you are marking "north-north-east", then "north-east" (you will then come to your already placed east marker); then "south-east", then "south-south-east" (you will next come to your south marker); then "south-south-west", then "south-west" (now you will come to your west marker); then "north-west", and finally "north-north-west" (and you will then reach your north marker). You now have twelve temporary markers ringing your circle. Now it's time to fine-tune your perimeter points. Don't be intimidated by all this. YaHWeH will help every child willing to be obedient in this most

important undertaking. You may spend an entire day, using the trial-and-error method, getting you markers dead-accurate. The key is this... once you have true-north accurately fixed, DON'T ADJUST IT! This is your benchmark. And whether you run sequentially clockwise, or counter-clockwise, what you want to achieve is an equal distance between every marker and its neighbour. You can measure the distance between markers along the arc of the perimeter, or in a straight chord-line. Either way, when all markers are equally spaced, and true-north is accurate, you will have twelve accurate circle divisions. Congratulations!

Well, you've got your circle on the earth, and twelve temporary markers around its perimeter. Now you are ready to place your memorial stones. Take time to contemplate what these mean. To realize that Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, is your blood father, as much as your Daddy is, will change your heart, once it sinks in. Let this have a profound impact on your children, as well.

The position of each tribe-memorial stone is a copy of the placement of the tribes of Israel in their encampment around the Tabernacle in the days of Moses. This placement was dictated by YahWeH Himself, and is therefore important to follow. Read the second chapter of the Book of Numbers in your Bible to confirm this. You will, however, notice two changes from the Numbers' account. I will first give you the positioning to use; then I will explain the two changes. Here's the order, starting in the north, running clockwise. North is "Levi"; then "Zebulun"; then "Issachar"; then "Judah" (east point); then "Gad"; then "Simeon"; then "Reuben" (south point); then "Benjamin"; then "Manasseh"; then "Ephraim" (west point); then "Naphtali"; then "Asher"; then you're back to "Levi" (north point). The two changes from the placement in the Book of Numbers are these: In Moses' day, the tribe of "Dan" was camped in the north. It still is in your altar; but just OUTSIDE the perimeter of the circle. Why? A study of the migration of the "lost tribes" of Israel, as they were scattered to the far-flung parts of the earth, shows that the Danites formed the vanguard for exploration. The Bible tells us that "Dan remained in ships" (Judges 5:17). Danites were seafarers; and international waters belong to no one. The tribe of Dan left its land base. The moving of Dan outside the circle, still in the north, is an accurately reflective symbol.

The second change from the Numbers' placement involves "Levi". In the time of Moses, the Levites were the Priestly tribe. They "were not numbered among the children of YHWH" (Numbers 2:33); not because of anything they had done wrong, but because they were to dwell at the Tabernacle, not working for their money, as the Priests of YahWeH. As Priests, they were to be sustained through the tithes of all the other tribes of Israel. They did not possess any land, and their home in the camp was not a designated plot of land in the circle around the Tabernacle. So why is the memorial stone to Levi not in the centre of your altar today? It has been moved to the true-north point, vacated by the seafaring Danites... and for good reason. The Priestly tribe of Levi was ordained under the Mosaic Covenant. The Law of this Covenant was in force at that time, and until YahWeH-Messiah

placed His own precious blood on the Mercy Seat in the Temple, rending the Veil of the Mosaic Covenant, and instituting the liberating new Covenant, of the Order of Melchisedec. Now, all Israelites, no matter what tribe they issue from, are Priests unto YahWeH. This is no longer the exclusive province of the Levites. Levi can now be numbered with the other tribes, and possess land. Levi now has his own memorial stone in the circle. Is it not sad that the biggest reason Israelites should erect an altar to YahWeH is because of the glorious Melchisedec Covenant, yet this most excellent truth has remained entombed in the cob-webbed vaults of churchianity for over two millenia?

One confirmation of the propriety of the "Dan" and "Levi" change we observe today, can be gleaned from the Book of Revelation in your Bible. In the seventh chapter, John the revelator sees an angel, symbolically sealing Israelites in their foreheads. The tribe of Levi is numbered among the others, but the tribe of Dan is not. Dan has left the circle, and Levi has joined it.

Back to setting the memorial stones. The stones you have selected serve well if quite flat; but this is simply for convenience. Flat stones can be settled into the earth with their surface level with the ground. This facilitates altar-grooming (a lawnmower can pass over them), and prevents tripping over a stone. Also, lay the stones "within" the circle's perimeter. In other words, have their outer edges touching, but not extending beyond your altar's circular boundary. Remember, no whole river-stone is unacceptable to YahWeH, but flat stones have certain practical advantages.

Two optional memory-enhancers can be considered, at your discretion. The first is the painting of the stones in the colours which have been associated with each tribe. Now you won't find blatant proof of this in your Bible. That's why I labelled this as discretionary. But many of the Prophets and diligent scholars of today have found astronomical evidence that the Tribes of Israel have "colours" as part of their insignia. I, for one, trust the evidence. If you feel so moved, especially to further impact the altar ritual upon your children; I give you the colours used by the men whose study I trust:

Levi - pale blue / Zebulun - pastel orange / Issachar - amber /  
Judah - tawny gold (the colour of a lion) / Gad - yellow with a greenish  
cast / Simeon - emerald green / Reuben - turquoise / Benjamin -  
royal blue / Manasseh - pastel purple / Ephraim - royal purple /  
Naphtali - crimson / Asher - deep red / Dan - reddish gold

The second option I recommend (in addition to the first, not instead of it) is the painting of the tribe-name on each of the stones. Yes, YahWeH knows which stone remembers which tribe; but sometimes I forget. This just makes good sense to me, especially when one uses a portable altar, where the stones have to be set in place every time the altar is to be entered. The stones may simply have the name as commonly spelled in English; or you may use the new Hebrew script, or the paleo (ancient) Hebrew script; or all three. Out of respect, paint carefully, accurately, and uniformly.



Your circle is now ringed with twelve stones. You have five left. One is the memorial to the tribe of Dan. Place it outside the circle, as was discussed, straight north of the Levi stone. The distance from the perimeter of the circle, to the south edge of the Dan stone, should be 3 feet. The Danite memorial is settled into the earth, just as the other stones.

Now for the four stones which are to be placed in the centre of the altar. These are the "tetragrammaton" stones. The tetragrammaton is the name given to a group of four Hebrew letters which comprise the sacred name of the Creator. The letters, in English, are "Y", "H", "W", "H". His name is pronounced "YaHWeH". I am assuming that those reading this paper are familiar with this truth. The Father's sacred name is NOT "God", "Lord", or "Jehovah". Further, when He came to walk planet earth in a flesh body, as our Saviour-Messiah, He did NOT use the name "Jesus". In fact, the highest level of satan's attention has been given to keeping the true name of YaHWeH hidden from His children. Why? Because he knows that this name MUST be "written" in their "foreheads" (their mind; the centre of believing), and in their "right hands" (their way of functioning on earth), in order for them to gain entrance into His Kingdom. His name is "YHWH" ("YaHWeH"). I will gladly send detailed proof of this truth to any Israelite who desires it.

These four stones are to have one letter of the tetragrammaton painted on each. They then are settled into the earth (in the same manner as the others) in the centre of your Altar. Why? We must always remember that YaHWeH reveals and expresses truth through symbols... pictures for the mind. Let's face it; the entire altar process; its construction, and its use, is a picture. It's not some futile attempt to crawl back under the burden of Levitical law. No, this is entirely voluntary. No Israelite HAS TO erect an altar. No Israelite HAS TO please YaHWeH. Those who choose to follow the old path of truth in this regard, do so out of love, devotion, and an intense desire to voluntarily please our loving Father. We see to it that everything we do follows, as closely as we can glean, what clues we find from Scripture. The four sacred-name stones are placed in the centre of the altar to symbolize the Ark of the Covenant, in the centre of the Tabernacle built by Moses. The Ark was a wooden box. In the twenty-fifth chapter of the Book of Exodus, you will find all the details pertaining to the Ark. We no longer have to duplicate this, but we set it before our memory in a picture. This picture is a rectangle, laid out in salt, on the ground, in the altar's centre. Inside the rectangle (the Ark) are the sacred name stones. The dimensions of the Ark are prescribed by YaHWeH...  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cubits by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cubits (see Exodus 25:10). The ratio of these dimensions holds geometric and mathematical power; a ratio of 5 to 3. The Ark of the Covenant was where YaHWeH chose to place His name on planet earth. It was His Spirit's dwelling place, in the centre of the House of Worship. When we stand in our altar, we "stand on His name" metaphorically. The Ark also pictures our spirit. The Tabernacle was a tent; designed by the Creator, built by Moses, presided over by the Levite Priests. This tent pictured the flesh covering every Israelite must have to function in this third dimension for now. In the centre of the tent is a box, the home of YaHWeH. His name resides there. How fitting a symbol.

The salt perimeter of your symbolic Ark should be 27 inches (east to west) by 45 inches (north to south); a rectangle of the important "3 to 5" ratio. The placement of the tetragrammaton stones within the rectangle is important. The "Y" stone is placed in the south-east quadrant; the first "H" stone is placed in the north-west quadrant; the "W" stone is placed in the north-east quadrant; and the final "H" stone is placed in the south-west quadrant. The "Y-H-W-H" actually forms a diagonal cross when read in order. On each of the four sacred-name stones, one letter of the tetragrammaton should be painted. The letters can be scripted in English, Hebrew, or Paleo-Hebrew (ancient Hebrew from the Old Testament times). Some paint all three scripts on each stone. At the end of this paper you will find a drawing showing the correct placement of the stones, and the scripts you can use. These four stones are a most important part of the pleasing and acceptable altar to YahWeH.

All seventeen of your river-washed stones are now accurately placed in the altar. What's next? Now we want to build a "Fire-Box"; a place to offer up to YahWeH in fire. Why? During the days of the Mosaic Covenant, under the Levitical Priesthood, sacrifices of animals were made by the Priests on an ongoing basis. This was by command of His Majesty; and was to obtain His favour, and atonement for the sins of Israel. Animals were sacrificed, and portions of their flesh were burned. This was the "burnt offering" to YahWeH. There were also, mandatory "meal offerings", "sin offerings", and "peace offerings". But as I have explained, and as we all need to keep before our eyes constantly, we are no longer under the Mosaic Covenant, but the Melchisedec Covenant. YahWeH no longer sees His children's sins; He Himself removed them forever, by His own sacrifice. And His sacrifice was the required "sin offering". IT IS FINISHED! No more sin offering for any of His own. The "burnt offering" of animal flesh, as well as the "meal offering", are also finished. They were part of the Mosaic Covenant and its requirements. So what is left? The "peace offering". The peace offering is the sacrifice of our heart. The Apostle Paul admonishes...

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,  
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,  
acceptable unto God, your reasonable service."  
(Romans 12:1 K.J.V.)

The peace offering we offer to our Father is the praise of our heart, the praise of our lips, and our WRITTEN requests. Let me explain. As we stand inside the sacred circle, our heart bows before the Almighty, in humble adoration and praise... praise deeper than that which we can utter. Our lips express the praise and thanksgiving we can encase within human speech. But there is one more thing we need to do...

"Be careful (anxious, worried) for nothing; but in every  
thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your  
requests be made known unto God."  
(Philippians 4:6 K.J.V.)

And what is the appropriate way to let our requests be made known to YahWeH?

In writing. There is something very unique, both physically and spiritually, about writing words. When YahWeH Himself delivered the Law to Moses, He could have burned it into Moses' mind, He could have spoken it into the ear of every Israelite. He could have given it in any permanent way He chose, supernaturally. But what did He do? He WROTE it, in words, with His finger, on stone (see Exodus 31:18 and Deuteronomy 9:10 for proof). My Dad was an architect; and I have had a passionate interest in architecture since childhood. One of my favourite architects, now deceased, wrote a most poignant essay about the link between the mind and the hand. This was during the dawn of computer drafting and design. He presented clinical proof that what the hand puts on paper, whether line or word, stimulates the mind to both create, and remember. It's rather like priming a pump. Having worked for some of the finest architects in North America, I noticed something common to every single one. They all doodled, on paper; especially when talking to clients, or in design meetings. Why? Because it opened a creative valve. When we take pen and paper, and begin to move our hand, our thoughts, and heart, flow. And, it nails things in our memory as well. I have proven this, over and over, in my own altar time. My spoken words may convey half of my heart, in adequate clarity; but when I take time to write my requests, I think of deep things that would not have been tapped by simply speaking. And I can frame them in superior, not just adequate, clarity. Don't misunderstand; I know the vital importance, and impact, of the words of our lips. Imagine the spiritual import of writing a request, and then reading it aloud before offering it up in fire.

Fire is enormously important, and significant, in acceptable altar ritual. YahWeH, our Father IS a "consuming fire" (Deuteronomy 4:24, Hebrews 12:29). And He uses fire as a vehicle, if you will, to transport our offerings out of our physical dimension, to Himself. I believe He does it via His ministering angels. When YahWeH sent Gideon to break the oppression of the Midianites over Israelites, Gideon prepared an offering to YahWeH. When it was ready, notice who the Almighty's agent was; what he instructed, and what happened...

"And THE ANGEL of YHWH said unto him (Gideon), Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes (his offering), and lay them UPON THIS ROCK, and pour out the broth. And he did so. Then the angel of YHWH put forth the end of the staff in his hand, and touched (the offering); AND THERE ROSE UP FIRE OUT OF THE ROCK, and consumed (the offering). Then the angel of YHWH departed out of his sight."  
(Judges 6:20,21 The Word of YahWeH Bible)

The offering Gideon presented to YahWeH was transported out of the physical dimension, by an angel, through "consuming fire". This was YahWeH's method of receiving offerings throughout the Bible. But notice another key element in the "acceptable" offering... "AND LAY THEM UPON THIS ROCK." Writing our requests is essential; fire to transport is essential; and "upon this ROCK" is essential. Offerings to the Creator were always done, and only acceptable, upon a stone. You can prove the verity of this statement in your own Bible study time. Stones figure hugely in spiritual symbolism. But the

two I want to focus on here are the Messiah, and Israel. The Messiah is Almighty YahWeH enrobed in an earth-legal body of flesh. And what did He refer to Himself as?...

"And He (YahWeH-shua) beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, THE STONE Which the builders rejected, the same (Himself) is become the Head of the corner (the Chief cornerstone)."  
(Luke 20:17 K.J.V.)

YahWeH-shua IS the STONE, rejected by those who seek to build themselves up in the eyes of the world; the overlords of religion, the purveyors of deception. He is the stone Whom those who fall upon Him will be broken, and ripe for YahWeH to mold. He is the stone Who will crush those He falls upon in judgment.

And what about us; Israel? We are His pure-blood offspring. And what are we referred to as?...

"Ye also, AS LIVELY STONES, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood (of the order of Melchisedec), TO OFFER UP SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES, ACCEPTABLE TO YahWeH by YahWeH-shua the Messiah."  
(I Peter 2:5 The Word of YahWeH Bible)

And there you have it... the whole of this paper in a single verse of Scripture. Father YahWeH came to save us, as a "stone", rejected by the world. We have fallen upon this stone, and had our flesh-man broken. Our spirit-man is now a living "stone". Collectively we have been built into a spiritual house of living stones; a royal priesthood. Why? So we can offer up to YahWeH the sacrifices of our hearts... spiritual sacrifices acceptable in His sight. This is our very purpose; our "reasonable service". To not know this, is to live in dim light. To know it and reject it, is to turn our back on the Light, and walk toward the darkness.

Written requests... offered up in fire... on a stone. This is why we build a Fire-Box as a necessary part of our sacred altar to YahWeH. The Fire-Box is made from 4 stones. I will give dimensions for these stones; but this needs explanation. Remembering the heavy use of symbolism in our altar, select these four stones carefully. Stones are natural, and we are not permitted to lay a tool on them. What we select is what we use. You won't find a natural stone of exact dimensions; but with diligent searching, you can come close to the ideal sizes. First, a hearth-stone is set into the ground. It should be as close to 24 inches (east to west) by 12 inches (north to south) as possible. "24" symbolizes the number of Elders YahWeH required from the House of Israel; and "12" symbolizes the twelve tribes they represented. Next, resting on the north edge of the hearth-stone is a back-stone... 24 inches long (the full length of the hearth) by 6 inches high. And along the east and west edges of the hearth-stone are side-stones (like the arms of a chair, extending from its back), each 6 inches by 6 inches. These four stones form a three-sided box on a base. At the

end of this paper I have provided a drawing to help clarify this. Again, the dimensions of the stones are all multiples of "3", the number of Divinity... YahWeH on His throne; YahWeH as Messiah; YahWeH as Holy Spirit. The south edge of the hearth-stone should be 3 feet north of the north edge of the Danite stone.

A most significant aspect of the Fire-Box is its location. It is not inside the circle, but outside. Why? During the time when YahWeH's children were under the Mosaic Covenant, their sins were still "remembered" by the Father. But communion with Him required holy purity. You will remember that Moses was commanded to remove his shoes as he approached the Burning Bush, because he was on "holy ground". Holy purity, in that time, was not available from "within", only from "without"; through ritual sacrifice, and it was temporary. Offering up to YahWeH had to be carried out by the chosen Levitical Priesthood, in the centre of the Tabernacle; otherwise it could not be "acceptable" in the holy eyes of the Creator. And even then, it was not "sure". That's why when the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies to seek annual atonement for the remembered sins of Israel, he had to have a rope-line tied about his waist. If his presence happened not to be acceptable, and the holiness of YahWeH struck him dead, his body could be retrieved from a distance, lest the retrievers be killed as well.

Praise YahWeH... it is different now; and this glorious, liberating difference is what we want to symbolize. Today, under the Melchisedec Covenant, YahWeH "remembers our sins NO MORE!" Because of His own sacrifice for His children, we are clothed in His holiness. We no longer have to have an outside Priest make offering for us, inside the Tabernacle. We ARE the Tabernacle... the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Our offering up to YahWeH is "liberated" to a new location; OUTSIDE the place symbolizing the centre of the Tabernacle. YahWeH Himself, as He graced our planet in a body of flesh as the Messiah, had to minister to His people OUTSIDE the Temple, and the circle of Pharisees. Another truth symbolized here is that the Fire-Box is beyond the Danite memorial stone. Dan was the "Judge" tribe; and as Priests of the Order of Melchisedec, we have been moved beyond judgment; already judged "righteous" by the blood of the Lamb. HalleluYah!

Your sacred worship altar to YahWeH is now complete. Before I explain its dedication and proper use, I want to return to the "portable" altar. This, as I mentioned earlier, is to provide those who don't have land of their own, or access to land; or for those travelling, with a way to worship the Father in a pleasing and acceptable manner. The portable altar is NOT "second best". As already stated, no Israelite HAS TO build an altar... no Israelite HAS TO please his Father. Those who do, do it only out of deep love for Him. When a child of YahWeH returns to the old path, to vent his love and devotion to the Creator, yet is without the land to erect a worship altar, a portable altar gets full marks from his loving Father. And this is how you build one.

Obviously, you won't be building a 39'6" circle; but the numbers still hold their symbolism. A 39.6 INCH altar is perfect... small, yes; a little tight for two, yes. But it works. My son and I use one of this size, and

we aren't tiny people. Select a location in you home which offers privacy. If you have sufficient space to leave your altar set up permanently, great. But I think most will be like me; with only room to set up the altar when needed. Try to locate it free from distraction and people-traffic. A room with a north-facing window would be ideal, but not essential. YaHWeH knows his children do the best with what they have.

Since your altar will not be set on the ground, but a floor, you need a circular base. We have learned that the altar is to be made from natural materials, not "tooled", or crafted by man. At first glance, this would seem to create a problem for a portable altar. But this apparent glitch can be overcome, thankfully. A sheet of thin plywood will work nicely for a base. So will a piece of cloth made from natural fiber (wool, cotton, jute, etc.). I use a thin (6 mil) plastic. Since plastic is a petroleum product, it is acceptable. The thing which takes care of the "man-made" problem is "salt". Salt is a purifier; it draws out toxins. So when you ring your altar with salt, every time you set it up, you are removing the "stain" of human intervention with the natural element. This, again, is the obedient child obeying to the top of his ability. Once you have your base selected, you need to draw your circle. This can be done with a string joining a push-pin (at the centre-point), and a marking instrument (pencil, chalk, charcoal marker, etc.). Next, locate twelve points on the perimeter, at 30° intervals. A protractor will be most helpful. This is not yet the time for a compass, because the base will only be oriented to true-north when it is laid out for use. So start anywhere on the perimeter, and mark a point every 30°, or 1/12th of the circle. Once marked, designate one point as "north". Next, draw the "Ark" rectangle in the centre of the circle, keeping the "3 to 5" ratio. 9" by 15" is perhaps most suitable for the small circle. Unlike the large, permanent altar, the marks you make on this circle are not temporary, but permanent. Make them accordingly. This is because it will be taken up, and stored until next time. You don't want to have to relocate the memorial points each time.

The stones you select should be river-stones of appropriate size, perhaps a little smaller than the palm of one's hand. These stones can be marked, just like the large ones used in the outdoor altar. As for the Fire-Box, believe it or not, a glass ash-tray is acceptable. Glass is made from sand, and sand is simply tiny rocks. It will withstand the heat of a burnt offering. If you can fashion stones, of appropriate dimensions, in a way which will cement them together, this would be ideal. Again, salt will take care of the ash-tray. When you set up the portable altar, the Danite stone will be placed 3 inches to the north of the Levite stone; and the Fire-Box will be 3 inches north of Dan.

I recommend a carrying case for your stones, Fire-Box, and other pertinent altar-worship items. If you travel, you might do better with a flexible base which can be folded and placed in your case.

Each time you lay out your altar base, use your compass to align the north-point to true north... 5° to the west of magnetic (compass) north. A permanent line from north to south will make this easy to do.



Now that your altar is complete, it's time to finish its dedication to YahWeH. This holds true for both the permanent outdoor altar, and the temporary indoor altar. If you have the portable type, you only have to dedicate it when it is initially erected, and not each time you set it up.

There are three elements used for proper dedication: salt, oil, and water. We have already discussed the importance and meaning of salt. As for the oil needed, the Bible gives us a recipe for holy anointing oil, acceptable to YahWeH. This is found in Exodus chapter 30, verses 23 to 25. It contains five ingredients in strict proportions. Thankfully, I know of at least one source of accurately made holy anointing oil in the United States. I will gladly forward a contact to any Israelite. It's not cheap, but only a tiny amount gets the job done.

And for the water; the men I trust use rose-water for dedicatory purposes. This is a symbolic gesture, and therefore important for a symbolic place. YahWeH-shua, our Messiah, was "the Rose of Sharon". He was the rose who would be surrounded by the thorns of the painful crown. To make rose-water, one only needs water, and rose petals. A gallon of water, with the petals from a single rose, fermented for a time, will extract the oil from the rose, and provide more than sufficient water for a long time.

Take the three dedicatory ingredients and mix them together. Obtain a sprinkling bottle, rather like a salt-shaker, and fill it with the mixture. The bottle can be of any natural material: glass, plastic, clay. Make sure it doesn't contain non-natural parts. Many salt shakers, for example, have metal shaker-tops. This is not what you want to use.

With this potent mixture, either by yourself, or with other like-hearted Israelites, you are ready to properly dedicate the sacred worship altar. The correct time to do this is on a full-moon Sabbath. This is the time of the highest level of the Shekinah glory; the full light of YahWeH's Holy Spirit. And this is what you do. Start by approaching the memorial to Dan. Sprinkle the stone with the salt/oil/water mixture. Dan, as I mentioned earlier, is the "Judge" tribe of Israel. It is fitting to give deference to the Judge, recognizing his position as a "filter", if you will, for the requests we offer up on the fire. The words you speak to the Father as you anoint, should come from your heart. I don't believe there is a canned "right thing" to say. As merely a suggestion only, one might say something like... "Father YahWeH, I now pay homage to my forefather \_\_\_\_\_, as I am flesh of his flesh, and bone of his bone. I anoint this stone memorial to him in your sacred name YahWeH. I hereby empower this stone in the (and give its compass direction), and command the host of Heaven to bless all the saints who will stand here before this stone." There is no right or wrong order in which to anoint the stones; whatever your heart dictates. To me, it makes sense, however, to anoint the four sacred-name stones first. YahWeH is the Father of every Israelite. But after that, it makes no difference, as long as every stone, and the Fire-Box, is anointed by sprinkling.

Beyond this simple procedure, the sky is the limit. Whatever you feel to

do, either to impact your mind and heart with this dedication ceremony, or the minds and hearts of others who may be participating with you, is a good and proper thing to do. Some set plastic sleeves (plastic being made from petroleum) into the ground by each stone, to act as supports for kerosene torches, and light these torches for the first time at the dedication of the altar. They also wear ceremonial robes, head-bands, etc. Such ritual creates a feast for the eyes. It will certainly impress any children who might be present. Remember that the worship altar is largely about symbolism, memorialization, and being swept away by the glory of YahWeH; so whatever aids in reaching these goals, is right for you to do. There is no restriction placed on an obedient child of the Almighty as he comes to commune with his Father.

Having said that, I should add that neither is there any restriction in the other direction. What do I mean by that? Simply that some Israelites are more inward and quiet than others. They may find heart release in different ways. A big display of noise, colour, and light may actually put them off their ease. They may go through motions, just so they won't look odd in the group. For this reason, I believe every participant should be assured to follow their heart. If that means quiet simplicity, or loud performance, both are equally acceptable, and not to be judged or criticized.

The dedication of the permanent outdoor altar, and the portable indoor altar, is conducted in the same way. And either altar, once dedicated to the glory of YahWeH, is equally acceptable to Him, and equally powerful for all who enter it.

Your altar is now fit for its intended use. So just how does an obedient Israelite properly use this gateway to YahWeH's eyes, as they run to and fro throughout the earth, to behold the doings of the sons of Adam?

### Using Your Worship Altar

The worship altar is always available to Israel for any urgent need; but there are optimum, "appointed times" for entering the circle. These are on the sacred Sabbaths; especially a new-moon Sabbath, and a full-moon Sabbath. Detailed teaching about the true Sabbaths is available to any Israelite.

The proper use of the worship altar is a broad subject; and made even broader by this Scripture...

"And where the Spirit of YahWeH is, there is LIBERTY."  
(II Corinthians 3:17 The Word of YahWeH Bible)

To a large extent, it's correct to say there is no "right" or "wrong" way to vent one's heart before the Father. Here, I will suggest to you what the men I trust do when they enter the sacred circle. But this is simply a primed canvas, on which you are free to paint. The various aspects of altar ritual which I present are based upon Biblically sound and well tested

principle, and show appropriate symbolism. These are good elements of worship to emulate; but you are free to modify according to your heart.

Also, your circumstances may dictate some differences, especially in three areas: whether your altar is a large outdoor one, or a small portable; whether you are one or two, or a large assembly; and whether this is a regular Sabbath, a high Festival Sabbath, or a time of emergency need. As I describe various elements of worship, I will point-out these differences.

First, it is good to choose an appropriate hour to begin your service. The hours of 7 o'clock (the number of completion), 8 o'clock (the number of new beginning), or 9 o'clock (the number of resurrection) are symbolically appropriate choices, if possible. It is correct to have incense burning prior to the start of your service. This could be incense sticks, or even scented candles. Some have incense at every stone; some at just the tetragrammaton stones. If you want to focus on a single stone, Dan would be a good choice, as it is the "Judge" stone, the filter for acceptability to YahWeH. In a tiny portable altar, this might be the best option. You could also use stick incense, AND lighted candles. This creates a very pleasant setting.

As you begin your worship service, one is designated to conduct the ceremony. This is appropriately the one whose property you are on. Enter the circle, single file, the conductor of ceremony leading, through the south gate... the Reuben memorial (Reuben being the eldest son of Israel). In the case of a tiny portable altar, if you at times have more participants than can fit within the circle, have them partake on a rotation basis. As the Priest (note: this designation is just for convenience... we are all "Priests") enters, he walks to the centre of the altar. Standing on the "Y" "H" "W" "H" stones, facing north, he raises his hands to YahWeH, and declares the beginning of the ceremony. Some will use a ceremonial sword, in the right hand, for this. The Priest will invoke YahWeH's blessing upon the participants, and all that takes place in the sacred circle during this time of worship. There is no "canned" invokation; just whatever comes from the heart.

Any within the altar are now free to praise their Father in their own way. This time of collective outpouring can be loud, quiet, lengthy, or brief. Some may feel like shouting their praises; others may kneel in reverent silence. The key here is liberty.

One point which should be addressed here may never arise; but if it should, it needs to be dealt with immediately. If an individual partaking in the altar service exhibits behaviour that is clearly contrary to Scripture, or revealing him to be "a wolf in sheep's clothing", if you will; then the Priest (in a small group), or an elder or deacon (in a large assembly) must remove the individual in the simplest and quietest way possible. It could also happen that a curious neighbour may come by; one who is not an Israelite. This person should be spoken to outside the circle, and advised that this is "for members only". Hopefully these are bridges you won't have to cross.

This is one instance where the worship ceremony "difference" I referred to earlier will be evident. When a large assembly meets in the circle, there is often "official business" of the ministry to be dealt with. These may include the taking of the oath of the Melchisedec Priesthood, for baptized Israelites; the ritual of the Soldier's Ransom; and any other business deemed worthy to formalize in the circle. For all such assembly business items to be addresses in the altar, this is the time to do it. For an individual worshipper, or a family, there will probably never be such items to attend to. Having said that, some things which you may want to do under the "business" heading could be the dedication of a new home, with deed in hand, for example; or even bringing a new-born baby into the altar for YahWeH's blessing. There may be many things, important to you and your family which would be fittingly brought before YahWeH inside the sacred worship altar.

Assuming that business matters have been dealt with, the next thing to take place would be the partaking of what we call "Communion". This is the sharing of a symbolic "meal" if you will. Prior to the actual taking of the elements, especially in a large gathering, a time of fellowship inside the circle is both heart-warming and appropriate. This, of course, can't be done within a small portable altar. Never-the-less, the Communion meal can. The Priest will administer three elements to each participant, then himself... "salt", "unleavened bread" (this is any bread with no yeast), and "wine" (red wine). A prayer of thanksgiving will be offered by the Priest, for the unspeakable gift of the sacrifice of the Lamb of YahWeH, YahWeH-shua, our Messiah. He will then place a small piece of salt (or a few grains if fine salt is used) in the mouth of all present. The salt represents the Covenant which binds the House of Israel to the Creator; it is the preserver of that Covenant. And this is why it is the first element to take, "salting" the Communion meal. Next, the Priest will take a piece of unleavened bread (leaven represents "sin" in Scripture), break it, and place a small portion in the mouth of each participant. Why bread?...

"And He (YahWeH-shua) TOOK BREAD, and gave thanks, and break it, and gave unto them, saying, THIS IS ('represents') MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU: this do in remembrance of Me."  
(Luke 22:19 K.J.V.)

The bread symbolizes the broken body of the Messiah, which He freely gave to the torturers for every Israelite. We should all ponder this as we eat this bread.

Finally, the Priest will pass a small glass of red wine to each member of the group. They will drink it together. What is the significance of the wine?...


"Likewise also (He took) the cup after supper, saying, THIS CUP IS ('represents') THE NEW TESTAMENT ('Covenant') IN MY BLOOD which is shed for you."  
(Luke 22:20 K.J.V.)

As we drink from this cup, let us be overwhelmed by the truth that the Almighty Creator of all that is, came to inhabit a flesh and blood body on planet earth, for the sole purpose of being able to shed that sinless blood to save His children.

With the Communion meal finished, being given whatever time it takes to have its needed impact, it is now time to offer up written requests to YaHWeH in the Fire-Box. We have already discussed the importance of words written with the hand (see pages -23- and -24- for reminder). But the proper writing of our requests is a matter for careful consideration. This should be done prior to the altar ceremony; and with all the ground-work necessary to validate your requests. What do I mean by that? Well, in my own life, for instance, I have often "prayed" for things to which I was not entitled. In some cases it was something I wasn't promised; in other cases, my actions may have actually promised me consequences I did not want. Getting it right is part of our life-long journey to perfection. In a nutshell, try to find a Scripture which would qualify you, or your family, for the request you ask. Write the appropriate Scripture along with your request. It is also beneficial to discuss this process with the others involved; especially children. Pray for guidance in the preparation of your petition. And remember the old adage... "Be careful what you ask for; you might get it."

Each participant is free to write his own requests on paper, especially in a large assembly. In a family, I believe it's proper to allow children to prepare their requests. Dad or Mum can check these ahead of time, to offer any correction or refinement.

Inside the altar, the Priest will take the papers which have been written on, and anoint them with a tiny amount of anointing oil, on the index finger of his right hand. He, and the other participants will walk over the Levi memorial, through the Dan memorial, to the Fire-Box. This is a most significant symbol. As a baptized Israelite, we go over the Levitical Law of the Mosaic Covenant; through the Judge (Dan), worthy to offer up to YaHWeH in fire with freedom. The Priest will then light the anointed papers on the hearth-stone, placing some of the salt, bread, and wine in with it. He may pray as moved to. The ashes can be left to disperse into the air, back to nature. If you use an indoor altar, the ashes can be collected and either taken outside to disperse, or saved in a container made from natural material. This is what my son and I have done with the ashes from all our burnt offerings.

Some worshippers will perform one final symbolic ritual to conclude their altar service. It is called "lighting the "WAW". "Waw" is the name of the Hebrew letter which is the third character of the sacred tetragrammaton. In the ancient Hebrew script it is written thus: . A Dogwood branch of this shape (if available) is planted (set) into the ground, 3 feet north of the Fire-Box. It is then wrapped with burlap, secured with cotton string. This is then soaked with kerosene, and set afire, using either a torch or candle placed at the Dan stone during the worship service. This symbolizes the "Burning Bush" which beckoned to Moses; the Almighty visiting His child.

The Dogwood tree is a truly apt symbol. It was a Dogwood tree upon which our Saviour was nailed. He died as a "dog" and a "stranger" in the eyes of the world. But the tree knew its Creator. It has been documented that until about 2,000 years ago, the Dogwood produced huge flowers. Yet after that time it produced very small flowers, and few. The petals appear to be stained with blood. It is as though the Dogwood has refused to grow since it was used for such a purpose; to be the stake on which the King of Glory was tortured and died.

If you wish to burn the waw, and a Dogwood branch is not available, cut a cedar branch of suitable shape; or any live tree you can find. The shape is more important than which species is substituted.

Because the circle was exited to reach the Fire-Box by all participants, the ceremony concludes after the fire has gone out; and those present are free to leave. I reiterate that this is the custom of trusted Israelites, but not rigid dogma. Look to your own heart, faith, and circumstances as you tailor these rituals for your altar worship service. And if, in time, your knowledge level highlights needed changes, then refine your practice accordingly.

Please note. Following the worship service, even though the participants are free to leave the area, there is a further matter which can be addressed on a New-Moon Sabbath, and a Full-Moon Sabbath. This may not be applicable to all, depending on certain realities. I have explained this "further matter" at the end of this paper, under the heading "Appendant Truth". I recommend you read this section, to determine with adequate knowledge, your position regarding this added truth. If indeed you do wish to participate in this further ritual on these two Sabbaths; the time to do so would be following the worship service on these days.

Also, the two matters of official ritual I alluded to earlier, namely, the Melchisedec Oath, and the Soldier's Ransom, will be explained in that section.

A final aspect of worship altar use needs examination. This is what might be called "emergency" use. I use this term in its true meaning: "that which calls for immediate attention". The worship altar is available to an Israelite at all times. There are times we are to appear before His Majesty...

"So says YHWH, The gate of the inner court that faces the east shall be shut the six working days. But on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened... And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, before YHWH."

(Ezekiel 46:1,3 Hebrew Bible)

But many urgent needs arise, not waiting for the Sabbath day. When your heart needs to cry out before your Father; either yourself personally, or your family, or even a large assembly; then run to the circle. Do whatever

your heart dictates; cry out, weep, kneel before Him, sing, or anything else which will vent your pain. The one thing you should always do, however, when you come to the altar, is write your request on paper, and offer it up in fire to YahWeH. This is possible no matter where you are. If you can collect seventeen stones, and set them in a circle in the pattern described, to the best of your ability, with no compass, or any incense, communion elements, or anything else; you can perform "altar", and commune with the Almighty. I submit that if you can do no more than scribe a crude circle in the ground with a stick, and stand in its centre, facing as close to north as you can determine; that will be completely acceptable to your loving, compassionate Father in time of trouble.

Appendant Truth (The Altar to Bless, and The Altar to Curse)

The teaching of the history, necessity, building, and proper use of the sacred Worship Altar to YahWeH is now complete. Far from exhaustive, it was designed to be a springboard for further study by those whose hearts it ignites. But it would be irresponsible of me to leave the subject of "Altar" here. Why? Because a careful study of holy Scripture reveals two more altars used by Israel, once they came into the promised land: an altar to bless, and an altar to curse. Consider this...

"And it shall be in the day you cross over the Jordan to the land which YHWH your Elohim is giving to you, that you shall raise up for yourself great stones... And you shall build an altar there to YHWH your Elohim... And you shall offer burnt offerings on it to YHWH your Elohim (this is the worship altar)... And (in addition to this) Moses charged the people the same day, saying, THESE (other stones) SHALL STAND ON MOUNT GERIZIM TO BLESS THE PEOPLE when you have crossed over the Jordan; SIMEON, AND LEVI, AND JUDAH, AND ISSACHAR, AND JOSEPH, AND BENJAMIN (this is the blessing altar). AND THESE (other stones) SHALL STAND ON MOUNT EBAL TO CURSE; REUBEN, GAD, AND ASHER, AND ZEBULUN, DAN, AND NAPHTALI (this is the cursing altar).  
(Deuteronomy 27:2,5,6,11,12,13 Hebrew Bible)

In this passage, Moses is charging the Israelites that when they cross over the Jordan river, and enter the promised land, they are to first erect a worship altar to YahWeH. This was their custom. But further to that, he instructs them to build two more altars... one to bless the people; this is to be built on mount Gerizim, and another to curse; to be built on mount Ebal. Six different tribe-memorial stones are to be set in each of these two altars.

So what is this all about? We have seen Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob build worship altars. We have even seen Noah build an altar to commune with his Father. But nowhere, until the Jordan is crossed, have we seen these other altars. What are they? Do we need these altars today? These are questions we need to answer.

The entire Bible is written to, for, and about one family... the House of Israel. But the House of Israel begins its journey much later than the first offspring of the Almighty are placed on this training ground called planet earth. The sons of Adam become the sons of Israel only after Jacob (whose name was changed to "Israel" by YahWeH) was on the scene.

Anything that holds the power to affect blessings and cursings, MUST be explored very carefully; otherwise it could be like a loaded gun in the hands of a child. If these two "other" altars are for us today, we need to know why righteous Abel, or Noah, or Abraham didn't use them; and why



Moses, hundreds of years later, was telling Israel to build them, but not until they reached their promised home. There's too much at stake here to simply flip a coin.

The blessing altar and the cursing altar derive their validity from a promise made by YahWeH to Abram (later "Abraham")...

"And I (YahWeH) WILL BLESS THEM THAT BLESS YOU (Abram),  
AND CURSE HIM THAT CURSETH THEE..."  
(Genesis 12:3 K.J.V.)

A study of the promises made by YahWeH to Abraham makes it clear that they were spoken to him, yes, but would focus on his descendants, the House of Israel. And Israel is a study in testing, and journeying. It is also a study in "fine tuning", or sharpening of focus, if you will. What do I mean by that? The promises to Abraham were fine tuned to pass on to only one son, the son of promise... Isaac. And Isaac's promise was pin-pointed to one son... Jacob. Jacob was the point at which the Abrahamic Covenant blossomed into flower. Therefore, it makes sense that this is the time when blessing and cursing became a pertinent reality for the family known as "Israel"... Jacob was Israel. The sons of Jacob are the sons of Israel. But Israel got into trouble right out of the gate. They soon find themselves in Egypt, seeking refuge from a terrible famine in their homeland. Judah and Reuben, two of Israel's twelve sons mix their blood with Egyptian women. Their adultery pollutes circumstances to where their refuge becomes Israel's prison. For 400 years Israel was held in bondage; slaves in Egypt. As such, they had no altars at all, and even lost their sacred Sabbaths. But YahWeH rescued them from bondage, through His servant Moses. Moses led Israel, now a family numbering in the millions, out of Egypt, on a journey to a land of milk and honey; their homeland of promise. Instead of being overwhelmed with thanksgiving to YahWeH for their deliverance, they grumbled, murmured, and rebelled at every turn. Their ungrateful and disobedient hearts turned a journey of less than a year, into aimless wandering in the wilderness for forty years. The number "40" represents the affliction of unbelievers; and this is why YahWeH kept them wandering for this period of time. And all of them, save Joshua and Caleb, died in the desert. This was a cleansing exercise. It was to their children, a new generation which had not yet rebelled, that Moses gave instruction to erect a blessing and a cursing altar. But it was to be after they had come into their home, and settled.

So what do we see from this? Can it show us whether we need these altars or not? Yes, it can. These two additional altars are tied to "home". And I believe this is because when Israel is at home, it is a stationary target. And when Israel is obedient to YahWeH's Word, it wears a very big, stationary target. Moses saw, but never entered the promised land, the home for YahWeH's family. He also "saw" the need for a higher level of protection for Israel; and that's why we only now learn of these two additional tools of protective help.

Let's go a step further. If YahWeH promised to bless and curse those who

bless and curse us, why do we need to get involved? Is He not good for His promise? Heaven forbid! But He will never work on earth outside of His plan. And His plan was that this planet was a place which functions in the third dimension of reality, the "physical" dimension of time, space, and "flesh and blood" beings. Physical bodies are the only "legal" functionaries in a physical realm. That's why when YahWeH Himself came to walk the earth for a brief time, He did it in a physical, flesh and blood body, entering this third dimension in the legal way... through a physical, flesh and blood womb of a woman. He keeps His plan, and all His laws, always. So His "blessing", and His "cursing" is in Heaven; and they can only be tapped on earth, by those of His earth family, in their third dimension physicality. Failure to grasp this overriding truth is the main reason we "pray", yet don't "receive"...

"Ye ask, and receive not, BECAUSE YE ASK AMISS..."  
(James 4:3 K.J.V.)

The worship altar, the blessing altar, and the cursing altar... all three play an important role in "asking correctly". This is plainly evident from our study of the worship altar. We must now pay heed to the blessing and cursing altars. Following the pattern of this paper thus far, I will first describe these other altars to you, then I will examine their proper use. Drawings are included at the end of the paper, to help you with their laying out, if you believe you should have them. Well, shouldn't every Israelite have them if they are an important tool? Not necessarily. Let me explain.

The House of Israel is a family. True, it is the smallest of the peoples of the earth (see Deuteronomy 2:7 for proof), but it still has many members. Every individual Israelite is here for a purpose. Every Israelite has a job to do for his Father. And although this family of YahWeH has proven itself repetitively disfunctional, the Almighty always has His precious "remnant" on the earth. And this group of obedient and functioning Israelites form a well-oiled machine; a machine which is greater than the sum of its parts. This machine is blossoming in these last days, and is using the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven as they are being revealed, for the benefit and growth of YahWeH's family on earth. When YahWeH-Messiah was about to leave planet earth bodily, He commissioned this corporate machine to "carry on" here; doing what He did, and greater. We all know that machines are made up of many different parts, and these parts do not all perform the same function. It is collectively that they produce the perfect widget. The same holds true for the House of Israel machine. It is more expedient for some to have blessing and cursing altars, than for other Israelites. Some are at the front-line of battle; Prophets, Pastors, those in charge of visible ministries. These brave Israelite warriors declare the hated truths, and shine the light of truth on the children of the devil. They are constantly on the enemy's radar screen, and in the cross-hairs of his gun-scope. These most definitely need the blessing and cursing altars; these "earth-magnets", if you will, for YahWeH's promise to bless and curse on our behalf... "in Heaven as it is on earth". So even though you may not have these two altars yourself, there

are Israelites who do, and who operate as representatives of the remnant as a whole. The requests you offer up to YahWeH on your worship altar will be before Him when your brothers of the family are in their blessing altar in the full-moon Sabbath; and in their cursing altar in the new-moon Sabbath. This is how the family functions as a unit, and how you will qualify for YahWeH's promise to Abram.

The altar to bless and the altar to curse work in tandem to create a required balance. So you either need both altars, or neither, only the worship altar. And it is essential to understand that only a member of a blessing tribe is qualified to bless; and only a member of a cursing tribe is qualified to curse. It could be more than just futile, to take a role which is not yours. So for one who is alone, or perhaps with another of the same tribe group, do not use these altars. The only exception would be if you can find a like-hearted worshipper from the other tribe group who would join you in this altar ritual from time to time. And if they can act as a counter-balance on a new, or full-moon Sabbath, than you are able to partake. Just remember that they would have to be able to join you in the other moon phase of the same month. If this is not possible, then wait for a month in which both altars can be used.

And while we are on this, a needful question may have hit you. How does one know which tribe he belongs to? Until recently, I thought that one's ancestral country would indicate this, due to the specific migration paths of the various "lost tribes" of Israel. But I had not thought of a most obvious problem with this. What if two people, from countries like England (settled largely by the House of Joseph... i.e. Ephraim and Manasseh), and Denmark (settled by the House of Dan) marry, and have a child. What tribe does the child belong to? Is he half and half? You can see the logistical nightmare here. I learned from my Pastor that YahWeH chooses the tribal affiliation of His children. You see, the country of one's birth, or family origin, is only significant in the flesh realm. It is a matter of earthly geography. But what matters to Israel is the spiritual realm. The pertinent matter here, is celestial "geography", if you will. YahWeH orchestrates the time of birth for His children; the Constellational "House" one is born into. These Houses are linked to the earthly Houses of Israel. The determination of one's "tribe" is a matter for discernment and prayer. And establishing this spiritual reality is most important indeed in the blessing and cursing altar arena.

For those who desire to enter this arena, and affect this important role for the House of Israel, here is how to set up your blessing altar, and cursing altar. Both of these altars need to be positioned to the south of your worship altar... the blessing altar to the east of the worship altar's eastern extent; and the cursing altar to the west of the worship altar's western extent. Regarding the size of these altars, both should be of the same diameter, but this can be much smaller than the worship altar, if land is limited. The diameter should adhere, however, to the symbolic numbers used for the worship altar. Even the 39.6 inch diameter, ideal for a portable altar, will work for permanent outdoor blessing and cursing

altars, if space is tight. The ground upon which these two altars are laid should first be cleaned of debris, salted, and burned using kerosene, in the same manner, and for the same reason as for your worship altar (see page -12- for a reminder of this).

Now for specifics. Let's start with the blessing altar. Locate the centre-point for the circle, then place a temporary wooden stake there. With your salt funnel at the appropriate length on a line, walk the circumference and lay your salt-ring, just like you did for your worship altar. Next, locate and mark true-north on the circle ( $5^{\circ}$  to the west of magnetic north). Stretch a diameter line from north, through the centre, and mark south on the circle. Locate and mark east and west points as well. Only two more points are needed: one exactly halfway between south and west; the other exactly halfway between south and east. You are ready to lay your flat river-stones in their correct placement. The Issachar memorial is at the north; the Levi memorial is at the south; the Judah memorial is at the east; the Joseph memorial is at the west; the Simeon memorial is at the south-east; and the Benjamin memorial is at the south-west.

One further stone must be set... the Fire-Stone. This is a single flat river-stone, as opposed to the four-stone configuration of the Fire-Box for the worship altar. This is to be laid at the circle's centre, but in a specific way. The south extent of the Fire-Stone should touch, but not go past the centre-point of the altar. In other words, the entirety of the stone is in the north hemisphere of the altar. It simply touches the east to west axis line running through the centre-point. The appended drawing will make this clear.

The completed blessing altar is ready to dedicate to YahWeH. This is done in the same way the worship altar was dedicated (see page -28- for a reminder of this). Each stone is to be sprinkled with the salt/oil/water mixture; and a prayer from your heart is appropriate as you dedicate each stone.

Next, the cursing altar. Every aspect of its laying-out duplicates the blessing altar, except for the memorial stones, and their location. The points you need to mark on the perimeter of this circle are: true-north, south, east, west, north-east, and north-west. The Dan memorial is at the north; the Reuben memorial is at the south; the Gad memorial is at the east; the Naphtali memorial is at the west; the Asher memorial is at the north-east; and the Zebulun memorial is at the north-west.

In this altar, the central Fire-Stone is placed so its entirety is in the south hemisphere of the altar. Its north extent simply touches the east to west axis line running through the centre-point. Again, the drawing will help. Also, this altar is dedicated like the blessing altar, and in the full-moon Sabbath.

Your altar to bless, and altar to curse, are now ready for their proper use. We need to use them properly, as they hold great potential power and energy. And this is how to maximize their potential.

### Using Your Blessing and Cursing Altars

First, a reminder. These two altars are only to be entered by baptized Israelites. The altar to bless is only used once each sacred month... on the full-moon Sabbath. The altar to curse is likewise used only once in a sacred month... on the new-moon Sabbath. Only members of a "blessing tribe" may enter the altar to bless; and members of a "cursing tribe" may enter the altar to curse.

Following the worship service inside the worship altar, the Priest will designate six members of blessing tribes (one from each tribe), or six members of cursing tribes (one from each tribe), depending on which moon phase rules - this is the ideal situation. If only one "blesser", or one "curser" is present, the ritual can still be effectively carried out. These will be sent to the appropriate altar, having to walk to the south, with their backs toward the north, to carry out their duty.

Incense should be burning in the altar as the ritual begins. For the altar to bless, the incense should be placed by the Joseph memorial; and by the Dan memorial in the altar to curse. The one designated to petition YahWeH in either altar will carry fire into that altar with him (either torch or candle), taking it from the Danite stone of the worship altar. The blesser or curser will be given the written petition and present it to the Father, standing at the Fire-Stone, facing north. He will anoint the paper with the holy anointing oil, and sprinkle salt on it. Then he will set it afire with the torch or candle in his hand. As he does this, he is free to speak his heart to YahWeH.

What is written on that paper? The blessing altar and the cursing altar are simply means which YahWeH has provided His children, in order to effectuate, or bring into being, a spiritual reality... "AS ABOVE, SO BELOW", or, "In Heaven as it is on earth". Here's what our Messiah said...

"Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth  
shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose  
on earth shall be loosed in heaven."  
(Matthew 18:18 K.J.V.)

What is He saying? Notice two words: first "bind". This is the Greek word "deo" (Strong's #1210), meaning "to bind in bonds". But it is linked to "deomai" (Strong's #1189), meaning to "beseech", or "make request". Most interesting, isn't it? Then the word "loose". This is the Greek word "luo" (Strong's #3089), meaning "to loosen", "dissolve", or "melt". This word is linked to "agnumi" (Strong's #4489), meaning "to shatter to minute fragments". What can we make of this? It is a direct link to "blessing" and "cursing", and it enacts "as above, so below". Here's how.

When an authorized Israelite goes into the Blessing altar on the full-moon to present his list of names for YahWeH's accurate and just consideration for blessing, he "loosens", "dissolves", "melts", and even "shatters into minute fragments" the blockades placed in the heavenlies by the prince of

the power of the air. This allows the blessings to the obedient to flow unimpeded, as promised to their rightful recipients. And when an Israelite of a tribe authorized to curse enters the Cursing altar in the dark of the new-moon, to present his list to YaHWeH, to "beseech" Him to consider Israel's enemies, the Father can then "bind them in bonds" on the earth.

We need to ponder this "above and below", "bind and loose", "bless and curse" reality. It is most complex indeed to the blinded eyes, yet so very simple to "eyes to see". Almighty YaHWeH established this law of spiritual magnetics, if you will; but it is up to Israel to set it in motion.

So it is a list of names offered up in fire on the two Fire-Stones, each in its respective moon phase. On the full-moon it is a list of names of those we want the Father to consider, as the One Who judges rightly, for blessing. And on the new-moon, it's the names of individuals, agencies, or spiritual wickness in high places, for the righteous Judge to consider for cursing. Something to consider regarding the cursing list. YaHWeH-shua warned us that "our enemies will be those of our own household" (Israelites); as well as the children of the devil (see Matthew 10:36 for proof). So because our foes who happen to be Israelites have actually worked in tandem with satan's agents in their opposition to us, they will also breath the fall-out from the cursing which rains down from Heaven. Just like the blessings, the curses which fall on Israel are merely the reaping of promises.

After the fire consumes the written petition, those inside the altar (blessing or cursing) are free to leave the circle. This is very powerful stuff, and the performance of this ritual must be treated with sober thought, pure intent, and Scriptural accuracy. The altar to bless and the altar to curse are most certainly not places for the casual hobbyist.

Appendant Truth (The Oath of the Melchisedec Priesthood)

One of the official rituals which an assembly performs inside the worship altar is the swearing of the Oath of the Melchisedec Priesthood. This is for baptized Israelites only. What is it? The Bible tells us that we (Israelites) are ALL "priests unto YahWeH"...

"And from YahWeH-shua the Messiah, the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us of our sins in His own blood, AND HATH MADE US KINGS AND PRIESTS unto YahWeH..."

(Revelation 1:5,6 The Word of YahWeH Bible)

"But ye (Israel) are a chosen generation, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

(I Peter 2:9 K.J.V.)

The original priesthood appointed under the law of Moses, was the Levitical priesthood. This was of the Order of Aaron. But, as we have learned already, the death and resurrection of the Messiah changed all that...

"If therefore perfection were (possible) by the Levitical priesthood, [for under it the people received the law,] what further need that another Priest should rise, after the order of Aaron? FOR THE PRIESTHOOD BEING CHANGED, there is made of necessity a change also of the law."

(Revelation 7:11,12 The Word of YahWeH Bible)

"For He testifieth, THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER, AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC."

(Hebrews 7:17 The Word of YahWeH Bible)

Yes, we are all Priests unto YahWeH... not Levitical Priests, but "changed" Melchisedec Priests. So if this is a given fact, why the need to take an oath?...

"And inasmuch as NOT WITHOUT AN OATH He was made (a Melchisedec) Priest: for those (Levitical) priests were made without an oath; but this (Priest) WITH AN OATH by Him that said unto Him, YahWeH sware and will not repent, Thou art a Priest forever, after the order of Melchisedec."

(Hebrews 7:20,21 The Word of YahWeH Bible)

Our Messiah was made a Melchisedec Priest, by an OATH sworn by the Father. The swearing of the Oath of the Melchisedec Priesthood is an act of the flesh-man which brands his mind with the reality of the spirit-man. YahWeH-shua, YahWeH in a flesh body, is our pattern.

Here is how the Oath of the Melchisedec Priesthood is taken. This ceremony is the act of beknighting a baptized Israelite. The Priest conducting the ceremony, himself a knighted Priest, stands facing south on the two sacred-name stones in the north half of the Ark rectangle. The candidate taking the Oath stands on the two sacred-name stones in the south half of the rectangle, facing north.

- \* Candidate: "I (state your name) do solemnly swear, in the name YahWeH, that I am, from this day henceforth and forever, a sealed Melchisedec High Priest of YahWeH. I will honour, and pledge my allegiance to His Royal Glory."

The Priest raises his hands toward Heaven. He should have a ceremonial sword in his right hand. Swords are relatively easy to purchase, and many are inexpensive. In choosing a sword, look for one which copies a style of one of the British, Germanic, Scandinavian, or American types (any country settled by the migrating tribes of Israel). Avoid any Asian or African types. If no sword is available, as has been said so often, use what you have. This could even be a knife with as long a blade as possible. The Priest will now take his sword and lay it, blade flat, on the candidate's right shoulder, then on his left shoulder, then on his head. As he does this, he says:

- \* Priest: "I knight you (give the name), as a High Priest of the Melchisedec Royal Priesthood."
- \* Candidate: "And I shall endeavor to be an upright witness to the gathering of the Mighty Ones in the New Jerusalem. I will proclaim, and baptize any subjects of the House of Israel into the High Council of Elohim. I declare this on this High Holy Sabbath Day."

The Priest now raises his sword toward Heaven.

- \* Priest: "I call Heaven to witness, that I now command the heavens to open and shut at the command of (state the Knight's name), and make the power of the Shekinah to bind and to loose all subjects upon the earth from this day, and forever."

The ceremony is now complete. The worship service may continue with other business, then the taking of Communion, then the offering up of written requests in the Fire-Box.

One further note. For those using a small portable altar for this ceremony, the tetragrammaton stones will be too small to stand upon. The Priest and the candidate should simply have the toes of their shoes touch the correct stones. One does what is necessary, and it is acceptable to YahWeH.



Appendant Truth (The Soldier's Ransom)

Another of the rituals which an assembly can perform inside the worship altar is known as "The Soldier's Ransom". This is for baptized, male Israelites of the age of twenty years, or older. This ritual is only carried out once a year, during the Feast of Tabernacles. It can take place on any day during the Feast.

What we call "The Soldier's Ransom" is based on this Scripture...

"And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, When you lift up the head of the sons of Israel, of those numbered, EACH ONE SHALL GIVE THE RANSOM OF HIS SOUL TO YHWH when numbering them; and there shall not be a plague among them when numbering them. They shall give this, every one passing over to those numbered: half a shekel, by the shekel of the sanctuary, twenty gerahs being a shekel; half a shekel as an offering to YHWH. Every one passing over to those numbered, from a son of twenty years and upward, shall give the offering to YHWH. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, to give the offering of YHWH, to make atonement for your souls. And you shall take the money of atonement from the sons of Israel, and you shall give it to the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and it shall be for the sons of Israel for remembrance before the face of YHWH, to make atonement for your souls."  
(Exodus 30:11-16 Hebrew Bible)

Let's take this apart. YahWeH order Moses to take a census, or to count the numbers of the male Israelites. This was referred to as "lifting up the heads". Notice that YahWeH promised there would not be a plague put upon them. This goes back to the numbering done by King David, which was not authorized by YahWeH (see I Chronicles 21). YahWeH was angered by what David did, and gave him three punishments to choose from. What he chose, resulted in a plague which killed seventy-thousand men of Israel. This time, because the numbering was ordered by YahWeH, there would be no plague.

As each male who was twenty or older, passed over to the ones counted, from the ones not counted, he was required to pay an offering, a "ransom", of half a shekel. This has been calculated to be about thirty-three cents in today's money. The money collected was to be given by Moses to the tabernacle coffers. One benefit of this is that it would keep these men in remembrance before the face of YahWeH; but there is more here. At the age of twenty, a Hebrew lad was considered a man; and was conscripted into military service for his nation. If he had just taken a wife, he was given a year's grace, in order for him to procreate, before having to possibly go into battle. As a man, he was entitled to privileges, and given responsibilities. One such responsibility was to contribute to the pool

from which indebtedness on land held could be cleared every Jubilee year (the fiftieth year). Land possessed by the House of Israel could not be sold to clear debts. YaHWeH devised this way of having all such debts wiped off the slate, and a twenty year old male, was now a man; and part of this unique plan.

Today, this ritual is symbolized inside the worship altar. The candidate has to have been baptized by immersion in water; and be at least twenty years old. The Priest conducting the ritual will require the candidate to place three dimes, and three pennies into the offering basket. This certainly won't fatten the treasury, but that's not the aim here. This symbolic act will impact the young man's mind that he is now a man, and a co-bearer of the responsibility which Israel has collectively to follow YaHWeH's monetary laws, and to be counted as a "Soldier", a member of the army of the just, and be willing to battle for truth.

The Priest is at liberty to speak his heart to YaHWeH, and to the soldier. Following this ritual, the worship service will continue in the altar, with Communion, and the offering of petitions at the Fire-Box.

## THE DRAWINGS

### The Worship Altar:

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| Dwg. 1 | - The Circle Drawn -                 |
| Dwg. 2 | - Perimeter Markers Aligned -        |
| Dwg. 3 | - Memorial-Stones Placed -           |
| Dwg. 4 | - Tetragrammaton Stones Set In Ark - |
| Dwg. 5 | - The Fire-Box -                     |

### The Altar to Bless:

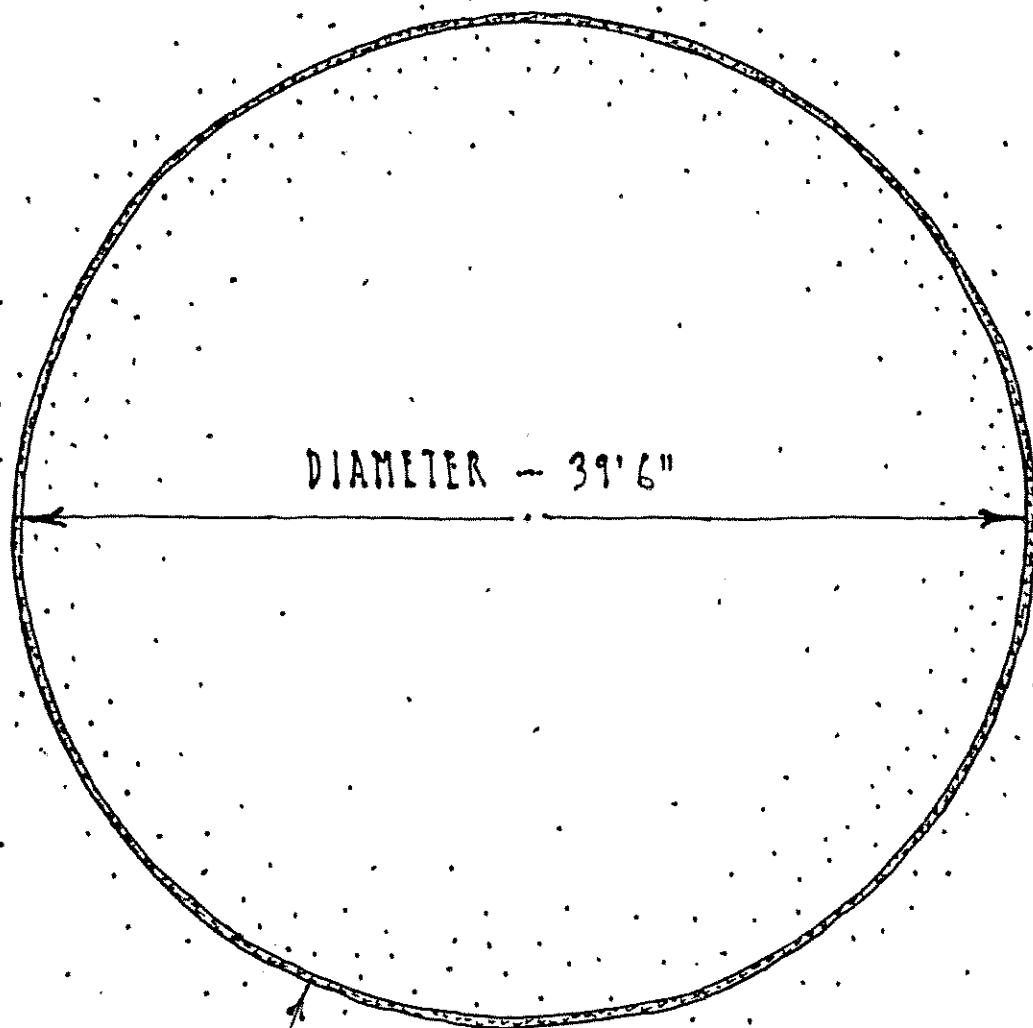
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| Dwg. 6 | - Perimeter Markers Aligned - |
| Dwg. 7 | - Memorial-Stones Placed -    |

### The Altar to Curse:

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| Dwg. 8 | - Perimeter Markers Aligned - |
| Dwg. 9 | - Memorial-Stones Placed -    |

◦ WORSHIP ALTAR ◦

(DWG. 1)

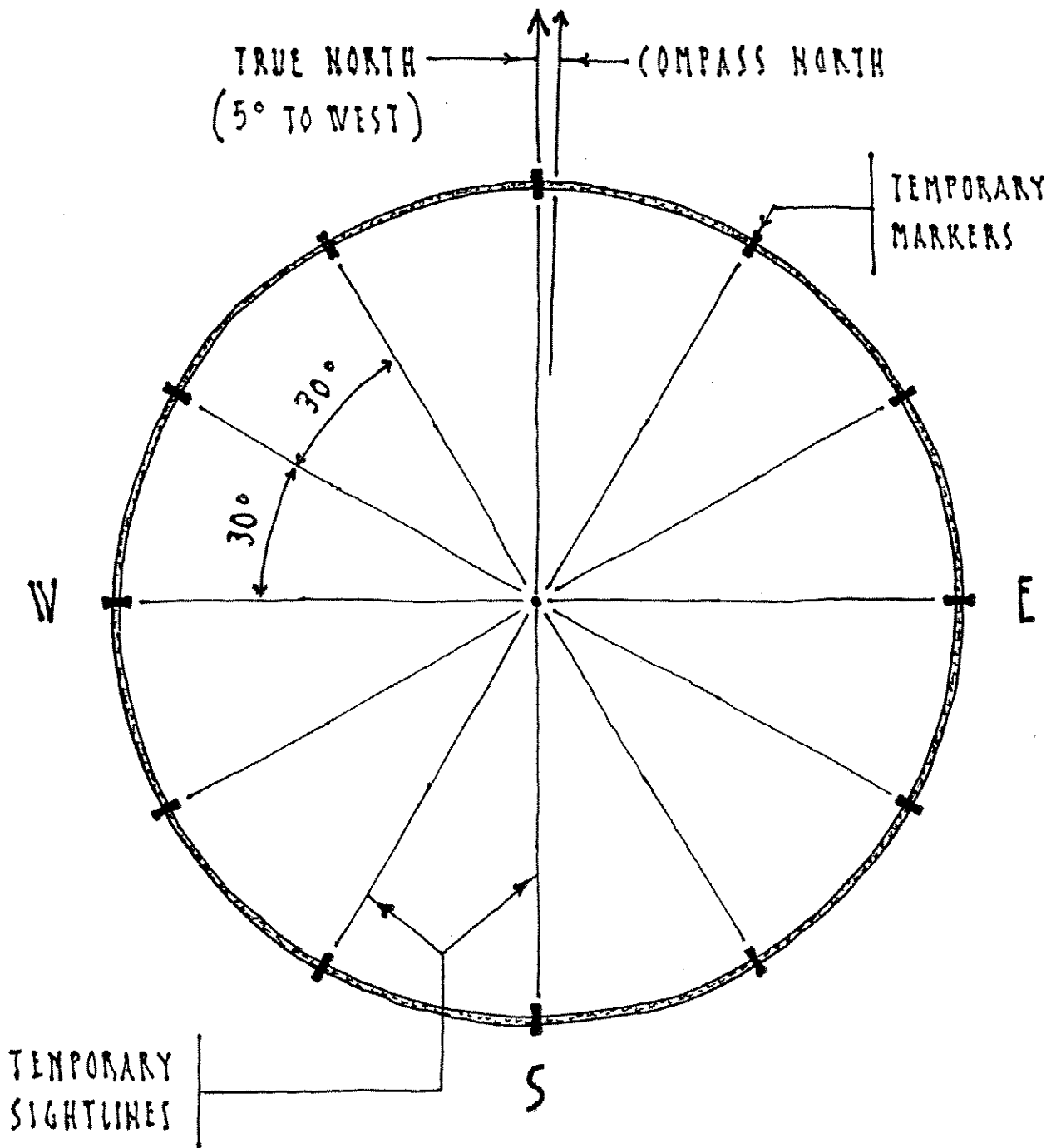


SALT RING  
LAID OUT  
ON GROUND

◦ THE CIRCLE DRAWN ◦

◦ WORSHIP ALTAR ◦

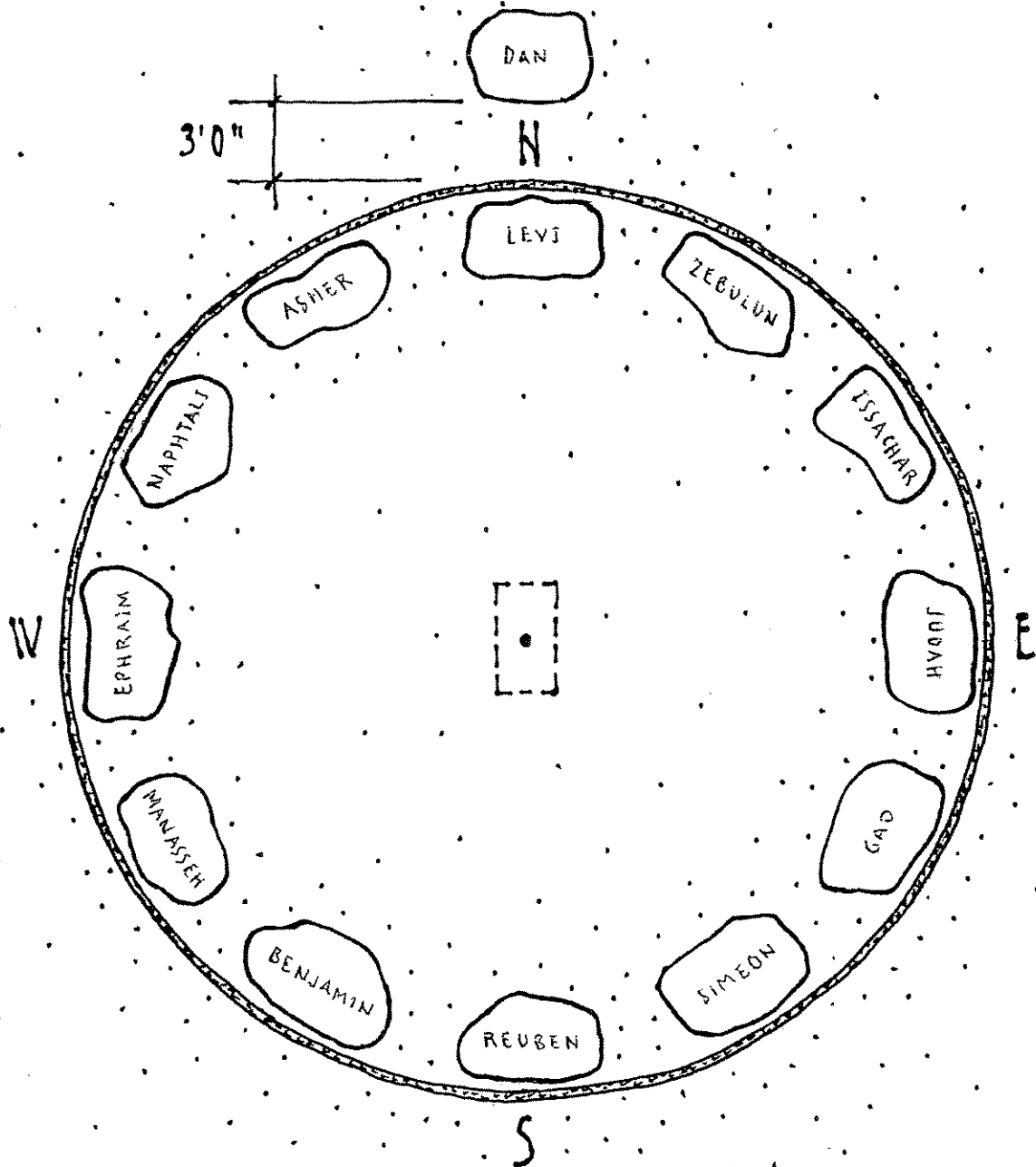
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◦ PERIMETER MARKERS ALIGNED ◦

◦ WORSHIP ALTAR ◦

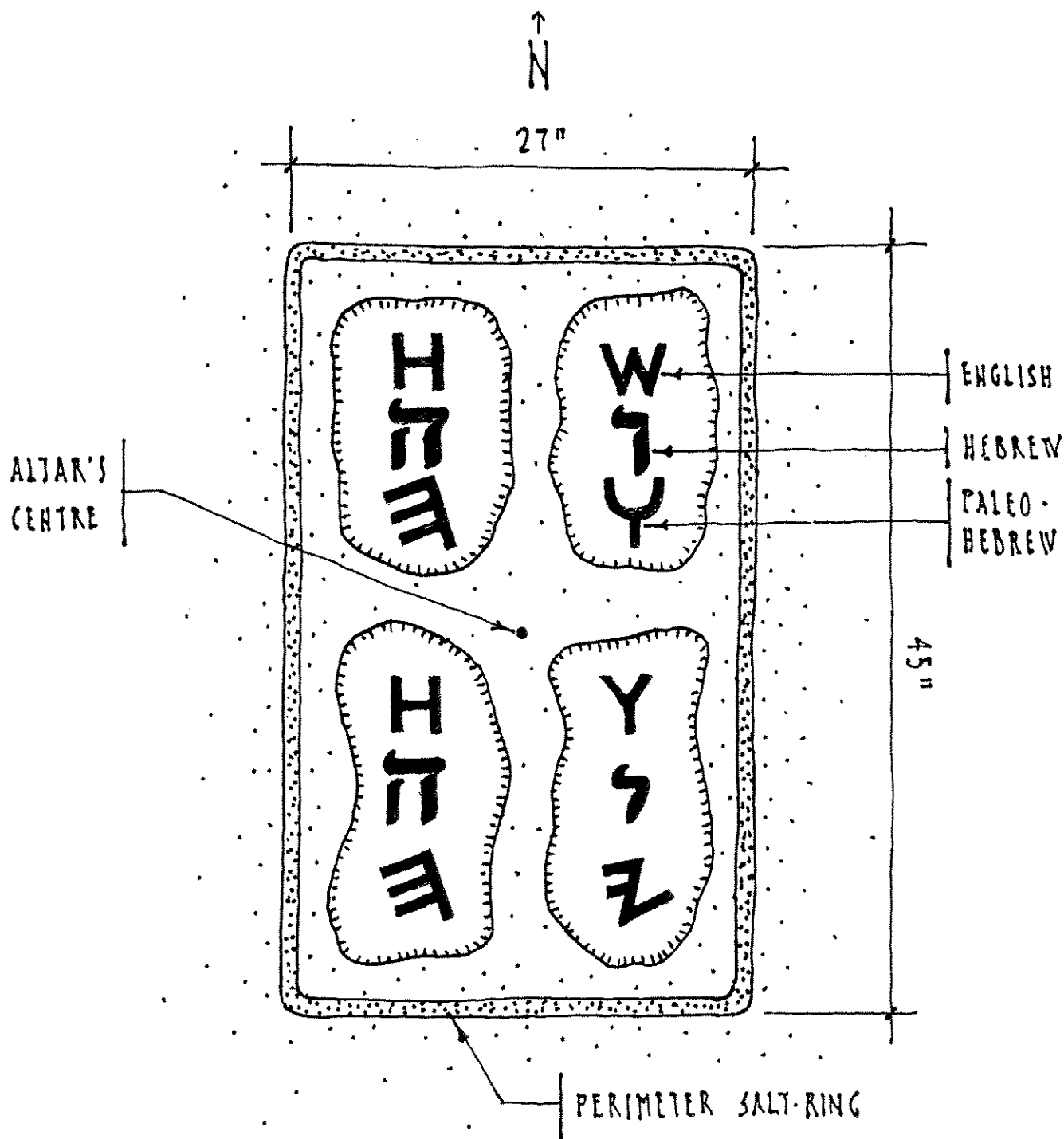
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◦ MEMORIAL-STONES PLACED ◦

# ◦ WORSHIP ALTAR ◦

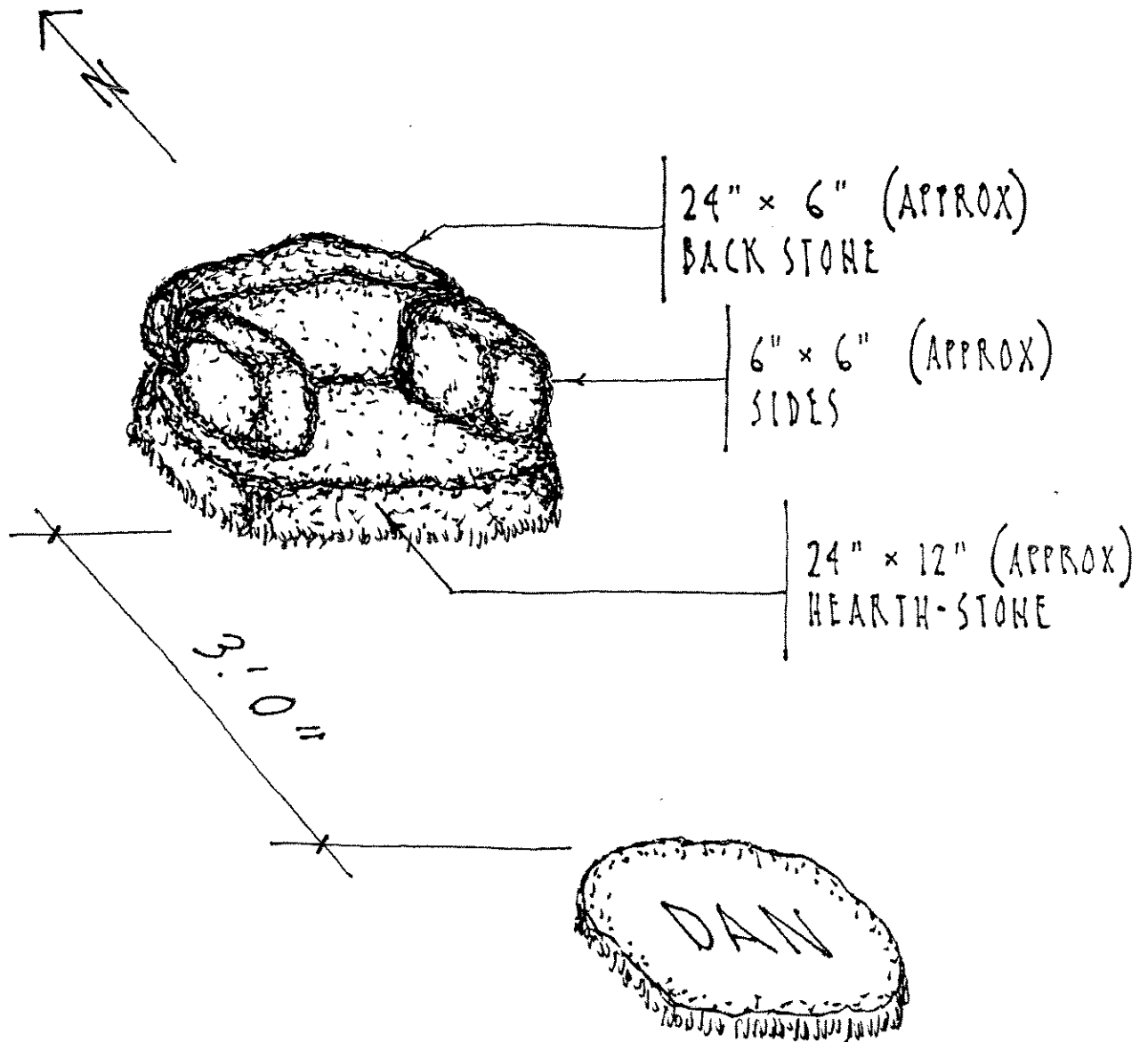
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◦ TETRAGRAMMATON STONES SET IN "ARK" ◦

# ◦ WORSHIP ALTAR ◦

(DWG. 3)

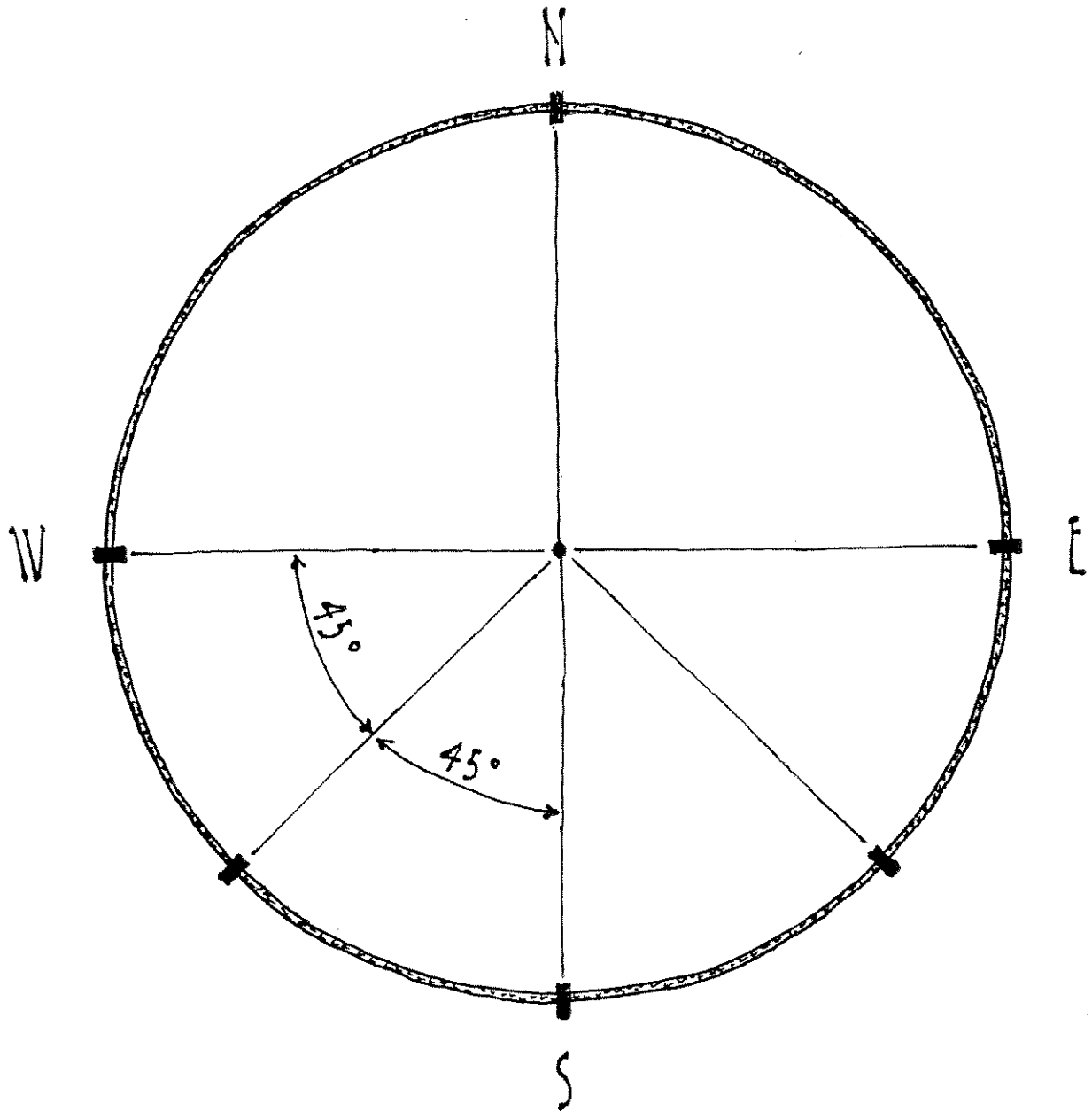


◦ THE FIRE-BOX ◦



◦ ALTAR TO BLESS ◦

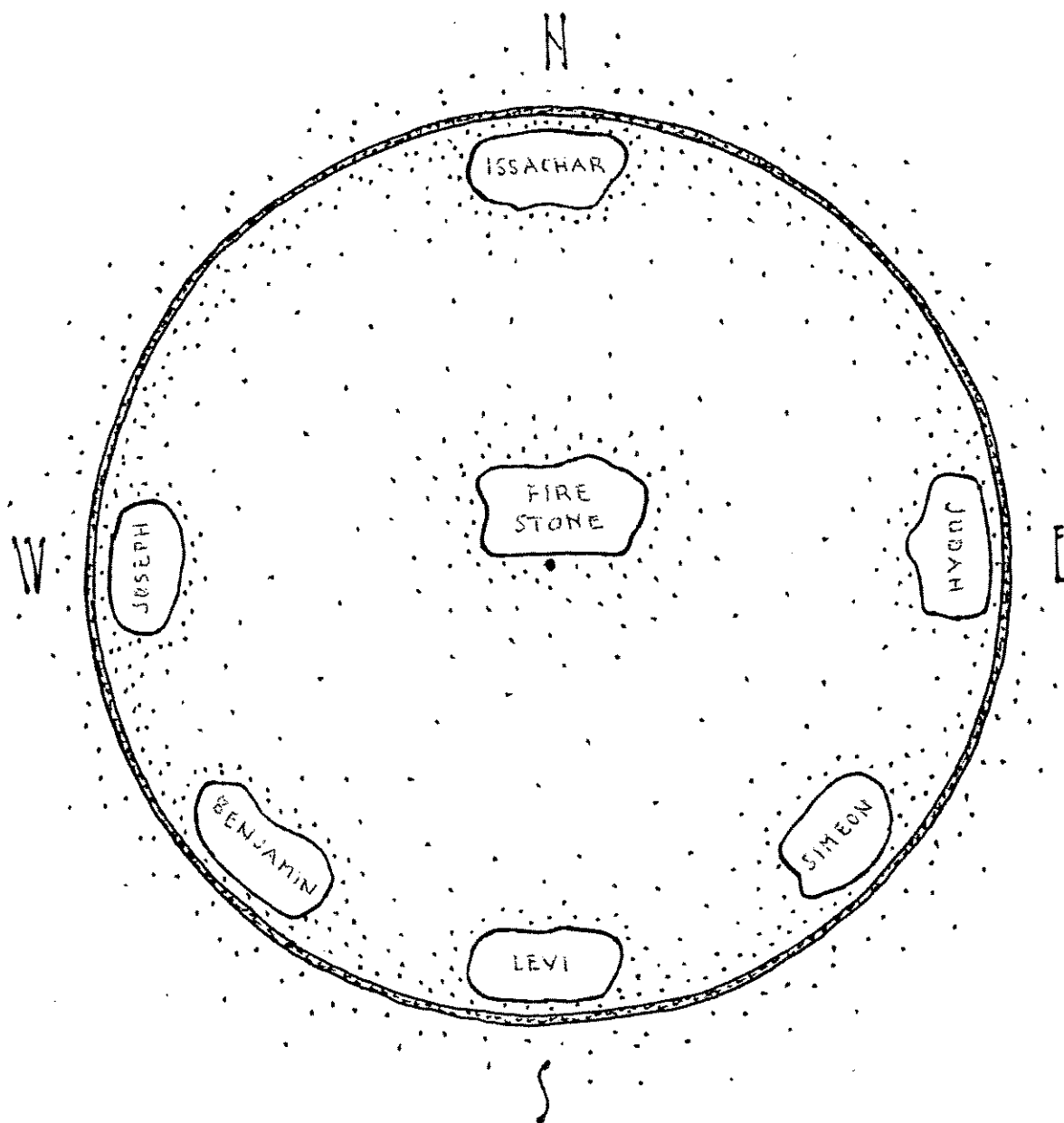
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◦ PERIMETER MARKERS ALIGNED ◦

◦ ALTAR TO BLESS ◦

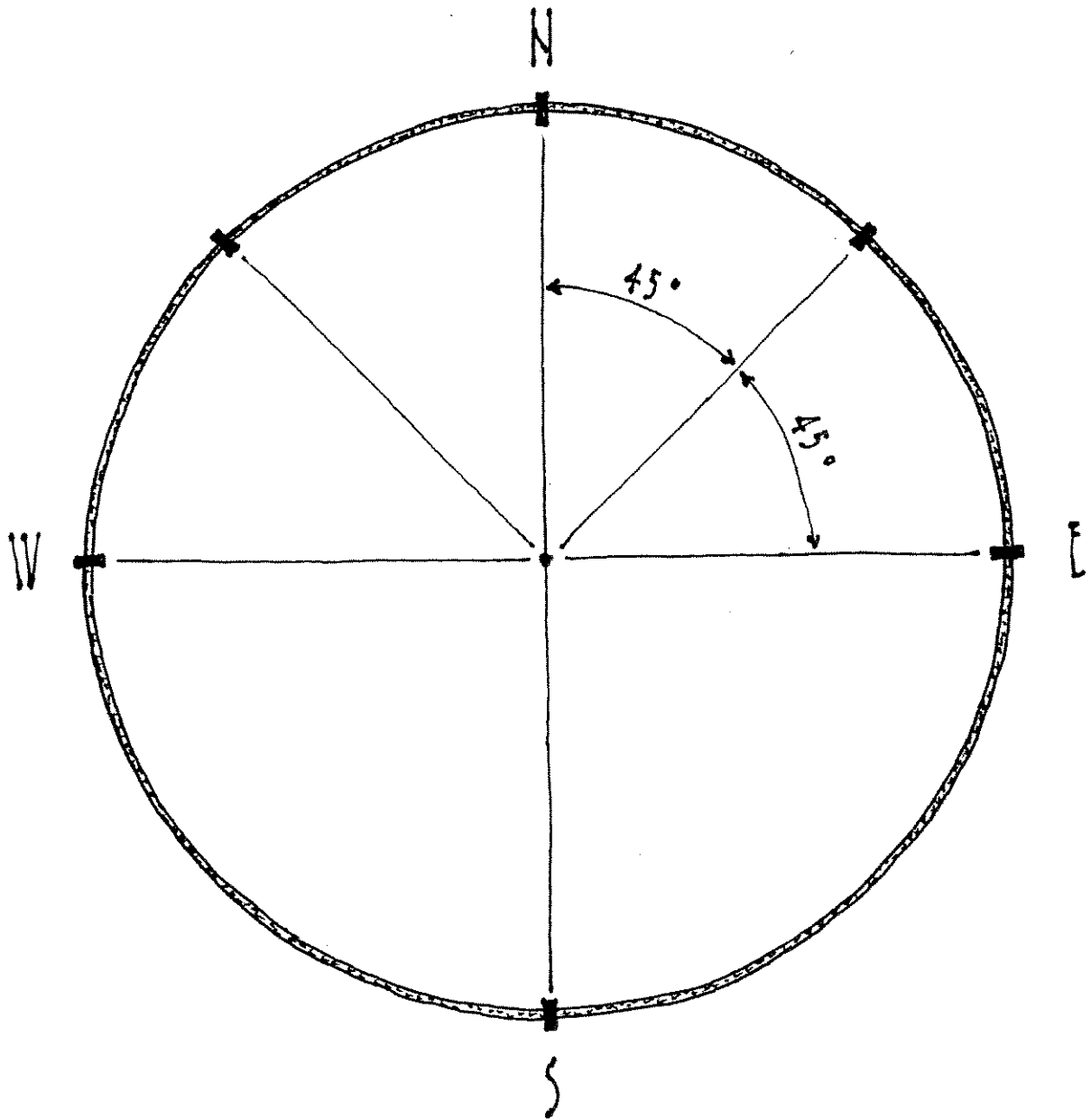
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◦ MEMORIAL-STONES PLACED ◦

◦ ALTAR TO CURSE ◦

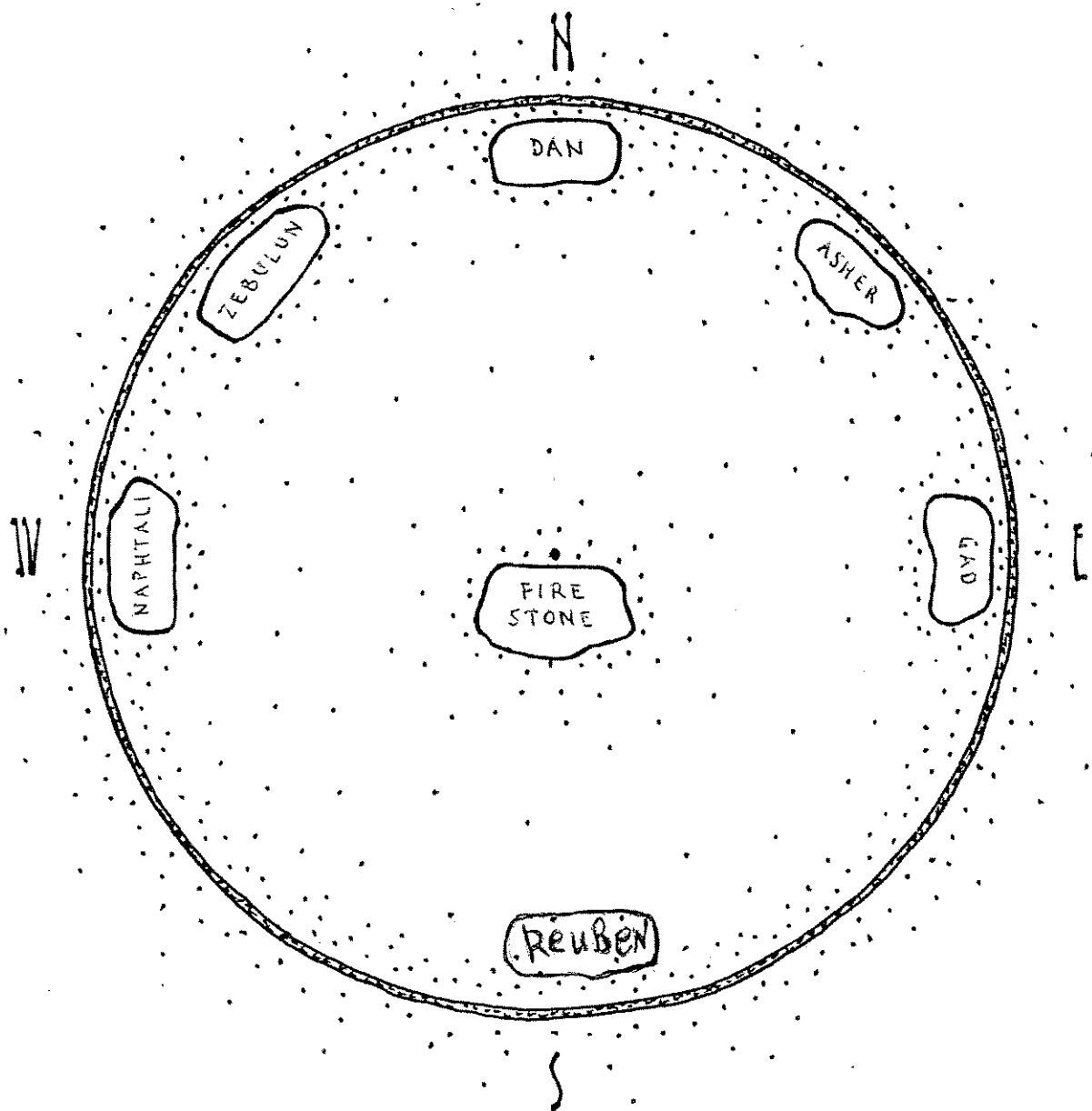
(DWG. 8)



◦ PERIMETER MARKERS ALIGNED ◦

• ALTAR TO CURSE •

(DWG. 9)



• MEMORIAL-STONES PLACED •