

## **The Tribe of Joseph and “The Latter Days”**

by **Steven M. Collins (Sioux Falls, South Dakota)**

Many Christians and Jews have an expectation that we are living in momentous times. This expectation is based upon the belief that world events indicate we are living in a climactic period of time called "the latter days" in many biblical prophecies. This prophetic phase will be climaxed by the arrival of a new period of time known by such names as the Messianic Age, the Millennium, the Kingdom of God, etc.

Do I believe we are living in the biblical **(Continued on page 3)**

## **Ancient Tunnels Under the Sea?**

by **Jonathan Gray (New Zealand)**

"Oh, that's just too much!" sniggered my neighbour's brother, when he told him about some of our expeditions. "I have to meet this nut."

So Brian brought him over.

"Are you telling me," said Brian's brother, "that the ancient ones could really excavate such tunnels?"

"I have been into two of these tunnel systems myself."

He looked at me. "Really?" **(Continued on page 6)**

## **Search the Bible when seeking God's Will**

by **Wayne Schatzle (Hamilton, Ohio)**

All religions have one thing in common - belief they know the way to God's heart. They each believe they have a better insight on God's will or they would fold up business and join the one that did.

Searching for God's will is indeed an important issue - he did say we would find him if we searched with all our hearts, and exhorted us to study to show ourselves approved unto him.

God left the Bible to light our path to **(Continued on page 7)**

## **Proselytism Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow (Part One)**

by **Charles Whitaker (Bolivar, Missouri)**

Imagine you have gone to an automobile show. Been there, done that: Most of us have endured that materialistic orgy where a person pays money to be admitted into a huge convention center to subject himself to advertising from every car dealership in town.

There, prominently baking under a hundred spotlights is a shiny black Lexus®, surrounded by fast-talking sales people. They look like they just stepped out of *Gentlemen's Quarterly* or *Vogue*. There are glossy brochures in abundance, **(Continued on page 7)**

## **Australia in Prophecy Australia the Fair, Australia the Condemned**

by **Craig White (Australia)**

Australia is a 'fair' country with bountiful natural beauty, a vibrant economy and strong constitution. Yet it is also on the verge of the greatest calamity ever to befall a people – why?

This is perhaps the most serious and sober message I have ever written. It is our duty to warn Australia of the Divine wrath to come, the reasons for it and the Good News of the World Tomorrow.

Australia has entered the most serious crisis of its 213 years of White settlement. This great nation is on **(Continued on page 9)**

## **Seal of Jezebel Identified**

by **Bryant G. Wood (Manheim, Pennsylvania)**

In the early 1960s a collection of privately-owned ancient seals was donated to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. One of them had the name "Jezebel" on it. The late **Nahman Avigad**, a leading Israeli paleographer (one who studies ancient writing), published an article about the seal in 1964. He was skeptical of connecting it to Biblical Jezebel: There is, of course, no basis for identifying the owner of our seal with this famous lady [Biblical Jezebel], although they may have been contemporaries, and the seal seems worthy of a queen (Avigad 1964: 275).

One problem was that the first letter **(Continued on page 13)**

## **What is the Meaning of Life?**

by **Nathaniel Burson (Big Sandy, Texas)**

Your life is MEANINGLESS! Your life HAS NO PURPOSE! No direction, no place to go – nothing of VALUE to LOOK FORWARD TO! Do you want to FIX THAT? Do you want to UNDERSTAND why, and CHANGE IT? Do you want to feel CONTENTED, FULFILLED, SATISFIED, TRULY THRILLED to be alive?

I want you to think about this. What did you do today, that you didn't do yesterday? And what will you do tomorrow that you didn't do today? Anything? Or is your life, like practically EVERYONE ON EARTH, merely a drudgery of repetition – a boring, seemingly endless cycle of emptiness? **(Continued on page 13)**

## **People of the Passover**

**From Best to Worst**

by **Norman S. Edwards (Port Austin, Michigan)**

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### **7. Generally Just Leaders Who Yield to Pressure**

There are many leaders, Christian and otherwise, who generally understand the golden rule and want to treat others as they would want to be treated. In short, they want to "do what is right". However, "there is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death" (Prov 14:12). Doing what is right sometimes requires self-sacrifice and faith that God will take care of us—either preserving our life now or **(Continued on page 3)**

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**Isaiah 58:1** Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

**Ezekiel 33:8-9** When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

**Ephesians 5:11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove (expose) them.

**1 Timothy 5:20** Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

**East Africa --- Part #1 (01-11-09)**  
**by William P. Goff (Tuckerton, New Jersey)**

Dear Brethren,

As some of you may already know, I have been associated with a number of our brethren over in E. Africa, Particularly in Kenya and Tanzania for a few years now. I have traveled there a few times and have observed their living conditions first hand and have been trying to make others in the church of God aware of their condition.

Life there is much more difficult than what we experience in the wealthier Country. The unemployment rate in Kenya alone is 90% and our brethren in Tanzania are even poorer. Now our brethren there are not lazy or sluggards, most are peasant farmers working hard trying to grow their food. But at present, the weather has been unfavorable for growing their crops, much of Kenya is currently in a drought and famine. A number of our brethren in the COG there have been going 1 to 2 days a week without food.

Here is a recent E-mail received from the overseer (James Mutulu) there in Nairobi:

"There is general famine in the country. In most parts, the rains have failed, eastern and northeastern Kenya being the most affected. There was also a scandal in the government circles that saw all the maize in the stores, either hidden or sold outside. It made the price of flour to rise three times, i.e. from 53 to 120.

Such an amount is too high for most Kenyans. Kitonga's family and others there report that they are going for even 2 days a week without food. Rains have failed; even this season I don't think we expect any harvest.

This kind of cry is from all directions. I don't know how we going to handle it." (End of Quote)

I have been trying to spread the word that our brethren there are very much in need of our help. But so far very few have responded.

If you are able to help your fellow brethren, please send that help to: Kenya Hands Of Hope, 120 Stage Road, Tuckerton, N.J. 08087 -- We are 501c3 tax-exempt and will immediately send you a receipt.

If you want to help but cannot do so monetarily, please remember that "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Jms. 5:16

If you have questions, please contact me at 609-489-1565.

You can also learn more about our brethren there in E. Africa by going to our Website:

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"latter days?" Yes, I do. In this article, I will discuss several aspects of the prophecy regarding the tribe of Joseph which strongly confirm that we are living in the biblical "latter days."

**Joseph and the Latter Days:**

Genesis 49 lists prophecies for all of the tribes of Israel in the latter days, but this section will examine three aspects of the prophecy about the tribe of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh). Since this is a prophecy for the latter days, we must demonstrate that all three aspects of this prophecy are fulfilled in modern times to confirm that we are living now in "the latter days." As many readers of this article likely know, the tribes of Joseph are Ephraim and Manasseh, and these two tribes are primarily linked to the modern English and American nations.

Genesis (Bereshith) 49:22 prophesies in the King James Version concerning Joseph: "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall." A Hebraic translation (The Complete Jewish Bible) captures, I believe, the sense of this prophecy better by translating it: "Yosef [Joseph] is a fruitful plant, a fruitful plant by a spring, *with branches climbing over the wall.*" (Emphasis added.) Here the tribes of Joseph are likened not to a tree which stays in one place, but rather to a vine which spreads out and sends branches elsewhere. Applying this imagery to modern nations, Joseph's tribes should be nations which have "vined out" or spread elsewhere in the world from a home base. This has come to pass in the Anglo-Saxon nations. The home base for the tribes of Joseph in the modern world was in the British Isles.

The tribes of Joseph, indeed, "branched out" to plant new nations in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and part of South Africa. In doing so, they fulfilled the prophecy of Genesis 48:19 that Ephraim would become a "multitude of nations" (the British nations) and a "single [great] nation (the United States of America)." They also fulfilled the prophecy of Genesis 49:22 which indicated the tribes of Joseph would be a colonizing people who had founded new nations by the time the "latter days" arrived. This has also come to pass.

This verse also foretells that Joseph will be located "by a well" (some versions of the Bible say "by a spring" or use other language). What is clear in that this prophetic imagery indicates that all the people of Joseph's tribes will  *dwell by the water*. All the nations of modern Joseph (the USA, Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are seacoast nations located along the water.

Indeed, the British Isles, Australia and New Zealand are island nations completely surrounded by water, and the USA and Canada have very extensive seacoasts along the oceans. This prophecy (combined with the one below that the nations of Joseph will be made "strong" by God in the latter days, indicates the nations of Joseph will be maritime nations and naval powers. The British Navy dominated the oceans for centuries and the US Navy now is the most powerful fleet on earth.

Genesis 49:23-24 prophesy that: "...the archers have sorely grieved [harassed] him, and shot at him and hated him: but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob...who shall help thee." This prophecy indicates that the tribes of Joseph will be "hated" in the world by many other nations, and that those who hate the nations of Joseph will "shoot at" or "harass" them. The nations of Great Britain and the United States have attracted so much hatred and envy in the world that it has commonly been called an "anti-Anglo" or "anti-American" attitude. Much of this hatred has resulted from the envy of other nations who covet the "birthright" promises of the Abrahamic Covenant which were given primarily to the tribes of Joseph (Genesis 48:14-22).

This prophecy also indicates Joseph will have wars forced upon them by "archers" who "shoot" at Joseph. In the last half-century, the United States and the British nations combined to defeat Hitler and the Nazis in World War II, and they were allied again in the Korean War and the Persian Gulf War against Saddam Hussein. The British had the Falklands War against Argentina forced upon them. The Viet Nam War was somewhat of an exception to this rule as no one actually attacked the American nation or its interests. That war resulted from treaties and a desire to contain communism, and the American people had little support for a war which threatened no vital US interests. Now the United States has been attacked and victimized by a terrorist war perpetrated by those who "hate Joseph." Great Britain has stepped forward to be America's most visible ally in this war against terrorism, and Canada and Australia have both pledged ships and/or troops to fight with the Americans.

Genesis 49:24 also prophesies that God will make the tribes of Joseph "strong" (not weak) against these attacks in the latter days. The tribes of Joseph have been generally (but not always) successful in their wars, and the alliance of the tribes of Joseph (the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand) currently constitute the most powerful and cohesive alliance in the world today. God has certainly "strengthened" Joseph as first the British Empire (Ephraim)

dominated world geopolitics and now the United States (Manasseh) is the dominant "superpower." This prophecy indicates that the USA and Britain (with their allies) will likely win the war against terrorism.

The final aspect of the latter days prophecy about Joseph's tribes is in Genesis 49:22-26. For the sake of brevity, I will not reprint it all here, but readers can confirm the content for themselves. These verses extensively describe the extensive blessings which the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh will enjoy during the latter days. This prophecy indicates the "birthright" blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant will be especially poured out on Joseph's nations in the latter days. The prophecy mentions favorable climates for growing crops (the blessings of heaven), extensive natural resources (the blessings of the deep) and large populations (blessings of the breasts and of the womb).

The "blessings of the deep" could mean natural resources which are dug out of the ground or wealth and prosperity that comes from the oceans ("the deep" has an oceanic application elsewhere in the Bible). The modern nations of Joseph have derived much of their wealth from their seacoast locations (not just in fisheries industries, but also in their control of world maritime trade). This prophecy is quite expansive in its description of the wealth and power which will accrue to Joseph's tribes in the latter days.

Given that these blessings are divinely ordained, we should expect the nations of Ephraim and Manasseh to be the wealthiest and most blessed nations on earth. This has come to pass as first the British Empire long dominated the earth's nations and resources with the USA assuming that role since World War II.

In conclusion, the specific prophesies about the tribes (nations) of Joseph have been fulfilled abundantly in the modern world by the British people and the United States of America. This not only confirms that they are the modern nations of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh), but the fulfillments of the prophesies in Genesis 49:22-26 indicate that we are living in the prophetic period of time known as "the latter days."

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raising us to our reward as the many examples in Hebrews 11.

But many otherwise just leaders also have the belief that if they cannot obtain or remain in their position, then they cannot do



any good for anyone else. So they justify all manner of unjust things to gain or keep their governing job.

The Roman Governor Pilate and his wife appear to fall into this category. They knew that Jesus was innocent and that Jewish leaders were delivering Him due to their envy, not because He had done something wrong.

Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that they had handed Him over because of **envy**. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, **his wife** sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him" (Mat 27:17-19).

The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup> Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, <sup>9</sup> and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? **Do You not know that I have power** to crucify You, and power to release You?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. **Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.**" <sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, **you are not Caesar's friend**. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." <sup>13</sup> When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called *The Pavement*, but in Hebrew, *Gabbatha*. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth ["third"—some manuscripts] hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> But they cried out, "Away with *Him*, away with *Him*! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" **The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"** <sup>16</sup> Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led *Him* away (John 19:7-16).

This account as well as the other Gospel's show that Pilate knew Jesus had done nothing wrong and worked hard to try to let Jesus go. Yet the Jewish leaders worked hard to turn this into a public contest as to whether Pilate was loyal to Caesar or "King Jesus". If Pilate chose Jesus over Caesar, it is very likely that the Jewish leaders would have trotted off to Rome with this information and it may well have been the end of Pilate's governorship—maybe the end of Pilate. This is a trial that many of us have not faced. Nevertheless, Jesus said that those who

delivered Jesus had the "greater sin"—meaning that Pilate had sin also. Pilate was the only one that had authority to put a person to death (John 18:31). The Bible has no clear statement that Pilate repented or obtained forgiveness; it does say that he desired no responsibility for the death of a just Person who was the rightful King of the Jews:

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, "**I am innocent** of the blood of this just Person. You see *to it.*"

Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"" Pilate answered, "**What I have written, I have written**" (John 19:21-22).

Today, we have many leaders like this. They have good principles and want to do good, but they know that they must get elected to do that good—so they are willing to lie or cheat a little to get elected. Once in office, they will try to be fair—unless there is something that threatens their career.

However, when one throws natural human temptation and other Satanic leaders into the mix, the results can be very dangerous. The vast majority of leaders are deliberately tempted to accept illegal money or unethical sex, usually beginning early in their careers and often continuing throughout. Most of them accept it. Often, they do not realize that they are accepting it from somebody acting on behalf of a Satanic leader. But when that "generally just leader" decides to take a righteous stand on a controversial issue, suddenly their secret sins are unearthed—and will make their way into the popular press. For the evil people who provide the "free" temptations, it is a small price to pay for control of an otherwise "good" leader.

When a scandal or claims of illegal activity emerge about a leader, it is interesting to look at their most recent legislation, speeches, etc. Sometimes one finds that they were indeed taking a courageous stand, and are now being destroyed because of it. (On the other hand, the leaders may be thoroughly unrighteous and their sins are finally catching up with them.)

Obviously, we would be best off with leaders who had no secret sins, but there are probably very few of those. This writer therefore hopes that of the many leaders who do have secret sins or who have been tempted to project their own power at the expense of right decisions for the people will realize that they are being judged for what they do and that they should make the right decision, even if it hurts them:

"But I say to you that for every idle word

men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matt 12:6-37).

## **8. Unjust Leaders that Use Their Power Capriciously.**

Nearly everywhere, it seems there are leaders more interested in their own pleasure and in proclaiming their own greatness than in serving the people whom God has entrusted to them. Jesus summed this up in two sentences: But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles Lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant (Matt 20:25-26).

Unfortunately, many people who are in the "lower ranks" of authority chains desire to use their power, however limited it may be, over others to make them miserable. To them, it is a proof that they have power. They frequently have little interest in the charges against the person they are abusing and whether or not they are really innocent or guilty. Jesus had to suffer through at least two groups of soldier like this: Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him. And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophesy! Who is the one who struck You?" And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him (Luke 22:63-65).

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. <sup>28</sup> And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. <sup>29</sup> When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. <sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified (Matt 27:27-31).

Many of today's military and police forces are little different. They will participate in abuse and torture of others "because they can", not because they have thoroughly investigated the beliefs of their opponent and believe them to be justly deserving of some great punishment. The higher leaders rarely want to take the responsibility for ordering this kind of evil treatment, but they are more than willing to unofficially let it happen. The stern and often unfair discipline of the military command structure encourages the soldier to treat enemy "targets", even helpless prisoners, the same way.

Capricious leaders are not confined to the lower ranks. King Herod, the man that had John the Baptist killed as a reward for

some dubious dance, also misused his authority during that most important Passover. His main goal was to satisfy himself by seeing a miracle. Then he treated Jesus with undeserved contempt. Little effort was made to determine the truth of any accusations or to provide for justice in any other way. Herod's political position was not threatened. He could have done something. But he did not.

Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long *time* to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and **he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.**<sup>9</sup> Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing.<sup>10</sup> And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him.<sup>11</sup> Then Herod, with his men of war, **treated Him with contempt and mocked Him**, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate (Luke 23:8-11).

Our age certainly has its share of unjust leaders. Modern bureaucratic systems frequently make it very difficult to remove an unjust person from the office. Incumbent congressmen and senators have free mailing privileges and many other advantages that virtually make it impossible for new candidates to win elections against them. Many judges also fall in this category. Nevertheless, Christ gave us a formula for dealing with them:

..."There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me' " (Luke 18:2-4).

Even when unjust judges, or other leaders, are continually confronted with an honest and sincere request, they will often honor it. Sure, they will be judged for what they do, and it would be better to replace them with just leaders. But even with these men, we can still pray for "all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence" (1Tim 2:2), and we can go to them continually until we obtain justice.

### 9. Evil Men Willing to Make Others Suffer for Them

These final two types of people of the Passover must be classified as evil. They are not defending themselves, but are aggressively trying to benefit from evil that they do to others.

Both of the two men who were crucified with Jesus were criminals—robbers as Matthew says. They really were guilty (Luke

23:41). They had profited from the suffering of others. Both initially insulted the unjustly suffering Christ: In the same way the **robbers** who were crucified with him also **heaped insults on him** (Matt 27:44, NIV).

But after seeing Jesus' attitude and the events that transpired, one criminal repented (see type 3, above). But what about the other? He continued in his evil way. Only a few verses after hearing Jesus ask God for forgiveness for those who crucified Him, this criminal demanded that Christ use His power to free him. Even if Christ had to abort his mission to save all mankind and kill off all the soldiers guarding them, this criminal wanted to escape the punishment he deserved.

Luke 23:39 Then one of the **criminals** who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself **and us.**"

To this writer's knowledge, this criminal never repented, but is awaiting a resurrection (Rev 20:11-12).

Judas Iscariot is a much better known robber and criminal. Even though Judas was called to be a disciple from the beginning (Matt 10:4), he never seemed to internalize the teachings of Jesus: This he [Judas] said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it (John 12:6).

We cannot know if Judas had some partly noble, non-financial, motive in betraying Jesus. Some have speculated that he did not want Jesus to suffer or die, but only wanted to provoke a direct confrontation between Jesus and the Jewish/Roman authorities, prompting Him to use His miraculous power to defeat them. Whatever the case, Judas premeditated and carried out a plan to risk Jesus' life to accomplish his own purposes—and to pick up 30 pieces of silver in the process:

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him (Matt 26:14-16).

Even though Judas committed this great evil, he still had some kind of conscience. He did realize that he sinned. Yet he did not have a godly repentance as the Apostle Paul who turned his persecution of Christ into service for Him (1Cor 15:9-10). Judas, after being used and then rejected by the Satanic leaders who benefited from his actions, committed suicide.

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What *is that* to us? You see *to it!*" Then he threw down the pieces of silver in

the temple and departed, and **went and hanged himself**. But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in (Matt 27:3-7).

Today, our world has many people acting like this unnamed criminal and like Judas. They are doing things that they know are evil and everybody suffers. They are criminals walking the streets but they are also in business, industry, government and religion. Some of them recognize what they are doing at some point and stop, others are caught and die or go to prison. We are all too familiar with "suicide bombers", "terrorists" and others that take great risks to themselves to accomplish some evil.

How many mass shootings have there been where the shooter(s) ended up being shot by authorities or supposedly shooting themselves? We frequently do not know if they act on their own volition or if they were funded and manipulated by someone more evil than themselves. It is interesting that the book of acts records **a different story** than Matthew did, above:

(Now this man [Judas] purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. And it **became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem**; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood) (Acts 1:18-19).

Who bought the field, Judas or the priests and elders? Did Judas fall down or hang himself? Did he die before or after the field was purchased? The book of Acts gives its information source as the people in Jerusalem—but did the people see the event themselves or was this official disinformation? Matthew does not say where he received his information, but the surrounding narrative seems to come from an eyewitness at the actions of the elders and chief priests. Would these evil men want to suppress the story that Judas repented? Matthew wrote that Judas **"went and hanged himself"**—apparently in a different location. Is it possible that the evil leaders sent somebody with Judas to "help" him? The Bible does not say so—it leads us to believe that Judas killed himself, but it is significant that the Bible records the conflicting accounts of Judas death. In any case, dead killers cannot say why they killed or how they died.

When Christians today know greatly troubled people, they should pray for them, command the demons to leave them, and encourage them to replace their troubles with the love of Christ, Bible reading, praise and worship music, and Christian fellowship. While the scriptures prophesied that Judas'

job of betrayal had to be done, there is a lot of evil in our day that need not go on. "You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask" (Jms 4:2).

Read the entire article at:

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## **("Ancient Tunnels Under..." continued from page 1)**

"You'd better believe it," I responded. "My wife is a witness. She went in with me."

"But under the sea, as well?"

"But what's the difference?" I asked. "If you are away, deep underground, why not?"

Brian's brother looked thoughtful. "Do you have anything I can read while I'm here on holiday?"

"Sure, come over to the office."

I'm glad to say that Brian's brother was an honest man. At least, he had an open mind. And that's when the truth can sink in.

Yes, there are, if we are to credit a number of reports, such tunnels.

Not only that - but maps also, that track some of these long forgotten tunnels not only beneath the earth, but under the sea.

You may discover one running from Spain to Morocco. Even some locals will admit that.

But you will probably agree those which penetrate under the larger Atlantic and Pacific Oceans would be more intriguing.

Naturally enough, the mention of large systems of tunnels has elicited skepticism from some dear people.

You hear them ask, understandably enough, How could the ancient races have had such technology?

Why haven't we heard more about these tunnels? And if it's true, then why haven't we, with all our advanced technology, been able to accomplish something similar? And so on.

In fact, a few dear folk have even accused me of making it up.

Okay, I'll come clean. For quite some time I found myself agreeing with the tunnel skeptic that such ambitious construction projects were beyond our capabilities.

### **LAZER CUT TUNNELS?**

From their appearance, it seemed that some of these tunnels could not have been drilled except by some kind of thermal drill or electron rays, which melted the rock but left no debris.

Beyond our present capabilities?

I now have to turn this into a question... because it seems very likely that we are catching up fast - and we may have even caught up - to this particular accomplishment

of our ancestors.

Here is the truth: the technology for constructing tunnels hundreds, even thousands, of feet below the ocean floor does now exist.

The experience, the expertise, the machinery and the trained personnel are available. And - for secret government projects - even the money is no drawback.

You should bear in mind that the petroleum industry routinely bores into the deep rock beneath the floor of the ocean.

### **ENORMOUS SPEED OF TUNNEL CREATION**

There is evidence available that existing tunnel boring machines are capable of advancing even through fractured rock at an average rate of five miles per year.

Given better conditions, it is well within the state of the art to make advances through rock of ten or more miles per year.

With only one machine and crew, a tunnel system 100 miles long could definitely be constructed within a period of 10 to 20 years.

Employing five machines, 500 or more miles could certainly be excavated within the same time period.

This capability is real. For example, in the early 1980s a tunnel boring machine was used by the **Pacific Gas and Electric Company** to bore a 24 foot 1 inch diameter, 22,000 foot long tunnel.

This was for construction of the **Kerckhoff 2 Underground Hydroelectric Power plant**, about 30 miles north-east of Fresno, California. Typical rates of progress were from 60 to 100 feet per day.

If one assumes 365 days of work per year, this would achieve about 5S miles of tunnel per year. (Edward R. Kennedy, P.E., "The Kerckhoff 2 Underground Hydroelectric Power Plant Project, A State-of-the-Art Application of a Tunnel Boring Machine", US National Committee on Tunneling Technology, Tunneling Technology Newsletter, number 38, June 1982)

At a meeting with government leaders of South Korea, the then Japanese prime minister Yoshiro Mori proposed a 108 mile tunnel under the sea to link the two countries.

### **"THE PROBLEM IS MONEY"**

Mr. Mori stated: "The construction is technically possible, but the problem is money." (India Times)

Richard Sauder, writing in Nexus, says, "The money to carry out a secret project of this sort certainly exists in the Pentagon's 'black budget'.

The requisite infrastructure of secrecy to carry out such a project has been in place in the military-industrial complex for decades now.

And there is even a paper trail that

shows US Navy interest in building manned bases deep below the ocean floor." (Nexus, "The Evidence for Secret Underwater Bases", August-September 2001, p.28)

All over the world there are mine tunnels that extend offshore under the sea. (Shan-tung Lu, "Undersea Coal Mining", paper presented to the Department of Mining, College of Mineral Industries; George E. Sleight, Transactions of the Institution of Mining Engineers, vol. 112, pp.521-541; J.T. Robertson, Canadian Mining Journal, December 1964, pp.70-71)

A United states Navy document from 1966 forthrightly discusses major military installations constructed beneath the sea bed.

It states that "Large undersea installations with a shirt-sleeve environment have existed under the continental shelves for many decades."

The technology now exists, using off-the-shelf petroleum, mining, submarine, and nuclear equipment, to establish permanent manned installations within the sea floor that do not have any air umbilical or other connection with the land or water surface, yet maintain a normal one-atmosphere environment within....

"...a Rock-Site installation consists of a room or series of rooms, excavated within the bedrock beneath the sea floor, using the in situ bedrock as the construction material."

### **ENORMOUS ROOMS UNDER THE SEA**

It should be noted that these "rooms" under the sea are probably enormous.

An underground power plant in the Himalayan Mountains of Bhutan is hundreds of feet long and over 100 feet high!

Lloyd A. Duscha, former Deputy Director of Engineering and Construction for the US Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, DC, said in a public speech: "There are other projects of similar scope, which I cannot identify, but which included multiple chambers up to 50 feet wide and 100 feet high using the same excavation procedures..."

If you didn't know, tunneling under oceans, seas, bays and estuaries has been done for a very, very long time, all over the world, stretching way back at least into the 19th century, if not before.

### **2,000 FEET UNDER THE SEA BED**

Undersea tunnels can stretch for miles and reach depths of 2,000 feet or more beneath the ocean floor.

Of course, today's technology is far more powerful and sophisticated than it was 50, 100 or 150 years ago. One can only speculate as to how long, how deep and how elaborate contemporary, clandestine, submarine tunnels might be.

And perhaps there exists an even more



sophisticated tunneling technology than what we are being told about.

After 30 years researching high technology, Norio Haykawa reports: "In 1950, we had some amazing tunneling machines, using nuclear devices that could go 10 miles an hour melting the hard, tougher rocks and creating tunnels."

He refers to military tunnels allegedly linking facilities in Nevada with others in California. ("The Prophecy Club", Secrets of Dreamland – video on top secret government research centers)

Tunnels extending for long distances under land and sea? Let's get real. It happened in the past and it is happening again!

To buy "Mysteries of a Lost World" by Jonathan Gray, go to:  
<http://www.beforeus.com/mlw.php>

Article found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0050/a2009-050-02.htm>

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### **("Search the Bible..." continued from page 1)**

him. And for such a great reward, the Bible is a relatively small book, far smaller than the writings of most denominations.

The Bible is really a story of the interaction of the Creator, God, and a man named Abraham and his descendants. This is a very important point to know because God revealed his will to these people. The God we worship did not reveal himself to the nations of Greece, Rome, Babylon, China or any other - only *Israel*, the seed of Abraham. Why the big emphasis on this point? Just this: As we examine the things we do and believe in the name of religion, everything must pass the test, "Did God reveal it in the Bible?"

After the gospel accounts we find what Paul called the "mystery of iniquity" poisoning God's revealed truth. One aspect was Jewish Christians adding many traditions to the faith and the other was gentile Christians bringing their cultures to the faith of Christ. This continued to be a struggle throughout the Biblical age as revealed in the letters to the churches.

Truth suffered a terrible blow when the Roman emperor Hadrian crushed Jerusalem in A.D. 132 and built a Roman city on its ruins. He expelled all Jews, even Jewish Christians. Now there were only gentile Christians (non-Jewish) left who did not identify with the customs of the Jews and did not understand and cherish the knowledge God had revealed to Israel.

Understandably, these Greek and

Roman Christians added the customs of their roots to the faith of Christ not realizing in God's sight they were heathen practices he had said he hates! By the time of the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325 when the church formalized the "accepted" doctrine, the church had been keeping an amalgamation of truth and error for nearly 200 years. It is quite evident from the church history we have that the motivating factor in choosing doctrine was that it must not appear "Jewish." The writing of the early church mixed no words in their hatred of Jews and their customs.

A very insightful passage is found in Romans 11. On this holy root, the covenant people that God revealed his will to, some of the branches (Israel) are broken off and the gentiles, being a wild plant, are grafted into the holy root. This is a vital point we usually overlook; gentiles did *not* have another way - the same root as Israel! We also forget that gentiles were welcomed into the nation of Israel from the beginning and were expected to observe the same laws as Israel (Lev. 19:34). And to be a Christian, God considers them Abraham's seed and heirs to the promise (Gal. 3:26-29).

The next time you wonder what eggs, trees, solstice, holly, bunnies, Sunday, candles, hot cross buns, sunrise service, yule logs, mistletoe, Lent, Eostre (Easter), steeples and a dozen other things have to do with the pure worship of our God, take time to search the origins of the customs you keep. And after you discover the meanings, ask yourself whether God approves and whether it is in accordance with his will. After all, in the final analysis only God's opinion really matters, doesn't it?

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### **("Proselytism Yesterday, Today..." continued from page 1)**

glitzy photographs everywhere, even a sophisticated multimedia display showing every angle of every Lexus® available. It is an advertiser's feast, a collage of colors and sounds that all say, "Buy Lexus@!" None takes exception to the king of crass.

To draw foot traffic, they sell popcorn. Not just *any* popcorn, you understand, but popcorn with a special "butter" on it, one chemically formulated to produce an appealing, almost addictive aroma. People go out of their way to buy it. You walk among the alluring displays, munching your popcorn.

Almost mesmerized by the noise, the

movement, the color, the dazzle, you make your way past the "Buy Lexus@!" display, with its gaudy emphasis on ostentatious luxury, to the nearby "Buy Audi@!" display, with its obvious accent on racing—pictures everywhere of Le Mans. A little further down the aisle is the "Buy Jaguar@!" display. Be sure you stress that *u* in Jaguar@—we must be very proper. But, if you have a big enough line of credit, the salesman will accept any pronunciation. The king of crass meets his queen.

By this time, your materialistic instincts have no need for steroids. Human nature is in the driver's seat.

Over there, in a corner near the service entrance is another display. You almost walked past it, so plain, so unobtrusive. No lights. No music. No pictures. No brochures. No multimedia. You cannot even smell the popcorn this far from the action. Only one salesman, plain-faced and plain-dressed, stands near one lack-luster automobile. He looks almost as if he does not want you to approach. Maybe he thinks you are just another lost soul looking for the restroom.

"What kind of car is that?" you ask, noting the lack of blinking neon sign announcing the make.

The salesman looks around sheepishly. "It's a Buick@," he whispers, offering no more information.

"Is it a good car?"

"I like it."

"What's it have on it that the black Lexus@ over there doesn't?"

"Oh, sir," the salesman, obviously alarmed, says, "it's illegal for me to compare this car with any other car."

"Oh, okay. Well, how much does it cost?" That is a fair question.

"Sir, please, if you keep asking questions like that, we'll both get in trouble. You know, I can't possibly *sell* you a Buick@. If you are really interested in buying an automobile, you will probably have to go to one of the other displays."

Almost stunned, you back away. Are you about to be arrested? You break into a quiet jog as soon as you can collect yourself, gaining speed as you put distance between you and the evidently illicit Buick@ salesman, running past the glitzy displays, sprinting past the popcorn vendor. On your way, you notice a few other darkened displays, in the corners, almost hidden from sight, staffed by forlorn bodies, lonely, empty—everything but successful.

Is that any way to run a car show? Obviously, not from the viewpoint of the Buick@ salesman. Yet, that is exactly how mankind is organizing the market place of *ideas*. That market place has many venues: the newspaper, the periodical, the library, the television, the schoolroom, the Internet. The liberals—and, make no mistake about it, the

traditionalists in third world nations as well—have glitzy displays indeed, of every size and description, for every taste and educational level. "Buy Evolution!" shouts one display. It comes in a number of formats. "Buy Abortion!" roars another. The displays are everywhere. "Buy Global Warming!"

What about religion? Any glitzy "Buy Christianity!" displays around? What about "Buy Islam!" or "Buy Buddhism!"? This article explores the phenomenon of proselytism—which the dictionary defines as "the act [or] practice . . . of making converts to a religion."

Lawrence Uzzeil ("Don't Call It Proselytism," *First Things*, October 2004, p. 14) asserts that current human rights specialists define *proselytism* "to mean any attempt by any religious believer to win converts from other religions or from irreligion." Proselytism, therefore, refers to the attempt to persuade others to change beliefs—to replace their former belief system with a different one. For our purposes, we will use the terms *proselytism*, *evangelicalism*, and *missionary activity* interchangeably.

What does God's Word say about proselytism? What does modern law say about it? What about the *practice* of proselytism today? How does all this affect the true church of God?

### Old Testament Proselytism

The Hebrew language lacks an exact equivalent to the Greek noun *proselyte*, which means a *newcomer* (*Strong's* number 4339). However, in the Old Testament, God's law does allow the *ger* (*Strong's* 1616), usually rendered "stranger," to become a full-fledged citizen of Israel. To do this, he needed to become circumcised. Exodus 12:48 addresses this changing of belief system in reference to the Passover:

And when a stranger sojourns with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land.

The stranger "wants to keep the Passover." There is no hint of God expecting Israel to seek converts among the heathen by actively preaching to—or, *at*—them. Here, there is no coercion, subtle or otherwise; the Gentile convert voluntarily gives himself to come under the Old Covenant. Deuteronomy 4:5-7 states the dynamics of this conversion. Moses is speaking:

Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. Therefore, be careful to observe them, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these

statutes, and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what great nation is there that has God so near to it . . . ?"

Gentiles' observing the *results* of Israel's obedience to God's law would be drawn to reject their pagan belief system in favor of God's true religion. There is no reference to God's calling these people. Rather, conversion is treated as a fully *rational* and *voluntary* choice made when thoughtful pagans recognize the superiority of God's way over their own satanic practices.

In other words, Israel's role was to be an example. God did not command missionary activity on the part of ancient Israel. Israel's proselytism was to be non-verbal, as distinct from the overt verbal action of preaching through the written or spoken word.

Not proselytism through *words*, but through *works*, is the God-sanctioned method for ancient Israel. Israel was not so much to preach as it was to obey and to teach. Obeying God's law was an individual responsibility; teaching that law was a parental duty. Notice verse 9, which stresses both roles:

Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren. . .

The Old Testament is replete with examples of Gentiles who were won over to Israel by witnessing the unquestioned superiority of God's way of life, and subsequently becoming convinced that His way was for them. One early example may be "Eliezer of Damascus" in Abraham's day, the chief servant in his household. Other examples, certainly, are Ruth in the period of the judges, Uriah the Hittite in David's day and Ebed-Melech in Jeremiah's time. All these quickly come to mind as Gentile converts.

### New Testament Proselytism

Later on, however, Hellenized Jews caught missionary fever and discarded the approach sanctioned by God. Active—and far-flung—evangelism became the order of the day. Indeed, the first New Testament occurrence of the word *proselyte* appears in Matthew 23:15 where Christ chastises the scribes' and Pharisees' for their hypocritical approach to spreading their corrupt religion:

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

Proselytes were common in those days.

Acts 2:10 records their presence, with the Jews, in Jerusalem on Pentecost. Nicolas, "a proselyte from Antioch," is numbered in Acts 6:5 as an original deacon. Finally, Acts 13:43, mentions "devout proselytes" who followed Paul in Antioch. In context, these clearly refer to Gentile proselytes to Judaism.

Indeed, Paul's problems with the circumcision party had its roots in the widespread Jewish practice of proselytism in those days. The members of this party—almost certainly (misguided) members of God's church—followed Paul from city to city, telling Gentile converts of their need for physical circumcision. They took their cues from Exodus 12:48 and other scriptures. These Jews were men of their age, and therefore took no exception to the practice of proselytism. Also, they apparently accepted the validity of Paul's commission to carry Christ's "name before Gentiles" (Acts 9:15). Their only issue was physical circumcision. As a result of this controversy, the apostles had to redefine circumcision in its proper New Covenant terms.

In the New Testament, God clearly commissioned some to preach the gospel of God's Kingdom *actively*. Paul received such a commission, as Acts 9:15 clearly relates. Christ also commissioned His other apostles to "go therefore and make disciples of all the nations . . ." (Matthew 28:19). These commissions have their parallel in the commissions received by the Old Testament prophets. Examples include the prophets Isaiah (Isaiah 6), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1) and Jonah (Jonah 1).

It is important to recognize, though, that neither the Old Testament commissions to the prophets nor the New Testament commissions to the apostles remove the responsibility on the part of the *people* to be examples. God has always used this means—the example of His people—as a fundamental method of reaching others. As one excellent New Testament example, notice I Thessalonians 1:7-9, where Paul lauds the converts in Thessalonica, pointing out the breadth of their example to other church congregations and to the world at large:

. . . so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. . .

So strong was their witness that Paul needed not "to say anything." These people



certainly did not hide their light under a basket. Example can speak louder than preaching.

### **Proselytism and Man's Law**

In today's world, international law protects the reasonable practice of proselytism. Article 18 of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, signed in December 1948, reads:

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

These rights were elaborated and further delineated by a United Nations subcommittee in 1954. Following is a summary of the pertinent parts of this subcommittee's determination on religious discrimination. Notice especially point 3:

1. Everyone shall be free to adhere, or not to adhere, to a religion or belief, in accordance with the dictates of his conscience.

2. No one shall be subjected to material or moral coercion likely to impair his freedom to maintain or to change his religion or belief.

3. Everyone shall be free to teach or to disseminate his religion or belief, either in public or in private.

4. No one shall be compelled to receive religious or atheistic instruction, contrary to his convictions or, in the case of children, contrary to the wishes of their parents and, when applicable, legal guardians.

5. No group professing a religion or belief shall be prevented from training the personnel intending to devote themselves to the performance of its practices or observances, or from bringing teachers from abroad necessary for this purpose.

Furthermore, human rights specialists recognize that the right to evangelize (proselytize) entails the right to be evangelized. These are two sides of a single coin. This is the nexus between the right to engage in proselytism and the rights of free speech and of peaceful assembly (entailing as it does a right to disseminate and receive information). As Dr. Bert B. Beach ("Evangelism and Proselytism: Religious Liberty and Ecumenical Challenges," at [www.irla.org](http://www.irla.org)) puts it: "Any strict anti-proselytism regulations cut off the supply of new and different information, restricting both

the dissemination and receiving of ideas." This aspect of proselytism is addressed in Article 19 of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Clearly, international law recognizes proselytism as an integral part of an individual's right to choose whom he worships, and to change, or not to change, his habits or worship. In Part 2, we will see that theory and practice are two vastly different things.

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the brink of the worst trials imaginable. Utter destruction is on the way, terrors worse than anything thought possible. Believe it or not, Australia is being set up for the most horrible stresses which may come upon any nation - cruel Asiatic invasion and slave labour camps. It will come soon! Very likely much sooner than any of us may realize.

### **Historical Background to Australia**

Prior to examining what the Bible and in particular the book of Ezekiel predicts for Australia, we need to overview the background to this great nation. The Australian continent was first occupied after the flood of Noah by the intriguing Aboriginal peoples. These amazing people are descended from Ham unlike the current majority of Australians who descend, in the main, from the House of Israel as is proven in the following works:

- [United States and Britain in Prophecy by Herbert W Armstrong](#)
- [Europe and America in Prophecy by Garner Ted Armstrong](#)
- [The United States and Britain in Bible Prophecy by the United Church of God](#)
- [America and Britain in Prophecy by Raymond F McNair](#)
- [What's Ahead for America and Britain? by John Ogwyn](#)
- [The Migrations of Israel by Raymond Cole](#)

- [The Lost Tribes of Israel – Found! by Steven Collins](#)
- [Lost Israelite Identity; & The Tribes; & Ephraim by Yair Davidi](#)

Australia's genesis is rather unique. This great nation began as a penal colony when the first fleet arrived under Captain Arthur Phillip on 18 January 1788. The colony itself was established at Sydney Cove on 26 January which is commemorated as Australia Day - a national holiday. Soon a way was found to explore the inland areas. New settlements were established along the coast, in Tasmania, Western Australia (1829), South Australia (1836), Victoria (1851) and Queensland (1859).

With the discovery of gold in 1851, an enormous influx of migrants occurred with the ensuing increase in investment, capital and business opportunities and the prosperity of the various states on the continent began to boom. For instance, Australia possesses some of the wealthiest deposits of mineral resources in the world.

This continent has come a long way over the past 200 years – a relatively bare continent with few mountains, rivers and lakes, it is approximately 85% desert and semi-desert and can only hold some 20-25 millions whilst maintaining a high standard of living. Yet is a 'fair' country, with much beauty and variety, hence the national anthem "Advance Australia Fair", originally composed as an ode to the British Empire (the anthem may be found at the end of this article).

On 1 January 1901, the six British colonies federated to become the Commonwealth of Australia. The initial governments of the young nation were very populist and patriotic, basing many of their decisions on Biblical principles: protectionist tariffs with a slant toward the mother country, Great Britain; court arbitration in industrial disputes and the setting of minimum wages; old age pensions; a strong defense; and strong family values. In contrast, our leaders today are bent on integration with Asia; are biased against Britain; are fast moving away from the hard fought for advances won by the Australian workers; and have very little time for or interest in moral or family values. (see the books *South-land of the Holy Spirit. A Christian History of Australia* by E R Kotlowski; *Understanding Our Christian Heritage* by Christian Heritage Institute; and *Discovering Australia's Christian Heritage* by Col Stringer). To find out more about the symbols and emblems of Australia, a list of websites with this fascinating information may be found at the end of the article.

Our political, religious, media and academic leaders are leading us astray and far away from God (Is 3:12; 9:16; 10:1). So what of the future? How will God deal with such a wicked, sinning nation? Let us peek

into the Word of God and understand what the prophecies predict will soon occur to Australia.

### **Australia's Punishment Prophesied!**

God Almighty has bestowed wonderful blessings upon the occupants of this great continent. Such spaciousness, mineral wealth, unique fauna and flora, agricultural abundance, wonderful cities and riches which are the envy of the peoples of the region.

Yet you Australians are warned by the God of the Bible that you have behaved like spoilt brats! You, and the other Anglo-Saxon-Keltic-Nordic nations have behaved dishonourably toward your God. This wonderful Being has showered upon you blessings unknown to the gentiles. But what have you done with it?

Have you been a wonderful light to the nations or an example of rebelliousness and ingratitude?

Have you shown the Asian and Pacific nations the ways of God, your Creator, or engaged in vileness after vileness? Are your cities not riddled with violence; is not pornography a plague upon your minds; are not you intermarrying with foreign races which God forbade; is not liberal divorce and remarriage, adultery, fornication and the promotion of homosexuality rampant; and do you not oppress the needy and poor? Why do you permit euthanasia, surrogacy, radical feminism? And why have you neglected to obey the Ten Commandments and the Sabbath sign?

If you realize your sins against God, then now is the time to repent! We want every one of you to know what will happen to you, your family, your neighbourhood and your nation. Nothing could be more important or urgent in your life.

### **Ezekiel's Warning Message to Australia**

Bible prophecy warns that the modern nations of Israel are headed for captivity. The Old Testament prophet, Ezekiel, thundered some piercing warnings to Israel as we shall shortly see (this is sometimes known as Ezekiel's Message or the Captivity Doctrine).

Nations to our north will invade this continent and bring our peoples to their knees. One third of White Australians will die from disease and famine due to the effects of war; one third will die directly because of war; and the remaining one third will go into captivity: "and a third part ... shall scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them" (Ezek 5:2). Massacre and butchery unimaginable will be wreaked upon this nation.

Which are the gentile nations which will be involved with the coming terrible invasion of Australia (and probably New Zealand)? Prophecy indicates the strong probability that the various invading nations will partition the

spoils of Israel among themselves. One in Joel 3:2b speaks of the scattering of Israel and the parting or dividing of Israel amongst her enemies (Amos 7:17b; Micah 2:4; Dan 11:39 seem to tell a similar tale). So every indication is that several nations will be involved in this bloody and bitter exercise.

Isaiah predicts that the captives of Israel will be scattered among many nations, including Cush (Is 11:11) - the peoples residing in southern India; and also the eastern branch of Tarshish (Is 60:9; 66:19) - Japan, the land of the rising sun. No doubt Indonesia will also be involved.

Australia itself may be divided up by secret agreement between India, Japan and Indonesia. For instance, Japan may take the Eastern States; Indonesia Northern Territory and South Australia; and India Western Australia. (Similarly, Russia may have Alaska returned to her by Europe if she keeps out of the coming world crisis; the Caribbean's may be given the South-east USA; Mexico the South-West; Japan may take Hawaii and Europe will divide up the rest of the North American continent.)

The prophet Isaiah also proclaims scattered Israelites from "beyond the rivers of Cush" (Zeph 3:10) will be liberated after a period of captivity. Here the Aramaic renders Cush as 'Hodu' which means India in the Hebrew.

### **Taken Captive by the Land of the Rising Sun!**

According to the Shinto traditions, the Japanese were a race apart, the Yamato people - not just a chosen people, but the actual seed of the gods and as such formed the "root of the world". This powerful belief in their uniqueness was combined with garnering knowledge and developing it. As such, these aforementioned characteristics, traditionalism, conservatism combined with progressiveness and cosmopolitanism, together with living on a large island, produced some likeness to the British. Indeed, in 1913, Baron Makino, minister of agriculture and commerce observed: "Our ambition is to be to the East what Great Britain is to the West."

Within their core social attitudes and social beliefs, lay the groundwork and disposition toward trade, commerce and industry. This together with strong Shinto traditionalism, produced an Asiatic equivalent to the conservative British and their commercial imperial hegemony. But the Japanese economic culture in particular emphasized that one should be tied to economic households with innate service to customers and employees, maintaining a durable and lasting system to produce wealth and job satisfaction. This economic house has to be maintained and expanded for the benefit of all in any condition. This core value

was one of the founding reasons for the Japanese economic power. It no doubt has had and will have its ups and downs, but it seems to be durable enough to survive and revive after a decade in the doldrums and huge public debt.

Japan was a hermitic medieval kingdom until 1853 after which it learned from the mistakes of its neighbours and technology of the West to establish itself as the dominant Asian power by 1895 when it defeated the forces of the Chinese Empire and in 1905 it was able to even destroy Russian forces in Manchuria. It had now become a junior rank power, but wanted more as part of a 100 year war strategy dating back to 1842 when the British humiliated the Chinese in the Opium War.

They believed that they had divine right to rule for they were a superior race, the Whites of Asia, defined in their blood. Biologists began to produce studies on the supposed ape-sh features of other nations and noting their more refined features, milder body odour and so forth. The Emperor was worshipped as the descendant of the sun goddess and became the divine icon of the race. He was greeted with two upheld and extended arms (the Nazis held one arm up) with shouts of Banzai (= "May you live 10,000 years") (the Nazis cried "Sieg und Heil" = "Victory and Salvation" or "Heil Hitler" = "Salvation is from Hitler). The Japanese Imperial Flag was white with a red sun in the centre with rays extending outward to each corner, symbolizing that they dwell at the rising of the sun, and will reach out to each corner of the globe (the Nazi flag was an inversion of this with a white circle in the centre and red on the outer. The pagan swastika sat in the centre of the white circle, symbolizing the sun wheel).

### **A US pilot about to be be-headed**

From this evolved their entry into World War Two. Shortly after the Pearl Harbour bombings, they should have returned to finish the job, but left enough for America to rebuild. Their propaganda at the time pronounced that the empire's 100 million people and national cohesiveness would achieve glory - "100 million hearts beating as one" or "100 million people as one bullet" and "100 million advancing like a ball of fire". Amongst their greatest strategic mistakes was not to invade Russia, which allowed the Russians to withdraw troops from the East and utilize them against the German aggressors. In addition, instead of invading Australia, they sought to invade Burma and even entered India before being driven back.<sup>1</sup>

### **Japan – the Tarshish of the East**

We are told in Isaiah that the ships of Tarshish would be the first to bring the

Israelites to the Holy Land during the future second Exodus (Isaiah 60:9). Why first? Because she would have repented of her evil toward the House of Israel when she would have taken Israel into captivity. We are being warned regularly by secular prophets in the media.<sup>2</sup> One such 'prophet' who has attempted to warn the Anglo-Saxon powers is Daniel Burstein, author of the book *Yen! The Threat of Japan's Financial Empire* which I thoroughly recommend to the reader. Will history repeat itself once again? Will Japan return "back to the future"? Will the Japanese take over the leadership of certain Asian nations in the event of America withdrawing from the region and leaving behind a political and military vacuum? And will Japan then form a new Axis with a German-led United Europe? Only time can tell. We now know with certainty that in World War Two their plans were to extend their empire through India to Iran; to Madagascar<sup>3</sup> off the shores of Africa; the whole of Australia (with the exception of Tasmania which they were to leave for German settlement<sup>4</sup>); and the western sea-board of Canada, the United States and Mexico.<sup>5</sup> The proofs for the Japanese descent from the eastern branch of Tarshish is discussed in the book *In Search of ... the Origin of Nations*.

In February 1941, Japan's expansionist policy was publicly elaborated upon by her Foreign Minister, Matsuoaka, who stated that "the white race must cede Oceania to the Asiatics". The following year, 1942, a top Japanese military spokesman revealed that they would eventually claim the divine right to control the entire world: "We will carry the war to London and Washington, and we will destroy all traces of European culture, and we will make our Nipponese spirit dominate the world".<sup>6</sup>

Most people today are unaware that the Japanese had their own *Mein Kampf* in World War Two. It was known as the *Tanaka Memorial*. This work revealed that a terrible plan had been developed for almost four hundred years. It emerged from a document dated 18th of May 1592. Japan's great hero, Hideyoshi, set forth in this document a plan for world domination and for establishing the Mikado Plan to rule the world!

On 25th July 1941, Baron Tanaka, Premier, presented the *Tanaka Memorial* as a blueprint for world empire under the Mikado which led to the attack on Pearl Harbor. In fact, it was their religious belief that the Mikado is directly descended from the Mother of Heaven. As he was thus the Son of Heaven, the Emperor had to be world emperor and worshipped as very God! (how similar to the Western false prophet described in II Thessalonians 2:1-5)

General Tomoyuri Yamashita, Japanese Supreme Commander in Malaya, in an

interview prior to his execution as a war criminal in the Philippines in 1946, outlined what were his recommendations for a Japanese invasion of Australia. His desire was to push on to Australia after the fall of Singapore but Japanese Prime Minister Tojo opted instead for Burma and India to appease Hitler. He said that he planned to make dummy landings to draw away the "pitifully small number of Australian troops" followed by landings on either side of the major cities of Australia and cut them off. With only Sydney and Brisbane occupied, it would have been simple to subdue the rest of Australia. He felt that the actual conquest of all of Australia was not feasible as it was too large; in addition supply lines would have been extremely difficult to maintain.<sup>7</sup>

He told the interviewers that the Japanese government machinery for ruling Australia was prepared and several diplomats who had previously represented Japan in Australia had been briefed and were standing by to follow the Japanese armies into the country to rule it with an iron fist.

Documents discovered in military archives in 1993 uncovered a Japanese plot to attack Sydney and Melbourne with bubonic plague, the black death. In its Harbin biological warfare centre in Manchuria, the infamous Imperial Army Unit 731 successfully bred plague bacteria (in addition to cholera, typhoid, anthrax etc) and deliberately infected 3,000 Chinese, Korean and Mongolian civilians with the diseases from which they died horrible deaths. Plague-infected fleas were dropped over Changde in Hunan Province and elsewhere, resulting in an epidemic which killed several hundred in a few days. As the war was drawing to an end, they planned to send plagues into Samoa, Guam and the Philippines as well as Dutch Harbour in Alaska. Journal records show that Unit 731 was ordered to ensure that the bacteria could be taken by ship or submarine to Sydney, Melbourne and Hawaii and released to kill hundreds of thousands.<sup>8</sup>

It would not take much for combined forces say from Japan, India and Indonesia to take Australia and to divide the country up between themselves. Indeed, it has been said that Japan has long looked upon Australia as a prime piece of real estate, with only historical factors preventing its conquest and colonization of the continent centuries ago.

At the Battle of Sekigahara (20 October 1600AD), one of the most significant wars in Japanese history, Leyasu Tokugawa destroyed the opposition and became the Shogun three years later. He united the country and it closed up to the outside world, taking on the characteristics of a hermit:

Of this behaviour, historian Malcolm Kennedy wrote: "Had she not remained cut off from the outside world during the vitally

important years when the colonial empires of the Western Powers were taking shape, Australia, New Zealand, Malaya, and other territories in the Pacific area might well have fallen into her hands rather than into those of others".<sup>9</sup>

Thanks to God and His intervention, Australia and New Zealand were spared. Perhaps there still lurks a secret desire for lebensraum in the largely empty land "Down Under".

### **Unparalleled Horrors Await Australia**

This Work of the Church of God endeavours to fulfill the commission given to Ezekiel, to warn of coming invasion, captivity and slave labour camps (Ezek 3:17; 33:1-7). Like Ezekiel, this Work is one which watches world events as they fulfill prophecy, to warn the peoples of the 20th century House of Israel that military invasion and devastation is imminent. Yet we also proclaim God's mercy to Israel - the Good News of the World Tomorrow and the Messiah's deliverance of our peoples. Soon there will be peace on earth (Is 2:1-4) and the peoples of Israel will learn to rule under the Messiah with justice, righteousness, and for the good of all nations, tongues and peoples.

But in the meantime, will we heed the urgent warnings of Ezekiel to Australia and escape the approaching Great Tribulation (Rev 3:10; 12:14). Or will we submit to the most terrible and painful fate ever to happen to any people?

Advance Australia Fair – toward repentance or destruction? The choice is yours!

### **Editor's Note:**

Prophecy is a hard subject and not everyone who teaches prophecy has it right. So reader be very aware when reading any article which contains prophecy that it may turn out this way, but then again, it may not. Laura Lee

### **THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM (originally an ode to the British Empire) "ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR"**

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.

In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.  
Beneath our radiant Southern Cross  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
To make this Commonwealth of ours



Renowned of all the lands;  
For those who've come across the seas  
We've boundless plains to share;  
With courage let us all combine  
To Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.

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<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/web/common.nsf/key/resourcesimages#Emblems>

**The Queen of Australia:**

<http://www.royal.gov.uk/output/Page4908.asp>

#### **End Notes:**

**1** After finalising this section I came across an interesting article by Joseph Huang on "Japan's Destiny - Yet to be Fulfilled". Following is an extract from it: "The blueprint in the *Tanaka Memorial* is not limited to China and East Asia. Its gigantic ambition is not restricted to East Asia, but to include India, South-east Asia and Central Asia -- even far-distant Europe is not excluded from its plot. It says, "Having all China's resources at our disposition, we will proceed to conquer India, the Archipelago, the Islands of the South Seas, Asia Minor, Central Asia and even Europe itself" (*Japan's Kampf*, p.148).

The *Tanaka Memorial* recognizes that to venture further, Japan will inevitably clash with the paramount power, the United States. "But in carrying out this policy we have to face the U.S., which has been turned against us by China's policy of fighting poison with poison. In the future, if we want to control China, we must first crush the U.S., just as in the past we had to fight in the Russo-Japanese War" (*ibid.*)."

The unabridged copy of the *Tanaka Memorial* has never been found, and therefore the full extent of their aim and strategies remain hidden. A search among Japanese archives at the end of the Pacific

War by Japanese and Americans also failed to turn up evidence of the document. It was reported that all 'sensitive' palace papers, government files and other documents had either been burnt during the war or were destroyed by Japanese authorities between the surrender and the arrival of the Occupation Forces. When the time came for prosecutors of Japanese war criminals to give evidence, they found almost no document to work on.

The global conquest would inevitably include Australia, lying as an extension of South-east Asia. In a book written by Henry P. Frei, he demonstrates that the Japanese Navy was in favour of an invasion of Australia while the Army hesitated immediately after the fall of South-east Asian countries: "Whether or not to capture Australia became a serious topic for discussion whenever its main proponent, the [Japanese] Navy General Staff convened with Combined Fleet and the Army to decide the options of war aims for the next stage in 1942" (*Japan's Southward Advance and Australia*, 1991, p.161).

It was understandable that the Japanese Navy's main worry was Australia. They did not want it to become a crucial gateway for the United States and its allies to position their planes, ships, and soldiers for a retaliation. The Navy Captain Miwa Yoshitake wrote on January 6, 1942, "*We must think quickly about invading Australia . . . The United States is now in the middle of reinforcing Australia, Fiji, and Samoa*" (*ibid.*, p.162). The Japanese recognized that Australia had to be separated from the United States, a troublesome source of military reserves -- "The chief of the Navy General Staffs Planning Section and chief champion of the Australia invasion idea, Captain Tomioka Sadatoshi, deeply feared such a disadvantageous development. He fervently believed that Australia must not become a strategic springboard for United States planes, ships, and soldiers gathering for a counter-offensive ... The war had perfectly shown how little air power meant without the development of air bases. If, however, the United States built up air power on the Australian continent, while at the same time applying pressure from the north, Japan could not possibly win. *Australia, therefore, had either to be knocked out quickly, or cut off from America*" (*ibid.*).

While the Navy was pressing for expansion, the Army hesitated. Major-General Tanaka Shin'ichi warned, "*Naval plans to invade Australia do not quickly end the Pacific War, but make it the center of the next stage and overextend the limits of our offensive power in the Pacific*" (*ibid.*, p.163). They finally agreed that Australia should be isolated rather than invaded. It was the limitations of the army that saved Australia.

Despite that, Port Darwin experienced a surprise attack and was destroyed on February 19, 1942.

On the political front, pressure was applied on Australia to succumb or to be in line with the Japanese Imperialism -- "[Japan's] Prime Minister Tojo Hedeki continued to support pressuring Australia into submission by cutting her communication lines to the United States. In a **Diet** oration on 21 January he proclaimed decisive defeat for Australia if she continued to fly the flag of the enemy ... And in a further appeal to the leaders of Australia at an extraordinary session of the **Diet** on 28 May, Tojo repeated his threatening lure that it was not too late to make the right decision and toe the line with the Japanese Empire" (*ibid.*, p.172).

The Japanese quest for global conquest is clear. The aim of the Imperial realm is to embrace the whole world under the universe. Japan believes the country and its people have a heaven-ordained and a sacred mission, and that sacred destiny has yet to be fulfilled."

**2** See for example *International Currency Review* 1987: 15-20; Greenwald 1988: 14-17; Sayle 1979: 8-10; Abraham 1974: 21-23

**3** Toussaint p239

**4** Several articles have appeared on this issue over the years. See for instance "Von German land", *Daily Telegraph*, 28 May 1999. In this article, authors Simon Pristel and Sue Bailey reveal how the Nazis planned to populate Tasmania: "Adolf Hitler's Nazis considered transforming Tasmania into a German-only enclave if they won the war, a secret document has revealed. The amazing plan would have isolated Tasmania from the mainland, removed all Anglo-Saxons and repopulated the island with about 200,000 Australians of German descent."

**5** Allen 1971 : 110-111

**6** *Daily Sketch*, 14th April, 1942

**7** In WW2 20,000 Australians lost their lives. This included 8,000 prisoners of war. This figure of 8,000 were part of 22,000 taken into captivity and who endured the terrors of slave labour in Asia -- Burma, Thailand, Borneo and Japan itself.

**8** Hills "Japan's wartime plan for Australia" plague rats", *Sydney Morning Herald* 17 August 1993

**9** Kennedy 1968: 107

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### ("Seal of Jezebel..." continued from page 1)

of the name was missing (Avigad 1964: 275). Because of Avigad's negative assessment, little attention was paid to the seal and it languished in the Israel Museum for decades. Then, Dutch researcher Marjo Korpel (Associate Professor of Old Testament, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands) became interested in it. Korpel was first drawn to the seal because of its imagery, but then became intrigued with the inscription. She noticed that a piece had broken off at the top and this could very well have been where the missing letter was originally located. She conjectured that there were initially two letters in the area of the break: a Hebrew lamed, or L, which stood for "(belonging) to" or "for," and the missing first letter of Jezebel's name.

Jezebel was no doubt the wickedest woman in the Bible. In the book of Revelation her name was invoked in condemning a false prophetess in Thyatira who promoted sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols (Rev. 2:20). Even today the name is emblematic of a sinful, shameless woman. Jezebel's name means "where is his highness (=Baal)?" (Korpel 2008: 37). Baal was the great Canaanite storm and fertility god. Jezebel's father Ethbaal, whose name means "Baal" exists" (Avigad 1964: 275), was king of the Phoenicians (1 Kgs 16:31). The Jewish historian Josephus tells us that Ethbaal was formerly a priest of Ashtoreth, consort of Baal, who usurped the throne and reigned over Tyre and Sidon for 32 years (Against Apion I.18).

In order to form a political alliance with the Phoenicians, Ahab, king of Israel (874-853 BC), married Baal-worshipping Jezebel (1 Kgs 16:31). "Urged on by Jezebel his wife" (1 Kgs 21:25) Ahab became a follower of Baal, and even erected a temple and altar to the pagan deity in Samaria (1 Kgs 16:32). He had the distinction of being the king who "did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than did all the kings of Israel before him" (1 Kgs 16:33). Jezebel bore Ahab a son, Joram, who ruled Israel for 12 years from 852 to 841 BC, and she herself became a strong political figure with the title "Queen Mother" (2 Kgs 10:13).

Jezebel was zealous in her efforts to stamp out Yahwism and promote the worship of Baal. She mounted a campaign to kill the Lord's prophets (1 Kgs 18:4, 13), while at the same time feeding 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah, a female Canaanite goddess, at the royal table (1 Kgs

18:19). This led to a confrontation between Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel, resulting in the extermination of the prophets of Baal (1 Kgs 18:16-40).

Jezebel also figures prominently in the account of the appropriation of Naboth's vineyard. Naboth refused to sell his vineyard to greedy Ahab. Conniving Jezebel arranged to have false charges brought against Naboth which resulted in his death (1 Kgs 21). When Ahab went to take possession of the vineyard, Elijah was there with a message from God: "I am going to bring disaster on you. I will consume your descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel-slave or free...because you have provoked me to anger and have caused Israel to sin. And also concerning Jezebel the Lord says: 'Dogs will devour Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel'" (1 Kgs 21:21-23).

Soon after, Ahab was killed in a battle against the Arameans (1 Kgs 22:29-40). Twelve years later a prophet of the Lord anointed Jehu, a general in the Israelite army, as king of Israel with the following charge: "You are to destroy the house of Ahab your master, and I will avenge the blood of my servants the prophets and the blood of all the Lord's servants the prophets and the blood of all the Lord's servants shed by Jezebel" (2 Kgs 9:7).

Jehu went on to wipe out Ahab's descendants, including Jezebel's son Joram. As the Lord had predicted through Elijah, Jezebel met a grisly end. Jehu went to the royal residence at Jezreel and found the Queen Mother, with her eyes painted and hair arranged, looking out a palace window. Jehu ordered her eunuchs to throw her out the window: So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered the wall and the horses as they trampled her underfoot. Jehu went in and ate and drank. "Take care of that cursed woman," he said, "and bury her, for she was a king's daughter." But when they went out to bury her, they found nothing except her skull, her feet and her hands. They went back and told Jehu, who said, "This is the word of the Lord that he spoke through his servant Elijah the Tishbite: On the plot of ground at Jezreel dogs will devour Jezebel's flesh" (2 Kgs 9:33-36).

Apart from the inscription, there are other features on the seal that suggest it is that of Jezebel. First, as Avigad observed, it is very fancy, indicative of royalty. It is made of gray opal and is larger than average, being 1.24 inches (31 mm) from top to bottom (Avigad 1964: 274). Secondly, the form of the letters is Phoenician, or imitates Phoenician writing (Korpel 2008: 37). Thirdly, the seal is filled with common Egyptian symbols that were often used in Phoenicia in the ninth century BC and are suggestive of a queen. At the top is a crouching winged sphinx with a woman's face, the body of a lioness and a

female Isis/Hathor crown. To the left is an Egyptian ankh, the sign of life. In the lower register, below a winged disk, is an Egyptian-style falcon, symbol of royalty in Egypt. On either side of the falcon is a uraeus, the cobra representation of Egyptian royalty worn on crowns. At the bottom left is a lotus, a symbol often associated with royal women. All of these icons denote female royalty (Korpel 2008: 36-37). Lastly, Avigad observed, "Jezebel is a rare Phoenician name, nowhere previously documented other than in the Old Testament" (Avigad 1964: 275).

Although it is not possible to be 100% certain that the seal is that of Jezebel, Korpel's assessment of the evidence leads her to conclude, "I believe it is very likely that we have here the seal of the famous Queen Jezebel" (2008: 37).

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### ("What is the..." continued from page 1)

You know that you will get up tomorrow and go to work and do the exact SAME THINGS you did yesterday; you'll repeat this daily routine, with minor variations, until one day you're too old to do it! Then you'll pine away in some retirement home, forsaken by your family and everyone you once knew, trapped in a failing body and doomed to spend the few remaining days of your life in misery.

Will the world have noticed your existence? Will anyone have profited by your being here? Is there anything after that? Is your life, your very existence nothing but a series of cosmic accidents, or is there a PURPOSE to it all? **WHY WERE YOU BORN?**

Every serious-minded person has asked this question at least at one point in their life. Where is the answer? The churches don't have it. They squabble amongst themselves,

and have the same problems that everyone else does. They're certainly not happy and contented with life.

On the other hand, atheists don't have it. They lead a life that generally revolves around getting ahead of everyone else; after all, this is the only life they have, so they want to get the most out of it, at any price. But their existence is just as empty as everyone else's.

So WHERE is the SECRET OF LIFE? The KEY that holds happiness, joy, and peace?

The secret is in YOU. YOU can change it, and YOU can make it better. But! Yes, that troublesome little word, BUT, you will have to change YOU. And I believe that once you understand your AWESOME POTENTIAL, you will be WILLING to make even *that* sacrifice!

Let's say for a moment that the earth was to be changed to fit your idealistic view of it. **You would STILL be unhappy!** You would STILL be depressed, unfulfilled, and morose! BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T CHANGE YOU! If you were to win the lottery, you would no doubt be even more unhappy than you are now! Surely you already know that!

No matter WHAT situation you were placed in, you would soon create the EXACT situation you are in now! Because you caused it before, and you would cause it again! And if you TRULY WANT TO BREAK THE CYCLE, YOU HAVE TO BE THE ONE WHO DOES IT!

Think back to the times when you've been the happiest. And I don't mean merely elated, or lost in a thrill, but TRULY happy. The kind of happiness that you can just melt into and soar away. What were you doing at the time? It wasn't the time you won the big game, or the time you got the promotion. Those things never made you happy, they just momentarily distracted you from the depressing reality of life.

Music, television, four-wheeling, vacations, these things never made you HAPPY, they just filled your mind up, and chased away that hole that has always been present in you. They occupied your thoughts and kept you busy, and as long as you were busy you were more or less at peace... until the tune ended, and you were left with cold, stark reality.

No, the times you were happy were the times you cared about something bigger than yourself. Perhaps a friend, or more probably a romantic friend, that you cared for deeply. Someone that you wanted to impress. No, that's not the right phrase; I should say, someone you didn't want to disappoint.

When you worked to make that person happy, not out of a selfish motive of greed or avarice, but because you cared about how they felt, and worried about what they needed, and valued their opinion of you and

refused to let them down... well, I'm willing to bet that that was the happiest time of your life.

Most people go through this feeling before they marry someone. This feeling fills them up, and seals the gap in their soul and makes them truly happy, a feeling which they've never felt before. For the first time in their lives they feel satisfied, and fulfilled. The sky never seemed so blue, the birds never sang so bright, and the world just never seemed like such a great place until now.

This is what life was MEANT to be like! This is what God INTENDED for man from the beginning! Christ said "*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*" Man was meant to live life to the full, to have an entire life that felt like the first few days of your first love!

Practically everyone has experienced a time like this at least ONCE in their life! And each and every one of them have stumbled across the SECRET OF LIFE! They have all they need to put together the pieces of the puzzle of happiness, but sadly, most never do. It's as Churchill once said; "Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened."

Let's take, for example, a young man. He meets a young woman who makes him feel this way, and in due course of time they get married because, for the first time in their lives, they have found true happiness.

He, without knowing it, has found the answer, and he LIKES the results! And, naturally enough, he assumes that the other person is responsible for his newfound happiness. But what he doesn't know is that the other person is only the CATALYST for his happiness.

You see, the world is filled with hollow people. Man was made with an empty space in his soul. This empty space needs to be filled, and some try to fill it with possessions, some with work, some with money, and some with pure power. But these things, all of them, are nothing more than drugs. Drugs to them, dull the feeling of the curse of existence.

But no matter what he does, man always winds up back where he started, lonely and empty, because those things aren't what man was made to need! Those are nothing more than band-aids for his soul, like trying to patch up a hole in a wall with cardboard. It looks like it filled the hole - until it rains.

But let's get back to our newly married young man. He is happier than he ever thought possible, as is his blushing bride. He finally feels whole. He feels this way because for the first time in his life he truly belongs to something, and cares for something, bigger than himself. **He is happy because the hole built into his soul has finally been filled!**

But before too long, there is trouble in

paradise. Something changes and they no longer patch up that gap in each other's heart. After at most a year or two, they're no longer fulfilled like they used to be. What happened? What changed? Why do the appliance warranties outlast most marriages?

What happened was that one person couldn't possibly need all the love that he was designed to need to give. To put it another way, he now belonged to something bigger than himself, but it wasn't "bigger" enough! He needed to belong to something, and help something, and care about something STILL BIGGER!

But why was it enough in the beginning? Why did this one person once supply all the emotional outlet he needed? Well, while dating our hero spent relatively little time around his sweetheart, so when they were together, he could spend all his time thinking about ways to make her happy.

This made him feel good about himself and about the world at large, because for the first time in his life he felt needed. He was doing something good for something larger than himself. At last he felt complete. And so, thinking this to be the answer, he got married.

But what he didn't realize was that the other person didn't CONTAIN the missing piece of his soul! She didn't fill his soul, SHE HELPED HIM FILL HIS OWN SOUL! Caring about someone else brought out that missing piece FROM WITHIN HIM, WHERE IT WAS HIDING ALL ALONG!

Before I can finish explaining how this works, I have to answer another question; WHY does man need this? Why is man hollow? Why must he give of himself to something greater than himself to be happy?

Well, let's go back to when man was created. Remember, God designed the spirit of Man. And He knew that Mankind had this need. That's why He didn't leave him alone in the Garden of Eden.

**Genesis 2:18** *And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

God knew that, left to Himself, man is without purpose, and he NEEDED SOMEONE! This wasn't an accident! God wanted Man to have this vacuum inside him that must be filled, because GOD KNEW THIS WOULD LEAD MAN INTO HAPPINESS, and into doing GOOD for his fellow man! God CREATED this deficiency in mankind for a PURPOSE!

Now, man's thirst for someone to care for is partially (and therefore temporarily) satisfied by finding a spouse, but he soon needs more. He soon needs to show that same feeling, that same concern for others that he has thus far reserved for his spouse to others, in order to continue feeling that feeling of blissful peace that he felt on his first date.



Often this frustration, which both partners feel, leads to constant bickering. And so once again, they are in search of a soul mate. Someone to fill that need. Some of the more stubborn ones stick it out to old age, unhappily resigning themselves to a lifetime manacled to someone they thought possessed the other half of their soul.

Of course, most simply call it quits and go off in search of someone else to give them their "fix". They then repeat this cycle and all too soon are left more empty than before. That this process describes nearly every marriage in this nation is depressing beyond expression, and is only made more lamentable by the fact that all that they really need to do is to, together, begin caring for others. Then, without neglecting each other, the needs of each are filled.

And I don't mean something exotic like missionary work – I mean making the world a better place wherever they are. All they need to do to save their marriage is work together for a common goal, for the good of something greater than either one of them! That is the only truly satisfying thing any human being can do, and the only way they can salvage their wrecked marriage, and indeed, their wrecked lives! **THIS IS THE ONLY** thing that can produce the sort of marriage that everyone wants!

Who hasn't heard something like "Our marriage was at it's best when she was having trouble with work, and we supported each other", or "they had the perfect marriage while he was struggling up the ladder of success, but once he got to the top, it just withered"?

I believe it stands proven that it is an inherent part of all of us to need to feel we are a part of something bigger and better than ourselves. I think it is established that happiness is brought about by helping others. But that feeling of happiness is precious, and requires regular maintenance. You can't help one little old lady across a street and be satisfied for the rest of your life, **BECAUSE THAT ISN'T ENOUGH!**

But all of this is quite easy to do. It's easy to put the key in the lock of contentment, if you only will. Let's take for example the elderly. How many ornery, cantankerous old people do you know? Bitter, wizened people who feel that the world owes them something? They feel this way because they lived a long life, and it never got better than yours is right now. In fact, it probably got worse, as yours will given time, if you don't do something soon. And after a lifetime of this, never having felt this feeling I'm describing for more than a few brief moments, they feel the world owes them that feeling.

So how then can these same elderly people be happy? By feeling needed, and by being able to help other people. How can

they do that? By **DOING SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE BESIDES THEMSELVES!** But you might ask, "they are old, and tired, what can they do?" My response is that if they aren't too old and tired to make other people miserable and hate them, **THEY AREN'T TOO OLD TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY!**

If they can't do anything else, they can knit coats and their grandchildren can sell them on Ebay! They can grow a garden to give food to their neighbors. Regardless of their condition, they can do **SOMETHING** that helps someone besides themselves, and in so doing, will at last find happiness in their old age, and be **PLEASANT** to be around, instead of avoided and shunned by their children and friends whom they have alienated with their precocious attitudes!

This one principle will fix the life of anyone on earth, not just the elderly. It will make anyone happy regardless of his circumstances. It will make him, as Paul said, happy in whatever state he finds himself (**Philippians 4:11**). Have you ever seen travelogues or video clips of third-world countries, with squalor and poverty everywhere you look, and the children playing in the street, and in many cases **THEY ARE HAPPIER THAN OUR CHILDREN ARE!**

Compare the expressions on the faces of children in **OUR** schools to those on people in other countries! Smile for smile, we are one of the unhappiest nations on earth, because **WE ARE ONE OF THE MOST SELFISH PEOPLE ON EARTH!**

We are drunk on the idea of getting ahead, high on the "American dream" of the 3000 square foot suburban house with 3 new cars in the driveway, and have totally forgotten how to care for anyone but ourselves, **EVEN WHEN THAT SOMEONE IS A SPOUSE OR RELATIVE! AND THIS IS WHY WE ARE UNHAPPY!**

So far we've only spoke of the route to happiness on an individual level. But what if, instead of one lone man doing it, **ALL OF MANKIND DID IT!** What if **EVERYONE** sought happiness in helping others! Can you even picture such a society?

For now, we can feel fulfilled and completed, even without that "perfect partner" (who, as you think of them, almost certainly does not exist), by making the lives of others better. Even in this depraved world, we have no excuse for not doing this. But can you imagine a society populated by people, who **ALL** did this?

Words fail me to describe it, so imagine it for yourself. Ponder it well, for it is the future God has in mind for this Earth.

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You see, God designed Man to create this society you just pictured, automatically.

God created man "hollow" so that a thinking person could see the happiness that following God's way provides, both for you, and everyone around you! He created us this way so that people would not be left without a guide in righteousness. In short, this hole is God's way of making Man upright!

**Ecclesiastes 7:29** *Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.*

God **DESIGNED MANKIND TO NEED TO LOVE SOMEONE**, and **MANKIND WILL BE EMPTY UNTIL HE FILLS THAT NEED!** Man in general can reject it, he is free to do so, but **SOME FEW** will make the connection between a certain action and happiness, and the opposite action and sorrow, **AND FEWER STILL WILL HAVE THE STRENGTH TO OBEY THAT KNOWLEDGE AND BE HAPPY!**

**Matthew 22:36-40** *Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

The **BIBLE** was written to teach Man how to be happy! Not merely to obey the laws of stealing to prevent you from hurting other people, but to actually **MAKE YOURSELF HAPPY BY OBEYING THEM!** It was written to tell **YOU** how to fill that **HOLE IN YOURSELF!**

**Proverbs 29:18** *Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that KEEPETH THE LAW, HAPPY IS HE.*

The **ENTIRE BIBLE** boils down to the law and the prophets, and all of the law and the prophets hangs on those two commandments, and *that* comes down to...

**Matthew 7:12** *Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.*

These scriptures were written to teach you how to fill that hole! They were passed down to us so that we, too, would have access to the only knowledge that can give us contentment! **THIS IS THE SECRET OF LIFE**, and the **MEANING OF LIFE!**

The secret of life is in caring more for others than you do for yourself! (**Philippians 2:3**) When you care for **THEIR** needs, you are serving something greater than yourself, and you can at last feel you **BELONG!**

**Acts 20:35** *... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

These are no idle platitudes as you've always heard them spouted by men who **didn't know what it meant to give!** These are not abstract concepts blurted out by the

“holy” people to make themselves look good in the eyes of everyone else!

Those people aren't happy – No, they are some of the most miserable people on Earth, because THEY don't have the keys to happiness, they CANNOT have the keys to happiness, because THEY are filling that hole in themselves not with giving, but with RECEIVING GLORY FROM MEN! The flattery of men satiates their thirst, BUT IT CAN NEVER SATISFY IT!

They don't know what LOVE is, so they can't GIVE IT, and can never be filled with empty pleasures enough to know happiness! They will give a homeless drunk \$10 so he can go buy more booze. That doesn't help him! It only helps him continue hurting himself!

It doesn't help your children to bail them out of jail for a crime they committed! It strengthens them in their evil! It doesn't help society to feed a stray cat so it can produce a dozen more stray cats in six months, all of whom will be hungry and suffering and starving!

**THESE THINGS ARE NOT ACTS OF LOVE, BUT ACTS OF HATE!**

It doesn't help society to pick up cans along a roadside, or to volunteer at local charities. It doesn't help mankind to fluff the pillows of the belligerent elderly, nor does it TRULY help ONE SINGLE PERSON to do the things this world calls love!

It DOES NOT HELP that homeless drunk to give him money to buy another drink, or even another meal, because tomorrow he will want another! BUT IT WOULD HELP HIM, and it WOULD help ALL OF MANKIND, to teach him the TRUTH about God! To teach HIM the meaning of life! To teach HIM the gospel Christ preached, and to teach HIM how to turn society around into the GARDEN OF EDEN THAT IT COULD BE!

THE SECRET OF LIFE is not the FAKE, HARMFUL “LOVE” that this world teaches and does, it's not do-gooder societies, charities, and hateful old ladies hidden by a mask of love and so-called “good works”, the secret of life is the TRUE LOVE OF GOD! The love that will condemn sin, the love that will CONVICT the world of it's evil and make it change! NOT the love that will give a rebellious sinner a meal, but the LOVE that will MAKE HIS LIFE HAPPY FOR ALL TIME! The love that will TELL a thief why he will always take and never be satisfied! The right love will produce, the love that MUST PRODUCE JOYFUL relationships, and HAPPY homes! THIS IS THE MEANING OF LIFE!

**Romans 13:8** *Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and*

*if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

And now it's time to spring upon you the thrilling conclusion I've been building up to... Do you know why Man has this deficiency? Do you know why MAN is missing a piece of himself? Do you know why GOD BUILT US TO NEED TO GIVE SOMETHING TO SOMEONE ELSE TO FEEL COMPLETE? **BECAUSE GOD HIMSELF HAS THAT SAME HOLE IN HIS SOUL!**

We are created in the Image of God, after His likeness! We are PATTERNED after God Himself! God IS Love, and WHAT USE IS LOVE unless you have someone to whom to give it? What use is caring, if you have only yourself to care for? NONE! Just as you have discovered in your short life, the most beautiful sunset is wasted if you have no one with whom to share it!

GOD is a “Hollow” God! God NEEDS that very same thing He created us to need! God NEEDS beings to love, to fulfill HIS nature, and FILL THAT GAP GNAWING AT HIS PSYCHE! God is half a God with half a heart, who will never be completed until His family numbers in the Billions, with BILLIONS OF PEOPLE TO MAKE HAPPY!

**Revelation 4:11** *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

WE WERE CREATED FOR THE PLEASURE OF ALMIGHTY GOD! **WE WERE CREATED THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEINGS WITH WHOM TO SHARE THE SUNSETS OF ALL THE UNIVERSE, AND THAT HE MIGHT HAVE PARTNERS FOREVER IN THE SHEER JOYS OF EXISTENCE!**

THAT IS WHY YOU WERE BORN, **AND HOW YOU CAN BE FOREVER HAPPY IN ANY SITUATION! THAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE!**

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I know will soon be a loving, faithful, righteous servant to our heavenly Father and a loving, faithful husband to me; as he is no good to me until he's acceptable in God's sight. Oh Holy Mighty God, you are exalted on high and you are indeed worthy of all praise! Hallelujah! In Jesus' precious and holy name... Hosanna in the Highest!

**March 4, 2009--Joyce E. Savannah**

Hi. Blessings upon you and your family. How are you doing? I haven't been in touch for awhile. I am now in college for Medical assisting and your Eternal has been wonderful to me. He is doing all of this. I am just putting one foot in front of the other and following him faithfully. He has opened doors for me to get Grants and Scholarships since the spring quarter of 2008. Please include me in prayer as I have to have a tooth extracted on the 13th of March. It has 3 roots and they seem to be in my sinus cavity and this is a problem for extraction. I may be left with an empty space that may need repair after extraction, and we are into finals in college for the next three weeks. My GPA will be about 3.97 at the end of the quarter so I really need to maintain my attendance. Thank you, Joyce E. Savannah, Washington State

**March 18, 2009--Joyce E. Savannah**

Shabbat Shalom, and Happy Sabbath to all. I am recovering from the tooth extraction yesterday (3-13-09) and I am using herbal extracts to heal. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. I am still under some heavy duty pain medication so I will be quick. I did develop hives from the antibiotic after just one capsule so I am grateful for the knowledge of herbals and herbal extracts. Everything went very good and I don't have any indication that my sinus cavity was compromised. Thank you again, and blessings upon all the body of the Messiah. Joyce E. Savannah

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[http://voiceinthewildernesschurchofgod.org/Update\\_12-21-08.html](http://voiceinthewildernesschurchofgod.org/Update_12-21-08.html)

Thank You,  
Bill Goff

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**East Africa --- Part #2 (02-25-09)**

**by William P. Goff**

**(Tuckerton, New Jersey)**

Greetings,

Our brethren in E. Africa continue to suffer in their everyday life, as some of them are now going a day or two per week without food. It is hard for some of us to comprehend this, but it is reality for our brethren living there where famine is steadily increasing due to a lack of rain.

Kenya said on Friday (January 9) it would declare a national emergency over a drought that has left 10 million people needing food aid in East Africa's richest nation. The arid, northern areas are the worst hit in Kenya by a drought that is causing hardship around the East and Horn of Africa, particularly Somalia and Ethiopia.

"The Government is to declare a National Emergency in regard to the prevailing drought and famine situation in the country that has rendered nearly ten million Kenyans food insecure," said a statement from President Mwai Kibaki's office. Source: Reuters

More than three million Kenyans are threatened with starvation after a series of droughts, according to the World Food Program. Kenya is suffering one of its worst droughts in decades. Seasonal long rains failed this year and in the northern and eastern regions of the country 80% of the livestock has already died.

The WFP's deputy country director for Kenya, David Fletcher, says people are selling their camels, cattle and goats for knockdown prices. "In some parts some people are down to their last goat," he said. Many of those affected are pastoralists who graze cattle and goats in the semi-desert scrub. Kenyan TV reported that more than half of Kenya's population are facing the famine.



Failing crops threaten a crisis

We have a good network set up in E. Africa for a few years now where we stay in constant contact with approximately 12 Church of God groups there. James Mutulu, the overseer based in Nairobi also travels to visit each group from time to time. Most of our brethren living in Kenya and Tanzania are hard working peasant farmers, but have no control over the current whether conditions.

If you can possibly help our brethren there, please send that help to: Kenya Hands Of Hope, 120 Stage Road, Tuckerton, N.J. 08087

We started "KHOH" a few years ago to try and raise funds to help our brethren who are living in that 3<sup>rd</sup> world Country. We are 501c3 Tax-Exempt and will immediately send you a receipt for any and all donations.

Please don't hesitate to call us at the phone number below if you have questions.

Thank You,  
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**Appreciation (02-08-08)**

**by Dianne D. McDonnell**

**(Arlington, Texas)**

**Dianne D. McDonnell writes:**  
I appreciate the work you two do!

**Laura Lee writes:**  
Thank you, this really made our day.

**Letter found on line at:**  
<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0050/12009-050-03.htm>

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**Plus Donations? (7-8-07)**  
**by Myra McQueen (Odessa, Texas)**

**This letter is in response to the item "Why a Paid Subscription?", which was published in Issue #40.**

**Myra McQueen writes:**  
Plus donations? Why am I not surprised? Myra

**Laura Lee writes:**  
And why am I not surprised you are writing to me again. The donations collected are to cover the subscription cost of **newsletters** for those who want a hard copy

for various reasons, but cannot afford to pay the subscription cost.

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**Pray for Grace Childrens**

**Orphanage (09-30-07)**

**by John Nethala (India)**

We truly believe our strongest mission as Christians is to show God's love by meeting the needs of our neighbors. "Very few people are called to foreign full-time mission work; therefore, the rest of God's people are called to minister where we live and work, in our everyday lives. Being 'the body of Christ' means we will minister in a variety of ways. **Grace Childrens Orphanage.org** is one of those ways."

Please share this news of our kids ministry to your church members and neighbors, I would like to help the Leper families. We need your prayers and help. Our website is: <http://graceorphanage.org/>

**Letter found on line at:**  
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**Something to Think About?**

**(07-06-08)**

**by J. Richard Niemela**

**(Reston, Virginia)**

**This letter is in response to the article [The Tribe of Judah in "The Latter Days"](#), which was published in [Issue #45](#).**

**J. Richard Niemela writes:**  
LEE"S...The attached article by Steven M. Collins that claims that the Jews are really of the Tribe of Judah and thus Israelites is nothing but garbage and not Biblical...Proof comes from II Kings 18:13 that states that the "*Fenced cities of Judah were taken into the Assyrian captivity*" So does Isaiah 36:1..where it speaks of Sennacharib *taking all the fenced cities of Judah*...Subsequent study shows that around 54 of the cities of ancient Judah were taken into the Assyrian captivity, indicating that ALL of the 12 tribes of ancient Israel and Judah went into this same Assyrian captivity..

Proof: James 1:1, in his salutation, states that he is speaking to all 12 tribes scattered abroad. So did the Jewish Pharisees who wondered at a comment of Jesus' about going to "other sheep"...wondering if He was speaking about



those of Israel scattered in other nations.

Further, a clay prism found over 120 years ago and written by Sennacherib or his people, recounted the numbers of people and animals taken in that round up of the fenced cities of Judah.

Only Jerusalem and two small towns nearby were not taken by the Assyrians, but the Bible begins calling this mixed crowd, the "inhabitants", the "residue" of Judah...they became very commingled with Edom and then this crowd also went into captivity, the Babylonian captivity, 130 years after the last Assyrian raids...which concluded around 721 B.C.

For Collins to make the statement that today's Jews are Israelites flies in the face of reality...Even Jesus was most clear about these "false jews", for His comments in Rev. 2:9 and 3:9 point directly to these current Jews...who are in reality and admittedly, are Ashkenazic's....and in Gen. 10:1-3 it is plainly read that Ashkenaz was a Grandson of Noah's son Japheth...thus not being of Shem, they are NOT Semitic! As Ashkenazic's, their origins trace directly to the ancient Khazarian empire of central Russia which converted to Babylonian Talmudic Judaism in 740 A.D. ...This group converted almost entirely to this Judaism, which has little resemblance to the Hebrewism of the past. In 1240 A.D., the Russians drove these Khazars into western Russia, beyond the pale so to speak, into the Ukraine and into western Europe...the source of 90% of the world's Jews...WHO ARE NOT ISRAELITES and thus not qualified to usurp the lands of Palestine!

Collins for some reason, probably personal, seeks to justify the Jews of today...what hold they have over him remains to be seen, but he well knows that the Jews of today are living lies and their entire program of being the chosen is a complete hoax!

Collins would seek to change history to accommodate this hoax, but if we read Jesus' words in Rev. 2:9, we can see how well they fit into today's world wherein the "risen-up" Jews have taken their real enemies, Christian Israel captive...He stated: **"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."**

**Laura Lee writes:**

Satan has many counterfeits which are devised to turn all people from believing and doing what God wants according to scripture. Some famous counterfeits would be the replacement of the Saturday Sabbath with Sunday and the replacement of God's Holy Days with secular holidays.

Satan also supports a church which is

devised with deception so great as to fool even God's elect. From the online encyclopedia Wikipedia it states the following: As of 1993 there were 160,000 adherents of Messianic Judaism in the United States and 350,000 worldwide. As of 2003, there were at least 150 Messianic synagogues in the U.S. and over 400 worldwide. By 2008, the number of Messianics in the United States was around a quarter million. The number of Messianic Jews in Israel is reported to be anywhere between 6,000 and 15,000 members. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Messianic\\_Jews](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Messianic_Jews)

The Messianic Jewish movement is one of the fastest growing false religions in the world right now. It has hooked in not just people from protestant or catholic churches worldwide, but it has hooked in many people who were formerly of the Church of God, whether converted or non converted people I would not know. The reason this group is so deceptive is that on the surface it appears to adhere to scripture but does not adhere to scripture in many areas.

These people are known worldwide as "Messianic Jews" and most of them, if not all of them are not Jews at all. If you have ever encountered such a group you will also find that they use phraseology such as we must get back to our Hebrew Roots in order to be as God wants. Much of their emphasis in teaching is based on the traditions of real Jewish people, such as dress, language, dance, songs etc. and not so much on teaching that the Holy Days or the Food Laws must be kept, and many of them adhere to belief in the trinity doctrine and keep Christmas. These are people who are literally trying to be Jews when in fact they are not Jews at all. These are people who even call themselves Jews, when in fact they are not Jews. Most Messianic Jews have no Jewish Lineage at all.

The Messianic Jewish movement is dangerous because it does look so much like God's true church on the surface but is not. We as God's people are not called to dress and act like Jews, we are called instead to keep God's Law as the Jews preserved it for us. Each of the tribes of Israel were different from each other in speech, dress and tradition. Look at the US and Great Britain. These are brother nations and yet their speech and customs are distinct to them and we should not want to be British and speak as they do if we are Americans or vice versa. Each tribe had their own distinctions from each other.

The Jewish traditions are flamboyant and fun to many people, but God has not called us to be flamboyant due to our dress or the fact that we can speak Hebrew and others cannot. God has called us to keep His law and many times that is not flamboyant

and fun to most people, but it is the best way of life in the world. Do not be sidetracked by giving up what is right for what seems more fun to do.

I personally believe that many people have been deceived into becoming a part of the Messianic Jewish movement in various ways. I also will take a stand on this and tell you J. Richard Niemela that you should probably take a second look at the way you put history together. The people who are truly claiming to be Jews can be proven not to be Jews at all and the group is growing rapidly and causing great destruction to God's people as a whole.

Rev. 2:9 says: "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."

Rev. 2:9 is a message to the Church in Smyrna and for our time also since it is a part of scripture. The message of this verse is that Smyrna, this group of God's people are rich because they are following God and doing what God says, but are physically in tribulation and poverty. Apparently this church is affected or in tribulation due to a type of religious movement of people claiming to be Jews and deceiving many. Since this is a message to one of God's Churches we have to assume that this is of a spiritual or religious connotation and not a point of lineage. It is said here that these people claiming to be Jews are really not Jews at all but are the synagogue of Satan. This is still talking in a spiritual or religious or church connotation and not of lineage. It calls them the synagogue of Satan as in comparison to the Church of God which is addressed in verse 8 and the beginning of verse 9.

According to history, the church in Smyrna was being oppressed because they worshipped the true God and those who were claiming to be Jews in Smyrna partook of their main religion of "Emperor Worship" in order not to be martyred. To bring this back to our day now, you do not have to get back to Hebrew Roots in order to worship the true God so do not be deceived by any group who is claiming to be Jewish but really is not Jewish at all. The Messianic Jewish movement fits the spiritual connotation of Revelations 2:9 better than any spiritual or religious movement I know of in our day. We have personally encountered Messianic Jews in our own town and their friendliness is skin deep, their flamboyance is for public show and they play this one to exaggeration in some cases. They do not consider you to be brethren unless you partake of their traditions of dress, dance and speech. The Messianic Jews will not be martyred because they will change as chameleons in order to avoid it. They are like a group who has one foot in the

Catholic Church and the other foot in the Church of God. They can go in which ever direction works at the time in order to avoid being martyred for Christ. It also does not matter what ones lineage is, for the Messianic Jewish movement takes anyone who will act as they do and they use the same scriptures about being grafted in that the Church of God uses.

I caution anyone who is either in a Messianic Jewish group or anyone who is thinking about joining this type of a group to do a lot of research in regard to them and what they truly belief as a whole and in the local group you are in or want to join, because many of their beliefs are or can be drastically different and many of their beliefs are not found in the Bible.

**J. Richard Niemela writes:**

The word *Satan*, emerges from the Hebrew word, *Sawtawn*, which literally translates as *Adversary*...thus Jesus noted that this synagogue of theirs was filled with "Adversaries." *Satan* was thus a transliterated word, made into a proper noun from an original common noun by the stroke of a pen...(But this was also done to the Greek word "Diabolos", which literally translated as "false accuser/adversary"...but again, in keeping in line with the errors in Hebrew, this word Diabolos was also transliterated---into the proper noun, Devil....Who gave this permission to change the Word?

Something to think about.

**Steven M. Collins writes:**

I'd be happy to respond to your questions and comments. There is no conflict between the Bible and my writings re: Judah. It is true that many Jews of the kingdom of Judah were taken captive by Assyria circa 721 BC when the kingdom of Israel fell (as II Kings 18:13 relates). However, if you read the next few chapters, you will see the largest fortified city in all of Judah, Jerusalem itself, was not taken. The Assyrians laid siege to Jerusalem, but Hezekiah's prayer moved God to spare the city. God sent an angel to slay the entire 185,000 man Assyrian army that was attacking Jerusalem (II Kings 19:35). The Assyrian's promptly retreated after that back to Mesopotamia. Many people from "the other fortified cities of Judah" had, no doubt, taken refuge in Jerusalem during the Assyrian invasion as it was the largest and best-defended city. When the Assyrians retreated from Judah, these Jews of the tribe of Judah who survived the siege inside Jerusalem resettled their old homes and villages and the kingdom of Judah continued until approximately 576 BC. II Kings 25 relates the final fall of Judah long after the Assyrian invasion mentioned in II Kings 18:13. One needs to read the entire text of

the Bible to get the full picture. The Bible clearly shows the largest Judahite city of Jerusalem was *not* conquered by Assyria. Judah was diminished in size and population by the Assyrians, but Judah survived for about another 150 years according to the Bible. As you can see from the Bible's text, my accounts about Judah are correct.

James 1:1 is addressed to all 12 tribes scattered abroad because that is where they were. Only a small delegation of Judah's people returned to Judea under Ezra and Nehemiah. Most of the tribe of Judah stayed in Persia, as Josephus makes clear (*Antiquities*, XI, III, 10). When James wrote his book in the 1st century AD, far more Jews lived in Asia than in Judea. Persia had been ruled by the Parthian Empire for centuries before James wrote his book. Parthia was an empire dominated by the ten tribes of Israel, but secular sources confirm many Jews still lived in Parthian regions and they enjoyed many freedoms under Parthian rule. James appropriately greeted the many members of the tribe of Judah which were outside of Roman Judea at the time he penned the book of Hebrews.

Some Edomites merged into the Judeans who lived near Jerusalem in Christ's time. Josephus acknowledges this, but it was the Jews who absorbed the Edomites, not the other way around (*Antiquities*, XII, IX, 1). The Bible allows for other groups to attach themselves into an Israelite tribe if they forsake their foreign gods (Leviticus 19:33-34, Ezekiel 47:22-23). The Edomites who merged into the Judean population in Roman Judea forsook their foreign gods and ways so this is not a problem.

I admit it is wearying to respond to those people who refuse to see the obvious biblical and secular evidence that modern Jews/Israelis are the modern tribe of Judah. *Can we agree that God knows who the modern tribe of Judah is?* In Zephaniah 2: God Himself prophesied that Judah (the *real* Jews) would found a new homeland in the old Promised Land in the latter days. This happened in 1948. Zephaniah 2:6-7 foretold the "seacoast" would be their primary territory and Ashkelon would be one of their cities. The UN partition of Palestine resulted in a Jewish nation located mostly on the seacoast and the Israeli nation includes Ashkelon. God used modern Jews (both Ashkenazi and Sephardic) to fulfill his prophecy about "Judah" in the latter days. This is very clear, and that settles the issue.

God unmistakably identified the modern Jews as the tribe of Judah when he used their members to found the new nation of Judah in 1948. Case closed. However, there will always be some stubborn ones who will not even accept God's deciding evidence on this matter.

**Laura Lee writes:**

To Steve and all of God's people, do not become weary to answer questions. If someone asks in regard to any given subject a hundred times or more we need to continue to answer until the right words are said and the light bulb comes on.

**Letter found on line at:**

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0050/12009-050-06.htm>

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***My Religion is Superior to Your Religion? (09-24-08)***

***by Isaya Ouma Owak (Kenya)***

**Laura Lee writes:**

Recently Isaya Ouma Owak unsubscribed from our email list, stating the following reason:

**Isaya Ouma Owak writes:**

It has caused me problem with my senior pastor in United States.

**Laura Lee writes:**

Dear Isaya, You have been removed from "The Church of God Messenger" email address book, but if speaking to us, your brethren, causes you to have a problem with your senior pastor in the United States, perhaps you should rethink where this pastor is leading you, as it is not Biblical for anyone to tell you who you can and cannot speak to. You are to follow Christ and not men.

**Isaya Ouma Owak writes:**

Hello Mr. Darwin, Thanks for your in put but I have to say I have seen you white people are all that way. I have experience this since I join Church of God, starting by **Worldwide Church of God**, the ministers were behaving the same so I do not know that what **Mr. Armstrong** used to say that whites are superior than black is still with all the ministers that have background from **Worldwide**.

I do see that the Sunday keeping churches have more love and respect to their African brethren than Church of God groups.

The whites in Churches of God do colonize members minds and they think they are working your salvation for you. Thanks, Isaya

**Laura Lee writes:**

First of all Darwin never wrote to you, I did. Second, my letter to you had nothing to do with race, whether black or white. Third, I am not the senior minister telling you not to speak to other brethren. Fourth, I am unaware that **Herbert Armstrong** taught that whites are superior to black people, but if he

did this, shame on him. Fifth you are the one carrying out the orders of your senior pastor, so you seem to be behaving in exactly the same manner as your senior pastor behaves. Sixth since you no longer want to speak to me perhaps you are the one that feels you are superior to me based on your brand of religion. Seventh, I certainly would not argue the point that Sunday keeping churches are more outwardly loving and friendly than Seventh day churches are, however con artists are always a lot more friendly and loving, it's part of the con. Eighth, it looks as if your senior pastor is colonizing your mind to get you to believe that he is working out your salvation and part of that is to stop speaking to us your brethren, which is not Biblical.

There is far too much of this racism going on within the Church of God where people are saying they have a more superior form of religion and show this to be true in their actions of not having anything to do with or not speaking to others within the church who do not believe as they believe. There are also those who just follow the same practice because someone told them to do it as is happening in this case. I cannot emphasize anything more than to say you will not save yourself by saying so and so or the devil told me to do it. Each and every person is responsible for his or her own decisions and actions.

Yes, God certainly does have a strict set of beliefs which He wants all of His people to follow. However God also says in His word that we as His people are to grow in grace and knowledge. If one grows in grace and knowledge, that means you don't yet have it all, so then why do you go around judging your brethren as evil when you yourself do not possess all knowledge? Many of you will find out in the end that you are wrong and then what will you do? Oh, dear God, my minister made me do it? Satan made me do it? You are responsible for your own decisions and actions whether right or wrong.

Do you not know that Satan is the one who does not want God's people to speak to each other? It is the same principle as when a rumor or a story is going around about someone. Someone tells you something about another person and most people will either spread the story around or they will just not repeat it but still believe it to be true. What a person should do is go to the person that is being talked about and ask them for their side of the story.

There are many thousands of subjects within God's word that can be studied and there is no one person who can study and understand every one of those subjects and get it right all by themselves. God's people need fellowship and study with other brethren in order to come to right knowledge. Why do you think the church is so rampant with silly

beliefs that seem to multiply over night? Its because people do not talk to anyone about those doctrines before they spread them around as if they are truth. People who do not study believe them and spread them around some more. You cannot stop this by not speaking to other brethren. It can only be stopped by showing people why certain things can not and are not true and in order to do that and get anywhere, you have to be friends with and be speaking to people who do not understand. You do not cut them off so they can promote all manner of fables to other unsuspecting people.

This religious racism in the Church of God must end and it starts with you and each person individually.

**Letter found on line at:**

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0050/I2009-050-07.htm>

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**New Email Address (02-29-08)  
by Joyce Papay (Wadsworth, Ohio)**

**This letter is in addition to the letter "Old WCG Radio Programs", which was published in Issue #38.**

Hello! My email has changed. To get the Old WCG Radio Programs and other material, email [COGCD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:COGCD@GMAIL.COM) and ask for an order blank. My address is still the same COG CDS, PO Box 442, Wadsworth, OH 44281. I no longer have the small website. You can download material at this website <http://www.herbert-warmstrong.org/index2.html> Thanks! COG CDS

**Letter found on line at:**

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0050/I2009-050-08.htm>

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**In Need of Fellowship (2-16-08)  
by Les Parker (Kodak, Tennessee)**

**Les Parker writes:**

I moved to this area about a year ago and currently attend the Adventist Church in Sevierville, Tennessee. I attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and met a person who gave me the address and phone number of their church but I lost it along with my check book. Second how can I find out if there is any organization holding a feast site in Tennessee or Carolina?

**Laura Lee writes:**

Go to: <http://www.darwinlauralee.com/> and scroll down the page until you see: Feast

of Tabernacles Sites then click and it will take you to a whole list of sites.

**Les Parker writes:**

I have been out of the loop for a few years and am trying to get back into keeping the Holy Days but I have not been able to locate a church group and can not afford a phone hook up. I do not know even where I can receive sermon CD's.

**Laura Lee writes:**

We do not have any sermon CD's on our web site, but we do have a lot of study material in the form of articles by various authors. For other groups that may or may not have CD sermons go to: <http://www.darwinlauralee.com/> and then click on Web Site Links in the first section. That will take you to links of other groups that perhaps have what you are looking for.

We also publish a 24 page **Church of God Newsletter** every 2 months that you can download for free. If you need a hard copy and cannot afford to pay for it yourself, I can send you the form in the mail for you to fill out and it would be paid for by others. If you can afford the hard copy subscription price, you can just use the link on our web site and pay for it through pay pal. If you can download it, it is free.

I hope this information helps you in some way. Our web site is: <http://www.darwinlauralee.com/>

**Les Parker writes:**

Any help in this area would be most appreciated. The Adventists respect my beliefs but it would be nice to attend one that keeps the Holy Days or at least attend the Holy Days.

May YASHUA BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE, Sincerely.

**Laura Lee writes:**

Any one wanting to contact Les Parker, please email us at: [the-cog-messenger@earthlink.net](mailto:the-cog-messenger@earthlink.net)

**Letter found on line at:**

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**PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES ---**

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To send out prayer requests without joining our list, use the form at: <http://darwinlauralee.com/data/05-21-06.htm> or join our prayer request list by using the form at: <http://darwinlauralee.com/data/05-17-06.htm>

**January 21, 2009--Irwin Sollars**

Hello, I have a friend, Irwin Sollars, who attends with United Church of God who has recently been diagnosed with terminal prostate cancer. He would certainly appreciate your prayers. Some of you may know him, he was a member of WWCG for many years and is now attending United. Please pray for him, his situation does not have to be terminal if we beseech God for his healing. Thanks, Howard Naasz

**February 4, 2009--Unknown**

Oh how magnificent and holy is my almighty God in heaven and I just want to share with the world the awesome works of his hands towards my family and me, so I praise him and offer him thanks in the name of his son Jesus Christ our holy prince of peace, for blessing us so richly. Some months ago my mother noticed a swelling in the joint of her right thumb and upon investigation, doctors concluded that it was a tumor and scheduled surgery to have the growth removed. I'm so thankful and relieved to report that the surgery was a success and there were no complications. The pain has been minimal and she has been resting comfortably; even venturing to do some house work - against the doctors' orders and the advice of us at home. But I'm so filled with gratefulness in my heart. So many things could have gone completely wrong with her surgery but our wonderful, merciful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ took care of everything and my mother is now healing nicely. There is none greater than he and I praise him and bless his name; Even in advance for the conversion and salvation of the souls of my family members and my friend Marc, who I know will soon be a loving, faithful, righteous servant to our Heavenly Father and a loving and faithful husband to me (He is no good to me until he's acceptable in God's sight). All my hope is in the Lord and I believe in him and trust in his grace, infinite wisdom, and everlasting mercy that everything is going to work out just fine in my life and the lives of my family. Only he is God and only he is worthy of all praise. Hallelujah in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom all blessings flow. Amen.

**February 4, 2009--Larry Graff and his family**

Please pray for the Larry Graff and his family. Larry Graff's dad died last week Wednesday.

**February 11, 2009--Kui**

Please say a prayer for Kui urgently. He called me but said nothing over the phone just an hour ago, and then he told me that his girlfriend left him, the girl got a baby, and she would like to kill the baby. Kui was very angry about her since Kui wants to have the baby, and now he is a bit mad with this and he is now alone at home. This triggers Kui's depression. Please say an urgent prayer for Kui, for his mind, his body and God will solve this problem! Thanks. Amen, Kris

**February 11, 2009--Unknown**

My heart rejoices in our marvelous God and I lift him up give him my highest praise from the depths of my soul in the name of his son Jesus Christ who sits at his right hand in Heaven for his great mercy towards me. I have been praying for some time now that God would lead me to the church that he wants me to worship him at. You see for years I've been worshiping him on my own at home, keeping his Sabbaths alone. I knew it was not enough but I was afraid to be influenced by false doctrines that are so prevalent these days. So I prayed that someone from the right church would invite me to attend their services and by the grace of my Heavenly Father an invitation came. My parents have been attending the Church of God 7th day for some years and invited me to their church last Sabbath. My next problem arose. I had to find something decent to wear in this age where every store you go to the items are scandalously high priced and too revealing; but again my God's grace was sufficient. I was able to find a few modest skirts and a blouse at a discount price. Isn't that amazing? I knew it was only by the work of my Holy savior's hands that I was able to find them. At church the members were so welcoming that at times I had to choke back the tears at how merciful and loving my Jesus is for leading me there. My God is so good to me and I just want to thank my precious Lord Jesus Christ for his awesome loving kindness towards me. I can't thank him enough. I can't praise him enough. Hallelujah! I also offer him my praise in advance for the conversion and salvation of the souls of my family members and my friend Marc, who I know will soon be a loving, faithful, righteous servant to our heavenly Father and a loving, faithful husband to me as he is no good to me until he's acceptable in God's sight. There is none like our Awesome God and none could ever be more worthy of praise than he. Glory to our God, the great I AM, forever and ever in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom all blessings flow. Amen.

**February 25, 2009--Unknown**

Oh Holy, Mighty God in Heaven, I worship you and Magnify your name. All praise and glory is yours and I offer my thanks in the name of your son Jesus Christ for all the wonderful blessings you brought to my life and the lives of my family members. Last Sabbath at the Church of God 7th day that I recently joined, the members decided on a day of prayer, repentance and fasting. It was my first such day and I, probably a little overzealous to impress the One Great Holy God that has done so much for me, ran into a little difficulty. I started out ok having a light snack just before sunset then continued with only water. Morning came and as the first pangs of hunger struck I thanked the Lord for allowing me the opportunity to participate in the days activities but by 15 hours into my fast the room started spinning and I started to feel ill. But by the grace of my savior Jesus Christ I was able to make it to 20 hours before feeling like I was going to pass out, at which point members of the church were able to convince me that I should at least have some fruit juice. But through my Lord, I made it and I hope my sacrifice was pleasing to him as I desire to please no other. So I again offer my highest thanks and praise for the strength he gave me to make it through that day. Hallelujah! I also praise him in advance for the conversion and salvation of the souls of my family members and my friend Marc, who

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**SABBATH SCHEDULE--BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA**

- February 20, 2009**----Bible Study
- February 21, 2009**----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #262 & Lesson #263
- February 28, 2009**----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- March 7, 2009**----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #264 & Lesson #265
- March 14, 2009**----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- March 21, 2009**----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #266 & Lesson #267
- March 18, 2009**----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- April 3, 2009**----Bible Study
- April 4, 2009**----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #268 & Lesson #269
- April 8, 2009**----Passover (See Ad)
- April 9, 2009**----First Day of Unleavened Bread (See Ad)
- April 11, 2009**----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- April 15, 2009**----Last Day of Unleavened Bread (See Ad)
- April 18, 2009**----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #270 & Lesson #271
- April 25, 2009**----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- May 2, 2009**----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #272 & Lesson #273
- May 9, 2009**----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- May 15, 2009**----Bible Study

If you want to host Sabbath Services and need 2 Sabbaths in a row for your presentation and/or would like to have your presentation listed on our Sabbath Schedule in our newsletter which is sent out to the public, the next deadline for that would be: April 15, 2009. On those Sabbaths of Open Hosting where no one signs up, we will just play a cassette tape by any of various speakers. All Sabbath Services are Hosted by Darwin & Laura Lee unless otherwise stated.

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**SABBATH SERVICES**

Every Saturday at 2:00 PM at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota (701) 258-7172  
Front Door Open at 1:00 PM for Fellowship

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**BIBLE STUDY**

Every 6 weeks on Friday at 8:00 PM at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota (701) 258-7172  
Front Door Open at 6:30 PM for Fellowship and Pot Luck Meal (Bring Food)

**God's Spring Festival 2009**

*Sent by Hal Geiger (Helenville, Wisconsin)*

These seven days were designed by God to grow closer to Him and one another. There will be many opportunities to study, sing, serve, dance, dine and fellowship.

Services on the first Holy Day, Thursday, April 9, will be at 2:00 pm with fellowship meal to follow.

Each weekday of the Feast, we'll have 9:00 am brunches and 10:00 am Bible studies/workshops. Evening meals will be shared around 6:00 pm.

Special youth activities (a treasure hunt, Bible baseball, etc.) will be included throughout the week; a movie night and a service project are being planned.

HYMN-ALONG and Praise Dancing, 7:00 pm, Friday, April 10

Services on the Sabbath, April 11, will be at 2:00 pm with a STEAK-OUT followed by a Family Fun show provided by YOU!

Wave Sheaf study 11:00 am, Sunday,

Services on the last Holy Day, Sabbath, April 15 will be at 11:00 am

RSVP by April 5 to Hal & Scarlet Geiger, 262-593-5637, Cell 262-490-8788 or [halgeiger@hotmail.com](mailto:halgeiger@hotmail.com)

**Got Ideas? Would you like to lead a workshop/Bible study/children's session/service project/song/dance? Let us know so we can put it in the final schedule.**

Item found on line at:

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## A Comparison of Napoleon and Hitler

by Craig White (Australia)

### Napoleon:

Did not gain control of the **HRE regalia** and in particular the **Spear of Longinus**. All leaders of the revived Roman system had control of these **regalia** and the **Spear**, except **Napoleon**.

Non-German/Austrian (but of noble background). All leaders of the revived Roman system have been Germanic, except **Napoleon**.

Did not officially claim to continue the Roman or Holy Roman Empires and his actions led to the abolition of the HRE (Holy Roman Empire).

Liberated the Jews (undid the restrictions placed on them in old Europe).

Married the Austrian daughter of the last Emperor of the HRE (Holy Roman Empire).

Called their son 'the King of Rome'.

In effect established a new hereditary system whereby relatives and loyal commanders were appointed as kings and other chief positions all over Europe.

Signed a concordat with the RCC.

Acted like a Roman Emperor.

Added the German lands of the defunct HRE to his Empire.

Called himself Emperor.

Incorporated some Roman symbols.

Invaded Russia.

Invaded the Middle East.

Had plans to invade the British Isles.

Prussians and other Germans turn on and fight **Napoleon**.

Took the Pope captive.

### Hitler:

Gained control of the **HRE regalia** and the **Spear of Longinus**.

German, but born in Austria.

Claimed to revive the Holy Roman Empire (the Third Reich)

Persecuted the Jews.

Married a 'common' woman.

Offspring, if any, unknown.

Set up SS breeding farms to breed a new ruling class – a super race.

Signed a concordat with the RCC.

Acted like a Roman Emperor.

Added the **Saar** and other areas to Germany.

Called himself *Fuhrer* (= Leader).

Incorporated some Roman symbols.

Invaded Russia.

Invaded the Middle East.

Had plans to invade the British Isles (followed by North America – much like the Germans in WW1).

Prussians and Germans at heart of **Hitler's** and previous HRE revivals.

Had plans to eliminate the RCC (Roman Catholic Church).

So, in some crucial areas, **Napoleon** falls short of representing the Roman system. But in others ways he did fulfill it. As such, he is an anomaly, yet he represents a revival of the Germanic Holy Roman system.

Item found on line at:

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### The Greatest Man in History-Jesus

Sent by Ted & Joanne Saunders (Renton, Washington)

Had no servants, yet they called Him Master.  
Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.  
Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.  
Had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.  
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.  
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today

AND

He is coming again!!!

Item found on line at:

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### PASSOVER --- DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

We will observe Passover here at 320 N. Griffin St., on the evening of Wednesday April 8, 2009, at Sunset. We will serve a meal. Because we are serving a meal, we do need to know ahead of time whether you are coming or not, because we will need for anyone who attends to also supply some of the food which is served and we need to know so we can have enough tables and chairs set up for those in attendance. Please bring your own tub and towel if you plan to participate in the foot washing observance. The next day, Thursday April 9, 2009, on the First Day of Unleavened Bread, we will have services at 2:00 PM. The front door will be open at 1:00 PM for fellowship. At 5:00 PM for anyone who would like to join us, we will meet for a meal and fellowship at the "Bonanza Buffet Restaurant" in Mandan. On Wednesday, April 15, 2009, the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, we will have services at 2:00 PM. The front door will be open at 1:00 PM for fellowship. At 5:00 PM for anyone who would like to join us, we will meet for a meal and fellowship at the "Golden Coral Buffet Restaurant" in Bismarck.

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### Ed Leedskalnin's Coral Castle

Sent by Win Powell (Lake Panasoffkee, Florida)

"I have discovered the secrets of the pyramids, and have found out how the Egyptians and the ancient builders in Peru, Yucatan, and Asia, with only primitive tools, raised and set in place blocks of stone weighing many tons!" - Edward Leedskalnin

For information and pictures go to: <http://www.labyrinthina.com/coral.htm>

Item found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0050/i2009-050-02.htm>

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to hydroplane -- when your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed and you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred.

The highway patrol estimated her car was actually traveling through the air at 10 to 15 miles per hour faster than the speed set on the cruise control.

The patrolman said this warning should be listed, on the driver's seat sun-visor - NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY, along with the airbag warning. We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed - but we don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the pavement is dry.

The only person the accident victim found, who knew this (besides the patrolman), was a man who had had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

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Subscription Update For Those Who Are Unable to Pay a Subscription Price for "The Church of God Messenger":

Gift Donations Received: Previous Balance: \$317.26

02-19-09 -- RL -- \$10.00 Total = \$10.00 THANK YOU!

Total Gift Donations: \$327.26

Subscriptions Requested: 01-06-09 -- Richard Mar 02-04-09 -- Robert Goldman 02-04-09 -- Marcos Gomez

1 Year Subscriptions Paid: Richard Mar -- \$22.20 Robert Goldman -- \$13.02 Marcos Gomez -- \$13.02

Postage Increase Extra stamps -- \$0.00

Amount Left: \$279.02

Subscription Requests Pending at this Time: None

### Never Knew this Before

Sent by Keith Slough (Kannapolis, North Carolina)

I wonder how many people know about this? A 36 year old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car.

A resident of Kilgore, Texas, she was traveling between Gladewater and Kilgore. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydroplane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence!

When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened he told her something that every driver should know - NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON. She had thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain.

But the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on and your car begins