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## Articles

### **How do they live with no sunlight?** (Copyright 2008) by Jonathan Gray (Thames, New Zealand)

He saw this lost city gleaming in the jungle Lloyd reports: “I was traveling with a band of native Indians near the headwaters of the Rio Usumacinta.”

After many days of hard travel, we climbed to the summit of a large ridge along the Sierra cordillera.

At a height of 10,000 feet, I could look over an immense plain that extended to the south and down to the Gulf of Mexico.

“From that vantage point I saw a marvelous city that extended over a great area. There were high, white turrets that glistened in the sun.”

Lloyd Stephens motioned for his porters to march toward the city. As he said later, “I was extremely excited at the thought of finding a lost metropolis in this dense green jungle.”

**NOT ALLOWED IN**

“This is as far as a white man may go,” an elderly Indian told Stephens. “The people in that city know that white invaders have conquered this land. They murder any white man who enters the city.”

“How have they remained undiscovered for so many years?” asked the explorer.

“They have no coins, no livestock, or domestic animals,” replied his informant. “The buildings you see are not inhabited. They have left the city and moved underground to save themselves from the white invaders.”

“How do they live underground?” asked Stephens. “Without sunlight, they would surely die after a few weeks in a cave.”

**HOW THEY LIVE WITH NO SUNLIGHT**

The old Indian looked at the explorer with amusement. “There are many secrets in this world,” he responded. “These people have known the formula for the great light for thousands of years.”

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Okay, are you ready for this delicious fruit salad of ancient secrets?

For starters, feast with me on this sample:

**LETTER WRITING:** Would you like to know what kind of letters people wrote 2,400 years ago? Would you like to see an actual letter that a scared passenger wrote on board a ship?

**MICRO TECHNOLOGY:** Did you know that thousands of years ago, they were able to manufacture micro-filigree objects from 1.2 inches (3 cm) down to an incredible 0.003 millimeters, something our technology is only now just beginning to achieve?

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:** Were you aware that a reed musical instrument of ancient Greece is virtually the same as one played in the Solomon Islands and the Andes highlands of South America? It has an almost identical structure. Even the pitch is the same.

**UNDERSEA TUNNEL:** Did Gibraltar’s apes really migrate through an undersea tunnel from Africa?

**MYSTERY ON MARS:** Strange pear-shaped objects recently discovered on Mars were described also by our ancient ancestors? How did they know?

**POWER DRILLS:** Did you know that Egyptian drills were turning “500 times faster” than modern power drills?

**CEMENT TOO STRONG TO BREAK:** Have you heard about the cement, as thin as a sheet of tissue paper, that joins the massive stones of the Great Pyramid? And can hold a vertical joint as large as 5 feet by 7 feet in area. The cement is so tough that the limestone blocks will break before the cement gives way. Modern chemists can analyze this cement, but are UNABLE TO PRODUCE IT.

**VALLEYS OF POISON:** Do you know about the mysterious valleys of poison on Indonesia’s island of Java?

**LOST AUSTRALIAN CITY:** Have you heard of the secret city of Burrungu, which the Australian aborigines claim is hidden in the remote hinterlands of northern Australia? Three white men who have visited its remains reported ruined walls, stone houses, wide courtyards, and stately arches that look down upon statues set along tree-shaded streets.

**BOOMERANGS:** Were you aware that not only the Australian aborigines, but also ancient races in Arizona, in the Arctic Circle, India, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, the Pacific and Africa, all used the boomerang?

**TAXIS WITH METERS:** Have you heard about the “taxis” complete with automatic meters that were used by the ancient Romans.

**EGYPTIAN CAVES IN GRAND CANYON:** Did you know that earlier reports of Egyptian mummies and artefacts in Grand Canyon tunnels are looking more plausible now, since a more recent backpackers, discovery?

**CHEMISTRY SCIENCE:** Analysis of the contents of ancient cosmetic jars has revealed that the ancient Egyptians practiced sophisticated chemistry techniques 4,000 years ago.

**EVERYDAY LIVING:** Here are some more everyday items used in the ancient world: Tablecloths, Table napkins, Paper money, Mittens, Wigs, Brushes and combs, Face powder and rouge, Iron pens with diamond points. And that’s just for starters!

**DROWNED CITIES:** The remains of hundreds of cities drowned by rising sea level, are known to exist around the coastlines of the earth. Many of these have not yet been explored.

**EGYPTIAN SPHINX:** Startling new evidence about the true age of the Sphinx.

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**ANCIENT BULLETS:** The skull of an Egyptian priest named Nesperennub, now in the British Museum, shows a round hole consistent with having been made by a fast-moving bullet.

**THE BLACK KNIGHT:** Is an ancient satellite still orbiting the earth? How many scientists have now seen it?

**CHINESE FLEET INCINERATED:** When a huge comet struck the sea less than 100 miles from a Chinese fleet off the coast of New Zealand, many of the ships were incinerated and the blazing wrecks were carried by a massive tsunami toward the coast of New Zealand, and at a far greater distance, the Australian coastline. Some of the evidence still survives.

**LABYRINTH:** What is the truth about Egypt’s mysterious underground Labyrinth, described by Herodotus as “an endless wonder”? Do secret tunnels really connect the Sphinx with various pyramids?

**FORCE FIELD:** Have you heard of the Chinese royal neck ornament which created a protective force field around its wearer?

**AUTOMATIC DOORS:** Are you aware of the automatic doors and perpetual lights reported by visitors to underground locations in Egypt?

**HUGE ANCIENT SHIPS:** Ocean going vessels of the ancient Greeks were up to 600 feet long and could carry crews of 600. Egyptian open sea ships were as long as 350 feet, with as many as four decks.

**CITIES OF GIANTS:** Ancient cities built by a race of giants survive “empty” in southern Syria, with huge gates, high ceiling rooms, paved streets. All intact, with not a person in sight.

**PYRAMIDS AND SPHINXES UNDERGROUND:** In the most unlikely places are pyramids and sphinxes, still awaiting exploration.

**ATLANTIS:** What and where was Atlantis? really?

**NOISELESS STONE-CUTTING MACHINE:** What was the mysterious shamir, used in the construction of the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem? Apparently, it was capable of cutting the toughest materials “without friction nor heat”, and we are told it was reportedly “noiseless”, and could slice through diamonds!

**UNDERGROUND TUNNEL EXPLORER SPEAKS UP:** “I personally used parts of it with guides to travel up to 100 miles underground and undetected on one branch of it upon several occasions.”

But there are many branches off of it, and I did not have the time to investigate it fully as to where all the exits and entrances were but was told various locations.

This is how certain Mayans can “pop up” many miles from their home locations at a lot of places in Central America and visit with friends and family members without ever being detected by Government forces out to kill or capture them.

**OTHER MYSTERIES:** Alchemy, magic mirrors, and lights over pyramids, and more to explore!

**COVER-UPS:**

1. Why did a Queensland University send an archaeologist to an archaeological site, with orders to report back that “NOTHING” was there!
2. Why are the public officially banned from seeing certain ancient drawings in a cave in France? Is this information too DANGEROUS?
3. Why does the Smithsonian Institute Board of Regents still refuse to open up its meetings to the news media or the public?

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4. After the discovery of an ancient underground chamber containing metallic aluminum sheets, clear plastic cubes, and diagrams of FLYING CRAFT, incredibly detailed star charts, designs for buildings, pictures of various SURGERIES being performed, and humans walking among DINOSAURS, why did U.S. army personnel seize the land and cover it with fresh soil?

So, what are they trying to keep from us?

**Editor's Note:**

To find out this and more download "[Dead Men's Secrets](#)" and "[MORE Dead Men's Secrets](#)".

Many of you probably already know that Jonathan Gray died in December 2020, just before we restarted the newsletter. There is a note on their website that these books are free to download but if you would like to give the family of Jonathan Gray a donation use the below instructions:

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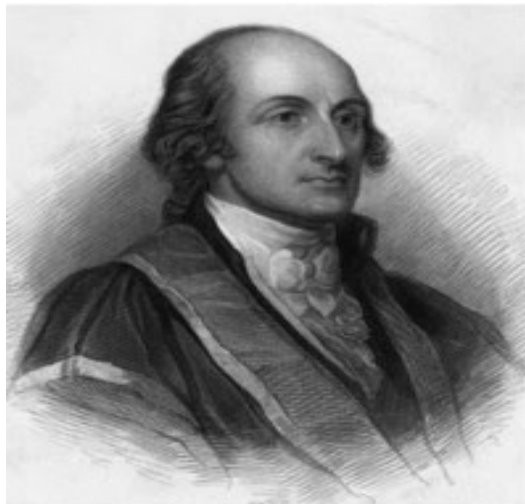
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I am sure his family will appreciate it. (Laura Lee)

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**America's First Chief Justice**  
**Gave the Key for Ending Abortion**  
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The anti-abortionist who are enraged at certain prolife justices on the Supreme Court, would have completely lost it if they had encountered America's first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Jay. Appointed by George Washington,

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Jay was a devout Christian who, unlike so many modern public figures, did not talk about “my faith,” but boldly proclaimed the object of his faith, saying,

Unto Him who is the author and giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by His beloved Son, blessed be His holy name.

Jay was a passionate advocate for Life and Freedom. Over 60 years before the Emancipation Proclamation, as governor of New York, he pushed through a law outlawing slavery in that state. But although he worked diligently to pass laws against slavery, Jay believed that Christianity, lived out in word and deed, was the ultimate key for eliminating that horrible institution.

That is why in 1785 he helped found the “New York Society for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves.” Manumission emphasized that slaveholders should take initiative and free their slaves even if there was not yet a law against it. They should do this simply because it was the right thing, and Christian thing, to do. In an address to the New York Constitutional Convention in December of 1776, Jay declared,

The Gospel is yet to be preached to those western Regions, and we have the highest Reason to believe that the Almighty will not suffer Slavery and the Gospel to go Hand in Hand. It cannot, it will not be (Hyatt, [America's Revival Heritage](#), 92).

Like most of the founding generation, Jay believed that only Christianity provided the moral values for a stable and successful nation, and he encouraged the American populace to keep this in mind when they went into the voting booth. In 1816, he wrote,

Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers. National prosperity can neither be obtained nor preserved without the favor of Providence (Hyatt, [America's Revival Heritage](#), 92).

Justice John Jay was right. We must go to the polls this year and vote for real Christians who believe in Life and Freedom. And while we oppose Roe vs Wade, we must also pray for another Great Awakening to roll across this land, touching hearts and changing minds. Then the pregnant mother will give birth to her child, and abortion clinics will close their doors, simply because it is the right thing, and Christian thing, to do.

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## **My Experience with Privilege and Responsibility**

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**This came up in my Face Book account today and I enjoyed reminiscing. Perhaps you, too, will enjoy it and recall God's Hand in your own life, preparing you for His commission today.**

I grew up in a family of horse-lovers and we had many horses and ponies. As a kid, I enjoyed riding, as well as training and showing Silver, my pinto; Nugget, the palomino; Pocahontas (“Poky”), the appaloosa; Dimples, the Shetland, and others. Some would say, “WOW! You sure were a privileged kid!”

Well, perhaps, I was in some ways. But with the privilege came a whole lot of responsibility. I had to work hard every single day to care for them if I wanted to enjoy those moments on horseback—riding through the fields and woods or showing in the ring.

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Every day—morning, noon, and night—no matter how I felt, if I wanted them, I had to care for them. In the winter, there was water to carry through the below-zero temperatures and wind-whipped, snowbanks. There was manure to shovel. There were bales of hay to lift and shake open. There was feed to prepare. Tack to clean. And much more!

I don't ever remember complaining. I understood that to have the privilege I enjoyed, I had to shoulder the responsibility that accompanied that privilege. There were no days off. It didn't matter how I felt. I had responsibility. And now, decades later, I am not complaining. I am thankful. I would not have changed those days for anyone else's station in life.

No doubt, this formative experience has served me well throughout my life, especially in my Christian leadership responsibilities.

These responsibilities have never been a job, and I don't enjoy the privilege of a paycheck. Yet I can say that the Lord has always been faithful and remains faithful to take care of me as I take care of His business.

I don't work for people. I do work for the Lord as best I can, with every fiber of my being. That is my responsibility.

And serving Him is not a hobby. It isn't some fun task that I can just pick up when I feel like it. It's a responsibility.

A few years ago, I was expressing my heart to the Lord. I so wanted to see increase for my efforts! Here's what I heard Him say in my spirit: Steward the blessing and I will bring the increase, and when I do, it will not be a burden.

As we value what He has given us, we'll take meticulous care of what is in our hands. And He will entrust us with more. That is increase that is from the Lord.

I've noticed that a poverty spirit always wants more, while a prosperous person takes care of what is already in his or her possession, and whatever that is increases and produces more.

If you see someone who seems to be privileged, I hope you will look again—behind the scenes—and understand the responsibility that gave rise to that apparent privilege.

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## Prophecy Articles

### **Sabbaths and Bullocks Offerings** **During the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Day** (Copyright 2020) by Bill Hillebrenner (Matthews, North Carolina)

**What is the Meaning of these Unique Offerings and What does it tell us  
about God's Master PLAN for the ultimate Salvation of Humanity?**

In Numbers 29 we find that for the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles, there is a daily sacrifice of bullocks. Thirteen bullocks are to be offered on the first day which is an annual Sabbath, twelve bullocks on the second day, decreasing daily in number until seven bullocks on the seventh day. The eighth day, again an annual Sabbath: just one bullock. As we know, God's plan for mankind is symbolized within His Holy Days. We consider the seven days of the Feast to represent the thousand year reign of Christ and the Saints. Certainly, these bullocks are symbols representing something.

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But what do they symbolize and why is the first day of the Feast a Sabbath? Also, fourteen lambs are offered every day. What do they picture?

**Not an Insignificant Ceremony**

The total is 70 bullocks and not unnoticed by some Jewish rabbis which have opined that they represent seventy nations of Gentiles. Under Jewish thinking Jews would rule the world under Messiah, ruling over the Gentiles. But all of Israel was given the chance to rule coming out of Egypt, but they refused to keep God's ways. Daniel 7:18, 22 shows that the Saints shall rule the world under Messiah. The Saints include the men of God of old and the Church of God. As Christians, we know that not all the natural sons of Israel shall rule, but the Church/Saints from all ethnic groups shall rule under Christ, inheriting the Kingdom as Spirit-born sons, immortal kings, and priests.

In Gal. 4:24-26, we find that Paul uses an analogy of Hagar to represent physical Israel and Sarah to represent the Church/Saints. "...the son of the bond-woman (physical Israel) shall not be heir with the son of the free woman (the Church/Saints). So, we (the Church/Saints) are ... of the free." (Gal. 4:30-31) Most scriptures here (KJV) are abbreviated for space. It's strongly urged that the reader read the noted scriptures in full.

The Feast of Tabernacles symbolizes the paradise of 1000 years of Christ's and the resurrected Saints' rule on earth. But that rule does not immediately encompass the whole earth at Christ's return, as we might expect. At Christ's return to begin His rule at Jerusalem, many of the nations shall come and, having fought against Christ, will have been killed. These will remain dead during the thousand years.

**An Expanding Inclusion**

As shown in Daniel 2:35, the Kingdom then will grow to fill the earth. Nations will have to first see the blessings of God's ways and/or feel the curse for continuing to disobey. They will then become a part of the Kingdom where the lions and lambs will dwell together in peace, a child leading them. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains...and all nations shall flow into it". (Isaiah 2:2.)

Zechariah 14:18 shows that, as a whole nation, Egypt will not immediately accept being subject to Christ and therefore will be punished with no rain or plagues as will other nations also. However, individuals will opt to come out from Egypt as they will from all peoples wanting to be a part of the Kingdom.

"And many people shall go and say, come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...and he will teach us of his ways ... from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3).

But many nations at first – as a whole – will not choose to be subject. Individuals will be found responding, but as it applies to nations, in their entirety, a time is allotted for them.

"And he shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people ..." (Isaiah 2:4). "... and rebuke strong nations afar off." (Micah 4:31)

**The First Day of Tabernacles,  
Why A Sabbath and Thirteen Bullocks?**

We know that the bible almost always interprets its own symbols somewhere. So how do we explain the thirteen bullocks? Jeremiah 31:18 shows the half tribe of Ephraim represented as a bullock. In Numbers 7 we find each of the thirteen tribes represented by a bullock for a burnt offering.

"And it came to pass (when) Moses had fully set up the tabernacle ... that the princes of Israel ... offered ... the tribe of Judah ... one young bullock ... Issachar ... one young bullock ... Zebulun ... one young bullock ... Reuben ... one young bullock ..." (and so on for thirteen bullocks) (Numbers 7:1,2,12, 15,18, 21; 8:8 etc.) (These 'tribes' would go on to eventually become separate 'nations'.)

Thirteen bullocks for the thirteen tribes. (Joseph is split into tribes Ephraim and Manasseh, thus thirteen). Levi was special and one bullock was for a burnt offering (Num. 8:12) like the other tribes. (A second bullock was for a sin offering for Levi's cleansing before tabernacle service). This was for the initial setting up of the tabernacle. (Num. 7:1)



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**The First Day is SPECIAL**

The first day of the Feast is a High Day Sabbath picturing Christ and those “born of God”, the First-fruits, beginning their millennial rule. The first day pictures the beginning of the Kingdom when Christ has established it, in Jerusalem, the Saints as rulers with Him. This first Feast Sabbath portrays the beginning of rest for the earth. But it also pictures that scenario so many times mentioned in scripture; the re-establishment of physical Israel in their own land; all thirteen tribes as a united nation again.

**Why is Israel Established First?**

Who of the nation’s left alive at Christ’s return would be easiest to repent and accept Christ and the Holy Days of God? The true Church of God knows that the House of Israel today includes the United States, Britain and many western Europe peoples (the ten “lost” tribes). These, with the included scattered Jews, Levites and modern “Israelis” (The House of Judah made up of Judah and Benjamin-Jerusalem) make up the 13 tribes (The two “half tribes” of Ephraim and Manasseh make thirteen). They tend to embrace the Judeo-Christian ethic. Jesus would be most acceptable to the modern House of Israel, with Christian heritage, as Messiah. The Holy Days would be most acceptable to the Jews, the House of Judah. Ezekiel 37 shows the bringing back together of the House of Judah and the House of Israel which was headed by Joseph’s son Ephraim, who God calls his firstborn.

“Take one stick...for Judah, ... take another stick for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel ... join them ... I will take the children of Israel ... and bring them into their own land ... and make them one nation ...they shall be no more two nations ... and David my servant shall be king over them ...” (Ezekiel 37:16-24).

“And I will set up one shepherd over them, ... even my servant David ... and he shall be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God ...” (Ezekiel 34:23-24.2).

“And I will strengthen the House of Judah and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them ... and they shall be as though I had not cast them off”. (Zechariah 10:6)

Prophecies show the House of Judah will mourn bitterly for their “son” Jesus (Son of David):

“and ... the house of David and ... the inhabitants of Jerusalem ... shall look upon me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn ... as one mourns for his only son ... every family apart, the house of David, ... the house of Nathan ... the house of Levi ...” (Zechariah 12:10-13). These are all of the House of Judah.

Jeremiah 23:5-8 also prophesies of this gathering from all countries unto David’s seed. David is the hero of both Jews and Christendom. Also:

“...in the latter days ye shall consider it”. (Jeremiah 30:24f.)

“... as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you and ye shall be a blessing...” (Zechariah 8:13).

At the same time, saith the Lord; “I will be the God of all the families of Israel ...” (Jeremiah 31:1). “I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the coasts.” (Jeremiah 31:8).

“Israel is a scattered sheep; ... first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last Nebuchadrezar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. And I will bring Israel again to his habitation ... in those days ... the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for and there shall be none, and the sins of Judah and they shall not be found; for I will pardon them whom I reserve.” (Jeremiah 50:17,19-20).

Again: “I will bring them out...from the countries ... to their own land ... (Ezekiel 34:13) ... and I the Lord will be their God, and ... David ... king ... and they shall have one shepherd ...” (Ezekiel 37:23 & 24).

Again: “Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together and appoint themselves one head ... for great the day of Jezreel.” (Hosea 1:11)

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Again: “I will strengthen the house of Judah and I will save the house of Joseph and will bring them again to place them ... and they shall be as though I had not cast them off” (Zechariah 10:6).

**The First Millennial Holy Day**

So, the Sabbath, the first Feast day, represents the start-up of the Kingdom, restoring the descendants of physical Israel to the land of Israel and the beginning of rest for the earth.

**Israel the Root for Grafting All Nations**

As a group, physical Israel's descendants will be the first whole nation to be established, being established in the land of Israel as subjects of the Kingdom with Christ's capital: Jerusalem. Those thirteen bullocks are sacrifice types for the reuniting of modern descendants of the House of Israel and House of Judah, the thirteen tribes (when Ephraim and Manasseh are counted as two tribes though they are both of Joseph).

“For the Lord shall come with fire and his chariots like a whirlwind ... for by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh ... and they shall bring your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations ... to my holy mountain Jerusalem ...” (Isa 66:15,16,20).

“For the Lord will ... yet choose Israel and set them in their own land ...” (Isaiah 14:1). “... the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.” (Zechariah 1:17f).

“And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion ...and shall choose Jerusalem again.” (Zechariah 2:12.3)

The first subjects of the Kingdom will be the physical Israelite nations. All other nations will have to eventually come into the Kingdom through one of the tribes of Israel. The Holy City will have only twelve gates named for the twelve tribes. (Rev. 21:12) To enter into the city people will have to enter through one of the tribal gates. (Keep in mind, this inclusion doesn't equate to their being converted at first. It suggests they're beginning to 'get with the program.')

“...in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord God.” (Ezekiel 47:23).

Paul talks about how the Gentiles were to be grafted into Israel in Romans 11. So, the thirteen bullocks on this Holy Day represent the reunited Israel as one nation, the first whole nation in the Kingdom.

**Who's Next?**

On the second day of the Feast of Tabernacles twelve bullocks were offered. We have seen earlier that a bullock represents a large tribe or nation. Zechariah 14:18 implies that Egypt as a whole will not immediately want to keep what they deem a “Jewish” Feast of Tabernacles. Islam is the official religion of Egypt by 1971 constitution and 90% of its population is Muslim. Islam traces its patriarchal lineage to Abraham's son Ishmael by Sarah's handmaid Hagar. Hagar was Egyptian, (Gen 21:9).

She took for Ishmael a wife of Egypt, (Gen 21:21). So, all of Ishmael's children were of ¾ Egyptian race. Ishmael was circumcised with Abraham, (Gen 17:24-26).

So, like Christendom and Jews, Muslims identify with Abraham. Abraham prayed for Ishmael to live before God. God said his 'legitimate' heir would be Isaac, but of Ishmael “... twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make of him a great nation.” (Gen. 17:20). These twelve sons are listed in Genesis 25:12-16 and are called “twelve princes according to their nations.” (vs 16). Isaac and Ishmael came together to bury their father, (Gen. 25:9). Ishmael had the prophesied twelve sons, (1 Chron. 1:29-31).

So, the next set of nations to come into the Kingdom, after no rain in their land, is led by Egypt representing the twelve Islamic sons of Ishmael. Abraham, Ishmael's father, and Isaac, Ishmael's brother, will be there as immortal kings to greet them. “In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria ... Whom the Lord of hosts shall bless saying blessed be Egypt my people and Assyria the work of my hands and Israel mine inheritance.” (Isa 21:24-25).

**Eleven Bullocks the Third Day**

Who else is left of Abraham's physical seed? Abraham took a second woman as wife: Keturah, after Sarah's death. (Gen

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25:1-2) Keturah had six sons (1 Chronicles 1:32-33). One was Midian. (Moses' father-in-law was priest of Midian). Like Jacob (Israel), Esau is a grandson of Abraham. And Sarah was his grandmother, though he and Jacob never knew her. Esau had five sons. (1 Chronicles 1:34-35). Esau even took one of Ishmael's daughters as a wife. Esau, who lost his birthright and blessing, did make up with Jacob in his older age (Genesis 33:1-4).

The children of Esau were also called Israel's brethren by God. He gave special instructions to Israel not to meddle with them (Deut. 2:4-6). So, Abraham's sons by Keturah and he and Sarah's great-grandsons from Esau sum up eleven more nations of Abraham's direct seed who would identify with Abraham who has by then been resurrected and is ruling with Christ.

#### **Days Four through Six**

In the subsequent days of the Feast of Tabernacles, bullock numbers decline until the last day of the seven. These bullocks' picture remaining nations coming into the kingdom. Some will be hesitant to be subject to Christ. Then they will be rebuked. “And he shall ... rebuke strong nations afar off ...” (Micah 4:3). Of course, those who live as physical beings into the millennium and those born then would all be descendants of Noah. Some nations won't take rebuke to repent.

#### **Day Seven: Seven Bullocks, Near the End of 1000 years**

Now we come to the seven bullocks at the end of the Feast. In 1 Chronicles 1:5 we find that Japeth had seven sons. Four of the sons are mentioned directly in Ezekiel 38:2,3,6, and Ezekiel 39:1: Gomer, Magog, Tubal and Meshech! These are summarized as Gog! Japeth has been considered the father of the eastern peoples and Oriental races.

While some of the individual Orientals have mixed into the western world and Christendom, most are of religions that are completely foreign to the Judeo-Christian religions. Several prophecies show that at the end of the 1000 years some of the oriental nations will have been resentful of Christ's rule, and will under Satan, attack:

Ezekiel 37:16-28 shows the establishment of Israel. Ezekiel 38 and 39 (recommended reading here) show the rebellion of Gog in the “latter days” (Ezekiel 38:16), and God's wrath with “fire and brimstone” (vs 19,22).

“... and when the thousand years are expired, Satan will be loosed ... and shall go out to deceive ... Gog and Magog to gather them together to battle ... and they compassed the camp of the saints and the beloved city ...” (Revelation 20:7-9).

“Thus, saith the Lord God, I am against thee, O Gog” (Ezekiel 38:1-3). And Ezekiel 38:10 “... at the same time shall things come into your (Gog's) mind; thou shalt think an evil thought ... [to go against] un-walled villages ...” (Ezekiel 38:10-11).

Where will the evil thought come from? A released Satan!! He deceives the armies of Gog and Magog, and they will attack Jerusalem. These will be “torched”. (Ezekiel 39:6). Their burnt remains will be buried (vs 11, 12). (The burying will take seven months. They will have weapons of wood for firewood for Israel seven years; (vs 9.))

These will be resurrected for sentencing as shown in Revelation 20:13. That army, enticed to move against the Kingdom of God by the released Satan, will have had their opportunity to know the truth and to become converted, as they grew to adulthood in the millennial age. Since they will have had their chance to become converted, their choice to follow Satan will assign them to the Lake of Fire in the third (sentencing) resurrection when raised a full generation later. (Rev. 20:13 & Jn.5:29)

#### **The Eighth Day -- One Nation**

On the eighth day one bullock is offered. (Numbers 29:36). With the resurrection of the rest of the dead to physical life, the whole earth will be brought into one physical administration. “... from one sabbath to another shall all flesh come to worship before me saith the lord.” (Isaiah 66:23). This will be one giant conglomeration of mankind, from before the flood and after it, represented by one bullock.

The bullock offering pictures that they will still be flesh, subject to sin, needing sacrifice. They too will be taught for 100

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years, though without Satan, and religious confusion and will then be given their first real opportunity to choose life in the one God Family. Those who still refuse to be subject to God after that 100 years 'second resurrection' period will die in their sins. No more babies will be born.

“There will be no more infant of days ... the sinner an hundred years old shall be accursed” (Isaiah 65:20). Jesus said “... if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24).

The reprobate will not be buried with a gravestone to be remembered but will be cast into fire and become ashes.

#### **The 14 Lambs for the Feast Offerings**

In Leviticus 4:27-28, 32 we find that an individual was represented in offerings by a kid or a lamb. However, the whole congregation of Israel was represented by a bullock. (The High Priest was an exception representing Christ as Creator equal to or greater in value than His creation.) He in that role is represented by a bullock. (Leviticus 4:3).

The other daily offering of the Feast of Tabernacles is fourteen lambs. Lambs are offerings representing individuals. All during the millennium individuals will see the blessings of Christ's rule. They will come out of their nations into the Kingdom through conversion ahead of the nation acting as a whole even as individuals of many of the different nationalities have come into Israel's heritage today.

“And many people shall go and say, come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord ... and he will teach us of his ways...from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:3).

So, we have these types to picture how the Kingdom of God will expand to fill the earth after Jesus returns.

#### **The Two Rams**

In Matthew 17, Mark 9 and Luke 9, Moses and Elias are pictured in glory with Christ. This is obviously a picture of the millennial reign. And, as well, Peter talks of making tabernacles. Thus, we can see one way to explain the typology that the two rams are Moses and Elias.

As Paul said, “we see through a darkened glass”. Through dark glass you can see a lot of basic shapes, though all the details might not be clear. With polarized sunglasses, we see things more clearly in sunlight.

#### **The Spirit Reveals Prophecy**

So, it is when the “Sun of Righteousness” (Malachi 4:2) begins to shine in our minds. So, it is with prophecy as we grow in understanding as God's Spirit shows us new and exciting things. “Where-fore comfort one another with these words”, (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

It certainly has become clear that the Kingdom will start with the re-establishment of Israel and then Abraham's seed. It's also clear now HOW the Kingdom will grow to fill the earth.

## **Holy Days 2023**

**Passover – April 6, 2023 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)**

**Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 6-12, 2023**

**Pentecost – May 26, 2023**

**Trumpets - September 16, 2023**

**Atonement – September 25, 2023**

**Tabernacles –September 30, 2023 to October 6, 2023**

**Last Great Day – October 7, 2023**

## Places of Safety

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Our Savior Jesus Christ says during His prayer to the Father in John 17:12, "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled." Christ's words should encourage us, especially when we face dangers, knowing that once we are in His grasp, He works hard to keep us safe and on the right track.

Jesus prayed this before His crucifixion, the greatest trial of His life. Although He was specifically speaking of the disciples that God had given Him, He expands this prayer in verse 20 to include all who believe in Him through His disciples' word, which we find in Scripture. In this way, His promise of keeping His people in the Father's name includes us.

So, we are assured that God will keep us safe, a security that centers on spiritual safety and salvation but also includes physical deliverance according to God's will. The idea that God will save our lives from tribulation—especially the Great Tribulation—has been prevalent in the greater church of God for several decades because of Revelation 3:10, where Jesus writes that He "will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world."

Many church members have wondered or asked, "Where is the Place of Safety?" Where will God protect us from this "hour of trial"? Have we identified it?

Before anyone jumps to conclusions, I do not claim to *know* of any specific place, nor do I suggest that a physical Place of Safety does not exist. In scattered passages and verses, the Bible seems to support a literal location, though one must speculate and read between the lines when attempting to reach a conclusion.

Matthew 24:40-41 is one of the more well-known passages: "Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left." Jesus also says in Luke 21:36, "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Together, these two statements suggest that some believers living just before Christ's return may be "counted worthy to escape" the calamitous close of the age. The church of God has taught this for many decades. However, we should take a deeper look at a few passages to get a clearer picture and to receive encouragement that God will guard us despite the dangers we may have to face.

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**Running From Danger**

Jesus uses the word “escape” near the end of Luke 21:36. The word is *ekpheugō* (*Strong’s #1628*), which, along with “to escape,” means “to run out” or “to flee.”

This definition raises a few questions. Is God saying we must watch and pray to be counted worthy to “run away” from the coming destruction? Running away sounds far different than being “delivered” from danger or harm. In the scenario of “one taken and the other left,” is the unworthy individual caught, perhaps even killed, rather than given a chance to flee? If so, God may require the faithful alive at that time to make concerted efforts to escape rather than whisking them away by angels, something He can easily do.

Incidentally, Jesus uses the same root of this word in Luke 21:21, where He warns His disciple to “flee to the mountains” once they see Jerusalem encircled with armies. They are to make such haste that they should not take the time to get anything from inside the house. Jesus advises, “Run away!”

Notice also that He says to flee “to the mountains.” He does not name a specific mountain or mountain range, not Mount Sinai, not Mount Hermon, not even Mount Everest. His instruction is merely to flee with all speed to the mountains, where a person can find safety more readily.

Psalms 91 is about God’s people being safe under the watchful care of God:

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High  
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress;  
My God, in Him I will trust.”  
Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
And from the perilous pestilence.  
He shall cover you with His feathers,  
And under His wings you shall take refuge;  
His truth shall be your shield and buckler.  
You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,  
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,  
Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,  
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.  
A thousand may fall at your side,  
And ten thousand at your right hand;  
But it shall not come near you.  
Only with your eyes shall you look,  
And see the reward of the wicked.  
Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,  
Even the Most High, your dwelling place,  
No evil shall befall you,  
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;  
For He shall give His angels charge over you,  
To keep you in all your ways.  
In their hands they shall bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,  
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.  
“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;  
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.  
He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble;  
I will deliver him and honor him.  
With long life I will satisfy him,  
And show him My salvation.”

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Moses may have written this treasure trove of hope, encouragement, instruction, and strength. It is certainly written by someone who experienced walking through the dangers of the wilderness. In verse 1, the psalmist speaks of dwelling “under the shadow of the Almighty,” a feature of the Israelites’ trek through the wilderness with God in the cloud that led them. In any event, the story of the exodus from Egypt is one of people escaping and fleeing danger.

The psalmist speaks of trampling on lions and snakes (verse 13), used elsewhere as symbols of Satan as a deceiver, stalking predator, and evil ruler. The illustration may hint at who is behind the danger God’s people will face during the future Tribulation.

**Seven Promises**

But God assures us that we can overcome whatever the Devil sets against us. How? God provides the answer in verses 14-16:

Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;  
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.  
He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble;  
I will deliver him and honor him.  
With long life I will satisfy him,  
And show him My salvation.

In these three short verses, God makes seven promises to the person who loves Him and knows His name:

1. I will deliver him.
2. I will set him on high.
3. I will answer him.
4. I will be with him in trouble.
5. I will deliver him and honor him.
6. I will satisfy him with long life.
7. I will show him My salvation.

He declares twice that He will deliver such a person, as well as promising to be with him in trouble. Three of the seven promises assure His people that He will be alongside them amidst the dangers.

The final two promises are truly moving: “With long life I will satisfy Him and show him My salvation.” The first of these can be understood either physically or spiritually, but alongside the second, which promises salvation, the emphasis seems to be on eternal life. So, even if one dies physically from the terrible circumstances of the time, eternal life is just ahead in the resurrection.

In addition, the Hebrew word for “salvation” in verse 16 is none other than *yeshua* (*Strong’s # 3444*)! As a common noun, it means “salvation,” “deliverance,” “victory,” and “prosperity.” As a proper noun, it is the name God gave to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We can understand its usage in Psalm 91 either way: God is promising to provide deliverance and salvation and to show us the One who is our salvation (John 3:16; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:10 Hebrews 5:9; etc.).

Notice how the author phrases it: “show him *My* salvation.” The salvation or deliverance is not ours but His. He is the One determining how salvation will occur. We may run to the mountains, but He leads and protects us. We may trample on cobras and lions, but He is the One who conquers them. And if He allows us to die, He still provides true life and salvation.

**Watch and Be Ready**

There may be a literal Place of Safety, but Scripture overwhelmingly shows that the faithful are often right in the firing line. Yet they are still *saved*.

Consider Psalm 91:5-8 again:

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,  
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

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Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,  
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.  
A thousand may fall at your side,  
And ten thousand at your right hand;  
But it shall not come near you.  
Only with your eyes shall you look,  
And see the reward of the wicked.

Juxtapose what is said here with a few biblical examples of faithful servants of God during their times of severe trial:

- Daniel did not avoid the lion’s den. He was thrown into it and made to stay in it overnight.
- Daniel’s friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, did not avoid the fiery furnace. They were thrown into it and walked around in it while it raged.
- Jesus Himself did not dodge the pain and terrors of His cross. He bore it and died upon it!

Thousands falling at a person’s right and left hands is frighteningly close enough that the psalmist says in verse 8 that one’s eyes see it. The dangers are all around and seemingly closing in, which makes for a terrifying experience. At any moment, pain and death could reach out and strike us.

The takeaway is that God will not always spirit His people away so that they never have to endure any pain or inconvenience. As God’s elect, we must arm ourselves with such a mind that we will have to stand fast in faith at some point and are prepared to go *through* such terrors and even death if God asks them of us.

We need to take to heart Jesus’ own instructions about these times in Luke 12:35-40:

Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Our Savior counsels us to watch and be ready. Many of God’s people have been watching for decades and have experienced waxing and waning expectations of Christ’s return. It is a challenging assignment to stay vigilant.

The young among us are just beginning this lifelong vigil. How long are we willing to watch and keep our lamps burning? This difficulty in maintaining our awareness and faith is why He says in Matthew 24:13, “He who endures to the end shall be saved.” It is not enough just to show up and hear the messages each week; doing so must be accompanied by spiritual growth so we have the strength to persevere through whatever we must face.

In the tumultuous time before He comes, He may take us, or we may have to flee to the hills. Regardless, we can know that *He is with us*, and *He has not lost even one* whom God has given Him! If we are truly in Christ, He is our most secure Place of Safety.

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## Letters

**Letter from Curtis Dahlgren (May 20, 2023)**

Thanks again for publishing.

## Prayer Requests

**Prayer Request for M. Srikanth (May 24, 2023)**

Sabbath greetings to all. Thanks for your wonderful newsletter. During weekly Sabbath worship service, we deeply prayed for all of you to have peace and healthy of life I hope you are fine there. Once again please forward my request to your Sabbath friends. Due to Corona lockdown the prices of commodities are hiking day by day and we are unable to meet soaring prices. Frankly speaking we are eating half day. I hope you understand our sad plight. Your reward will be great in heaven Stay blessed. Prayerfully expecting your kind mail.

## Iron Sharpening Iron

(Agree or Disagree with Something Printed)

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

## In regard to: Sabbaths and Bullocks Offerings During the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Day

Article by Bill Hillebrenner

Comments by Rich Traver (Clifton, Colorado)

### Regarding the Fate of the Forces

#### Opposing Christ

**A Postnote:** (by Rich Traver) There are to be two battle occasions: One at Armageddon at the Second Coming, and 1000 years later after Satan is released, when he enlists the forces of Gog and Magog attempting to conquer the World Capitol at Jerusalem. (Ezek. 38 & 39 & Rev. 20:1-3 & 7-10)

It's the **Beast's** army, killed at the Second Coming, that will be raised-up in the second resurrection. They were people, never converted, who were duped and enlisted (perhaps in some cases against their will) believing what they were told by their Governmental Leaders and the False Prophet.

These will remain dead throughout the millennial age, yet will come up in the second resurrection, to be provided the opportunity this present evil world never allowed them. (Now, if some of them were at one point converted, and became resentful against the Way of Truth, that's a different story. But likely there would be few if any of them.)

However, **Satan's** army, marshalled after his release from the bottomless pit, after the millennium, will experience a different fate. These people will have grown up in the final generation of the millennium and will have had their opportunity to know the Truth and to have become converted. Their alliance with Satan, by personal choice, knowing who he is, will seal their fate. Their resurrection when it comes a generation later, will be for sentencing, not additional opportunity!

Beginning after this intended assault against the World Capitol at Jerusalem will be the time of the second resurrection when *'the rest of the dead'* will be raised to be provided the opportunity for salvation that they never had in their first life. It's important to realize this resurrection involves those who never had an opportunity for salvation. It will not include the wicked who did have opportunity before their death and who spurned it.

The second resurrection era will last a generation (some say 100 years. See footnote 4 above.). It's as this period of

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time draws to a close (with those in the previously resurrected generation still living), that all the ‘rest of the dead’<sup>1</sup> still in their graves (including the righteous and unrighteous who died during the millennium) will be raised up also, in their former physical state, to join them, standing for Judgment. This event is what we refer to as the third resurrection: The resurrection to Eternal Judgment: The “Final Sentencing Event”.

Note: the third resurrection will involve both the converted and incorrigibly wicked being raised-up together. The old WCG teaching that this resurrection involves the ‘wicked only’ is incorrect. This will be the “sheep-from-the-goats” event described by Jesus in Matthew 25 and the same as described in Revelation 14:14-20 where righteous people and unrighteous people are raised together.

Those who live and die in the millennial age will go to their graves awaiting their sentencing event, much like our generation does today. Those who attain the century mark in their millennial age lives, and who are still unconverted at the time of their deaths, their fate will have been self-determined. They have rendered themselves accursed. The child and the sinner both will die, as Isaiah 65:20 affirms.

This explains that the millennial generations will live and die much as we do in this generation. They will await their ‘reward’ just as Christians do presently. Revelation 14:13 also speaks to this. It’s their assignment (to life or death) that is the all-important difference.

#### **How Long This May Take**

While the subliminal impression from this article might be that this succession of ethnic nations being brought into submission to the Government of Christ and His Saints will take a millennium, these seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles more likely present the sequence of their responses, not that it will take up to the full thousand years to bring them around.

It is more likely that these ethnicities will ‘see the light’ and embrace the righteous standards and the sponsored religion of the Kingdom of God within that generation who survive through the Great Tribulation and beyond Armageddon, or at least within the lifetimes of their first-generation descendants in the millennial age.

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## **In regard to: Sabbaths and Bullocks Offerings During the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Day**

**Article by Bill Hillebrenner  
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)**

Overall, this was a great job by both Bill Hillebrenner and Rich Traver. Before I get started, I would like to explain that Rich Traver must have printed Bill Hillebrenner’s article here in one of his own publications and then someone sent it to us. Originally Rich Traver’s comments appeared at the end of Bill Hillebrenner’s article, and I just took them off and put them in our publication as an “Iron Sharpening Iron”.

Prophecy can sometimes be hard to understand, and I don’t know that anyone is an expert at it, but some do better at it than others. So, with that said I only have two points that I would like to add.

#1- In regard to the resurrections. We know that Christ was resurrected, and we know there will be a first fruits resurrection. My understanding of what Bill and Rich have said is that there will be three resurrections. One being the elect who will rule a thousand years with Christ. I have nothing to say about the first and the third resurrections as stated in this article as I believe they are correct.

It is the second resurrection after the thousand years is complete. There is evidence throughout scripture that this resurrection after the thousand years will actually be more than one resurrection and could be many resurrections. If anyone has an article in regard to that please send it over for print.

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<sup>1</sup> Revelation 20: 5

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#2- I know that many people believe that Ezekiel 39:12 and Revelation 20:9 are talking about the same event and time frame, but I do not believe that for the following reason: In Ezekiel it says they will bury the bodies for 7 months. And in Revelation it says, "Fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them." In other words, since the fire came down from God and devoured them there would be no bodies left to bury. So, in my opinion it cannot be talking about the same event. I believe that Ezekiel 39:12 is talking about the bodies from the battle that happened when Christ returned from the marriage supper of the lamb and had to fight just before the thousand-year reign of Christ started. The passage in Revelation I believe is talking about when Satan was loosed for a time, and they came to fight at Jerusalem which would have taken place after the thousand years was complete. Does anyone else have some input in regard to this?

[Eze 39:12](#) And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

[Rev 20:9](#) And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

## Announcements

**Announcement from Zac Poonen (May 19, 2023)**

### MESSAGES

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CFC Bangalore

<https://cfcindia.com>

**Announcement from Craig White (May 23, 2023)**

I have now updated my article on the Edomites, identifying many modern-day Turks and central Asians (but not all) with them. Any feedback is welcomed (e.g., issues you may find, grammar, typos etc).

## Other Items

(Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

## God's Faithfulness

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Centuries ago, God delivered Israel out of slavery from Egypt and brought the children of Israel to Himself in the wilderness. He proposed to them a covenant which they accepted. A covenant creates kinship. You may be related to another person by blood or by a marriage covenant. God had joined Himself to Israel by a marriage covenant. Thus, Israel became a wife to God.

It is believed by many that this historical event took place on what would have been the Day of Pentecost since it occurred in the third month of the Hebrew calendar. In like fashion, will Jesus Christ marry His Bride, the Church of God, on a future Pentecost?

While God was faithful to His covenant promises, Israel often fell short and turned aside to other gods. God sent many prophets to give warning in hope that Israel would return to Him. The time came when God decided to demonstrate His faithful love through the prophet Hosea.

The story of Hosea and God's faithfulness is beautifully told by Dave Rebbettes. It is a fitting story that you will find inspiring for Pentecost and our own betrothal to Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2).

"So, I will betroth you to Me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in loving devotion and compassion. And I will betroth you in **faithfulness**, and you will know the LORD" (Hosea 2:19-20).

Here is the link to the short video on Hosea: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npmPFysJh4k>

# Thank You!

Notes