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### Pentecost 2023 – Man of Sin Revealed

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**Man of Sin Revealed**

End time prophecies continue to transpire right in front of our eyes. In the last Kenya update, I referenced a message titled: “Pentecost 2023”. In that message it was mentioned how the “falling away” (or defection from Truth) spoken of in (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4) has been history for some time now.

We also mentioned that the “man of sin, the son of perdition” *“whose working is of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders”* will soon be exposed.

Well “soon” has already arrived, and now the man of sin is exposed, the son of perdition spoken of in (2 Thessalonians 2:9)

We now know who this “man of sin” is: King Charles III. He has now been crowned King with a multi-faith coronation (All the faiths were there and participated at the coronation). He will rise now, as the “man of sin”, with his associate (Yes, King Charles’s new close associate) is the Pope, the “false prophet”.

Prince Charles fancies himself a ‘defender of faith’ (not defender of the faith)

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The king's commitment to diversity was on display at his coronation, when religious leaders representing the Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, and Sikh traditions for the first time played an active role in the ceremonies.



Charles winged and saving the world.

This statue was sculpted by Mauricio Bentes. The head bore a passing resemblance to the Prince of Wales since Mauricio was basing it on images from the internet. But then there were the wings. They sprouted from the bronze figurine making it look like a Gothic batman and almost completely encapsulating the statuette.

(The following was published 21 years ago)

**Prince Charles as world's saviour**  
**March 8, 2002 — 11.00am**

Prince Charles has agreed to allow a four-meter high bronze statue to be erected in the middle of Brazil's Amazon rainforest depicting him as "saviour" of the world in a loincloth with arms outstretched and suspended by giant wings.

The statue is a tribute from the people of Tocantins State, the remote Amazon region. It was the region's affinity with Prince Charles' eco-friendly campaigning that inspired local sculptor Mauricio Bentes.

The statue showed him hovering over a sea of humanity, casting a benign look downwards with his arms in open embrace.

"It is Prince Charles saving the world," said Tocantins' governor, Jose Wilson Sequeira Campos, who sprang the gift on Prince Charles as he toured a research station in the middle of the rainforest swamp. The prince said he was "amazed" and "deeply touched".

Brethren, the "day of Christ" and our gathering together unto Him spoken of in (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2) is now at hand. King Charles will now be empowered by our adversary, *"with all power and signs and lying wonders"*.

### **The Feast of First Fruits!**

When I first visited Kenya back in 2005 and saw the night sky, it was amazing, so beautiful with the stars reaching all the way down to the horizon. And there was this Hugh ring in the sky that I never saw before. When I asked what it was, someone spoke right up and said: "They say that is the entrance to another galaxy" Wow! Our God is a Creator, and He is good at it; the bigger or more powerful the telescope, or the bigger the microscope, the more fascinating things to see and learn about. The universe surely is a Spectacular Masterpiece, but as spectacular as the universe is, it's not His Ultimate Masterpiece. His ultimate Masterpiece is man.

In Genesis 1:26 we read: *"Let us make man in our image, and after our likeness."* Why is the creation of man so important to God? Because He wants to dwell with us. And He has a plan to accomplish that. His plan is pictured and taught by His Holy Days.

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Now the world has no clue to God’s plan because they keep the worldly Holidays which teach nothing but fables and lies. They have no clue to why the world is in so much trouble, and they have no clue of the horror that is coming, or how to escape it.

Many “churches” around the world teach that the Holy Days listed in the Bible have been done away, some say that their Jewish Feasts are no longer to be kept. But they are not Jewish Feasts, and they are not done away.

Let us understand something Very important. In (Leviticus 23:2) God tells us these are “His” Feasts. They are His Holy or Appointed Times, and they are to be kept. They are not optional, they are commanded. And they do teach us His plan for all of mankind. And that plan is a good one. Soon the wicked ways of this world will end, and a time of peace and prosperity will be abundant for all, (and that time is much sooner than you might think, but let’s not get ahead of this story)

Now the spring Holy Days Pertain to God’s “First Fruits” His “little Flock” His church, And there all about us coming out of sin, and walking upright. (That’s the house that our Lord is Building.) “*A glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be Holy and without blemish*”. (Ephesians 5:27)

Passover shows us how our Lord came down here and lived among us “in the flesh” and died for us, so that we might live. (John 1:14) says: “*The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us*”. (Philippians 2:7-8) says: “*He made Himself of no reputation, took on the form of a servant, humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death. even the death of the cross.*”

The seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread is a physical lesson of removing all “leaven” from our houses, teaching us that we need to remove all “sin” from our lives. And the seven week count to Pentecost is the time period that we have been given to accomplish removing all the sin from our lives and walking upright. Yes, the seven week count to Pentecost is the time period we have been given for our “sinful natures” (Which we are all born with) to be changed into the Holy Righteous Character of our Heavenly Father.

Our Heavenly Father does want to dwell with us, but He will not dwell with sin. Our sinful natures have to be changed to His Holy Righteous Character BEFORE we can enter His Kingdom. Nothing new here, (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) and (Galatians 5:19-21 Very clearly tells us that “*sinners will not inherit the Kingdom of God*”.

In (Leviticus 23:15) we can see evidence that we have to be “complete” “upright” “unblemished” before we can enter into the Kingdom of God. “*And you shall count unto you from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths* (seven weeks, seven churches is what it’s talking about here) *shall be “complete”*”.

That word “**complete**” Strong’s #8549 means: without blemish – without spot, This Greek word usually refers to our Lord, Like in (Exodus 12:5) ( *lamb without spot*) and (Numbers 19:2) *A red Heifer without spot or blemish*. But here in (Leviticus 23:15) that same exact word is referring to us, His church, His First Fruits. And notice, they have to be “complete” “Unblemished, Unspotted, (Yes Upright) Before day 50.)

Like the next verse says: (Leviticus 23:16) “*Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days.*” On day 50 “Pentecost” God’s First Fruits will enter into His Kingdom. This will be the first Resurrection of the saints. This counting to Pentecost means a whole lot more than just “consecutive” counting. We can see that just by defining the Hebrew word used here for “count” The word “count” here is Strong’s #5608 and it’s Full of Rich Meaning: “To score with a mark as a tally or a record” (God has a record, the Book of Life) “To count a flock” (He has a flock, a small flock) “To Enumerate” (That means to name them one by one) That’s what our Creator does with the stars in the sky as they come out at night “one by one” He counts them and names them.

In (Isaiah 40:26) He says: “*Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number (one by one) He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.*” (Psalms 147:4) says: “*He telleth the number of the stars; and He calleth them all by their name*”. Those stars in the heavens represent us. This counting is nothing for God’s First Fruits to take lightly.

And remember First Fruits are planted first, Grow first, and are harvested first. That harvest is rapidly approaching; and

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the Scriptures clearly show it will take place on Pentecost. Let's focus in now on the Feast of Pentecost.

Many pulpits have incorrectly taught in the past (and still falsely teach today) that the church will be resurrected on Trumpets. Brethren, we have no time for fables, we have no time for false doctrines. And time for *“Proving all things”* (1 Thessalonians 5:21) and *“Rightly divide the word of Truth”* (2 Timothy 2:15) is running out.

It is true that our Lord will be returning to this earth on Trumpets, when He will conquer the coming Beast who will make war with Him. But He's not coming back alone; He is coming back with His saints. (Revelation 17:14) Says: *His called, chosen, and faithful* will be with Him. (Jude 1:14) says that Enoch prophesied that *“the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints”*.

**But before the saints can return with Him, they have to get up there first.** They have to meet Him in the clouds at the first resurrection, where they will be standing with Him on the “Sea Of Glass” where the marriage between Christ and His church will take place.

The church that our Lord began building 2,000 years ago is soon to be completed. We are now approaching the time of (Revelation 19:7) which says: *“the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready”*.

And (Revelation 15:2) says: God's First Fruits (His Elect) will be *“standing on the Sea of Glass”*. That will happen on the “last day” of the count, day 50, the day of Pentecost, at the First resurrection, as pictured by the “wave loaves” The wave loaves represent the church, and they were waved high over the Priests head, why? (Because it showed something that was going to take place up in heaven, not down here on this earth) They were waved on the **“last day”** the day of Pentecost, at the Resurrection of the First Fruits)

Like it says in (John 6:39) where our Lord says: *“The will of the Father is that He should lose none, but raise them up at the last day”*. And in (John 6:40) our Lord again Says that those who believe in Him, He will raise them up. When? **“At the last day”**. The timing of the first resurrection being on day 50, Pentecost, was well understood before the New Testament church even began. Martha, sister to Lazarus told our Lord that she knew her brother would be raised on the last day.

In (John 11:24) Martha said to Him: *“I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”* Brethren, do we recognize the signs of the times in which we are now living, that that **“last day”** is approaching? The prophesies leading up to the final Pentecost are already progressing right in front of our eyes. All the signs are here. Trouble is increasing everywhere, lawlessness is on the rise all around this world, **The parable of the fig tree has already been fulfilled.**

Look what it says: (Matthew 24:32-33) says: *“learn a parable of the fig tree, as soon as the twigs are tender, and it putteth forth leaves, you know that summer is nigh. So likewise, when you see all this, know that it is nigh, even at the doors”*. The church has been hearing for 2,000 years that our Lord is soon to return, but things are different now, the signs are here. (The end of the age is upon us.) The rise of the Beast, the last world ruling empire (called the New World Order by the world, called the “Beast” by God) is forming right in front of our eyes.

The 10 toes of Nebuchadnezzar's dream (ten Kings) will soon be in power. (Revelation 17:12) says: *“The ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast”*. The New World Order divided the world into 10 regions a long time ago. They are now in place and beginning to take control.

Last week the President of Kenya announced that Kenya will no longer conduct summits with any foreign country but will now have the “African Union” represent them. (There is a link to that at the bottom of this message.) The African Union now represents all 54 states or countries on the continent of Africa.

Kenya Submits To African Union: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=LoJc7epa5Gg&feature=share>

**End time prophesies are on the move.**

A few weeks ago the President of Kenya announced that they will no longer conduct business with the US Dollar, He told his countrymen to drop the Dollar, that soon it would be worthless.



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Kenya Drops Dollar: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PUT0Ax1mNQL>

Many countries are dropping the Dollar, Tanzania, India, Egypt, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Goanna and Zambia have all Dropped The Dollar. (These are just the few I know of.)

<https://youtube.com/shorts/b9qW2jNHvKI?feature=share>

The USA, the greatest and most powerful country in the world, is going down, as the “New World Order” the “Beast” rises up.

**End time prophecies are transpiring right in front of our eyes.**

The “falling away” (or defection from Truth) spoken of in ([2 Thessalonians 2:3-4](#)) has been history for some time now, and the man of sin, the son of perdition spoken of in ([2 Thessalonians 2:9](#)) “*whose working is of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders*) is soon to be revealed.

We need God’s Kingdom to come, we need our Lord to return to this troubled earth. **But** before His Kingdom can come, it has to be established first. It has to be set up. We pray “Thy Kingdom Come” and rightly so. But His Kingdom has not been established yet. How could it? Most of its officials are still asleep in the grave.

But soon His Elect will be resurrected, and He will set up His Kingdom up on the Sea of Glass, as the Marriage takes place, and the positions of the saints will be given. ([Daniel 2:44](#)) says: “*And in the days of these kings (the 10 kings, the 10 toes of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream) shall the God of heaven **set up** (establish) a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever*”.

God’s Kingdom will be set up (established) up on the Sea of Glass, soon as His resurrected saints get up there.

Let’s notice something concerning the timing of the first resurrection. We know that God’s two witnesses shall prophesy for 3 ½ years during the soon coming “Great Tribulation” spoken of in ([Matthew 24:21](#)). ([Revelation 11:3](#)) says: “*God will give Power to His two witnesses*”. ([Revelation 11:7-8](#)) says: “*At the end of their testimony they will be killed by the Beast, and their dead bodies shall lie in the street of Jerusalem for 3 ½ days*”.

But then ([Revelation 11:11-12](#)) says: “*they shall rise and stand up on their feet, and they will then ascend up to heaven to meet Christ in the clouds, and their enemies beheld them*”. Brethren, do you realize that this is the first resurrection? All the saints (those asleep in their graves, and those who will be changed in a twinkling of an eye) will all rise to meet our Lord in the air at this time.

([Revelation 15:1](#)) tells us this will happen directly after the Great Tribulation, but before the “Great and Dreadful” day of the Lord, as the seven angels having the seven last plagues prepare to pour out the “wrath of God” “*And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God*”. That was ([Revelation 15:1](#)). The next verse ([Revelation 15:2](#)) shows the Elect will be on the Sea of Glass at that time.)

Brethren if there was ever a time to be ready for the return of our Lord, and to be accounted worthy to escape all the evil that is at our door, it is now!

What we see transpiring all around this world, is going to lead into the Great Tribulation spoken of in ([Matthew 24:21](#)) “*a time of trouble as was not since the beginning of this world to this time, no nor ever shall be*”. Brethren our Creator wants His church, His Elect, those with His Spirit, to be Holy and to be Perfect at His return. (And don’t let that word “perfect” scare you, it just means complete, full grown in mental and moral character.)

God always gives us the physical (which we humans understand quite well) to help us better understand the spiritual (which we humans do not understand all that well) ([1 Kings 6:7](#)) says: “*And the house (Temple) when it was in building, was built of stone (that’s us) made ready (complete – perfected) before it was brought thither (to the other side): so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.*”

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When the temple was erected on the other side there was no need for mortar, the stones fit perfectly together. Some think there is a **magic wand** at the end of the day that will instantaneously create in us the Holy Righteous Character of our Heavenly Father. (There is no **magic wand** in the tool shed, but there is an **axe**.)

Let's notice one more physical lesson to help us understand the trials and tribulations that we go through, and how they are to **perfect** us before we are “baked” before we are changed into spirit beings at the Resurrection on Pentecost.

**Let's bake some bread.**

(The wave loaves were raised bread, and they were baked with leaven.) First you put in the ingredients, the flour, salt, leavening, and water. Then you begin to knead the dough, and it begins to rise up. Now we all know that it is the leaven that is causing the dough to rise. But do we realize why? What is the leavening agent doing to the dough to make it rise?

The leavening is changing the nature of the dough. Now the baker will beat the dough down and continue working it until he gets it exactly the way he wants it. Then he bakes it. Once baked, it's a finished product, and its nature cannot be changed. Now many pulpits in the church still teach to this day that the leavening agent in the wave loaves represents sin, and that we will be baked with sin.

**Nothing could be further from the Truth**

(The leavening agent in the wave loaves is God's Holy Spirit, it's the only thing powerful enough to change our sinful natures.)

Leaven in the Bible doesn't always represent sin, there is a good leaven spoke of in (Matthew 13:33) that good leaven is God's Holy Spirit. The Holy Days picture the plan of God. His First Fruits will soon be resurrected on Pentecost. They will meet Him in the clouds, and stand with Him on the Sea of Glass, where the marriage of the Lamb will then take place.

Afterwards our Lord (and His Saints) will be returning to this earth. Then (Revelation 20:1-2) tells us that: “*Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit for a thousand years* (pictured by another Holy Day, the “Day of Atonement”).

Then our Lord will gather all nations, and shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats. Those who are sheep (the ones who walk this earth upright, helping their fellow man) will enter into His Kingdom. But those who are goats (the ones who continue to transgress God's ways and treat their fellow man poorly) will be severely punished by the Creator. You can read that in (Matthew 25:32-46)

Let's end in (Revelation 15:2) up on the Sea of Glass, and see what God's Elect, the ones who will be stating their marriage vows, all have in common. “*And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: **and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God***”.

Brethren, those six words “**them that had gotten the victory**” come from only one Greek word “conqueror” “overcomer” The same exact qualifications that our Lord requires of all seven of His churches: “To him that “overcometh” will I grant this and give that. Just “trying” to overcome doesn't cut it with God, we have to succeed. And we have the power to succeed, we have His Powerful Holy Spirit in us Let us change any and all of our bad ways, and let us walk upright, for the time is at hand.

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Kenya Submits To African Union: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=LoJc7epa5Gg&feature=share>

**MIDNIGHT CRY**

Many are slumbering & sleeping right now (BUT Midnight cry is coming!) Midnight Cry of (Matthew 25:6) comes from the Cry of (Revelation 10:3)

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## Who is the Azazel Goat? (Copyright) by Rich Traver (Clifton, Colorado)

*An explanation commonly offered as to the Identity of the 'Other Goat' associated with the Ceremonies performed on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) poses that both animals represent Jesus Christ. Is that explanation, correct?*

Within the Biblical fall Holy Day season is a day which specifically focuses on the essential function of achieving Atonement for sins. It incorporates a unique Ceremony that should teach us something about sin, its origins, and its full scope that we might not otherwise realize. Not only does it illustrate the origins of sin, but the means of dealing effectively with its lethal condition. I say 'origins' because there are two aspects to its motivation and two actions necessary to fully expiate its effects.

### Misleading Choice of Term

Unfortunately, there has been a common term used for Azazel that's linguistically misleading. The word "scapegoat" as is commonly used, conveys to the reader a sense of one assigned to bear guilt who is not really the guilty party. In English, the term suggests assigning blame on an individual who in reality is not to blame but will draw the focus away from the real guilty party. This idea (when Satan is deemed the assignee) suggests that Satan is not really the guilty party.

It's interesting that when Christ is deemed the assignee, He theoretically 'bears the sins' of others, (allegedly being guiltless Himself). Effectively, either way, the 'other goat' is itself posed as being originally guiltless. We need to consider if either view fulfills the intent of the Ceremonial illustration.

Before pursuing this topic, we should bear in mind that the instructions for this Ceremony were given long before the idea of Christ's sacrifice was brought to the awareness of the observers. Secondly, in their day, the name Azazel was identified with an evil entity, not a 'savior' of any pedigree.

It's important that we consider what this Ceremony was perceived to represent at that time. While we might pose a different take on it today, based on what we now know about the atoning Blood Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, such was not remotely in the realm of their peripheral awareness!

### Casting Lots for What Reason?

We ought also to consider why two identical goats were purposely selected, necessitating casting of lots to assign one to one fate and the other to the other. The individual goats are not left to our determination as to which one is to be which.

### Achieving Remission

The ultimate purpose of this Ceremony is to address the matter of the need for and the means of achieving Remission of Sins. The whole point of this Ceremony is that sins must be completely atoned for. It offers no revealing function other than that.

There are two clear aspects: the shedding of blood and the application of it, and also the assignment of certain other sins to a representing animal where no such sacrificial offering is applied. The two are not the same in actual effect! IF sins were all remitted with the sacrificed goat, what need would there be for the other? That's a key question!

So, are there sins which are NOT atoned for? And, if not, where does Jesus Christ fit into this picture where the 'other ostracized goat' is concerned?



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**A Blood Remedy**

While it's well established that: “*without the shedding of blood there is no remission*”,<sup>1</sup> we are left to explain the function and effectiveness of the Azazel goat. Are the sins placed upon its head atoned for? Is there remission of those sins? Can there be atonement without blood being applied? Why is it important that that goat be driven from contact with mankind, bearing its assigned sins with it?

And is there a parallel situation associated with the future of humanity? Revelation 20 explains such a scenario! Satan is excluded from millennial society.

**Do Both Represent Christ?**

There are believers who identify both goats as representing Jesus Christ and His Atoning function. While it should be obvious that the Sacrificed goat is a clear representation of Him, it's the identity of the other goat that is at issue.

Death and shedding of blood are essential elements in the remission of sins. No other action can pay the penalty for committed and accumulated sins.

The question is, what effect does removal of a stand-in representative indicate in the overall process?

**Where From?**

To address the question, we need to consider sin's origins. One thing we know, we as the seed of Adam, do commit sin. It's in our nature. But not only do we commit them, but the tendency remains in our nature despite the best of intentions.<sup>2</sup> We sin, but we ARE sinners! Though 'cleansed' of past guilt, the tendency remains in our natures. But that too requires an ongoing remission process. It must be covered by the blood of Jesus on an ongoing basis. 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7-9 addresses this condition.<sup>3</sup>

But there's another aspect to consider. As we know, there is a spirit-world and a prominent being who broadcasts evil intentions and drives into un-suspecting people. There is that factor also. Satan can and constantly does hover around us waiting for the opportunity to inject a thought or motivate an action. It requires attentiveness and resistance on our part to maintain purity of conscience and spirit.

So, we have a spirit influence in addition to our own carnal spirit that can affect a sinful condition! To correctly assess this Ceremonial representation, we need to factor-in both motivating forces.

**Who IS Azazel**

It isn't as though people don't know who he is. Ancient generations were aware of who this goat represented. They knew of the name and were clear as to his (its) identity. Let's review some sources:

*From an internet comment:* “Truly, the Old Testament rituals carry a depth and richness that only God could create. The Day of Atonement foreshadowed the ultimate atonement Christ provides. No longer do we need to sacrifice animals to cover our sins, nor do we need to impute our sins to a scapegoat to have them carried away. Jesus has been sacrificed and “scapegoated” for us. Our sins have been atoned for and removed.

Now, this author fails to consider the efficacy of Christ's Sacrifice. With our sins covered, what need would there be for the “scapegoating” action to assign “our” sins to the other animal? This poses that some of our sins still would need remediation in some manner. He also poses the idea that both goats represent Christ. This is what's at issue!

**Additional Sources**

“As a side note, the name “Azazel” shows up in some Jewish mythology. While there are different versions in the Book of Enoch, the Book of the Giants, and other pseudepigraphal books, the story is essentially that Azazel was the name of

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<sup>1</sup> Hebrews 9:22

<sup>2</sup> Romans 7:22-23 “For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.”

<sup>3</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7-9 “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

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one of the fallen angels who sinned in Genesis chapter 6.<sup>4</sup> As a curse on his sin, Azazel was forced to take the form of a goat-like demon. This myth is not recorded in the Bible. Regardless of the identity of Azazel, the Bible emphasizes the sufficiency and completeness of Christ’s sacrifice both to remove our sin and to reconcile us to God.” (OUR sins, note! But this Ceremony calls attention to the fact that there’s another sin-motivating source needing to be addressed.)

*Wikipedia has this:* “In the [Bible](#), the name **Azazel** ([/əˈzeɪzəl, ˈæzəˈzɛl/](#); [Hebrew](#): אַזַּאֲזֵל ‘Azā’zēl) appears in association with the scapegoat rite; the name represents a desolate place where a [scapegoat](#) bearing the [sins](#) of the Jews during [Yom Kippur](#) was sent. During the end of the [Second Temple period](#), his association as a [fallen angel](#) responsible for introducing humans to forbidden knowledge...

In the [Book of Enoch](#), His role as a fallen angel partly remains in [Christian](#) and [Islamic](#) traditions.”

Wikipedia seems to present a more comprehensive explanation as to the identity issue. Traditional shallow-understanding Christian religions, oriented to the “Jesus did it all for you” thinking, obscures the true situation: That Azazel represents a motivational source for sin. Further, that view introduces us to the consideration that there is a body of sins that are not forgivable nor are to be forgiven! They must be ‘removed’ by other means.

#### **Enochic Literature**<sup>5</sup>

“In the Dead Sea Scrolls, the name Azazel occurs in the line 6 of 4Q203, [The Book of Giants](#), which is a part of the [Enochic](#) literature found at [Qumran](#).

“The [Book of Enoch](#) brings Azazel into connection with the Biblical story of the [fall of the angels](#), located on [Mount Hermon](#), a gathering-place of [demons](#) of old. Here, Azazel is one of the [leaders](#) of the rebellious [Watchers in the time preceding the Flood](#); he taught men the art of warfare, of making swords, knives, shields, and coats of mail, and taught women the art of deception by ornamenting the body, dyeing the hair, and painting the face and the eyebrows, and also revealed to the people the secrets of witchcraft and corrupted their manners, leading them into wickedness and impurity until at last he was, at Yahweh's command, bound hand and foot by the [archangel Raphael](#) and chained ... where he is to abide in utter darkness until the great [Day of Judgment](#), when he will be cast into the fire to be consumed forever.”

“The whole earth has been corrupted through the works that were taught by Azazel: to him ascribe all sin.” — *Book of Enoch 10:8*

“According to the Book of Enoch, Azazel (here spelled ‘āzā’zyēl) was one of the chief Grigori, a group of fallen angels...

“The souls of men [made] their suit, saying, "Bring our cause before the Most High; [...] Thou seest what Azazel hath done, who hath taught all unrighteousness on earth and revealed the eternal secrets which were in heaven, which men were striving to learn." God sees the sin brought about by Azazel and has Raphael “bind Azazel hand and foot and cast him into the darkness: and make an opening in the desert – which is in Dudael<sup>6</sup> – and cast him therein. And ... cover him with darkness, and let him abide there forever, and cover his face that he may not see light.” Azazel's fate is foretold near the end of Enoch 2:8, where God says, “On the day of [the great judgement](#) he shall be cast into the fire.” He (Satan) will be delivered to the [angels of punishments](#).

“Several scholars have previously discerned that some details of Azazel's punishment are reminiscent of the scapegoat rite. Thus, Lester Grabbe points to a number of parallels between the Azazel narrative in Enoch and the wording of Leviticus 16, including “the similarity of the names Asael and Azazel; the punishment in the desert; the placing of sin on Asael / Azazel; the resultant healing of the land.” Daniel Stökl also observes that “the punishment of the demon resembles

<sup>4</sup> Why would we exempt the chief of demons?

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.gotquestions.org/Azazel-scapegoat.html>

<sup>6</sup> **Dudael** is also implied to be the prison of all the fallen angels, especially the evil Watchers, the entrance of which is located to the east of Jerusalem. The way this place is described, Dudael is sometimes considered as a region of the underworld, comparable to Tartarus or Gehenna.

Compare 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:4 “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to **hell**, (#5020 Tartaros) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;...”

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the treatment of the goat in aspects of geography, action, time and purpose.” Thus, the place of Asael's punishment designated in Enoch as Dudael is reminiscent of the rabbinic terminology used for the designation of the ravine of the scape-goat in later rabbinic interpretations of the Yom Kippur ritual. Stökl remarks that “the name of place of judgment (*Dudael*) is conspicuously similar in both traditions and can likely be traced to a common origin.”

**Whose Sins are to be Borne?**

Among those who ascribe to the “Jesus paid it all” mentality is the view that the ‘other goat’ bears our sins also. Taking this position can distract us from a more comprehensive awareness of the real lesson of this Atonement Ceremony. Such an idea suggests that sin can achieve remission without the shedding of blood, as this ‘other goat’ is specifically exempted from that fate. But, if that’s actually so, we must ask, forgiven by what remedial means?

“The historic view poses that Azazel is to be chained to the rough and jagged rocks of [Ha] [Dudael](#) (= Beth Hadudo), where he is to abide in utter darkness until the great [Day of Judgment](#), when he will be cast into the fire to be consumed forever.” (see footnote 6)

Is it plausible that Satan can be held fully responsible for his own sins and the sins he inspired in men? Somehow, this doesn’t factor into some people’s thinking. Are those sins placed upon his head right-fully his own?

**Unforgiven Sins?**

What we need to consider is IF there are sins which are not covered by the blood of Christ. This consideration seems to escape people’s notice when assigning the Azazel goat’s identity to Christ.

Are we to allege that Jesus is to spend eternity in Dudael (or Tartaros)? That would be a necessary conclusion if we are to carry the identification to its fullest application.

As we consider what was anciently understood, we are drawn further and further from identifying Jesus Christ as being who that other goat represents.

**By the Hand of a Fit Man**

And have we considered who the ‘fit man’ represents? It must be an individual with greater position than Azazel himself. If we want to assign any role in this second goat action to Jesus Christ, wouldn’t it be more logical that He would occupy the ‘fit man’ function, rather than having our unforgiven sins placed upon Himself?

Being that Azazel is regarded as representing the one who introduced sin into humanity as found in the early days of the Mosaic writings, why would we disregard their understanding?

Azazel is driven out of inhabited areas, no longer in contact with mankind. When we assign the identity of that other goat to Christ, indirectly it alleges that some of our sins are not remitted by the application of His blood. That too should be problematical. It would be far more logical to acknowledge that we were subjected to additional motivating forces not of our own. That there is an influence that originated from another source!

And, in what circumstance is Jesus consigned to ‘outer darkness’ as is this Azazel? His future ‘judgment’s’ negative sentence further reaffirms that there are sins not forgiven that must be borne by the perpetrator/recipient himself in the Day of Judgment. If those sins borne by the other goat were in some way forgiven, then such ‘Judgment’ would be inappropriate! That is the lesson of this illustration.

**A High Level Insult?**

We know that the birth date of Jesus was mis-assigned to the actual birth celebration of another supposed deity; that His name has been employed in connection with things that He has no interest in; that His Message has been ignored and replaced with another. Is it inconceivable that He would wrongly be identified in the Atonement Ceremony?

And, if wrongly identified, have we considered the level of offense when making such a misassignment? That Azazel (Satan) is in reality Christ!

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Think about the offense factor: when it’s alleged that Jesus blood pays the penalty for Satan’s sins. Being reserved to a Day of Judgment as he is makes it obvious that they are not forgiven!

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## **Victory Over Death**

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The story of the Exodus from Egypt as recorded in the Book of Exodus in the Old Testament is well known by believers and non-believers. Ten plagues came upon Egypt to break the will of their Pharaoh so that he would release the children of Israel from their slavery to go into the wilderness to worship Almighty God.

The tenth plague involved the death of the firstborn. This even affected the first-born son of Pharaoh. The children of Israel were instructed by God through Moses on how to spare their firstborn. As you know, a lamb of the first year and without blemish was to be slain on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month. Its blood was to be smeared on the doorposts and lintel of each home. When the death angel came at midnight, it would “pass over” every house that had the blood upon its entrance. The **blood** of the lamb saved the firstborn and gave them victory over death.

This ceremony of slaying a lamb every year was to be kept by the Israelites down through their generations. It looked forward to the time when Jesus, the lamb of God, would be slain for our sins (I Corinthians 5:7). More on this later.

The death of the firstborn finally broke the will of Pharaoh, and he commanded Moses and company to leave Egypt. Thus, the Exodus began. Their departure began on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month (Numbers 33:3). After their departure, Pharaoh wanted vengeance. When he learned that the Israelites had become entangled in the wilderness and were headed for a boxed-in location, he quickly assembled his chariots and pursued after them (Exodus 14:1-9).

“As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and saw the Egyptians marching after them, and they were **terrified**... They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us into the wilderness to **die**? What have you done to us by bringing us **out of Egypt**’” (verses 10-11).

It wasn’t just the firstborn that were facing death. Now, it was the whole nation. Their backs were against the sea and there was no escape. This time, it was not blood that would give them the victory over death, it was **water**. As everyone knows, God parted the Red Sea for them to escape certain death. God then used the Red Sea to destroy the Egyptians. This was a **great victory** which was celebrated in Exodus 15.

This wasn’t the first time that God had saved His people by water. Notice: “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were **saved by water**” (I Peter 3:20). Continue: “Corresponding to that, **baptism** now **saves you**—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ” (verse 21).

The Israelites crossing through the Red Sea was a type of baptism which points us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. “Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea. And were all **baptized** unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.” (I Corinthians 10:1-2).

The apostle Paul further states: “For if the dead are not raised, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is worthless and you are still in your sins” (I Corinthians 15:16-17). In other words, you are as good as dead if there is no hope of a resurrection.

“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ!” (I Corinthians 15:56).

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At Christ’s crucifixion, it was getting late in the day and a high Sabbath was coming on. To hasten the death of those on a cross, they would break their legs. However, Jesus was already dead. Why? “Instead, one of the soldiers [had] pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **blood** and **water** flowed out” (John 19:34).

The blood and water both play an important part in our salvation. The Word of God is also likened unto water. “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of **water** by the **word**” (Ephesians 5:25-26).

I Corinthians 15:54 says that our day of victory over death will be complete when our flesh is changed from mortal to immortal. And what day will that be?

“Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**” (I Corinthians 15:51-52).

The Resurrection of the Firstborn will take place at the seventh and last trumpet which will occur on a future Pentecost aka Feast of **Firstfruits**. This understanding has been expounded in other articles.

Briefly, the seven trumpets depicted in the Book of Revelation sound according to the same pattern that is formed by the seven annual Sabbaths according to the Jewish Civil Calendar which begins in the autumn. Four will sound in the autumn and three in the spring. Thus, the seventh trumpet will sound on a future Pentecost which pictures the Resurrection at Christ’s return to gather the Elect from the four winds of heaven. Christ will take His Bride to heaven for the wedding supper then return on the following Feast of Trumpets to make war with the hostile nations.

Consequently, Pentecost will be a day of victory over death. Pentecost means “fiftieth.” This 50<sup>th</sup> day is an annual Sabbath. The entire 50-day festival begins with the barley harvest in the spring. On the first day, a wavesheaf offering is made with the first cut grain. This wavesheaf offering was the first of the firstfruits. It was fulfilled by Jesus Christ when He rose from the dead centuries ago.

Thus, the first day of this 50-day count was a day of **victory** over death just as the 50<sup>th</sup> day will also be a day of victory when Pentecost is fulfilled. With this in mind, there are some beliefs about the Exodus that I wish to address.

When and where did the Israelites cross the Red Sea?

The Israelites began their departure from Egypt on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month as previously noted. No date is given in scripture for the Red Sea crossing. Some believe that the Israelites crossed on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the first month.

Some believe that they crossed on the seventh and last day of unleavened bread which would have been the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the first month. Also, it is believed that the Israelites were not completely out of Egypt until the Red Sea crossing. The site of the Red Sea crossing is also believed to have occurred on the Gulf of Suez.

However, there is growing evidence that the Red Sea crossing occurred on the Gulf of Aqaba which is much farther away. There are many films and videos available for you to research a likely Red Sea crossing site. Nuweiba Beach on the Gulf of Aqaba is a prime candidate which means that it is very unlikely that the Israelites could have reached this location within six days and then crossed on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the first month.

Recall again what the Israelites said to Moses when they saw the Egyptian army. They said that they were **already out of Egypt**. Read it again in Exodus 14:11. As already stated, the Red Sea crossing was a Day of Victory over death. With this understanding, we can determine a possible date for this Victory Crossing.

The Red Sea crossing was the beginning of their journey to the mountain of God in Arabia to receive God’s ten commandments which are laws of life. The Israelites arrived at the base of Mount Sinai in the third month after they had left Egypt. As a result of the timing, it is believed that God gave His ten commandments and entered into a covenant with Israel on what would have been Pentecost day.



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I agree with this possibility, but this is where things get sticky and controversial. Exodus 19:1 gives the date when they arrived at Mount Sinai. But hardly anyone agrees with what it says because of the belief that God appeared to Israel on Pentecost. You see, nearly everyone believes that the count toward Pentecost must start during the seven Days of Unleavened Bread which fall on the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> days of the first month. This means that the latest that Pentecost can occur is the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the third month by doing a rough estimate (9+29+12=50).

Yet it appears that the Israelites didn't arrive at Mount Sinai until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the third month. If they **arrived on the same day** of the month that they had left from Egypt, then it would have been the 15<sup>th</sup> day. This date does not fall within anyone's wavesheaf theory for figuring a Pentecost date. Furthermore, Pentecost fell on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the third month that year as I figure it. I doubt anyone would agree with this late of a date for Pentecost. "Houston, we have a problem!"

Yet, when you read the instructions given in Leviticus 23:9-21, that late of a date for Pentecost is allowed. It may not be the norm, but God is not a fool. He foresaw that circumstances can sometimes cause a **delayed harvest** just as happens today. With ten plagues hitting Egypt that year, things were certainly not "normal."

If Pentecost did fall on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the third month that year, then let's determine the wavesheaf day by counting back from that date. If there were 29 days in the second month of the Hebrew Calendar as is calculated today, then 17 plus 29 gives us 46 days. The first month probably had 30 days as is calculated today. That would bring us to the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the first month when the wavesheaf offering would have occurred that year. If the wavesheaf offering pictures a Day of Victory as does Pentecost, then this is when the Red Sea crossing took place.

My calculations may not be exact. They are to illustrate that the day of the wave-sheaf offering (a day picturing **victory**) can be delayed when certain conditions cause it. If the day of the wavesheaf offering is delayed, then the count toward Pentecost (50<sup>th</sup> day) will not occur as it normally would in other years.

That's crazy you may think. Maybe so. But that date would have given the Israelites 12 days to travel to Nuweiba Beach on the Gulf of Aqaba. The Israelites knew that they had to put as much distance between themselves and Pharaoh as fast as possible. There was no time to waste. No time to stop at any scenic overlooks to take any photo shots of the family with the Wilderness Alps in the background. They knew what was at stake. This was expressed when Pharaoh's army finally caught up with them as we read earlier.

After the Red Sea crossing and the threat of Pharaoh removed, the Israelites could travel on to Mount Sinai at a slower pace. God was now able to introduce the weekly Sabbath of rest to them which foreshadows the millennial rest.

As we get closer to the end time, things will also get crazy. We have all seen just how bizarre weather can be at times. Christ warned that no one would know the day or hour of His coming. Thus, He warned us to watch (Matthew 25:13).

Will we heed Christ's warning, or will we hold unto something that may prove to be misleading and disappointing? Only time will tell. Put your faith in Christ and not in a date.

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**"To strip our past of glory is no great loss, but to deny it honor is devastating."** – Daniel Patrick Moynihan

**"Education is a weapon whose effects depend on who holds it and at whom it is aimed."** – Josef Stalin

TOO MUCH OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS AIMED AT THE MALE OF THE SPECIES (at least the "soft" sciences).

**"The snowman is, of course, white and invariably male.... His ritual location in the semi-public space of garden or yard imaginatively reinforces a spatial social system, marking women's 'proper' sphere as the domestic-private and men's as the commercial-public...."** – University of Birmingham (UK) professor of art history

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Even life-long Democrats are getting sick to the stomach, sick of the political correctness promoted by Big Box Education. According to our Best and Brightest, there are now 31 flavors of genders and at least 12 appropriate pronouns for them. The Queen's English is dying a slow death of semantic overkill.

**SERIOUSLY**, as Will Rogers said, **"There is nothing so ignorant as the educated man if you get him off the thing, he was educated in."**

America has been the most creative nation on the planet for over 200 years. We not only invented baseball, football, and basketball, but the bulk of the world's technology. A lot of credit for that goes to the engineering majors from our universities, but sadly, many of them don't notice that their old alma mater has become increasingly anti-business, and anti-Christian. Now they are even becoming anti- Semitic and pro-Islamic. I'm going to post this column every August for as many Augusts as America survives:

**– "No man who worships education has got the best out of education.... Without a gentle contempt for education no man's education is complete." – G.K. Chesterton**

–"I think everyone should go to college and get a degree and then spend six months as a bartender and six months as a cab driver. Then they would really be educated." – Al McGuire (coach, Marquette WARRIORS) \*

–"It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense."  
– Robert Green Ingersoll

–"An educated person is one who has learned that information almost always turns out to be at best incomplete and very often false, misleading, fictitious, mendacious – just dead wrong." – Russell Baker

–"It's not that our liberal friends are ignorant; it's just that they know so much that isn't so." – Ronald Reagan

–"For us in Russia communism is a dead dog. For many people in the West, it is still a log lion.... Blow the dust off the clock. Your watches are behind the times. Throw open the heavy curtains which are so dear to you – you do not even suspect that the day has already dawned." – Alexander Solzhenitsyn

–"An era can be said to end when its basic illusions are exhausted." – Arthur Miller

**– "Learning, n. The kind of ignorance distinguishing the studious.... That which discloses the wise and disguises from the foolish their lack of understanding." – Ambrose Bierce**

– *"An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't."* – Anatole France

- "Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance." – Will Durant
- "Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know." – Daniel Boorstin
- "Much education today is monumentally ineffective. All too often we are giving young people cut flowers when we should be teaching them to grow their own plants. – John W. Gardner
- "The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives." – Robert Maynard Hutchins
- "Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another." – G.K. Chesterton

Lady Margaret Thatcher said, **"A powerful, radical left-wing clerisy is bent on destroying what every past generation would have understood to be the central purpose of education – that is, allowing (in the words of Edmund Burke) *individuals* to 'avail themselves of the general bank and capital of nations, and of ages.'"**

Most educrats these days have *no* intention of passing on our society's soul to the next generation! They would rather introduce "Generation Snowflake" to perpetual change, new political paradigms, evolving standards of decency, and "NEW" morality.

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*Alexis de Tocqueville warned us: "Because Roman civilization perished through barbarian invasions, we are perhaps too much inclined to think that that is the only way a civilization can die."*

*Tony Blair said, "We will not win this battle against this global extremism unless we win it on the level of values as well as force."*

At about the same time, British academe launched a new program called (euphemistically) "Secure Values" which eliminated any teaching of right and wrong – **"to relieve schools of the need to teach British Heritage."** [Quoted by Rush Limbaugh, August 1, 2006] How's that working out for them, and for us?

**CONCLUSION:** *"Alas, the academy today is obsessed with the trivial and the trashy, relentlessly focused on sexual politics, and gripped by a deep antagonism to tradition that has degenerated into a new absolutism."* – Jim Nelson Black ("Freefall of the American University")

**P.S. "A child educated only at school is an UNEDUCATED CHILD."** – George Santayana

"Many are schooled, but few are educated." – Einstein [many are called, but some are culled]

**"A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy, or perhaps both."** – James Madison

**PPS:** President Monroe said that everything would be safe as long as the people are virtuous and not ignorant or corrupt. For us Traditionalists, that's a word of warning. For the one-world Progressives, that gives them a bright IDEA, a good excuse for dumbing down the next generation, Generation Z (and rewriting the history of the settling and founding of the U.S.A.).

**"A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."** – Theodore Roosevelt

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**“EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW” IS DEAD –**  
**Special Rights killed Equality!**  
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Equal Justice Under Law is written on the supreme court building: **Without equality Justice cannot exist.** Equal Justice has been replaced with: Special Attack on the Innocents Rights - Based on race and sexual perversion. The Un-Civil-Right Law: That only white people can be guilty of - Licenses Blacks forever accusers to claim offence and be **paid millions.** Can white people be racially offended and get paid? No, Devils pandering for black votes made white the target - Why? Please Devil-Media, pander based on race and sexual perversion, for political advantage. "Equal justice under law" Sacrificed.

Black racially motivated rioters, in fake love for black criminals - Can kill white people, destroy their business, and not be called racist. The evil Un-Civil Rights Law assumes: Black today victim of history and white today Guilty of history - never experienced. A dangerous diabolical concept. Law must be based on: Color blind Justice - and the reality of male and female to uphold "Equal Justice Under Law." If Not, Tyranny and Madness will Dominate! Evil "Color Conscious Law" panders and condemns based on racist feelings; **who is racist the accused or the accuser?** An insult because of race: Would never offend one who believes God and considers - Race Irrelevant. But black racists dig up the dead, impose their guilt on innocent white people living today. Use black criminals arrest seeking justification to be offended, accuse, kill, and hate based on race.

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Non-Discrimination Law and Hate Crime Law Why? Pander to Devil-Medias adopted Accusers: Who Discriminate and Hate - White People who do Not pander to black racism, and Christians who believe God. Only sexual perverts and black racist have the right to Discriminate and Hate. **Devil-Media and their adopted sexual perverted children:** Hate “Equal Justice under Law.” Because it can’t be used to accuse and force others to honor their depravity. But “**Non-Discrimination Law**” **can**. America’s damned Laws end up being - Attack Laws based on race and sexual-depravity. Establishing: “Equal Justice Under Law,” freedom of speech, and the gospel of Jesus Christ against the Law.

Devil-Media-Drives: Congress and Judges, like dumb mules. Equal Justice Under Law: Is a perfect concept. But to - Democrats and Republican Political Snakes “equality” restrict them pandering for votes - creating **accusers the innocent rights** is critical to win Devil-Media’s approval. Equal Justice Under Law: Rejects Special - FRAUD RIGHTS - for a man pretending to be a woman or a woman pretending to be a man. They both need reality denying counseling - Not law - forcing others to embrace their insane and perverted delusions. Equality - Rejects the concept that Dr Frankenstein can mutilate and drug a man into a woman. Forcing others through “Non-Discrimination Law” to honor such madness is tyranny.

Equal Justice Under Law: Perfectly Represents God’s perfect Law: “Love God and your neighbor as yourself.” The words God used “as yourself” mean consider your White neighbor as Black “as yourself” and your Black neighbor as White “as yourself.” God’s counsel regarding slavery of the past: “All who are under the yoke of slavery must consider their masters worthy of full respect” 1 Timothy 6:1. Black slaves of America’s founders will be honored by God. But Free black Americans full of racist hate for white America, will be condemned to Hell. My black brothers and sisters: Free yourselves from Devil-Media and the Democratic party Hate Plantation!

**Equality Demands:** Color Blind Justice and Outlaw money rewards based on race. Take money out of the Un-Civil-Rights-Law: Then black forever accusers and their damned Lawyers like vultures will fly away. If someone is refused a job because of race fine the individual Not the business that will keep dollar chasing Lawyers away.

Money is the fuel that facilitates black racism: And drives Evil Black Racist Leaders on an endless pursuit of Hate that can never be appeased. If America was majority black: Today’s Evil democratic party leaders Black and White would blame black problems on the white minority.

**Color Blind Justice** is real “social justice” and Racial Equality. Black Racists will Complain: If Color Blind Justice becomes Law that will make black and white - Equal - under law. How can blacks, pretend offence, play victim, and get paid on the basis of being black? If Color Blind Justice is Law: Will black leaders and Devil-Media drive blacks to riot? If blacks riot because of Color Blind Justice - black racism will be evident to all. The Fact Is - if Color Blind Justice does Not become Law - America’s future is this: Black racist motivated riots in FAKE sympathy for black criminals, pretext to Play Victim, and Justify black crime, will become more bloody. Innocent white men, women and children will be dragged out of homes and cars and beat to death. Then Devil-Media, democrats and black racist leaders will blame the bloodshed on white America.

**Devils:** Use the words “Inclusion” and “Diversity” They really mean - Exclude based on being white, believing God, and Reality and Truth. Resulting in - Blinded to “truth” the Devils will **form you into their own evil image**. How diverse is “diversity”? Are conservative white and black Christian and Jews who believe God included in diversity? Never!

State Leaders: Reject Judges and Lawmakers playing God and taking to themselves authority to dictate “good and evil.” Create this Law in your State: In Court all are considered the Same Race. And In Court - all are male and female; reject the fraud of “transgender” and diabolical depravity of “same sex marriage.” Businesses are Not to be compelled to hire someone - Flaunting their sexual perversion. Wait until at home to pretend the opposite gender. Stop LGBT indoctrination of children Ban sex education K-12.

Will any State Congress or Governor take the challenge and free themselves from Devil-Media and Washington’s Shackles? Brothers and Sisters: Repent. Judgment Day is the Day of your Death - you will Not remember being dead. God proclaimed Life that is Not subject to death and paid our debt of sin. Jesus Christ Crucified Light that Shines Beyond the Grave.

## Iron Sharpening Iron

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)  
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

### In regard to: Ben Ha Arbayim – “Between the Two Evenings” – Just What Does This REALLY Mean?

Article by HOIM Staff, John Keyser  
Comments by James Steinle (Swanville, Minnesota)

Ben Ha Arbayim or “Between the two evenings” by John Keyser was right on target. Fred Coulter seems like a nice old guy, but he is just wrong in this case.

### In regard to: The Victim Beside the Road

Article by Catherine C. Kroeger  
Comments by James Steinle (Swanville, Minnesota)

“The Victim Beside the Road” by Catherine C. Kroeger on abuse was quite enlightening and thought provoking.

### In regard to: The Formula for Overcoming

Article by David F. Maas  
Comments by James Steinle (Swanville, Minnesota)

I thought “The Formula for Overcoming” by David F. Maas was also very good and helpful.

### In regard to: Victory Over Death

Article by Dwight Fleming  
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

#### Dwight Flemings Article:

The story of the Exodus from Egypt as recorded in the Book of Exodus in the Old Testament is well known by believers and non-believers. Ten plagues came upon Egypt to break the will of their Pharaoh so that he would release the children of Israel from their slavery to go into the wilderness to worship Almighty God.

The tenth plague involved the death of the firstborn. This even affected the first-born son of Pharaoh. The children of Israel were instructed by God through Moses on how to spare their firstborn. As you know, a lamb of the first year and without blemish was to be slain on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month. Its blood was to be smeared on the doorposts and lintel of each home. When the death angel came at midnight, it would “pass over” every house that had the blood upon its entrance. The **blood** of the lamb saved the firstborn and gave them victory over death.

This ceremony of slaying a lamb every year was to be kept by the Israelites down through their generations. It looked forward to the time when Jesus, the lamb of God, would be slain for our sins (I Corinthians 5:7). More on this later.

The death of the firstborn finally broke the will of Pharaoh, and he commanded Moses and company to leave Egypt. Thus, the Exodus began. Their departure began on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month (Numbers 33:3). After their departure,



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Pharaoh wanted vengeance. When he learned that the Israelites had become entangled in the wilderness and were headed for a boxed-in location, he quickly assembled his chariots and pursued after them (Exodus 14:1-9).

“As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and saw the Egyptians marching after them, and they were **terrified**... They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us into the wilderness to **die**? What have you done to us by bringing us **out of Egypt**?’” (verses 10-11).

**Laura writes:**

**Exo 14:10** And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. **Exo 14:11** And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, **to carry us forth out of Egypt?**

Read it again there is no statement here saying they were now out of Egypt. The phrasing is “to carry us forth out of Egypt.” In other words, they were on their way out of Egypt which is what the trip was intended for, to take them out of Egypt. Just before this they stated “hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?” When they saw the Egyptian army coming behind them, they clearly thought they had been brought into the wilderness to die. There is nothing here about them already being out of Egypt. In order for them to be out of Egypt they would have had to be at least halfway if not all the way through the Red Sea and in verse 10 and 11 here they have not even started to cross the red sea yet.

**Dwight Flemings Article:**

It wasn't just the firstborn that were facing death. Now, it was the whole nation. Their backs were against the sea and there was no escape. This time, it was not blood that would give them the victory over death, it was **water**. As everyone knows, God parted the Red Sea for them to escape certain death. God then used the Red Sea to destroy the Egyptians. This was a **great victory** which was celebrated in Exodus 15.

This wasn't the first time that God had saved His people by water. Notice: “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were **saved by water**” (I Peter 3:20). Continue: “Corresponding to that, **baptism** now **saves you**—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ” (verse 21).

The Israelites crossing through the Red Sea was a type of baptism which points us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. “Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea. And were all **baptized** unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.” (I Corinthians 10:1-2).

The apostle Paul further states: “For if the dead are not raised, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is worthless and you are still in your sins” (I Corinthians 15:16-17). In other words, you are as good as dead if there is no hope of a resurrection.

“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ!” (I Corinthians 15:56).

At Christ's crucifixion, it was getting late in the day and a high Sabbath was coming on. To hasten the death of those on a cross, they would break their legs. However, Jesus was already dead. Why? “Instead, one of the soldiers [had] pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **blood and water** flowed out” (John 19:34).

The blood and water both play an important part in our salvation. The Word of God is also likened unto water. “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of **water** by the **word**” (Ephesians 5:25-26).

I Corinthians 15:54 says that our day of victory over death will be complete when our flesh is changed from mortal to immortal. And what day will that be?

“Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**” (I Corinthians 15:51-52).

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The Resurrection of the Firstborn will take place at the seventh and last trumpet which will occur on a future Pentecost aka Feast of **Firstfruits**. This understanding has been expounded in other articles.

Briefly, the seven trumpets depicted in the Book of Revelation sound according to the same pattern that is formed by the seven annual Sabbaths according to the Jewish Civil Calendar which begins in the autumn. Four will sound in the autumn and three in the spring. Thus, the seventh trumpet will sound on a future Pentecost which pictures the Resurrection at Christ's return to gather the Elect from the four winds of heaven. Christ will take His Bride to heaven for the wedding supper then return on the following Feast of Trumpets to make war with the hostile nations.

Consequently, Pentecost will be a day of victory over death. Pentecost means “fiftieth.” This 50<sup>th</sup> day is an annual Sabbath. The entire 50-day festival begins with the barley harvest in the spring. On the first day, a wave sheaf offering is made with the first cut grain. This wave sheaf offering was the first of the firstfruits. It was fulfilled by Jesus Christ when He rose from the dead centuries ago.

**Laura writes:**

Christ did not fulfill the wave sheaf offering because the wave sheaf offering does not represent Christ. The wave sheaf offering represents the ecclesia, the called-out ones. Read what Edersheim and others have to say about what happens with the wave sheaf. There is a certain amount of grain gathered for the wave sheaf and then it is put through the fire and then through many sieves for refining. Those who are called are put through the fire and refined many times. Then in the end only part of the grain gathered for this offering is used. Many are called but few are chosen. The wave sheaf offering in no way represents Christ. It represents the ecclesia, the called-out ones.

**Dwight Flemings Article:**

Thus, the first day of this 50-day count was a day of **victory** over death just as the 50<sup>th</sup> day will also be a day of victory when Pentecost is fulfilled. With this in mind, there are some beliefs about the Exodus that I wish to address.

When and where did the Israelites cross the Red Sea?

The Israelites began their departure from Egypt on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month as previously noted. No date is given in scripture for the Red Sea crossing. Some believe that the Israelites crossed on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the first month.

Some believe that they crossed on the seventh and last day of unleavened bread which would have been the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the first month. Also, it is believed that the Israelites were not completely out of Egypt until the Red Sea crossing. The site of the Red Sea crossing is also believed to have occurred on the Gulf of Suez.

However, there is growing evidence that the Red Sea crossing occurred on the Gulf of Aqaba which is much farther away. There are many films and videos available for you to research a likely Red Sea crossing site. Nuweiba Beach on the Gulf of Aqaba is a prime candidate which means that it is very unlikely that the Israelites could have reached this location within six days and then crossed on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the first month.

**Laura writes:**

We are of the Nuweiba Beach on the Gulf of Aqaba crossing simply put because they found the Chariot pieces and parts there and there is a huge land bridge just under the sea there. Well and then there is this:

[Gal 4:25](#) For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

Here are the travels of the Children of Israel from Rameses to the Red Sea:

[Num 33:3](#) And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

[Num 33:5](#) And the children of Israel removed from Rameses and **pitched** in Succoth.

[Num 33:6](#) And they departed from Succoth, and **pitched** in Etham, which *is* in the edge of the wilderness.

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**Num 33:7** And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pihahiroth, which *is* before Baalzephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

**Num 33:8** And they departed from before Pihahiroth and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

The Israelites traveled day and night and only camped three times between Rameses and the Red Sea. So yes, they could have made it in a week or less. They were in a hurry to get out of Egypt. The entire Sinai Peninsula was part of Egypt at the time of the Exodus, so they would have had to been at least half way across the Red Sea in order to be out of Egypt.

**Dwight Flemings Article:**

Recall again what the Israelites said to Moses when they saw the Egyptian army. They said that they were **already out of Egypt**. Read it again in Exodus 14:11. As already stated, the Red Sea crossing was a Day of Victory over death. With this understanding, we can determine a possible date for this Victory Crossing.

**Laura writes:**

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**Dwight Flemings Article:**

The Red Sea crossing was the beginning of their journey to the mountain of God in Arabia to receive God's ten commandments which are laws of life. The Israelites arrived at the base of Mount Sinai in the third month after they had left Egypt. As a result of the timing, it is believed that God gave His ten commandments and entered into a covenant with Israel on what would have been Pentecost day.

I agree with this possibility, but this is where things get sticky and controversial. Exodus 19:1 gives the date when they arrived at Mount Sinai. But hardly anyone agrees with what it says because of the belief that God appeared to Israel on Pentecost. You see, nearly everyone believes that the count toward Pentecost must start during the seven Days of Unleavened Bread which fall on the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> days of the first month. This means that the latest that Pentecost can occur is the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the third month by doing a rough estimate (9+29+12=50).

**Laura writes:**

It only gets sticky when you make up your own Holy Days or when you continue to follow the Holy Days that Herbert Armstrong taught you to follow in error. Herbert Armstrong did bring a lot of truth to us from the Bible, but he did not have everything right, nor did he understand every single thing that he read and taught to many. If he had it all right, there would be no controversy today.

The Pharisees (Now Orthodox Jews) followed a Sivan 6 Pentecost as is stated unto this day on the Hebrew Calendar. Christ said:

**Mat 23:1** Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, **Mat 23:2** Saying, **The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: Mat 23:3** All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.*

The Pharisees as they taught the law of God in the temple were endorsed by Christ himself and later by Paul when he

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said:

**Act 26:5** Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

You may not like the Pharisees, but Christ and later Paul endorsed them.

When you keep an early 14 Passover and a Pentecost other than Sivan 6 you are following the Sadducees and I still can't understand why anyone in their right mind would even think to do that. Here is what scripture says about the Sadducees.

**Act 23:8** For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

Some people seem to hate the Pharisees so much that they will bend over backwards to try to prove that Christ and His family were of the Sadducean Persuasion. Read the scripture again because if Christ and His family were of the Sadducean Persuasion as many believe then there is no hope what so ever for any of us to ever be resurrected.

Look at it, the Sadducees say, “there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit.” Does anyone yet see the problem with following the Sadducees in anything? If Christ was of that persuasion, then it means that Christ did not believe in a resurrection, yet He was resurrected, He would not believe in angels or in spirits, yet Christ lived with angels and Christ is a spirit. You had better think real deeply about why you would follow after the doctrines of the Sadducees and not after the ones that both Christ and Paul endorsed.

The Pharisees are not the only ones that Christ reprimanded; He also reprimanded the seven churches in Revelation.

Do you yet not understand that many are called but few are chosen. Why would you not be chosen? Think about it deeply. It does matter what Holy Days you keep because the only ones that are to be kept are the ones that God has listed in His Law. The ones you make up are the ones He hates. The bible was written for the ecclesia and not for the entire world. So, He is not talking about hating Christmas or Easter though He does, in scripture He is talking about the Holy Days the ecclesia is making up because they hate Pharisees and do not want to do what God tells them in scripture to do.

**Dwight Flemings Article:**

Yet it appears that the Israelites didn't arrive at Mount Sinai until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the third month. If they **arrived on the same day** of the month that they had left from Egypt, then it would have been the 15<sup>th</sup> day. This date does not fall within anyone's wavesheaf theory for figuring a Pentecost date. Furthermore, Pentecost fell on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the third month that year as I figure it. I doubt anyone would agree with this late of a date for Pentecost. “Houston, we have a problem!”

**Laura writes:**

Perhaps you have a problem, but I doubt that all of Houston has a problem. Why don't you just keep the calendar that God left you to keep. After all it is kind of foolish to keep some Holy Days according to that calendar and not others. Also, there is no way that Exodus 19:1 refers all the way back to the day they left Rameses. Read it again.

**Exo 19:1** In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.

Exodus 19:1 is referring to the word “third” here. If you are going to tell people it is referring to the 15<sup>th</sup>, the day they left, then why not say the 14<sup>th</sup> when the lamb was slain or let's go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nisan when the new moon appeared. When something is referred to it is generally only a short way away. I actually got my understanding of this scripture back in the early 2000's and it was only a few months ago when I was doing research for a different article and ran across this stuff from the Talmud, so no I did not get my understanding from the Talmud, I got it from the Bible.

**This comes from the Talmud:**

**From Talmud 68B: Rabbi Elazar said: All agree with regard to Atzeret, the holiday of Shavuot, that we require that it be also “for you,” meaning that it is a mitzva to eat, drink, and rejoice on that day. What is the**

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reason? It is the day on which the Torah was given, and one must celebrate the fact that the Torah was given to the Jewish people. Rabba said: All agree with regard to Shabbat that we require that it be also “for you.”

**From Talmud 86B: The Sages taught: On the sixth day of the month of Sivan, the Ten Commandments were given to the Jewish people. Rabbi Yosei says: On the seventh day of the month. Rava said: Everyone agrees that the Jews came to the Sinai desert on the New Moon, as it is written here: “In the third month after the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai” (Exodus 19:1), without elaborating what day it was.**

The inspired word of God, the Bible says the law was given on Sivan 6 which would have been Pentecost.

#1--They arrived at Mount Sinai on Sivan 3. (Exd. 19:1)

#2--They had 2 days of preparation, Sivan 4 & 5. (Exd. 19:10)

#3--They were to be prepared for the 3rd day, Sivan 6, on which they received the law. (Exd. 19:15-16)

The count to Pentecost begins the day after Passover or Nisan 16. (What bride does not count the days until her wedding?)

At the time of Moses, the law was given on Pentecost which is also known as the Feast of First Fruits. Later in the New Testament on Pentecost, God’s Holy Spirit was given to His people which is appropriate as the Holy Spirit is the means by which we are able to keep the law of God. On a future day of Pentecost, we believe that it will be the harvest of the First Fruits of God on which the Marriage Supper of the Lamb takes place in heaven.

**Dwight Flemings Article:**

Yet, when you read the instructions given in Leviticus 23:9-21, that late of a date for Pentecost is allowed. It may not be the norm, but God is not a fool. He foresaw that circumstances can sometimes cause a **delayed harvest** just as happens today. With ten plagues hitting Egypt that year, things were certainly not “normal.”

**Laura writes:**

**Lev 23:9** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **Lev 23:10** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, **When ye be come into the land which I give unto you**, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: **Lev 23:11** And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. **Lev 23:12** And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD. **Lev 23:13** And the meat offering thereof *shall be* two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part* of an hin. **Lev 23:14** And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. **Lev 23:15** And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: **Lev 23:16** Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. **Lev 23:17** Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; *they are* the firstfruits unto the LORD. **Lev 23:18** And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, *even* an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD. **Lev 23:19** Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. **Lev 23:20** And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits *for* a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. **Lev 23:21** And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work *therein: it shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

I am not seeing where there was a delay of any kind here. It says: **“When ye be come into the land which I give unto you...”** Looks like it was right on time and Joshua 5:10 backs it up.

**Jos 5:10** And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. **Jos 5:11** And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day. **Jos 5:12** And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the



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land of Canaan that year.

**Dwight Flemings Article:**

If Pentecost did fall on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the third month that year, then let's determine the wave sheaf day by counting back from that date. If there were 29 days in the second month of the Hebrew Calendar as is calculated today, then 17 plus 29 gives us 46 days. The first month probably had 30 days as is calculated today. That would bring us to the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the first month when the wave sheaf offering would have occurred that year. If the wavesheaf offering pictures a Day of Victory as does Pentecost, then this is when the Red Sea crossing took place.

My calculations may not be exact. They are to illustrate that the day of the wave-sheaf offering (a day picturing **victory**) can be delayed when certain conditions cause it. If the day of the wave sheaf offering is delayed, then the count toward Pentecost (50<sup>th</sup> day) will not occur as it normally would in other years.

**Laura writes:**

I have not seen any proof for this foolishness. These are all things you made up so you can hold on to whatever doctrine you have that this is attached to.

**Dwight Flemings Article:**

That's crazy you may think. Maybe so. But that date would have given the Israelites 12 days to travel to Nuweiba Beach on the Gulf of Aqaba. The Israelites knew that they had to put as much distance between themselves and Pharaoh as fast as possible. There was no time to waste. No time to stop at any scenic overlooks to take any photo shots of the family with the Wilderness Alps in the background. They knew what was at stake. This was expressed when Pharaoh's army finally caught up with them as we read earlier.

**Laura writes:**

As I stated earlier, they only camped three times between Rameses and the Red Sea. They traveled day and night and they were in physically good shape so they only needed a week or less to get to the red sea.

**Dwight Flemings Article:**

After the Red Sea crossing and the threat of Pharaoh removed, the Israelites could travel on to Mount Sinai at a slower pace. God was now able to introduce the weekly Sabbath of rest to them which foreshadows the millennial rest.

As we get closer to the end time, things will also get crazy. We have all seen just how bizarre weather can be at times. Christ warned that no one would know the day or hour of His coming. Thus, He warned us to watch (Matthew 25:13).

Will we heed Christ's warning, or will we hold unto something that may prove to be misleading and disappointing? Only time will tell. Put your faith in Christ and not in a date.

**Laura writes:**

Perhaps you should put your faith in Christ and what His word says and not promote these false doctrines to others. This is not the first time I have read where you make light of the Holy Days as if they are of no importance to you and should not be to others. If the Holy Days and the dates, they fall on were not important to God then He would not have put them into His Law and commanded that they be kept on certain dates. The whole idea of Firstfruits is that they be people who keep Gods Law and not Law breakers.

## Prayer Requests

**Prayer Request for the Family of James McBride (June 10, 2023)**

Just to let you know my husband James has died. We had his funeral this past week. He had suffered a lot at the end so good now his pains are over. I will miss him a lot but look ahead to God's coming Kingdom when we can be together again. Sarah McBride

**Prayer Request for M. Srikanth (June 11, 2023)**

Sabbath greetings to all. Thanks for your wonderful newsletter. During weekly Sabbath worship service, we deeply prayed

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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. Yours in Him Elder M. Srikanth INDIA.

**Prayer Request Update for Dawn Baney (June 11, 2023)**

I will be taking Dawn Baney off the prayer list now. Her and her husband are no longer living in their van. They were able to get into a boarding house and they have future plans to get the van fixed.

**Prayer Request Update for James Steinle (June 11, 2023)**

I believe you can finally take my name off the prayer list. I still have some problems with my left arm and hand from the stroke I had a little over 6 months ago, but it is slowly getting somewhat better. I appreciate all those who prayed on my behalf. Thank you very much!

**Prayer Request for Dawn Baney (June 12, 2023)**

I was just informed today that Dawn Baney has to have an operation at the end of July. Please pray for her.

## Letters

**Letter from James Steinle (June 11, 2023)**

Laura & Darwin, just want to thank you again for making the great effort in getting out your weekly letter. And also, for letting us know what is, or is not, happening in your lives. I like to call butterflies, “flutterbys”.

Ben Ha Arbayim or “Between the two evenings” by John Keyser was right on target. Fred Coulter seems like a nice old guy, but he is just wrong in this case. “The Victim Beside the Road” by Catherine C. Kroeger on abuse was quite enlightening and thought provoking. I thought “The Formula for Overcoming” by David F. Maas was also very good and helpful.

Ray Daly is looking to find information on an old friend, Michael Zaeske. I would suggest he put the name into whitepages.com; there are a small number of hits in there for people with that name.

One last thing, I believe you can finally take my name off the prayer list. I still have some problems with my left arm and hand from the stroke I had a little over 6 months ago, but it is slowly getting somewhat better. I appreciate all those who prayed on my behalf. Thank you very much!

James Steinle

**Hi James**, this is a nice letter, and we are exceptionally happy that you are almost completely healed. I know I should update the prayer list more often, but unless I get an update, I leave you on until you tell me to take you off. So, we will now take you off, but let us know if you ever need to get back on the list. Laura

## Announcements

**Announcement from William P. Goff (June 9, 2023)**

**Greetings Brethren and happy Sabbath.**

**The June 10, 2023, Update is now posted at: <http://www.khofh.org>**

**Thank You.**  
**Bill Goff**

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**Announcement from David Sielaff (June 13, 2023)**

**This is for anyone who might want to go to Israel in September?**

**My wife and I are going with Bob Cornuke and Koinonia House between September 18-29.**

**It is somewhat pricey, but the tourists are treated very well by K-House that has been providing tours for 20+ years.**

**And, they will be shown the true sites of Golgotha, the Temple site, and Fort Antonia.**

**I will be speaking on-sites in Jerusalem, as well as in the evenings to people joining me from ASK, the Associates for Scriptural Knowledge.**

**Time is running out for people to sign up.**

**Update:** The trip information is at <https://khouse.org/>. Click on the picture. The price does NOT include airfare to/from Tel Aviv.

## Ads

**Ad from Creation Ministries International (June 14, 2023)**



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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

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