#### INTERDEPENDENT-INTERACTIVE, CHURCH OF GOD, SABBATH SERVICES, BIBLE STUDIES, AND OPEN FELLOWSHIP, PLUS THIS NEWSLETTER JULY/AUGUST 2005---Issue No. 28

#### WHO ARE WE?

<u>Group Name:</u> We have no official name--nor do we want one--however we provide the following: INTERDEPENDENT-INTERACTIVE, CHURCH OF GOD, SABBATH SERVICES, BIBLE STUDIES, AND OPEN FELLOWSHIP.

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<u>Leadership Body:</u> Christ the Head of God's Church, Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 5:23, and I Corinthians 11:3. Local contact persons are Darwin or Laura Lee.

<u>Purpose:</u> To provide Interdependent-Interactive, Church of God, Sabbath Services and Bible Studies to all of God's People, including those who are not welcome to visit or attend other groups due to having been suspended or disfellowshipped, as well as those who want a place to attend weekly, those who are just visiting our area, and anyone else who is interested in God's way of living. We also have open fellowship here, meaning that you are welcome to come visit with us during our open fellowship times even if you are not interested in attending our Sabbath Services or Bible Studies.

<u>History:</u> We held our first Bible Study here on June 30, 2000 and our first Sabbath Service was held on December 16, 2000.

<u>Affiliation/Membership:</u> Our Affiliation is with God our Father and His Son Jesus the Christ. Our membership includes *all* of God's people, no matter where they are

Distinctive Doctrines: John 13:34-35

<u>Use Sacred Names?</u>: Since salvation is between God and each individual (Philippians 2:12), so the use of sacred names would be between each individual person and God.

Observe Holy Days?: We believe that God commands us to keep the Weekly Sabbath as well as Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, and the Last Great Day, however, we also believe there is much controversy out there in understanding if certain ones should or shouldn't be kept, how to keep them and when to keep them. So with this in mind, we will try to the best of our ability to accommodate these differences, believing and having faith that someday through God's Holy Spirit, we will all be brought into the same understanding on this subject. Until then let's follow John 13:34-35.

<u>Evangelistic Efforts:</u> We provide a service to God's People no matter where they are to the best of our ability. This service includes Interdependent-Interactive, Church of God, Sabbath Services, Bible Studies and Open Fellowship. We also welcome live speakers for interactive, and special music, on a volunteer only basis.

Periodicals: We have a newsletter, which we publish every 2 months.

<u>Literature</u>: We distribute some literature besides the distribution of newsletters to the best of our ability.

<u>Parent Group:</u> The greater Church of God--The Ekklesia. <u>Language:</u> English Other Language: None Country: USA

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<u>Directions To Meeting:</u> 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota, located at the corner of Rosser Avenue and Griffin Street, with plenty of side street parking.

Time of Meeting: Usually 1:00 PM, but may vary.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**--The deadline for submitting articles and letters for possible inclusion in our September/October 2005 Newsletter is August 15, 2005. Thank You. Laura Lee (Editor)

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**SABBATH SERVICES--**Every Saturday unless stated other wise on page 2. We generally do a phone hookup, video tape, or cassette tape, service with various speakers. If you have a video or audio tape you think we should hear, please send it.

We also welcome live speakers, and special music, by others on a volunteer basis. Please ask us about hosting.

Sabbath Schedule is as follows: 12:00 Noon--Open Fellowship (Door Open, Come In) 1:00 PM----Sabbath Services 3:00 PM----Open Fellowship

BIBLE STUDIES.-We have Bible Studies approximately every 6 weeks. We have a Pot Luck Meal before we start our Bible Studies, so please bring food if you would like to participate in the fellowship, which goes with a meal.

Bible Study Schedule is as follows:
6:30 PM----Open Fellowship
(Door Open, Come In)
7:00 PM----Pot Luck Meal
(Bring Food)
8:00 PM----Bible Study
9:00 PM----Open Fellowship

Bible Study Dates are as follows: Friday, July 29, 2005 Friday, September 9, 2005 Friday, December 2, 2005

**GUEST ROOM--**If you are from out of town and are here to attend Sabbath Services or one of our Bible Studies, we do have a guest room. Please call ahead so we know when you will be arriving. (701) 258-7172 (Please Leave a message.)

**LOCATION**--Sabbath Services and Bible Studies are held at the home of Darwin & Laura Lee, located at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota. Please use the upper back door by the garage. Phone Number (701) 258-7172 (Please Leave a message.)

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**NOTICE:** We do not necessarily agree with everything printed in this newsletter. If you do not agree with items printed within this newsletter, we expect to hear from you. Remember iron sharpens iron. Darwin & Laura Lee

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#### SABBATH SCHEDULE--BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

June 18, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #78-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 52) Luke 19:43-48, Coming destruction of Jerusalem; Luke 22:7-end, Resurrected Jesus and two disciples on road to Emmaus, a message to Israel. Teaching the Law-- Lesson #79-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 53) Jesus' terminology for Hebrew Scriptures; John 1:11-52, Israel's Husband comes to His own, nature of law, grace, truth; John 4, Jesus and Samaritan woman - a meeting between a representative of the true church and a representative of the false church, divinity of God.

June 25, 2005----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

July 2, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #80-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 54) John 4:37-42, The harvest of prophets ripped by disciples; John 5, The resurrection, relationship of Father and Son; John 6:45-47, Jesus, bread of life/epitome of Torah; John 8:26-31, Christ gives all credit to Father, truth makes us free.

Teaching the Law-- Lesson #81 The Identity of the True Church (Part 55) John 8:32-58, truth makes us free, Jesus predates Abraham; John 9:3-5, the blind healed; John 14:24, Jesus equates love with obedience; John 10, Christ is door, most spiritual leaders are thieves, Christ's divinity in question, the church; John 11:49, Caiphas' plot/prophecy of Christ; John 12:12-end, Jesus enters as King into Jerusalem.

July 9, 2005----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

July 16, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #82-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 56) John 17:11-end, Jesus' last prayer for God's church, Israel; Acts 1, restoration of Kingdom to Israel.

Teaching the Law-- Lesson #83-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 57) Acts 2, Peter's first sermon to Israel; Acts 3, Peter/John go to Israel's headquarters - the temple of God.

July 23, 2005----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

July 30, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #84-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 58) Acts 3, the lame are healed, Peter's second sermon to Israel (salvation); Acts 4, Peter's third sermon to leaders of Israel; Acts 7:1-60, Stephen's address to leadership of God's church (council of Israel), their reaction, Christ opens door to Gentiles through Peter. Teaching the Law-- Lesson #85-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 59) Acts 10, Cornelius and doctrine of clean/unclean meat; Acts 11:19-26, disciples attend synagogue; Acts 13:5-52, Paul/Barnabas, newly ordained apostles, preach in synagogues. Gentiles listen/respond to Israel's message.

August 6, 2005----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

August 13, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #86-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 60) Acts 14:1-5, apostles attend synagogue, Gentiles respond, some Jews envy and persecute apostles; Acts 15, circumcision conference, background and context.

Teaching the Law-- Lesson #87-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 61) Acts 16:16-20, Biblical "hour of prayer." Paul casts out demon that speaks of "Most High God" (the Father); Acts 17, Paul preaches in synagogues, Jewish positive/negative reaction, the Berean noble Jews; Acts 18:1-24, Paul teaches "the Way" in synagogues; Acts 18:24-28, Apollos preaches "the Way" in Ephesus/Achaia, Aquila and Priscilla assist him; Acts 19:1-21, Paul explains at Ephesus God's religion to Israel and Gentiles.

August 20, 2005----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

August 27, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #88-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 62) Acts 19:21, Paul's journey to Jerusalem (God/Israel's headquarters); Acts 20:17-24, Paul's last warning message to elders of Ephesus/other areas; Acts 22:1-23, Paul brings offerings to temple/priests of Israel, addresses Jerusalem; Acts 23, Paul's address to Sanhedrin/Council; Acts 21:17-20, Paul meets apostles and headquarters congregation.

Teaching the Law-- Lesson #89-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 63) Acts 21:20-26, Paul's meeting with James; Acts 23:6-10, Paul's address to council; Acts 24:10-27, Paul's defense before Felix, speaks of hope and "Way" of Israel; Acts 25, Paul defends "the Way" before Festus.

If you want to host Sabbath Services and need 2 Sabbaths in a row for your presentation and/or would like to have your presentation listed on our Sabbath Schedule in our newsletter which is sent out to the public, the next deadline for that would be: August 15, 2005. On those Sabbaths of Open Hosting where no one signs up, we will just play a cassette tape by any of various speakers. All Sabbath Services are Hosted by Darwin & Laura Lee unless otherwise stated.

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#### FINANCIAL DISCLOSER:

We do not charge for the services that we provide to the brethren. We also do not take any wages from the gift donations we are sent. The services we provide do however cost us money. From 2001 to 2004 our total balance left owing for expenses for services provided was -\$5674.28.

Donations for 2005 total **+\$906.00**. Expenses for 2005 are as follows: Postage **-\$520.85**, Telephone **-\$8.55**, Internet Services **-\$186.86**, Printing Charges **-\$444.13**, Local Services **-\$46.93** and Research Materials **-\$0.00**. Total balance for 2005 is: **-\$301.32**.

Major computer problems --- purchase of new computer and 2G memory --- Total -\$1842.78 Rebates & Rummage Sale Proceeds +\$577.50 Total Left -\$1265.28

If you need a year end receipt, please request one. We truly appreciate the help we receive in helping others. Please make all checks out to Darwin and/or Laura Lee. Thank you Darwin & Laura Lee.

**SABBATH GREETINGS** - This weekly E-zine is a Bible study that will take 5 to 15 minutes to read. It will arrive near the beginning of each Sabbath. Unsubscribe instructions included each week. Send request to **BrTom7@aol.com** 

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#### FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2005 --- CENTRAL MISSOURI

Yahweh's Assembly In Messiah invites friendly believers to join in our FOT 9-19-05 thru 9-26-05 in Rocheport, MO. Daily services, youth and children's activities, lots of bible studies and seminars. Write YAIM; 401 N. Roby Farm Rd, Rocheport, MO 65279 or Call 573-698-4335

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#### **BIBLE STUDIES**

Fully interactive phone Bible Study. Hard hitting back to the Bible questions and answers. Monday and Friday 8 PM central, 45-60 Minutes. Sam's calling cards are great @ .0347cents per min. We visit and ask questions afterward.

Monday is Q & A sometimes a subject is researched by some participants and brought to the study. It is lots of fun and you talk or not, it is up to you. This is a conference hub. Monday is a definite subject presented with Q's after. Subject will be posted on web site.

Much study has gone into this and it should help those that have left the WCG eras. 641-594-7500 at the welcome 729865# Our home 903-636-4288, Web Site: http://www.TheSimpleAnswers.com

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#### FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2005 --- HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

The Church of God Halifax is keeping the Feast of Tabernacles from Oct.18-25, 2005 in Halifax Nova Scotia, Canada. All messages are video tape sermons by Garner Ted Armstrong. For more information write Alex Nicholson at: <a href="mailto:ancbns@hotmail.com">ancbns@hotmail.com</a> or call: 902-860-2880

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#### **PORT AUSTIN FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2005**

Everyone is invited to attend the Feast of Tabernacles 2005 at the Port Austin Bible Campus. The traditional Hebrew calendar dates of October 18th through 25th will be kept, but those observing other calendar dates are equally welcome.

The theme for the Feast this year will be "Lessons from People of Faith". We encourage those coming to bring a message, book report, poem, song or other means of conveying the story of a person of faith--either from the Bible or history. There are many examples of men, women and children who accomplished good things through faith in God.

We will have activities similar to previous years: services, music, sports, Bible bowl, family activities and a variety show. Anyone who would like to organize a study or an activity is encouraged to do so. Meals will be prepared in our own kitchen. We plan to provide an abundance of fresh fruits, vegetables, bread and meat. Anyone who would like to prepare a specialty dish for the group or bring the produce from their farm or garden is more than welcome.

The campus has numerous dormitory rooms available for singles (a shared bathroom on each floor), and some motel-like accommodations for couples and families. Tent and trailer spaces are also present with water, electricity and a nearby dump station. There are ample motels of varying price ranges one mile away in town.

Port Austin is located at the tip of the "thumb" of Michigan. Port Austin Bible Campus is about a mile south of Port Austin on M-53. The tall buildings are visible for miles around. It is about two and a half hours away from Detroit or a little over an hour away from Saginaw. If you want to be assured a place to stay and food to eat, please notify us, as soon as is practical, how many people you will be bringing. We operate on an offering basis--we would appreciate some of it in advance. For more information or to reserve a place, contact PABC, PO Box 474, Port Austin, Michigan, USA 48467; 989-738-7700; PABC@portaustin.net.

#### Make your plans for Feast of Tabernacles 2005

Please visit us at <a href="www.Feastgoer.org">www.Feastgoer.org</a> where you will be able to find information about many feast sites that will be kept this year in the United States, Canada, and other countries. There are many independent sites listed as well as the bigger corporate church sites. You can read about each site on its own webpage, look at pictures and read a summary of each site, and find contact information.

Please be aware that there are a variety of groups from various backgrounds, traditions and denominations celebrating the Feast. **www.Feastgoer.org** does not necessarily endorse the beliefs held by the Festival promoters listed on this site.

This year the Feast will be observed in both September and October. Choose the month you will be observing the Feast to find a list of Feast sites offered that month.

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**ARTICLES and TRACTS** on various subjects are informative and challenging to Sabbatarian seekers of truth. Skeptical freethinkers especially will find something of interest in a sample packet which will be sent free. Request your free sample packet from: Truthseekers, PO Box 100, Ludlow Falls, OH 45339 Phone: 937-676-2387

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## INFORMATION SECTION ---

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#### God's Work Must Go Forward!

by David Ben-Ariel Toledo, Ohio

What's next for God's Church? Malachi's Message has served its purpose. (A book written by PCG minister Gerald Flurry). Those who have ears to hear have listened to what God's Spirit has had to say to God's Church, It's now time to move on, GOD'S WORK MUST GO FORWARD!

The only work that's left to do now is focus on the NATIONAL LEVEL. We must get out GOD'S ULTIMATUM and fast! Europe is on the rise! Jerusalem is getting international attention (Zech. 14:2).

Soon God's Two Witnesses will rise and shine in a world of darkness (Isa. 60:1-2). GOD'S ABOUT TO RESTORE HIS LAMP TO THE MIDDLE-EAST! (Rev. 11:3; 1 Kgs. 11:36; Amos 9:11; Zech. 12:8).

By Mr. Flurry's own admission, Malachi's Message has NOTHING to say about nations. That's proper, because it was basically his commission to focus in on the CHURCH.

Does Mystery of the Ages warn the world? (Herbert W. Armstrong's crown work). How can it when it doesn't even include the words Germany, Beast or Europe in its index? Mystery of the Ages is undoubtedly the most important book written since the Bible to PREACH THE GOSPEL around the world.

But doesn't Mr. Flurry understand that's already been accomplished? BEEN THERE, DONE THAT! God's Work must go forward, not backwards! It's true that we must always preach the Gospel, but now it's time to emphasize a WARNING MESSAGE. The Church has been warned. The world hasn't! We must warn them like they've NEVER been warned before!

There is only ONE book on earth today (other than the Bible) that clearly warns THE GERMANS ARE COMING! Beyond Babylon: Europe's Rise and Fall is a hard-hitting book that details the events concerning the rise of the prophetic Beast in Europe, the fall of our Israelite countries, the Two Witnesses, and lets you know why it all has to happen. If you haven't already read it, check it out for yourself!

Malachi's Message is the Little Book to God's CHURCH today. Beyond Babylon is

The Little Book with a big impact, destined to Revond Rahylon, also evolutes. become a NATIONAL DEBATE and an INTERNATIONAL CONTROVERSY! It must reach "the largest audience possible". There exists a Little Book for God's Church and there's a Little Book for the nations. This follows the biblical principle of duality. I hope and pray God's People perceives this to be true, even if their leadership remains too proud and stubborn to see (Ga. 2:9; Rev.

> After prayer, years ago, God promised that His GREAT INSPIRATION would result in a GREAT PUBLICATION (Prov. 1:23; Ps. 68:11). Beyond Babylon: Europe's Rise and Fall showcases those precious truths to the world (Isa. 45:3). I realize the Two Witnesses are considered controversial figures (Rev. 11:10; Jer. 15:10), but they must boldly declare GOD'S JUDGMENTS (Micah 3:8). After all, it's the LORD'S CONTROVERSY (Micah 6:1- 2)! The wise will hear this INTERNATIONAL THUNDER and take shelter (Rev. 10; Prov. 27:12)!

> God's message will ROAR from Jerusalem, and both the heavens and the Earth will tremble at His Word (Joel 3:16)! Mr. Armstrong said when God's time comes, the plain truth about traditional Christianity would drop like a BOMBSHELL (USBIP)! God's Time has come! Beyond Babylon explodes that "news bomb" with FULL FORCE! There's no holding back! (During my interrogation by Israeli Secret Service agents, I told them my book is the only explosives I'm involved with!).

> Mr. Flurry recognizes the need to offer something to the GENERAL PUBLIC, other than the meaty booklets about prophecy that basically preach to the converted. That's good and right. But WHICH book would God have us publish?

> Beyond Babylon fulfills the need to proclaim the Gospel while emphasizing a warning to the world! It includes the truth about our Israelite identity and responsibility; about God's Sabbath and Holy Days versus Satan's Sunday and pagan holidays; about Israel's demise and Europe's rise - these are foundational truths.

> But Beyond Babylon builds upon that sure foundation by pointing out that it's the pope, the false prophet, who presents Europe's leader as the Savior of "Christian Western Civilization"; he'll perform miracles in his presence urging Europe to remodel themselves after the "Holy Roman Empire!" (Rev. 13:14). Together they'll create a counterfeit Kingdom of God!

Beyond Babylon also explains - FOR THE FIRST TIME - why there are two witnesses, what their mission and purpose is, why they're stationed in Jerusalem and how they FULFILL the Elijah role!

PCG minister Wayne Turgeon, during our wonderful correspondence (before Mr. Leap turned him against me), wrote concerning my book: "It's certainly not my place to determine if what you believe God has shown you is true or not, but would you mind presenting Mr. Flurry with an abbreviated version of what you feel is inspired...". What does he mean it's not his place to determine whether Beyond Babylon is true or not? Whose place is it? How did he determine if Malachi's Message was true or not? Are we to rely on MEN to make up our minds for us? What if he had gone to Mr. Tkach for his approval of Mr. Flurry's work?

We must trust in God's Spirit of truth and judge everything by God's Word! Every Church member MUST prove to themselves, prayerfully before God, whether Beyond Babylon is biblical (1 Jn. 2:27). Those who exercise this spiritual responsibility WILL come to understand what's next in God's Plan.

Beyond Babylon's sudden appearance should serve as a SIGN, an indication of where we are now in prophecy (Jn. 12:20-23). Soon God will remove the mountain of opposition that blocks my return to Zion and I'll continue to build upon the foundation that God has laid in Jerusalem the last time I was there! (Zech. 4:7-8). From here on out it's FAST FORWARD!

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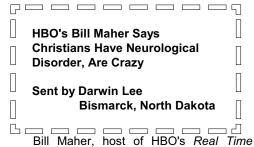
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Bill Maher, host of HBO's Real Time With Bill Maher, says that all Christians are crazy and are unenlightened because of their faith. Maher made the comments on MSNBC's Scarborough Country.

Maher said: "We are a nation that is unenlightened because of religion...! think that religion stops people from thinking. I think it justifies crazies. I think that flying planes into a building was a faith-based initiative. I think religion is a neurological disorder. If you look at it logically, it's something that was drilled into your head when you were a small child."

"When you look at belief in such things-as do you go to heaven, is there a devil--we have more in common with (Muslin countries) Turkey and Iran and Syria than we do with European nations and Canada and nations that, yes, I would consider more enlightened than us."

Maher said he wasn't speaking only of evangelicals, but included all religious people. He said he agreed with Jesse Ventura "who had that quote about religion is a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers."

Because of their neurological disorder, he said Christians "do not believe in science and rationality." He went on to say the future does not belong to religion. One recalls the famous quote from the Beatles in the 60's that they "were more popular than Jesus."

According to Maher, the Bible is a book of fairy tales, calling the account of Jonah a fairy tale the same as *Jack in the Beanstalk*.

Had Maher said such things about homosexuals, he would have been immediately fired. But because he was speaking of Christians, his bigotry was acceptable to HBO, owned by Time Warner Inc.

#### TAKE ACTION

Send Mr. Maher an email saying you regret he has such a low view of Christians, and will pray that he be "enlightened" as to the true nature of Christianity. Explain to him that Christians appreciate the good science does and most Christians are rational individuals.

Donald E. Wildmon, Founder and Chairman American Family Association

P.S. Please forward this email to family and friends.

The New Bankruptcy Legislation

Eric Ruff has given me
permission to print this editorial
and send it out. -Wily

Sent by Wily Elder
North Miami, Florida

#### An Editorial

The law of bankruptcy has remained relatively unchanged for more than 20 years, but there is now pending before Congress bankruptcy legislation proposed Bankruptcy Reform Act) that will radically change bankruptcy law in favor of lenders and against those in debt. What has happened is that the credit card companies and other lenders have made a fairly open attempt to simply "buy" a new bankruptcy law to favor their interests by making massive money contributions to many members of Congress. The new law is entitled "Reform Legislation" but, make no mistake about it, the fox is in the hen house. See the article in Time magazine **Soaked By Congress** "Lavished with campaign cash, lawmakers are 'reforming' bankruptcy--punishing the downtrodden to catch a few cheats" Time estimates more than \$20 million has been spread around by lenders to our elected officials in Washington.

Laws that were designed to give debtors a second chance are being changed to turn the bankruptcy courts into collection agents for lenders. Curiously, until quite recently, there has been little press coverage of this sea change in American policy. The new law has passed both the House and the Senate by huge (read \$\$\$) margins, very likely to overcome any enouah possible presidential veto. Many Democrats have abandoned their historical concern for the working class and sided with the banks. Republicans are typically looking out for the rich man's interests to the exclusion of all else. However, the House and Senate passed slightly different versions of the same law and the process has become bogged down in reconciling the two versions. A small handful of Democrats are fighting valiantly with a few technicalities to slow down the progress of this legislation.

Recently there has been some press coverage roundly denouncing the new legislation. See articles in the Washington Post Bad Ideas on Bankruptcy and the New York Times A Gift for the Credit Card

Industry. For the most part however, Americans are unaware of the impending changes which will do away with the last remaining effective defense they have after falling into the credit card abyss. The knife is sliding in but the public doesn't even feel it yet. Family structures are sensitive to financial stresses and removing the safety valve of the Chapter 7 fresh start can only serve to boost divorce rates. The willingness of a majority of Senators and Congressmen to basically sell their votes is enough to make a cynic of even the most optimistic among us. It is truly a bitter civics lesson.

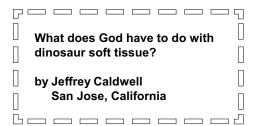
Short-term lesson: if you are going to file a bankruptcy, make sure you do it before the proposed legislation becomes law. You can try to keep up with the movement on this legislation at the **American Bankruptcy Institute** although even there the coverage is spotty.

- Eric Ruff

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The following article was forwarded by Jeffrey Caldwell from the Answers in Genesis website.

http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs20 05/0325Dino\_tissue.asp

This message was also included by the sender:

Brothers called to be holy and loved by the Holy One,

The one true God who gives freedom says "I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt" (Exodus 12:12)! Each of the ten plagues leading up to the Exodus rebuked and ridiculed Egypt's "gods" -- falsehoods they trusted in, from the "life-giving" Nile to Pharaoh "divine". Every plague points up the emptiness of their falsehoods!



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#### ANSWER BIBLICAL QUESTIONS

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#### WE NEED ANSWERS TO THE **FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

(When answering questions, please include the # of the question you are answering.)

QUESTION #15=Is offering of an animal sacrifice a sin?

QUESTION #16=Is it a sin to teach about animal sacrifices?

QUESTION #18=Should animal sacrifices be done because GOD has commanded it to be so or should it not be done because Jesus Christ has come and died for us?

QUESTION #21=Was Jesus the first person to condemn animal sacrifice and was it animal sacrifice that he condemned or the actions of the people?

QUESTION #22=This is the beginning of the teaching of the prophet Isaiah (Isah. 1 v 2 -19 Isaiah here called on the people of his time by saying this and this in (v - 12 who ask you to bring me animal sacrifice and here he condemned Sabbath keeping here too but in vers. 18 the lord says come now lets settle the matter. The apostle Paul offered a sacrifice in this place Acts 21 v 26 G. N. B. He even performed ceremony of purification and every body quotes him when they wish it to go the other way around. (1 Timothy 1 vers. 1 It's the same Paul speaking here and please explain this Acts 24 v 17-18 G. N. B. vers. 17 of Acts 21 this is where I would love to understand because here the ones I will call the living witness say to brother Paul vers. 21 G. N. B., HERE PAUL OFFERED SACRIFICE OR WHAT IS THIS appeal?

QUESTION #23=In vers. 35, 36, 37, 38 of Luke 21, the disciples said look here are two swords and the lord that demanded this says that is enough so what did the purse, bag and sword stand for?

QUESTION #26=I would like you to throw more light on the following issues:

- (1) The story of Tamar and Judah in the book of Genesis 38:1-30, is this affair between Tamer and Judah legal in the sight of God and Man? Yet this affair produced the linage through which our Lord Jesus descended through Perez (Matthew 1:2-4). What lesson do we have to learn from this?
- (2) The story of Rahab in Joshua 2:1-20, Rahab who was a prostitute in the city of Jericho, yet she was listed among the righteous (Joshua 6:22-25)? I don't know between Rahab and the children of Israel who won the war in the city of Jericho, because in the book of Joshua 2:15-20, she (Rahab) risked her life to give a people she didn't know protection. And again the same prostitute was included in the linage of the righteous (Matthew 1:2-5).

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QUESTION #35

I would like to know why in 1970, the church under Worldwide was keeping Pentecost on Monday but after that year they changed to keep Sunday Pentecost?

In 1934 and 1935 Herbert Armstrong, is reported to have celebrated a Pentecost that was counted 50 days from the day after the first day of unleavened bread (an annual Sabbath), arriving primarily at a Sivan 6 Pentecost. After separating from the Church of God Seventh Day, he had to make a decision as to what day the Radio Church of God would celebrate Pentecost. In the late 30's he apparently decided to celebrate Pentecost by counting exclusively 50 days after the weekly Sabbath occurring during the days of unleavened bread, calculating a Monday Pentecost. He stayed with this counting formula until the middle 1970's. Radio Church of God became Worldwide Church of God.

There had been confrontations by ministers during the 1950's, insisting on a Sunday Pentecost by counting inclusively.

Herbert Armstrong had opposed them successfully causing some to break away and form little splinter groups for a different Pentecost.

However in the early 1970's the opposition to the Monday Pentecost became chronic and intense. Mr. Armstrong's son, Garner Ted Armstrong, indicated that the church would shrink if Pentecost were not changed. Some ministers were also seeking change in the divorce and re-marriage doctrine. These were symptoms of the Great Disappointment when 1975 was approaching and the end was obviously not in sight, as had been predicted by some ministers at the headquarters (Pasadena). So Herbert Armstrong changed the time for Pentecost celebration day to Sunday. It was a political decision to keep from losing thousands of members and multitudes of ministers. Many had, by that time (1974), already left the church.

justify the decision. Herbert Armstrong wrote in a memo to the ministers that he had accepted reasoning from the chairman of the Revision Committee who was revising the RSV Bible, indicating that the Hebrew "mi" or "min" (the first part of the Hebrew word "mochorath") should be translated as "on" not "from" ("the morrow" in Leviticus 23:15). This approach was apparently also promoted by scholars of the NASB. (Neither set of scholars addressed the issue of which Sabbath (weekly or annual) was being referenced as the starting point). This paved the way for inclusive counting that initiated the Sunday Pentecost that is still used by the Worldwide splinters to this day. Ironically the shrinking of the church (Worldwide) did occur after the death of Herbert Armstrong and the takeover by liberals close to the top of the power structure. And the timing of Pentecost had little or nothing to do with the shrinkage. Worldwide leadership today has a lukewarm attitude toward all of God's holy days, maintaining a social-club attitude toward assembling and resting.

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Answered by: Wily Elder North Miami, Florida

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http://darwinlauralee.150m.com "Web Site Links" to find Wily Elder's Web Site. This AD is posted as a courtesy and does not necessarily mean that we are in agreement with the views of Wily Elder. Darwin & Laura Lee

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QUESTION #36

My wife and I do not get along.
We have struggled to save our marriage but religion always seems to be an issue. I am a pentecostal christian and she is an apostolic who believes in Jesus Christ and not the trinity. In 2 Corinthians Ch.14 it talks about a veil. she believes that she has to wear a veil to pray and to be in church, whereas I believe that your hair is your covering (veil). In other words they (women) do not pray unless they are wearing a veil. Can you please respond. This discussion always seems to turn into an argument.

First of all, the very last thing that you and your wife should be fighting over is religion. We cannot change the belief system of other people, we have to let them come to see certain things on their own. Discuss your own beliefs with your wife but don't fight with her or insist that she see it your way and she should also give you the same respect, in not insisting that you see it her way. With much discussion and study together, not fighting, you may both start to see some things the same and maybe learn some things that neither of you knew before.

Jesus Christ was the God of the Old Testament as well as the New Testament and the Bible does not speak of a trinity anywhere. If you can find that doctrine of the trinity in the Bible anywhere I would like to see it.

There is no 2 Corinthians Ch. 14. I believe you are referring to 1 Corinthians Ch. 11. 1 Co. 11:14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? 1 Co. 11:15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

If you go to our Web Site at: http://darwinlauralee.150m.com scroll down the page until you find Newsletter Issue #8. There is an article in that newsletter titled: To Cover or Not to Cover by Rhoda Foust on page #19. This is a very good article written in explanation of head coverings or veils for women.

According to scripture a woman's hair is her head covering, see 1 Corinthians 11:15. I know of no scriptures that show a woman covering her head or face with a veil in order to pray or attend worship services.

Answered by: Laura Lee Bismarck, North Dakota

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#### **QUESTION #37**

What is the name of the Creator of the universe, and His son?

What is the name of the Creator of the universe, and His son? This question was presented to me by a friend. She was curious as to the true name of the Creator and Jesus Christ. The concept of names and how this can apply to God is an interesting study in itself. Let me show you some of the facts that I have discovered.

In the book called "Manners and Customs of the Bible", 1980, under the topic "Naming children", page 445, it states, "Names were very important in the World of the Old Testament. Each Hebrew name had a meaning, and it became an important part of the infant's life. Jewish people believed that they must first know a persons name before they could know the person himself."

In general, the name of a person in the Old Testament usually describes the basic characteristic of the person. For example, in Genesis 17:5, God changed Abram (meaning "a high father") to Abraham which means "Father of Multitudes" to express the new purpose in his life.

On that point, we can understand the characteristics of God by His name or names that are presented to us in the Bible.

In fact, when you research this topic in the Old Testament, you will discover many names that describe the characteristics of God such as "Most High" (El Elyon), Genesis 14:22; "Everlasting God" (El Olam), Genesis 21:33; "The Lord Provides" (Yahweh Jireh), Genesis 22:14; "The Lord is Peace" (Yahweh Shalom). Judaes 6:24:

"The Lord My Banner, The Lord my Miracle" (Jehovah Nissi) Exodus 17:15; and "The Lord that Heals" (Jehovah Rapha), Exodus 15:26. There are many other names in the Old Testament that can be found through simple research.

In the New Testament, we discover some very interesting insight on how Jesus Christ relates to the Creator as revealed by the writers of this part of the book.

In John 1:1-3, John states, "In the beginning was the Word [Greek word "Logos" meaning word or concept] and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him [The Word]; and without Him was not any thing that was made." According to this passage, The Word was the active agent in Creation.

To continue in verse 14, John reveals who the Word is by stating, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Christ became flesh and dwelled on Earth as a human as many places in the NT express.

Again, in Hebrews 1:2, it states, "Hath in the last days spoken unto us by a Son whom he has appointed Heir of all things, by who also he [the Son] made the worlds.'

Also in Colossians 1:16-17, Paul wrote, "For by Him [topic is Jesus Christ] were all things created, that are in the Heaven, and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or power: all things were created by Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist [i.e. hold together in unity.].'

From just these few verses, we have discovered that Jesus Christ is the active creator of the universe and continues to unify what presently exists.

In John 6:46, John quotes Jesus as saying, "Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God...'

In relation to this thought, in **John 1:18**, John, himself, states, "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared Him."

Also in John 5:37, Jesus is quoted as saying, "And the Father, himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape."

In verse 43 of this chapter, Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's name [i.e. as His Representative].

As you can see from these passages, Jesus Christ is the Co-Creator of the Universe with God the Father. No man has ever seen God the Father except Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son; for He is the express image of his Heavenly Father who \*\*\*CONTINUED ON PAGE 12\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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Letter Received: February 28, 2005

Subject: NEWSLETTER, **TSUNAMI, NEED BIBLES & PRAYERS** 

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by G. John India

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\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* My Beloved Brother Darwin & Laura Lee family and congregation.

SABBATH GREETINGS TO YOU IN THE HIGHLY EXALTED NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

Sir, I have received our News Letters, thanking you so much for your highly encouragement toward our poor ministry. May the LORD Continually prosper and bless you all for His Glorious Kingdom of God. Sir, please remember and pray for us and we too are daily praying for you all. Sir, please kindly send us our News letter for this New address on regular basis.

Brother, by the abundant grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, through your prayers, the Lord has kept us from the Great Tsunami-hit, which occurred around the sea coasts and has great loss, some of our congregation brothers have died and many are still helpless. As the token of Christ's Love I & Our congregation could collect a very few used clothes and distributed them. Sir, Please kindly pray for them and have mercy on them to be live and glorify our LORD and help as the LORD bless you. Sir kindly provide 500 Telugu Bibles for Tsunami victims and for our congregation. (Prov. 11:30, Matt 7:12)

Sir, I am prayerfully looking forward to hear from you soon and convey our hearty Greetings to your dear family congregation. Thanking you sir Darwin & Laura Lee.

Your Brother In Christ's Love

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Letter Received: March 8, 2005

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Subject: NEEDS PRAYER AND **SAYS THANK YOU** 

by Joyce Savannah Lynnwood, Washington

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* To Darwin & Laura Lee.

Thank you so much for your administering to the body of Yashua Messiah, and especially some of us, who are scattered and have no where near us to worship on the Sabbath. May our Eternal Father Bless you.

I would also like to thank you for your prayers and to thank all who have prayed for me and sent me cards of well wishes and encouragement since my illnesses of the past 3-4 years.

Please keep up the good works, and please keep me in your prayers for continued healing of my body (irritable bowel, multiple joint and spine injuries).

It is a long process and I am healing slowly. Please keep me in prayer for a permanent part-time position of employment and keep that newsletter coming.

As always I keep you both in my prayers as I do for all the body of Yeshua Messiah where ever they are.

Thank You So Much, Love and Hugs \*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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Letter Received: March 14, 2005

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**Subject: NORMAN & MARLEEN EDWARDS AND BEYOND BABYLON** 

by Dale & Beverly Smith Olney, Illinois

Darwin & Laura:

I wish to thank you for the newsletter that you send to us. We learn guite a bit from the letters and articles that are in it.

Would it be possible to get the place to send for the book, "Beyond Babylon: Europe's Rise and Fall" and the cost? I'm sure it will go well with many of the articles that have been written on the EU.

I read the articles about Norman and

Marleen Edwards. Anyone that knows them also knows that they have served the brethren for many years without thought of rewards. Norman made it possible for Bev and I to attend the Feast of Tabernacles at Port Austin one year without us having to pay for anything. We did have money for gas to get there, but otherwise we could not have gone. How many of these other COG's would even help out for others that have no funds to get there. This was the last Feast that we could attend since I can't travel anymore. I have so many physical ailments that it isn't possible.

> I know that Norman and Marleen are our brother and sister and they are in our prayers every day. I believe this is an attack from Satan as he is very busy and knows that his time is short.

> I will stop for now and get this in the mail. Even writing this makes me very tired.

Our love to all there.

#### **Editors Note:**

We checked with David Ben-Ariel and he gave us the following information in regard to his book "Beyond Babylon: Europe's Rise and Fall":

Mail orders to: Publish America, Inc P.O. Box 151 Frederick, MD 21705

It's \$16.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling for the first book and 50 cents for each additional book.

Or it can simply be ordered from any book store \*\*THE END\*

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Letter Received: March 23, 2005

**Subject: MY NEW BLOG** 

by Jeffrey Caldwell San Jose, California

brethren, friends and family, I'm pleased by the latest article I've posted on my new blog, a thoroughly reedited version of an article written a few years ago for our church newsletter. Here's a link to it:

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Health -- and holiness



Music on web page is annoying.

#### Laura Writes:

We are very sorry that you find the music on our Web Site annoying. This however is a personal choice of ours to have music on our Web Site. So far you are the only person I know of who finds the music on our Web Site annoying, or at least you are the only one who has complained to us about it so far. As I said to have music on a Web Site is a personal choice, just like not having music on a Web Site is a personal choice. In other words this isn't a matter of right or wrong, only of preference. The problem you have with the music on our Web Site is something which is easily remedied by your just turning your volume down or muting it. This is certainly not something that should separate brethren.

#### **David Writes:**

Q&A e-mail is full of framed questions and filtered per your perspective of truth before approval to publish.

#### Laura Writes:

The questions we receive for the most part come to us via e-mail (some come via snail mail) and are not edited except for grammar, so I am not sure how those can be canned questions. Canned by whom, the person asking the question? Sorry, but these are actual questions that people ask and they are in no way invented by us. Darwin and I have answered some of the questions. but so have many other people. For the most part we do not edit the answers either except for grammar. If we do edit something it is with the approval of the writer. We have turned down a few answers sent to us, but not because of matters of doctrine. We turned down 2 answers because they didn't actually answer the question that was being asked, and we turned down 2 other answers because they took their complete answer from another Web Site complete with a different persons name on it.

So far since we have had the "Question Section" we have never to this date had more than one person answer the same question. We have had the "Questions Section" for one and a half years now.

#### **David Writes:**

Many answers are NOT from the KJV Bible, but from new age books about the Bible; and, from only a census of what truth is - WWCOG dogma biased.

#### Laura Writes:

When Darwin and I answer questions for the "Questions Section" we use the King James Bible as our main Bible. If people were not answering the questions from the perspective of what the Bible says, we would not publish the answer. Some questions cannot always be answered from the Bible, because some things which people ask aren't even in the Bible. When people answer questions they are allowed to use whatever version of the Bible they want to, and I believe that most do use the King James Bible.

It would depend on what your definition of new age books would be, versus someone else's definition of new age books. Since you don't give your definition it would be hard for me to say whether this happens a lot or a little in regard to the answers to the questions.

As far as the questions being answered from only "a census of what truth is - WWCOG dogma biased", that again would be your opinion. We try very hard to present the answers to the questions from a Biblical perspective whether we answer the question or whether someone else answers the question.

Since we print the answers to the questions using the Bible as our filter, anything that looks as if it is WWCOG dogma is perhaps the Biblical parts of what Herbert Armstrong taught. We have found many things which WWCOG taught that we cannot find in the Bible and we have stated them when they arise. Not everything the WWCOG taught was wrong and if you believe that it was, you are clearly not reading your Bible.

You have been on our "Questions Section" e-mail list for one year, and in that year you have not answered one single question that was sent to you. In that one year you have also not disputed one single answer to any question and answer that was printed in our newsletter. How should we understand this? Are you here taking pot shots at us personally or do you have some clear and honest disputes with some of the answers that we have printed to some of the questions? If you honestly feel that the answers whether all or some are not based on the Bible then you have a clear obligation to try to tell us the real truth in regard to the answer to the question.

The floor is open to you just as it is to

those who have had things printed, but be sure you have a clear dispute with the answer to the question by stating what was said and why it isn't correct and sending your proof that what was said is incorrect. It is called iron sharpening iron.

#### **Lloyd Writes:**

Dear Darwin and Laura Lee:

Thanks for publishing my letter on pages 9-11 of issue 27. I also appreciate the invitation to furnish follow up, so here it is: extensive commentary conceded nor denied the one simple point of my letter. Throughout your newsletters you have repeatedly made it abundantly clear that you would rely on the Pharisees over the Sadducees, and I have no need to argue about that one way or the other, because the point I make does not depend on it. Here is my point: During the Messiah's ministry, Pharisees, Judaism. including the determined the beginnings of their months by direct observation of the moon's crescent. Witnesses who saw the crescent would report their sighting to a special court. If the witnesses were qualified and deemed to be trustworthy, the court would declare and publicly announce the new month based on the testimony that the new crescent had been seen. Now Laura, do you agree that this is an accurate historical statement?

#### Laura Writes:

No.

#### Lloyd Writes:

I am asking for a simple yes or no answer, after which I may have further follow up. If you honestly don't have sufficient information to give a yes or no answer, please tell me so that perhaps I can help you with some of the facts.

#### Laura Writes:

I am always willing to look at the facts, but are you also willing to do the same?

#### **Lloyd Writes:**

I don't know about you, but I have studied the Hebrew calendar extensively for over thirty years and am quite able to support any statements I make.

#### Laura Writes:

We have been studying the Hebrew Calendar for several years now. So far I have not received any evidence from you showing that they were using a totally visual calendar at the time of Christ. To me that seems to show that you are not able to support what you say.

#### Lloyd Writes:

I do not want to take up a lot of time and space dumping all the proof on you unnecessarily, but anyone who requires proof can begin with any good encyclopedia article on the Hebrew calendar,...

#### Laura Writes:

We should all require proof of doctrines which people try to promote to us. We should all be doing as the Bereans do and search the scriptures daily. (Acts 17:11)

Most encyclopedia's understand or give proof unknowingly to support a calculated Hebrew Calendar. Below is a list of such online encyclopedia's:

- 1. http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/0316 6a.htm
- 2. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew\_ca lendar
- 3. http://encyclopedia.laborlawtalk.com/H ebrew calendar

#### **Lloyd Writes:**

...or see The Code of Maimonides. Book 3. Treatise 8, Sanctification of the New Moon, Yale University Press, 1956.

#### Laura Writes:

The premise of Maimonides, Treatise 8 is this: "To ascertain by calculation and to establish by proclamation the day on which each month of the year is to begin."

In reading this document Chapters 1-5, one can clearly see that the calendar calculations took precedence over the crescent moon sightings.

In Chapter 2, paragraph 4 it says the following: "The court used to employ methods of calculation of the kind employed by astronomers in order to ascertain whether the new moon of the coming month would be seen to the north or to the south of the sun, whether its latitude would be wide or narrow, and in which direction the tips of its horns would point. And when witnesses appeared in order to testify, the court used to examine them as follows: Where did you see the new moon, to the north or to the south? In which direction did its horns point? How great was its altitude, in the estimate of your eyes, and how wide its latitude? If their testimony was found to conform with the results of

astronomical calculation, it was accepted; but if it was found not to conform, it was rejected. "

This Treatise of Maimonides supports what I told you in Issue #27, which was that both calculations and sightings were used at the time of Christ. This Treatise also testifies to the fact that God never gave everyone the authority to proclaim the new month/new moon as you and many others are currently doing.

I believe that anyone who is currently or continues to study the Hebrew Calendar should obtain and read a copy of this Treatise. So we have it posted and ready for download on our Web Site at:

http://darwinlauralee.150m.com Once on our site look under "Books" and then under "Hebrew Calendar". The download takes only seconds on a dial up connection and is 8 pages long. If you do not have internet access and would like a copy of this Treatise, please write to us at: Darwin & Laura, PO Box 2333, Bismarck, ND 58502 and ask for "Moses Maimone, Hebrew Calendar" document.

#### **Lloyd Writes:**

I want to thank you in advance for printing this, and I will await your response.

#### Laura Writes:

I will be awaiting your response, and I thank you for the information which you sent in support of a calculated calendar at the time of Christ. It was greatly appreciated, by us and I am sure many in the future.

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* Letter Received: June 4, 2005

**Subject: NEW SABBATH KEEPER NEEDS NETWORK OF** SABBATH KEEPING PEN PALS

by Janine Ziomek-Witek **Buffalo, New York** 

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I am writing this letter for a few reasons. First I would like to say thank you for your newsletter. I learned a lot just in the May/June 2005 Issue No. 27 Newsletter alone. This is my first newsletter from you, and I learned more from this one newsletter then from becoming a Sabbath Keeper 8 months ago. I am grateful for that.

I ask that you print this letter in your newsletter if you can. I ask for two reasons, one as I just wrote I am new to being a Sabbath Keeper and I am house bound and I

would like to know or ask if anyone would like to be a postal mail pen pal with me?

I am on my own here. My husband isn't a Sabbath Day Keeper, I'm from the Roman Catholic Church background and I am still learning about being a Sabbath Keeper.

I feel very alone here with me not being able to go to church or services. If anyone would like to write me they can at the Janine Ziomek-Witek, Stanislaus St., Apt. 1, Buffalo, NY 14212

I also wanted to write to say that the article "The Sabbath in the Catholic Catechism" by Bill Bratt from Portsmouth, Ohio really hit home with me. Because of me coming from the Roman Catholic Church. I was taught that Sunday was the Sabbath day and not Saturday. But I never asked why, but after reading this I understand why now and I just wanted to take the time to say thank you to him and for you. For him writing it and for you printing it. I hope it blessed others as it blessed me.

I don't have a computer and do to my health I can't go to the library to use theirs, so the newsletter is like a life line to me. So with that I will end my letter. I hope you will print this soon and keep up the good work!

Your Friend.

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\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Letter Received: June 5, 2005

Subject: UNSUBSCRIBE

by Frank Brown Clarksville, Arkansas

Frank Writes:

"I get too much stuff AND CANNOT read

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ALSO, THIS IS MY FOURTH REQUEST OVER THE PAST MONTH OR SIX WEEKS. WHY WILL YOU NOT TAKE ME OFF?"

#### Laura Writes:

The reason that you were not taken off sooner, is because today is the first time that we received a request from you to be taken off of our E-mail lists. Our forms including the "unsubscribe form" that you filled out today are usually processed within a few days and should not take longer than 14 days to process unless there is a good reason. Anyway, we received nothing from you in regard to this matter until today, and you will be taken off of our E-mail lists today as per your request.

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#### **Editors Note:**

This unsubscribe ended on friendly terms, however I have seen and been the target of people who quit talking to the other person because they believe that the e-mail was received and ignored.

I feel I need to remind people periodically that E-mail is not an error free system. In this case, how ever many e-mails Frank sent to us before this one, we did not receive any of them. I have had e-mail show up here that was sent many months ago and I would have no idea how many times it happens that it never shows up at all.

So please if you have an e-mail problem as stated above, go back to the person and see if they got it before you get angry and quit speaking to them. Laura Lee

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

\*\* \* Letter Received: \* May 20, 2005 \* \* \*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\* **Subject: FOLLOW-UP ON PAST COMMENTS CONCERNING DIVORCE AND RE-MARRIAGE \*\***\* by Tommy West Wake Forest, North Carolina \* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### **Tommy Writes:**

Darwin and Laura,

Greetings once again. I hope both of you are well and prosperous after your physical trials of recent past. It is certainly true that all of our lives have changed and continue to do so.

My purpose in this letter is to hopefully finalize certain points that were opened and discussed over two years ago on the controversial subject of divorce and remarriage.

We will need to return to Newsletters #13 (January/February 2003) and #14 (March/April 2003). We will look at #13 first.

In that Newsletter, in the left column, first paragraph, Laura writes, "You have now written two letters to me, but neither one of them explains how people are joined by God in marriage. Is it the marriage license, contract, sex or some other means.?"

Jesus answers that question in Matt. 19:4-5:

- And He answered and said to them, Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,
- and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? Mark's account is similar: Mark 10:6-8

- 6. But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female,'
- 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife.
- 8. 'and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh."

The only way for a man and a woman to become one flesh physically is through sexual intercourse. The marriage license is a mutual agreement (both parties) that they love one another and desire to live together for life.

#### Laura Writes:

You are right, the only way for man and woman to become one flesh physically is through sexual intercourse. The marriage license is a man made document. Some States even today do not require a marriage license for two people to be legally married.

\*\*\*TO BE CONTINUED IN ISSUE #29\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### \*\*\*CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Freedom-giving One who is our only rightful King and Judge! Humanity needs conviction of the written Word of God as reliable from the very first verse!

The empty falsehood today that stands most in opposition to the Holy One of Moses and Jesus proclaims all things "evolved" without a Creator over billions of years. It is the fundamental myth of world culture today! Deluded peoples are pleased to receive and cherish this foolishness!

This falsehood stands in opposition to the first eleven chapters of the written Word of God -- the foundation of true history and of faith based upon it. This portion of Scripture testifies of Christ as Creator, Judge, and essential Redeemer. The Enemy deludes the world into rejecting these crucial truths!

The evolution fraud fosters the folly of atheism and undermines faithfulness to the Holy One and confidence in His Word.

By the aid of our true Creator may the darkness of materialistic evolutionary presumption be overcome with light -- its pseudo-scientific error displaced by truth so that it will be clearly discerned by everyone as the "nothing" it really is!

May He vindicate the truth of His inspired Word to encourage trust in Him, and bring dismay to those who reject the truth and Him!

Let us pray God will swiftly bring condemnation upon the unwisely cherished fundamental falsehoods of our time! May truthful advocates be empowered with wisdom and evidence and opportunities to speak out to overcome evil with good!

The Holy One who loves truth and justice

eagerly desires to raise the standard of Truth! Be thankful for every advance in the cause of truth and for every photon of Light in this otherwise dark world! He longs for much more wisdom and soundness here! Be thankful for every little bit of truth evident here below -- any turning toward what is right by any one, any where in this lost and decaying world. He longs for every person on Earth to turn more and more towards the source of Light and Truth and Life, all joy!

By the grace of our heavenly Father and His Son, may we at heart join with the Holy One in all He longs for. I'm thankful for evidence that casts doubt upon and rebukes the notion that tyrannosaurus perished 70 million years ago. One who loves truth is pleased to have truth about anything and everything come to light! Truth rejoices in the exposed hollowness of every lie!

All praise the God whose name is Truth - Who shines in all that's fair!

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sent Him. They work as a team as expressed in many other places in the Bible.

We recognize from the various passages used in this article that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, carries many titles and has many names to express his character and personality. I do not believe that we can limit the greatness and glory of Jesus Christ with only one name from our verbal language or else the Bible would not have presented us with so many names.

The Supreme Being that is over Jesus is referred to by Christ as Father or God the Father. This fact is easily shown through out the teachings of Jesus Christ in the Gospels.

So what is the name of God the Father and Jesus Christ? Well, just from these verses, I do not believe that we can limit God with one name, but we can express His many wonderful characteristics that He has by the many titles in the Bible.

It is not incorrect to use any individual names to speak to God and Jesus Christ, but remember that there are many names that can be used.

I, personally, use God the Father and Jesus Christ as Paul did in several of his writings such as in Ephesians 1:2 which states, "Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

I encourage you to continue the research on this topic, because it may assist you on your understanding of the nature of God.

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## ARTICLES SECTION ---

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#### **PERSECUTION ARTICLES**

(This is the 6<sup>th</sup> in a series of articles in regard to the subject of persecution. If you have an article in regard to persecution, please send it for our consideration to print.)

SEVENTH DAY MEN OF ENGLAND --- Part #1

by Doyle Carter Tulsa, Oklahoma

During the Feast of 2004 at Lake Texoma, there was a video presentation on the topic of Sabbath keepers in England during the seventeenth century. One of the many notable facts that were mentioned was the "Seventh Day Men." I decided to research this topic and the men who were part of this group. Here is what I discovered.

Soon after the King James Bible of 1611 was published, John Traske arrived in London and became disgusted by the way the clergy was corrupted in their way of life and religious teachings. This man felt that God would give His Spirit to those who obey Him and follow His way of life.

John Traske promoted Fasting and revived the concept of unclean foods. With his gift of preaching, he was able to draw a following of many men and women. Plus, he discovered the Sabbath was Saturday and not Sunday as the church taught.

This man's influence started a growing body of English Puritans to understand that the Bible nowhere changed or annulled the weekly Sabbath.

The Church of England ordered him to cease preaching on this topic and finely he was put in prison for these beliefs. While in Prison, he was able to study the Bible more in-depth and discovered that Easter was pagan to the core, just as Sunday was a man made practice. So he started to observe Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread as the Old Testament commands.

Just as Paul suffered for his religious practices, Mr. Traske was imprisoned, whipped, mutilated, and even branded with a "J" (i.e. for doing the practices of the Jews) on his forehead.

He is the first man on record to have

kept the Sabbath in England during the seventh century.

Another person who discovered the truth on this topic was a Puritan named Thomas Broad who was to publish a book on why we are to keep Sunday as the Sabbath, but as he researched deeper into this topic he discovered that Saturday was the Sabbath and that it was not changed. He wrote a three hundred page book called "Discourse on the Sabbath" in 1628 which covered the gaps in the reasons why to keep Sunday and how observing Sunday was illogical.

But he was imprisoned for eighteen months and the elders of the church threatened to cut his ears off if he did not repent of this doctrine. He did recant and stated that he was wrong under these threats.

This is only the beginning of the study of the Seventh Day Men and it is worth your time to study this in further detail. These facts point out that the observance of the Sabbath Day was not just an invention of the Churches of God, but a truth that has been around since the Garden of Eden.

Again, I encourage you to research this topic further and you may be surprised at what you may discover.

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PERSECUTION ARTICLES
Present Day Persecution:

Port Austin, Michigan Sabbatarian Community in Crisis

SUMMARY OF EVENTS AT PORT AUSTIN (Points #14-25)

by Norman Edwards Port Austin, Michigan

Construction Note:

This is the latest edition of the events in Port Austin. It was revised on 4-22-2005 and is the 4th Edition.

As much as we really wanted to print this all at one time, we felt we just couldn't due to the length. We have decided to print this in 4 parts for those who do not have computers. For those who do have computers and have internet access, we will put the entire

document on our web site at: http://darwinlauralee.150m.com

Look for it on our opening page in the literature section. Laura Lee

14. Edwards worked hard to figure out all of the issues that had to be covered in the contract between the seller, ELBI, and buyer, the Port Austin Sabbatarian Church Community Sacred Purpose Trust. The contract was signed on April 28th by ELBI and Drieman, Frankford, Williams and Edwards. This was a preliminary contract, as it was known that the property descriptions, the provisions for the Trust and other points were probably not all correct.. Point 19 of the contract indicated that there would be a need for changes—and required both parties to sign whatever documents were necessary to carry out the intent of the original contract. (This will be important later.)

15. During the summer of 2004, Edwards pursued his rather extensive responsibilities, including the selling of his house and moving Church Bible Teaching Ministry items and personal possessions totaling 4.5 20' truckloads-much of which are in use by the Port Austin ministry at this time. Among many other things, he conducted a two-week music camp, and reviewed hundreds of documents in the purchase and set-up of the property, writing dozens himself. In contrast, Drieman moved to the property in early May, supported by gifts from Edwards, Frankford and Warwick Potts, but did not even complete his promised report of the needed maintenance on each campus building. He completed very few repairs. Frankford dreamed up dozens of ideas for industry projects, flooding Edwards with e-mails, asking him to help with some of them; but failed to implement any of them. Williams did more than he promised financially, making a variety of land payments totaling \$85,140—including \$65,000 toward the July 15th balloon payment of \$95,000. Williams started a poultry yard toward the campus farm project, but never produced any written plan for SEAL. Edwards did not attempt to interfere in the others' areas, but helped each of them when requested.

16. The last two weeks of July saw nine students attending the summer music camp at Port Austin. Edwards spent nearly every waking hour with them. Twelve original songs, which were largely submitted as only words and a melody line were arranged

(chords, harmony and instrumental parts written for them) and recorded. The camp also provided a daily Bible study, music theory classes and recreation. The intent was to produce a CD for free distribution, but by the time the CD mix-down was complete, the name under which the CD could be published was uncertain. Eventually. because 10 of the 12 songs were composed by Paul Drieman and his daughters, one of whom withdrew permission for her songs to be included on the CD, it was determined that Paul and his other daughter probably felt similarly; because of this, the 2004 music camp CD will not be produced.

17. As soon as the music camp ended, the Edwardses headed back to Perry, Michigan, to handle the final details of selling their house—which included putting in a new well. They packed up, cleaned up, and after the sale of their house closed on August 10th, sent money to make up the remaining \$30,000 of the \$95,000 balloon payment, which was now overdue.

18. While it may seem like things were working well-the payments were being made and the property was being put to use-around the end of July and the beginning of August, what cooperation there had been between the four men began to end. Frankford and Drieman spent numerous hours with Williams during this time, trying to convince him that Edwards did not respect him and that nearly everything that Edwards was doing was somehow wrong, unethical or illegal. Their opposition covered everything from student bed-times and room assignments to how Edwards made the property payments. Covering all of the incidents would require many pages. But the basic format was: Frankford would make false accusations against Edwards, Edwards would refute them, and Frankford would go on to make another false accusation. Drieman and Williams, who are of somewhat milder temperaments, would sit back and listen, and Drieman would tell Williams something like: "Frankford and Edwards are just alike-it's the responsibility of the wiser, more stable of us to sort out the truth somewhere in the middle". Unfortunately, the truth was not somewhere in the middle: virtually every one of Frankford's accusations were false and Drieman and Williams should have recognized that. But as it often happens in governments for men, unstable situations are often used to serve the purpose of some. For a brief time, Williams took on the responsibility of chairing meetings so something could be accomplished. But shortly afterward, Frankford and Williams attempted to make Drieman the official director of the project. Edwards never agreed to it or voted for the idea. This was a clear

departure from the original plan of four men with equal authority, fulfilling the goals that Edwards and Williams had outlined. Drieman and Frankford clearly had no objection to unequal authority, as long as it was in their favor.

19. One of the many false accusations by Frankford, and later echoed by Drieman and Williams, was that the concept of a Sacred Purpose Trust might be somehow unethical or illegal. They went as far as naming two attorneys with whom they hoped to consult about it. If these three ever contacted these attorneys or the Trust preparer during this time, they never brought the subject up at an open meeting. On August 4th, Frankford sent an e-mail, part of which he claimed was authored by Williams, which questioned the concept of the Sacred Purpose Trust. The Trust paperwork had not yet been finished because Edwards had suggested several major improvements to the Trust Indenture which were researched and implemented, the Trust preparer had other pressing needs during May through June and Edwards was largely unavailable in July and August. In spite of their opposition to the concept of the Trust, Drieman, Frankford and Williams never brought forth any alternative form of organization. The Sacred Purpose Trust was irrevocable—the property could not simply be transferred to some other legal entity because they wanted it so. The only way they could clearly get title to the property in another form is if the Trust defaulted on its payments; then the property could become for sale to the highest bidder. It is the duty of Trustees to protect the Trust. It was the Trust, and not the four individuals, that had a contract to buy the property. The only question that remained was, "Which men are the Trustee(s) carrying out the purpose of the trust?" In Frankford's August 4th e-mail, he officially stated that he would not make any of his funds available to the Trust, and laid out a series of requirements that were almost certain to bankrupt the trust. Making Drieman the executive director of the project was also contrary to the original plan and contrary to the Trust documents-they had no place for an executive director or head Trustee. It became increasingly clear to Edwards and ELBI that Drieman, Frankford and Williams were not intending to carry out the existing agreements to which the Trust was committed. At this point, Edwards faced the dilemma of deciding whether to attempt to explain trusteeship to them more thoroughly so that they could become good Trustees, or to tell them as little as possible to prevent them from harming the Trust. As it happened, the others almost completely

avoided Edwards, met together without him and had little interest in what he had to say.

20. In August, Homer Kizer arrived in Port Austin to teach in the SEE program. He has a Master's Degree in creative writing and experience and ability in many other areas. Edwards had written him that the program was in its infancy and that there would be no money to pay him. Edwards had read a little-not enough-of Kizer's extensive website and asked him if he could keep his religious writings separate from his teaching at SEE. Kizer wrote that he could do that. Accepting Kizer's statement was a big mistake on Edward's part. Frankford and Drieman lost no time in making sure that Kizer saw things their way. On August 29, Kizer sent an email suffixed "feel free to forward anything I write" containing the statement "It appears I will eventually take over the educational program here although I have no desire to do so. There just isn't anyone else here who is able to do the job. Norm [Edwards] certainly cannot."

21. On September 3rd, Bill Buckman arrived in Port Austin to become the campus librarian. He has known Edwards for years, read and edited Servants' News, attended the Feast of Tabernacles with him, etc. In many ways, his arrival was the first breath of fresh air that the campus had had in months. He now assists in whatever work needs to be done, gladly and with a Christian attitude.

22. In the early days of September, Homer Kizer began making ridiculous posts on his website. He claimed that the BATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) needed to investigate the activities in Port Austin because Edwards and Potts drove an unlicensed, older, Ryder-style yellow truck from Huron County with too many similarities to Timothy McVey's truck. However, in typical Kizer style, he crafted a story where Edwards and Potts were villains, and others were victims. He faulted Edwards and Potts for driving the unlicensed truck, never mentioned that neither man knew that the truck was without a plate and totally ignored the fact that Williams owned the truck and has the obvious legal responsibility to license his own vehicle. Kizer well understands the technique of repeating false or insignificant ideas over and over in his writing until they seem important and true. Since that first posting, Kizer has written about 30 separate articles on his website describing the events of Port Austin, all using his typical fictional style. To understand Homer Kizer, realize that his Master's Degree is in creative writing and that he writes each piece like a fiction story. focusing on the effect he wants to achieve in the reader's mind, not on the truth of the details. The real events just give him an idea

for the story, and from there he writes as he pleases, painting victims, villains and tales far more dramatic than the simple day-to-day realities. He apparently believes it is acceptable to say anything he wants about people he considers unbelievers. If one takes Kizer's writings as historical fantasy, some might find them somewhat entertaining—he has a good command of the English language. One can find Homer Kizer's books for sale at Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Notice Kizer's own description of his book, Alaskan Rogue, at bn.com:

On the edge of a two-sided world, Jay Shoulders, conceived but never born, wrestles with his wild Rogue roots and memories of a spirit lost somewhere in Laos. A fisherman at Unalaska, Alaska, Jay offers refuge to a stranded foreign fleet Observer and to a petty drug dealer, thereby setting into motion his flight to Kodiak, Kenai, Ketchikan and on into British Columbia before he returns, alone. But as he stays awake day after day while sailing up the Gulf of Alaska, he sees visions of a future son already beginning to grow, visions that stir his Native roots.

Nevertheless, ELBI, Edwards and supporters of the Trust realized that Kizer's fiction, masquerading as truth, was a serious matter. Kizer never labels the yellow truck story as fiction. Someone could interpret it as an inside whistle-blower revealing knowledge of a serious crime or terrorism. Some attorneys were consulted concerning defamation suits, but to prevail in court one must usually show actual damages. So far, it appears that there has not been much significant damage from the few people who have believed Kizer's fiction. Edwards and others went to Kizer to ask him to stop it, but he refuses to remove old website items, which are obviously in error, and he pledges to write even more.

23. When two of the Trust's supporters first read Kizer's fiction, they e-mailed him and the other four men, expressing their outrage. Frankford replied, defending Kizer's writings, but then wrote again claiming that he had never read the articles sent to him and that his endorsement was not an endorsement. ELBI's ability to assign its contract to the Trust was contingent upon this clause: "such assignment or conveyance shall not result in the probability of waste or other impairment of Seller's security in the subject premises or the probability of default on behalf of Purchaser". ELBI realized that if they aided Kizer and his nonsensical writing in any way—even simply allowing him access to the property—they would clearly be creating a probability of waste. If one person in authority believed Kizer, an expensive suit investigation might follow, greatly

increasing the probability of default. ELBI also realized that if Frankford, in a management capacity, can dogmatically support someone's writing that he has never read, he is a liability to the property as well. Therefore, ELBI made a formal request to Paul Drieman to have Kizer removed from the property, to have Frankford removed from all management responsibilities and to return a phone call to let ELBI know the status of this request. On September 10th, Drieman held a meeting with Frankford, Williams and Edwards to convey this conversation. At the meeting, Drieman reluctantly agreed to remove Kizer from the property, but did not even mention ELBI's request to remove Frankford management roles. Drieman has never communicated, nor cooperated, with ELBI again, even to this day. Only three weeks later at the Feast of Tabernacles, Frankford Kizer released their 11-page announcement of a joint publication, Thumbs Up Review—they had been working together on it the whole time.

24. ELBI's request was then repeated to Edwards. The Trust documents still had not yet been finalized, and the required corrections to the contract between the Trust and ELBI still had not been made. The time period specified wherein both parties were required to correct the contract had expired, and ELBI now had the choice to cooperate in making these seriously needed corrections. Edwards felt it was important to immediately prevent Frankford from gaining a Trustee position in order to satisfy ELBI's request, to protect the Trust and to provide a better Christian environment for any others who might come.

25. The situation for Edwards and his family was becoming nearly intolerable. The false accusations continued. As just one example, Kizer wrote that Edwards took offerings without "common accounting", even though Edwards used the same recording and accounting procedures he had used for the last 10 years of his ministry, and had never experienced difficulties before. Kizer never asked Edwards anything about the issue, but simply wrote about it on the Internet. Frankford and Drieman seemed more willing to believe Kizer in the issue than they did Edwards. Immediately after that Drieman gave a Bible study on "stealing" and spoke as if it were a present and ongoing problem there. During this time, Edwards and Williams were paying the land payments, utilities and other bills for the project-Frankford and Drieman were not.

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WHAT EZEKIEL 38-39
REVEALS ABOUT
A FUTURE WORLD WAR III
--- Part #1

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#### **Introduction and Context:**

The "latter day" prophecy found in Ezekiel 38-39 has long been seen by many Christians as a key prophecy describing events which will occur among the nations in the time preceding the Millennium (or Messianic Age). This is a lengthy and very "meaty" prophecy which needs a thorough examination in order to be understood and appreciated. This research paper has been prompted by the fact that so much is happening in world events which is directly setting the stage for the fulfillment of this prophecy in future world geopolitics. It is needful to warn as many people as possible about what will occur in the years ahead of us, because when it is fulfilled, it will shock all nations and it will drastically affect the lives of everyone on the planet. Ezekiel 38-39 reveals, in advance, many details about a future World War III which will occur in the years ahead of us.

What is noteworthy about this prophecy is that it has God's "guarantee" that he will personally intervene as needed to make sure it comes to pass exactly as prophesied. If you are interested in knowing the future, consider what Ezekiel 38-39 has to say. If you doubt that there is a Creator God who can influence or control world events, your doubts will also be addressed in this report. As a reassurance to all potential readers, this research paper will not "grind an ax" for or against any religious denomination and it will not ask you for money.

A common Christian view is that Ezekiel 38-39 is a pre-millennial prophecy about a Russian-led alliance which will attack the small Jewish-Israeli nation just prior to the second coming of Jesus Christ/Yahshua. A literal application of this prophecy shows this view is correct in terms of the time context of this attack and the fact that Russia will lead an alliance of nations to attack someone else. However, most Christians completely misunderstand which nations will be targeted by this attack due to a widespread misunderstanding of what is meant by the biblical/prophetic term "Israel."

This report is intended to apply the prophecies of Ezekiel 38-39 toward many modern nations. When applied literally, this prophecy is strikingly accurate in predicting the current alliances and geopolitics of the modern world and it reveals future events yet to occur. As the reader will see, these future events can be seen as an inevitable, logical, result of what is now occurring in modern world events; however, few believe that the future will unfold as the Bible prophesies. This research paper will first examine Ezekiel 38-39 in its proper context within the book of Ezekiel, and then it will examine the Ezekiel 38-39 prophecy in depth.

To begin with, it is necessary to examine this prophecy in context within the book of Ezekiel. Doing so will allow the reader to better understand this prophecy. This book contains a lengthy series of individual visions and/or prophecies given by God to the prophet Ezekiel. The Bible nowhere indicates that these prophecies are to be understood sequentially or chronologically. Instead, each prophecy in the book of Ezekiel has its own subject matter and time-setting. Each prophecy is also clearly marked by specific language so the reader can understand when each prophecy begins and ends. Ezekiel 2 begins a long series of prophecies which God gave to Ezekiel and the first prophecy is introduced with these words of God in verse 1: "Son of man...I will speak to you." Another prophecy is introduced in Ezekiel 6:1 with the words: "And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying..." indicating that God was giving a new prophecy to Ezekiel which was distinct from the previous one. Another prophecy is introduced with the same wording in Ezekiel 7:1. New prophecies are introduced to the reader with similar language in Ezekiel 12:1, 14:1, 14:12, 15:1, 16:1, etc. Approximately 26 such individual prophecies are introduced with similar introductory language between chapters 16 and 37. Some chapters contain two prophecies and other prophecies involve more than one chapter. Many subjects and time-settings are contained within these prophecies. It is

obvious that they are not connected by any sequential flow. A key to understanding prophecies in the book of Ezekiel in their proper context is the realization that each time one encounters distinctive wording like "The word of the Lord came unto me, saying...," a dividing mark is made between the previous prophecy and the new one. It is vital to understand this fact as we approach Ezekiel 37-39.

Ezekiel 37 contains two separate prophesies in one chapter while Ezekiel 38-39 contain a single prophecy. There is no language in the biblical text that indicates these three distinct prophecies should be understood as chronologically linked. Like the many prophecies contained in the previous chapters of Ezekiel, the three prophecies in Ezekiel 37-39 have their own unique subject matters and different time-settings.

#### The Two Prophecies of Ezekiel 37:

Ezekiel 37:1-14 can be understood as a separate prophecy or as a continuation of the prophecy which began in 36:16. This is the famous "dry bones" prophecy, and it describes a future resurrection of all the deceased members of "the whole house of Israel" (verses 11-13). The term "whole house of Israel" is very expansive, and it includes anyone who was a member of any of the twelve tribes of Israel throughout history. This resurrection is not the resurrection of the righteous saints which occurs when the Messiah comes to the earth (i.e. the Second Coming of Christ). The resurrection at Christ's return involves dead saints of any race who are given spiritual. eternal bodies. The resurrection of Ezekiel 37 is an entirely different resurrection. It is a mass resurrection of countless members of the "whole house of Israel." This "exceedingly great" multitude is given sinews, flesh and skin and then receives "the breath of life" from the Creator. This resurrection is a partial alimpse of a general resurrection of all the dead who will be resurrected to a second life in a physical body. Revelation 20:1-5 reveals that all mankind from all ages (not just the Israelites) will be raised to life again in a massive resurrection to a second physical life. Rev. 20:5 adds that this resurrection of "the rest of the dead" occurs after the millennium/Messianic Age. This resurrection is also called "the great white throne" resurrection in Revelation 20:11.

The subject matter of Ezekiel 37:1-14 concerns the Israelite portion of the great resurrection of all deceased mankind to a second physical lifetime at the end of the millennium. It will be fulfilled after the millennial reign of the Messiah, and it clearly

has no applicability to events to be fulfilled in this age in which we now live.



Ezekiel 37 contains a second and distinct prophecy in verses 15-28. It can easily be seen that this is a new prophecy. not a sequential prophecy linked to the previous "dry bones" prophecy. Verse 15 introduces the new prophecy with the standard language found in the book of Ezekiel which indicates the previous prophecy has concluded and a new one is beginning: "The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying..." This second prophecy has a subject matter about a time when the "house of Israel" (the ten tribes of Israel) are reunited with the members of the "house of Judah" (the tribes of Israel led by Judah). This reunion is symbolized by "two sticks" coming together, one for Joseph (the lead tribe of the ten tribes of Israel) and the other stick for Judah (the leading tribe of the house of Judah). Ephraim and Manasseh jointly composed the tribe of Joseph. Christians of many denominations widely understand that "Judah" references the Jews. However, most Christian denominations wrongly assume that the northern ten tribes "died out" or became "lost" when they were exiled from the Promised Land. Nothing could be more biblically incorrect! The critical matter of understanding who the tribes of Israel are in the modern world will be examined now as it is a point vital to understanding the prophecy in Ezekiel 38-39.

## The Abrahamic Covenant and "Birthright" Promise:

God was bound by an unbreakable covenant with Abraham to make Abraham's "birthright" descendants exceedingly

numerous, prosperous and powerful. This covenant is described and affirmed by God many times in the book of Genesis, and its terms require review. The "birthriaht" promises of this covenant were given by Abraham to Isaac, then to Jacob and finally to the sons of Joseph: Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 48:8-22). Ephraim and Manasseh became the leading tribes of the tribes of Israel. The covenant between God and Abraham predated the covenant God made with Israel through Moses, and the Abrahamic covenant's terms are not affected or rescinded by anything which happened (A) under the Mosaic covenant made at Mt. Sinai, and (B) the exile of the tribes of Israel from the Promised Land. The Abrahamic covenant with the Israelite tribes remained in effect even after the Israelites were exiled from the Promised Land. God himself affirmed this fact in Hosea 1. Hosea 1 prophesies that God will expel the house of Israel (the northern ten tribes) from their portion of the Promised Land, but he affirms that in the future he will still honor the Abrahamic covenant with them in verses 7-11. Even though he is expelling the northern ten tribes of Israel for their sins as required by the Covenant God made with Israel via Moses, God affirms that he will still convey great blessings upon the tribes after their expulsion, as required by God's covenant Israel through Abraham. Christians have missed this critical fact, and have therefore misunderstood Ezekiel 38-39.



God proclaims in Hosea 1:10 that after Israel's tribes are exiled from the Promised Land, he will make "...the number of the children of Israel...as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered..." Remember that this blessing of huge population growth was to be inherited by the

ten tribes of Israel after they were expelled from the Promised Land for their sins! This statement confirms that God had not forgotten that he was immutably bound by his covenant with Abraham to convey the "birthright" blessings upon the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh (who led the ten tribes of Israel). The promise of exceptional population growth was a key part of the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 13:16, 17:2-7, 22:15-18). This prophecy precludes any possibility that the "ten tribes of Israel" could "die out" or "become lost" in history. In Jeremiah 51:5, God also declared that he would not forsake either "Israel" (the ten tribes) or "Judah" (the Jews) in the future. As the millennia passed by, the ten tribes of Israel gradually lost an awareness of their roots even though the Jews ("Judah") retained an awareness that they were an Israelite tribe. When the ten tribes of Israel were expelled from the Promised Land by the terms of the Mosaic Covenant, it had the effect of ensuring that the blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant would be poured out upon them in nations and lands distant from their former inheritance in the Promised Land.

An awareness of the modern locations of the tribes of Israel is critical in order to understand Ezekiel 38-39, and that is why this important digression is found at the beginning of this paper. As we will see, the nations attacked in Ezekiel 38-39 are the latter-day descendants of the ten tribes of "Israel." While the Jews/Israelis are mentioned in a variety of latter-day prophecies, Ezekiel 38-39 is not one of them. Judah (the Jews) is not specifically mentioned at all in Ezekiel 38-39.

The modern nations of the ten tribes of Israel (because of the great blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant which God affirmed in Hosea 1 would still be applicable in the postexilic period) must be found in the modern world among the major nations of the earth. The tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, which were fated to have wealth and national power in addition to large populations, must especially be found among the major powers or superpowers of the earth. Even as Ephraim and Manasseh were both sons of Joseph, their modern descendants will be "brother" nations with a common culture and language. The Abrahamic Covenant requires in Genesis 22:15-18 that the nations of Ephraim and Manasseh would be given the "gates" of their enemies (i.e. strategic chokepoints such as the Suez Canal, the Panama Canal, Gibraltar, etc.). The nations of Ephraim and Manasseh, the "birthright" tribes of Israel, also inherited a divinely-given clue of the Abrahamic Covenant that their offspring will be known by the name of

Isaac (Genesis 21:12). Since vowels were not written in ancient times, these Israelite tribes will be known by the consonants "S-C." Names with these consonants (written different ways in different languages over the millennium) include such terms as "Sacae," "Saka," etc.) The Romans substituted the Latin "x" for the Semitic "c" or "k" sound and rendered the name of the birthright tribes as "Saxons." The Israelites were prophesied to become "many nations" (Genesis 17:1-7), far more than the single nation of Judah (the Jews). The tribe of Manasseh was prophesied to eventually become a mighty single nation while the tribe of Ephraim was prophesied to become a "multitude" (company or commonwealth) of nations (Genesis 48:14-19).

One reason why researchers have been unable to locate the tribes of Israel in history is that they wrongly assume they will be found in forsaken, tiny little knots of people around the globe with vestigial Jewish customs. Based on God's decrees in Hosea 1 and Jeremiah 51, the ten tribes of Israel can only be found among the larger, wealthier, more powerful nations in history! While the nations of the ten tribes throughout history will be Semitic, they will not be "Jewish." The tribe of Judah on the other hand, has always been recognized as Jewish.

For those who wish to read and review more evidence about the history and modern identifications of the tribes of Israel, a large body of evidence is available. This author has written a four-book series with abundant evidence and documentation tracing the tribes of Israel throughout history. Their migrations, wars, empires and modern locations are extensively detailed in these books, and it will provide the reader with an entirely new perspective on ancient history. These books may be previewed and ordered on-line at the publisher's website: www.bibleblessings.net These books contain photographs of key artifacts. hundreds of illustrations, copious endnotes and extensive bibliographies so readers can duplicate the same research and "prove all things." Indeed, readers are urged to do so! Those who wish to read articles re: the Israelite tribes by this author can do so by accessing the "Christian Authors" link at: www.israelite.info Also, an Orthodox Jewish author, Yair Davidy, has also written a series of books which agrees with many of the main conclusions of this author's books. Mr. Davidy utilized different sources in coming to his conclusions, and his books can be obtained at: www.britam.org These books and articles make it clear that there is a Creator God who is real and also engaged in the affairs of nations to guarantee that his

prophecies are fulfilled in human events.

Back to the prophecy of Ezekiel 37:15-28. In it, God prophesies that he will finally join together the "two sticks" representing the long-separated ten tribes of Israel and the house of Judah. This joining will occur at a time when ancient King David is resurrected to rule over the reunified tribes (verses 24-25). Since David is one of the saints listed in the "Faith" chapter of Hebrews 11 (see verse 32), this resurrection is the resurrection of the righteous saints to eternal life in spirit bodies at the beginning of the millennium/ Messianic Age. The time setting of this prophecy is at the very beginning of the millennium when the events of the "latter days" have all been concluded and the resurrection of all deceased saints occurs. It is worth noting that the descendants of the ten tribes of Israel in this prophecy (Ezekiel 37:21) are gathered by God "from among the heathen whither they be gone..." Since this prophecy is fulfilled as the millennium/ Messianic Age dawns, all the tribes of Israel have to be present on the earth in order for them to be gathered together and joined to the house of Judah (the Jews). It also must be pointed out that this re-joining of all the tribes of Israel does not occur until King David is resurrected to be their collective king! This means that the ten tribes of Israel cannot be found among the tribe of Judah (the Jews) in our current time. They will be found "among the heathen" (i.e. they will be non-Jewish nations), and scattered around the world far from the old Promised Land. A prophecy in Zephaniah 2:6-10 (rightly regarded by many Christians as prophesying the founding of the modern Jewish/Israeli nation in 1948) indicates that only the tribe of Judah (the Jews) will be living in the old Promised Land at the end of this age. The other tribes of Israel will be living elsewhere.

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**SPIRIT OF AHAB** 

by Rusty Ames Proctor, Texas

There is no doubt that the spirit of Jezebel is alive and active in the American family. Without minimizing the actions and effects of this evil spirit, there is another spirit that accompanies, precedes, and magnifies the effects of the spirit of Jezebel. This is the Spirit of Ahab.

The characteristics of this Sprit of Ahab will become evident as we examine the story of King Ahab. Ahab, son of Omri, the seventh king of Israel, who reigned for twenty-two years, from 876 to 854 (1 Kings 16:28), was one of the strongest and at the same time one of the weakest kings of Israel. He inherited the traditional enemies of the kingdom, who were ready to make trouble.

The kingdom of Israel, during the reign of Ahab, suffered drought and famine. But Ahab was clever enough to win the respect of friend and foe and strengthen the kingdom. But the evils of his reign were the result of measures that he took to strengthen the kingdom.

In the days of David and Solomon a good trading relationship existed between the Hebrews and the Phoenicians. Ahab recognized the advantages of having the leading commercial nation as his ally. He renewed relations with the Phoenicians and cemented them by his marriage to Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, king of Tyre. This was in spite of the admonition of Yahweh in Deuteronomy 7:3 that the Israelites should not intermarry with idol worshipers.

Ahab then focused on reestablishment of friendly relations with Judah. For the first time since the division of the kingdoms, the hereditary quarrels were forgotten, and Jehoshaphat, the good king of Judah, made peace with the king of Israel. This alliance, too, was sealed by a marriage relationship. Jehoram, the crown prince of Judah, married Ahab's daughter Athaliah.

Ahab showed cunning in foreign policy with his treatment of Benhadad, king of Damascus. An opportunity was given to crush the threatening power of Syria. But when Benhadad was overcome, Ahab instead spared the enemy and allowed him to depart on the condition that he would restore the cities captured, and concede certain streets in Damascus as a place for Israelite residents.

Ahab thought that a king won as a friend might be of greater service to Israel than a hostile nation. Whatever Ahab's motives

may have been, these traditional foes fought side by side against their common enemy, the king of Assyria

Ahab's strength in foreign policy was overcome by his disobedient religious policy. Through his alliance with Phoenicia he not only encouraged trade with Tyre, but invited Phoenician religion in as well. Ahab failed to realize that while a coalition of nations might be advantageous, infiltration of their pagan religions would be disastrous. He ignored the principle that Yahweh alone is the Elohim of Israel.

The worship of Yahweh by Jeroboam appeared antiquated to him. Baal, the god of Tyre, the proud mistress of the seas and the possessor of dazzling wealth, was to have an equal place with Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel. Accordingly Ahab built a temple to Baal and erected a pole to Asherab in this temple (1 Kings 16:32-33). On the other hand he tried to serve Yahweh by naming his children in his honor--Ahaziah ("Yah holds"), Jehoram ("Yah is high"), and Athaliah ("Yah is strong"). His religious policy was double minded and opportunistic at best.

Jezebel was a champion of the foreign culture. She was also an unscrupulous patron of the prophets of Baal and of the devotees of Asherab (1 Kings 18:19-20, 19:1-2) At her instigation; the altars of Yahweh were torn down. Her vindictive nature caused Jezebel to inaugurate the first great religious persecution of the church, killing off the prophets of Yahweh with the sword. In all this she aimed at more than a syncretism of the two religions; she planned to destroy the religion of Yahweh root and branch and put that of Baal in its place. Ahab did not oppose her, and is guilty of conniving at the policy of his unprincipled wife, if not of heartily concurring in it.

Wrong religious principles have their counterpart in false ethical ideals and immoral civil acts. Ahab, as a worshipper of Baal, not only introduced a false religion, but false social ideals as well.

The royal residence in Jezreel had risen in importance through his alliance with Phoenicia. Nearby was a vineyard 1 Kings 21:1) owned by Naboth, a native of Jezreel. Ahab coveted this piece of ground for a vegetable garden. He demanded that Naboth sell it to him or exchange it for a better piece of land. Naboth declined.

Ahab, a Hebrew, knowing the laws of the land, was stung by the refusal and went home greatly displeased. Jezebel, however, had neither religious scruples nor any regard for the civil laws of the Hebrews. Accordingly she planned a high-handed crime to gratify the whim of Ahab.

By the authority of the king she had Naboth falsely accused of blasphemy

against Elohim and the king, and had him stoned to death. The horror of this judicial murder possibly did as much to finally overthrow the house of Omri, as did the favor shown to the false god, Baal.

Neither religious rights nor civil liberties can be long trampled under foot without divine retribution. Like an accusing conscience, Elijah appeared before Ahab. His very name ("my Elohim is Yah") inspired awe. "As Yahweh, the Elohim of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years,"(1 Kings 17:1) was the troubling message left on the mind of Ahab for more than three years.

On Elijah's reappearance, Elijah informs Ahab that the king's religious policy has caused the trouble in Israel (1 Kings 18:18). The proof is to be furnished on Mount Carmel. The people shall know whom to serve. Baal is silent. Yahweh answers with fire. A torrent of rain ends the drought. The victory belongs to Yahweh. (1 Kings 18:20-46)

Perhaps the warning of Micaiah the prophet gave Ahab a premonition that this would be his last fight. He entered the battle in disguise. An arrow, shot at random, inflicted a mortal wound. In order to avoid a panic, Ahab remained in his chariot all day and died as a hero at sunset. His body was taken to Samaria for burial.

The kingdom declined rapidly after Ahab's death. He had failed to comprehend the greatness of Yahweh; he failed to stand for the highest justice, and the effects of his sins are visited upon his posterity (1 Kings 22:29).

Ahab was brilliant in matters political and economic. He was astute as an arbitrator and dealmaker. And he apparently had moral beliefs. But, he allowed his life to be compartmentalized so that his beliefs were overcome by his weaknesses and cowardice. He was able to mentally absolve himself of responsibility of wrongdoing done on his behalf. And he neglected critical aspects of his life that were then dictated by others. Ahab did not allow morality to disturb his success track.

This retelling of the story of Ahab provides a glimpse of the personality traits and characteristics of the Spirit of Ahab.

1. Ahab was Ambitious. He wanted to build Israel into a world power. Many men routinely work very hard to build their kingdoms. Their ambition is justified by the concept of doing a greater good. No doubt the citizens' lives were improved by Ahab's alliances with foreign powers. But we have no proof that the benefits of his citizens were foremost in Ahab's mind and not simply his desire for fame and fortune.

- 2. Ahab was opportunistic. He recognized opportunities to enhance his kingdom and seized them. He yoked himself with unbelievers and routinely associated with them to further his plans for growth and dominance. He was willing to compromise tenets of faith for gain.
- 3. Ahab was self-serving. He married an ally's daughter and then married his daughter off to cement alliances he had made. Even though he was a very powerful king with vast holdings, he still coveted a plot belonging to someone else for his own garden. He believed he deserved the benefits of his kingship.
- 4. Ahab focused on the worldly. His attention was strictly on the building of that which will quickly burn up. His earthly power and legacy demanded his attentions and consumed his efforts.
- 5. Ahab compromised his beliefs. He was able to compartmentalize his spiritual belief so that it did not encroach on his actions. He embodied the concept of "nothing personal just business". He claimed to be subject to Yahweh and paid homage to him in some regards, but he had a tolerant attitude and willingly compromised his beliefs.
- 6. Ahab abdicated his spiritual responsibility. He willingly let Jezebel be the director of matters spiritual and to set policy concerning worship practices.
- 7. Ahab ignored evil. He readily allowed Naboth to be falsely accused and stoned. He chose to allow idol worship and even promoted religious practices directly in disobedience to Yah's word.
- 8. Ahab had no fear of Yahweh. In spite of his claims, his actions denied a true respect and fear of Yahweh. He was able to worship with his mouth but not his actions.

What we are calling the Spirit of Ahab was evident in many biblical men both before and after him. Adam exhibited some of the characteristics when he allowed Eve to ignore Yahweh and feed him the forbidden fruit.

And many other men have espoused this spirit. Through ignorance, neglect, or laziness, men allow their wives and family members to assume leadership roles. Women and children routinely run American families "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths." (Isaiah 3:12).

A further complication of allowing this usurping of authority and responsibility could even impact church leadership. For example, if the wife or the children are actually the ones whose direction prevails in the

household, is the man "ruling his own house well?" Now, the scriptures call for a man to lay down his life for his wife and children, following Yahshua's example with the assembly when He "gave Himself for her" (Ephesians 5:25). A man is to make decisions based on what is best for his family rather than what is most convenient and pleasurable for him. Yet he is to be the one who makes these decisions, "ruling his own house well." (1 Timothy 3:4-5) If his wife or children dominate a man, someone else is ruling his house and he is disqualified from leadership according to scripture.

Another way that men exhibit the spirit of Ahab is by placing their wives in danger of neglecting their requirement to be a helpmate. (Genesis 2:18) Men encourage their wives to serve two masters by working outside the home. If someone, other than her own husband, employs a woman, whom is she serving during her workday? The wife is limited in the help she can be to her husband during her time dedicated to her boss. Yahweh intended her to be her husband's helper. If a man encourages his wife to serve another master, he is not "ruling his own house well." In fact, a case can be made that he is even selling her into slavery.

Contrary to popular belief, the "Proverbs 31 woman" is not the epitome of the feminist career woman. While this woman does conduct business physically away from the home, she is not under the direction of another man. The virtuous woman always has her husband's interest at the forefront. (Proverbs 31:11-12) She is completely devoted to serving her husband and her family, and not another master.

Men exhibit the spirit of Ahab through their willingness to defer the spiritual education of the family. Men allow their children to be educated by others, whether it be public schools, church schools, or even the wife alone in home schooling. Yahweh makes parents, fathers specifically, responsible for the training and admonition of their children (Ephesians 6:4)

The 78th Psalm also gives us the mandate to educate our children: We will not hide them from their sons; to declare to the coming generation the praises of YHWH; yea, His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. For He raised a Testimony in Jacob, and He set a Law in Israel; which He commanded our fathers to make them known to their sons; so that a coming generation may know; sons shall be born; they shall rise up and tell their sons. so that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments. And they shall not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that prepared not its heart; yea, whose spirit was not faithful with God. (Psalm 78:4-8)

Yahweh has not given children to the community, to the society, and certainly not to the government. Neither did he give children to the church. Men allow a delegation of responsibility that is contrary to that established by Yahweh (Deuteronomy 6:7) if they do not personally oversee the training and education of their children. They are also responsible for promoting the spiritual growth of their wife. It is not the pastor's responsibility.

Men cannot focus on bread winning and ignore serving the bread of life. Often, men spend their time with their jobs and if anyone in the family bothers to study the Bible, it is the women. Paradoxically, men today are considered successful if they have good jobs, make plenty of money, and provide a nice home. Little credit is given to the man who willingly understands the importance of being a strong spiritual leader in the family, even at the expense of luxuries and Therefore take no thought, comforts. saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ve have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of Yahweh, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:31-33)

Ahab was not alone in exhibiting the characteristics of the sprit that bears his name, although he did personify the spirit. The spirit of Ahab was long ago conceived by Satan and is promoted daily. The spirit of Ahab is even manifest when men blame "pushy" women for their own weakness. In fact, it is pervasive.

How many of us are extremely successful by the world's standard of life, but weak in the spiritual department? How many have great careers, profitable businesses and well funded retirement plans but our family life is lacking? How many work too much, golf too much, drink too much, or anything too much, but fail to take care of true communion and spending time with the Heavenly Father and the families he has entrusted to us?

Who has not allowed someone else to determine our religious beliefs? Who has not neglected family and scriptural matters because of the demands of the world? When was the last time you taught your child scripture?

Who has not made unholy alliances for earthly gain? What product or service does your company provide...does it serve Yahweh's plan? Who has not been tempted to compromise core beliefs for the sake of a

deal? A former business associate used to say, "I am honest, but I'm not fanatical about it." Does this describe you?

Who among us has not tolerated evil? When was the last time YOU stood up against abortion, homosexuality, false doctrines, political correctness, immodest dress, teen sex, immorality in media, violence in movies, dishonesty in public officials? Have you ever "gone along to get along"?

When was the last time you really STUDIED the doctrines of your beliefs? How much time did you spend in the word this week?

Do your actions PROVE a fear of Yahweh and a separation from that which he abhors? Or do you exhibit a Spirit of Ahab?

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COLUMBUS WAS A LATECOMER

by Sandy Kile Palisade, Minnesota

Remember learning about the Phoenicians in history class? How they produced purple dye? There is "new" evidence that Phoenicians were more than dye makers, and their influence was felt far beyond their shores, even to America, and LONG before "October of 1492 when Columbus sailed the ocean blue," like we were taught as kids. But not only Phoenicians were here. Evidence is mounting people were here from the Mid-East, Far-East, Europe, even Egypt.

Archaeologists have turned up strangely inscribed stones across the United States for vears. (in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Iowa, Oklahoma, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Nevada, and New Mexico) but because they could not read them, (and dare I say, didn't fit their preconceived notions?) the stones were dismissed as hoaxes or American Indian graffiti. However, some of the "Indian graffitti" was actually Hebrew! Not modern Hebrew, very old Hebrew, with a Phoenician twist from about 1000 BC! "This can't be," archaeologists said, and stored these misfit stones with strange markings in museum basements. In one case, a photo had been taken of a stone's inscription, but was filed since no one could read it. However, one day someone turned the photo upside down, and said, "This looks like Hebrew!"

They needed an outsider with a fresh approach to prove it. Enter New Zealander Dr. Barry Fell, Professor Emeritus at Harvard University, using his expertise in code cracking skills in epigraphy (the study of

deciphering ancient carved inscriptions), enabling him "to add a thousand years to America's past."

At the website, STONE SECRETS OF THE **FIRST** AMERICANS, www.ensignmessage.com/archives/stone secrets.html Thomas Fleming writes: "Most important was [Dr. Fell's] decipherment of the Davenport stele [i.e. gravestone], which some people compare to the translation of the Rosetta stone-the nineteenth century breakthrough which enabled men to read hieroglyphics and grasp the awesome sweep of Egyptian history." From this stone..."found in a burial mound near Davenport, Iowa, in 1874 [!!]," Fell was able to read three languages: "Egyptian hieroglyphics," below them "was the Iberic form of Punic writing found in Spain. [Beneath] was 'Libyan script." This means, "...there were Egyptians, Libyans and Celtic Iberians living together in a colony in Iowa in 800 B.C.," Fell stated. "...We have to revise a lot of our ideas about American history..."

Indeed. "America B.C.- House of Israel," http://asis.com/~stag/americab.html

describes one "piece" of evidence that archaeologists were unable to store in a small-town museum basement: A 20 ton boulder in New Mexico called THE LOS LUNAS DECALOGUE, "an example of early Hebrew script resembling Phoenician writing (cir. 1000 BC) under Greek influence... it consists of nine lines, reading from right to left: "I am Yahweh [YHVH, Hebrew equivalent of "Jehovah,"] your God that brought you out of the land..." Familiar? It's the beginning of the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20:2-17.

From THE LOS LUNAS DECALOGUE in New Mexico to the Davenport stele of Iowa, evidence is mounting: Columbus was a latecomer.

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#### **BRAINWASHING**

by Ed Oettel Blaine, Washington Died December 2, 2003

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For those of us who remember the Korean war, we'll remember some of the prisoners of war that refused repatriation, and did not return to the US, because thru the process of brainwashing, they came to reject America and they accepted what they were taught while in captivity. The process of brainwashing is a tried and proven technique that has been used many times in the past 50 years. The Branch Dividians were brainwashed into believing their leader was a special emissary from God. They fought and



died for what they came to believe. The 900 souls of Jonestown Guiana were just as brainwashed into drinking cyanide laced Kool Aid, because their leader told them it was the right thing to do. We could go on and on relating different examples of humans who have accepted brainwashing and have given their lives, money, possessions to individuals or organizations they came to accept as leaders over their very lives. Organized religion has many followers, in like fashion, having actually brainwashed their followers into serving a regime of beliefs and traditions that govern the way they live within the organization. Sometimes they are called cults. In Exod. 20:4-5 God tells us that He is a jealous God for those who worship and accept other gods in place of Him. The relationship that God seeks from us, is a one on one relationship, with no one or no other thing or being in between. The one exception is the fact that what we ask of God is done through His Son Jesus Christ who is our mediator.

Organized religion is not something God ordained. Organized religion, of whatever faith, comes from man through Satan, and not from God Himself. The one on one concept is not easily or readily accepted by human beings. Witness the example of the first Pentecost in Exod. 20:18-20 God assembled His nation before Him at Mount Sinai to pour His Spirit out upon them. But because of fear, the nation rejected God and accepted a human leader as their spokesman. This is a prime example of the people choosing organized religion over the one on one relationship they could have had with God the Father.

Organized religion operates the same way, humans accept a man as their spiritual leader between them and God. It makes no difference if he is an apostle, evangelist, pastor, elder, deacon, priest or whatever title he may hold. His position places him between the people and God.

Actually our parents Adam and Eve accepted Satan rather than having a one on one direct relationship with God the Father. Following the flood, the people accepted Nimrod as their spiritual leader, and organized religion began from that point down to this present age. The Babylonian Mystery Religion is what the Bible calls it, and it has existed down to this present time. There are literally hundreds or even thousands of differing religions whose followers blindly follow their leader into doing whatever "WORKS" he may support and will as long as they support him.

Our spiritual "HEAD" should be God the Father, and He should be our "SOURCE". We should be striving to build that close relationship with Him as we proceed in living

our lives today. Its important that we allow nothing to stand in the way that blocks the building and enhancing of that relationship that each one of us needs so badly.

In Isa. 28:9-13 Truth comes to us first through God's Word the Bible. As we grow in understanding we learn principles and truth that exists from many sources that apply biblical principles in living. As these scriptures state in verse 9 we must reach a state where we can be weaned from the milk of the word. Matt. 11:25 God reveals truth to us as babes. A baby absorbs 80 to 90 percent of what he knows in the first 5 years of life. Christians must learn their basic truths from the Word Of God, and its very important to build that firm spiritual foundation, providing that we ask and allow God Himself to reveal that truth to us. We have to learn to eat the fruit of truth and spit out the seeds of lies that abound.

God created everything we see in this universe and He created principles, precepts, laws, ordinances, statutes, examples, etc. for each one of us to learn from and apply it to every facet of human life... Truth exists where you search and find it.

Truths that we hold dear must come from God and not from some organization or individual that has a purpose for corralling people into his fold.

From our former calling, there was much that we were led into believing as truth, and those who took issue with those teachings were put out as non believers. Again many of us allowed men to direct our thinking and what we believed, it was a form of brainwashing.

Its important to have our lives and our minds totally founded on God and Christ. It's important that He and His Son are our SOURCE and not some religious or hierarchical church leader.

Since the death of Christ and that first Pentecost in 30 AD, God has re-established a one on one relationship with those He has called. Its important that we nurture that relationship, and allow God the Father to be our SOURCE directly.

People who have accepted brainwashing can overcome the effects so long as they do not incur that desire again.

In looking back over the past 36 years, its really surprising how easily we accepted "truths" we were taught without examining or proving where they came from. There are more and more people who have begun to wake up to the whole mess, and have taken steps to reverse the situation. As Dan 12:7 states, it took God to scatter the remnants of WCG and others as God saw fit to bring them into the wilderness again as He did with ancient Israel. Once in the wilderness, God is then able to direct the minds of those

He called to conversion and have been begotten of the Holy Spirit.

When we yield to God rather than men, He is able to mold and direct us in the way He wants us to proceed. Maintaining a one on one relationship with God the Father is the basic key to spiritual growth, and we will providing that we look only to God as our SOURCE. God has always wanted a family of human beings that look to Him as their SOURCE, just as little children look to their physical fathers.

We must always remember we are the begotten children of God, and as long as we look to Him as our SOURCE, we will never have to worry about being brainwashed by anything Satan or this world sets in our way.

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**BORN OF GOD AND SIN** 

by Ted Saunders Renton, Washington

Some bible versions and some churches seem to say Christians <u>cannot sin</u> if they are born again and therefore they have no danger of losing their salvation no matter what they do. Here is what I have found (unidentified verse versions are KJV):

32] 1Jo 2:28 And now, **little children**, **abide in him**; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

1Jo 2:29 (KJV) If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that **every one** that doeth righteousness <u>is born</u> of him.

(CJB Complete Jewish Bible by David H. Stern) If you know that he is righteous, you should also know that he is the Father of everyone who does what is right.

1Jo 3:7 (KJV) Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

1Jo 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1Jo 3:9 (KJV) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

(CJB) No one who has God as his Father keeps on sinning, because

the <u>seed planted by God remains in him</u>. That is, he **cannot continue sinning**, because he has **God as his Father**.

(ALT Analytical-Literal Translation) Every one having been begotten from God is not practicing sin, because His seed abides in him, and he is not able to be sinning, because he has been begotten from God.

(ISV International Standard Version) No one who has been born from God practices sin, because God's seed abides in him. Indeed, he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born from God.

(LITV Literal Translation of the Holy Bible) Everyone who has been **begotten of God** does not sin, because <u>His seed abides in him</u>, and he is not able to sin, because he has been born of God.

1Jo 3:10 (KJV) In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

1Jo 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

1Jo 3:12 Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

1Jo 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

1Jo 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

1Jo 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

1Jo 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

I am fascinated by this set of verses because it overlaps into my favorite subject of the Second Great Commandment which I feel so many churches tend to neglect teaching because of focus on other areas of the Bible with tragic consequences due to unbalance. Parts of God's law appear magnified in terms of commands to have agape love for all our neighbors like Jesus did for us. Anyway, back to my original subject at hand:

My current belief framework has been that the salvation process of God consists of Him giving His Holy Spirit to individuals at a point in their lives of conversion who are then led and taught by his Holy Spirit as they live their daily experiences which God uses to shape his little children spiritually like clay

Psa 138:8 The LORD will <u>perfect</u> that which concerneth <u>me</u>: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Isa 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

until they are fired into final configuration when they are made immortal at the return of Christ (which I look upon as the finished born-again).

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

I suspect those made immortal will shine with different kinds and brightness of beauty.

Mal. 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before him for **them that feared the LORD**, and that thought upon his name.

Mal. 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

If the above statements are correct then the "born of God" references in the KJV 1 John appears to be a process of God's Holy Spirit (begotten) in us placing the law of God in our minds

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the **law of God** after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 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.

which in turn wars against our fleshly nature which we continue to have until we are made immortal. That tells me we have a daily struggle in which we fall into sin (even if just a wrong thought) but we need to be actively seeking to overcome by doing God's will

through focusing on his Logos Word so we are growing in faith and receiving his promised help. I believe final perfection is reached when God uses His Holy Spirit to make us immortal at the return of Christ.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

If one grieves God's Holy Spirit beyond a certain point then one could lose it and consequently God would not make that person immortal at Christ's return. David recognized he could lose God Spirit like Saul did:

Psa 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Yes we sin but with God's help we must stop the sin when ever it is brought to our attention and not continue in it.............

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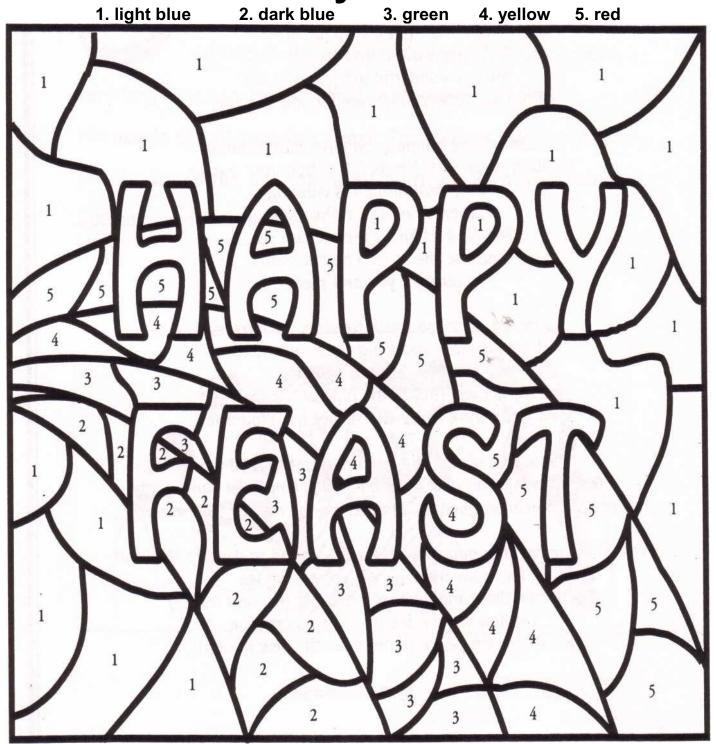
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#### MADE YOUR FEAST PLANS YET?

#### If not, let me make a suggestion!!!

How about a Feast of Tabernacles in Hot Springs, Arkansas? The Sabbath Day Church of God of Hot Springs will be hosting the Feast of Tabernacles in the beautiful Ouachita Mountains, October 18 through October 25, 2005. Fred Porter and the congregation heartily extend a welcome to all brethren in loving fellowship. The theme of the Feast will be "To God Be The Glory!"

The services will be held in the SDCOG Church Building, 2998 Park Avenue (Hwy 7), Hot Springs, AR. Lodging can be found all around, both in Hot Springs and in Hot Springs Village. There are motel rooms starting at \$55.00 per night; Village Town Houses \$60.00 and up for 2 bedroom, 2 bath and \$100.00 and up for 3 bedroom, 2 baths; and Village houses to rent \$75.00 and up for 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and \$100.00 and up for 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Rates are very reasonable, especially if you share accommodations with another person or two.

Hot Springs is the place to go for things to see and do. There is the Hot Springs Tower, Garvin Gardens, "Belle of Hot Springs" (boat ride), Magic Show, Bath House Show and of course, all the pampering and petting at the Bath Houses.

If you are seriously considering Hot Springs and would like more information, there are Feast packets available containing all the information needed. Please call Bob and Barbara Marlowe at 501-915-0538 or e-mail them at <a href="mailto:rhmarlowe@earthlink.net">rhmarlowe@earthlink.net</a>

If you would like to volunteer your talents, please contact Fred Porter at home (501-760-2013) or on his cell (501-282-1909) or the Marlowes' at the above phone number. At present, someone is needed to operate the sound system in the building and one or two pianists would be appreciated.

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#### PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES ---

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#### April 6-30, 2005

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Amber--Pregnant & Has Leukemia Indra--Cancer Donna--Abdominal Surgery Karen--Trials of Job Loss Abrams, Paul--Died 4-6-05 Adkins, Ann--Fluid Around Lungs Arnaldo, Frances--Cancer Arnaldo, Rosalyn--Tumor Surgery Baker, Monica--Pray for her Church Blevins, Suzi--Liver Cancer Bowker, Elaine--Cancer Burris, Gail--Stage 4 Leukemia Carpenter, Bob--Blood Infection Chumbly, Janice--Blood Clots Coffee, Jon--Kidney Failure Crockett, Barbara--Hernia Surgery Cryer, Lia--Colon Cancer Duhaime, Becky--Back Surgery Eastman, Linda--Brain Tumor Garcia, Richard--Heart Surgery Pending Harper, Rocky Sr.--Chronic Hepatitis C Hegna, Rosene--Died 4-3-05 Houston, Ross (Bud)--Tree Fell on Him Hudson, Lois--Chest Cold Kramer, Ted--Cancer Lucas, Conan--Killed in a Drive By Shooting Markland, Linda--Died Beginning of April McClanahan, Janice--Brain Tumor Mill, Janet--Throat Cancer Mitchell, Evelyn (Kramer)--Cancer Mouton, Trace--5th Heart Surgery Myers, Kris--Broken Bones & Testing Quarles, Jim--Blocked Bowel Parr, Herb--Stent Surgery Recuperation Pickett, John R.--Coming Home from Iraq

Reigelsperger, Brittaney--Auto Accident Roberts, Daniel--Appendicitis Attack Robinson, Vera--Died 4-3-05 (Age 93) Spyker, Deana--Leukemia Stamps, Ryan--Various Symptoms Statzer, Paul--Wounded in Iraq Steele, Anna--Breast Cancer Tessitore, Cynthia--Died 4-9-05 (Age 81) Thomson, Glen--Assisted Care Home Tully, Sandra--Bladder Suspension Surgery Tuxon, Helen--Quad Bypass Surgery Wellmaker, Bob--Died 4-4-05 Wynne, Jeff--Health Problems Wynne, Larry--Health Problems Velcio, Nate--Go to Iraq

#### May 1-27, 2005

Gichovi--Died 4-6-05 Jakota--Bad Infection Arnaldo, Frances--Died 4-23-05 Bagwell, Norman--Trailer Fell on Him Berkey, Donald--Serious Eye Problems Berkey, Linda--Thanks for Prayers Billingsley, David--Bad Headaches Blevins, Suzi--Died 5-18-05 Cancer Blurton, Kathy--Brain & Lung Cancer Bryant, Lyna Jane--Breast Cancer Cabrera, Rita--Died Caldwell, Keithina--Very Bad Car Accident Coleman, Neal--Problems & Autistic Copeland, Ann--Congestive Heart Failure Dennis, Pat--Died 5-19-05 Heart Attack Durnall, Wilma--Eye Problems Eastman, Linda--Brain Tumor Edwards, Joe--Pneumonia & Staph Infection Ferguson, Mariah--Broken Arm

Glasscock, Ruthie--Died Gower, Sam--Quadruple Bypass Surgery Greer, Dee--Fibromyalgia Gregory, Janice--Thyroid Surgery Grotefend, Sandy--Melanoma Cancer Halley, Rosemary--Pneumonia Haufler, Lisa--Threats from Father Hendrickson, Laura--37 Weeks Pregnant Hendrickson, Cadence--Born Healthy 5-20 Henry, Donna Lou--Died 5-23-05 (Age 74) Hope, Charles--Cysts on Knee Hughes, Christine--Ovarian Cyst Kelley, Vickie--Sister Died Kirk, Chelsea--Pain Management Koger, Robert--Tongue Cancer Lopez, Ileana--Thyroid Cancer Majors, Matt--Died 5-11-05 (Car Accident) Meyers, Josephine--Vomiting Perry, Mary C.--Problems with Evil Spirits Sanders, Grady--Died 5-20-05 Cancer Saumier, Alain--Cartilage Deterioration Savannah, Joyce--Needs Work Scoggins, Douglas--Heart Attack Secotte, Stuart--Made a Full Recovery Shepherd, Elyssa--Mauled by Family Dog Sleasman, Patricia--Chest Pains St. Clair, Alan--Tumor on Neck Stoica, Dieter--Aim Gun at Ann Van Westen Tarkney, Linda--Cancer & Cancer Testing Van Westen, Ann--Sick Father Whitman, Steve--Recurring Health Problems Williams, Sherri--Pancreas Transplant Williamson, Diona (Dee Dee)--Cancer Young, Rhoda--Cancer Witek, Janine--Disabled and then Fell Down

Gallagher, Arthur--Heart, Lung & Kidney

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