

WHO ARE WE?

Group Name: 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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Leadership Body: 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.

Purpose: 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.

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

Affiliation/Membership: 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

Use Sacred Names?: 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.

Evangelistic Efforts: 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.

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

Parent Group: The greater Church of God--The Ekklesia. Language: English

Other Language: None Country: USA

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Directions To Meeting: 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 2:00 PM, but may vary.

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:

1:00 PM----Open Fellowship
(Door Open, Come In)
2:00 PM----Sabbath Services
4:00 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, December 2, 2005
Friday, January 13, 2005
Friday, February 24, 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.)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE--The deadline for submitting articles and letters for possible inclusion in our January/February 2006 Newsletter is December 15, 2005. Thank You. Laura Lee (Editor)

AD SECTION

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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

SABBATH SCHEDULE--BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

October 18, 2005----Feast of Tabernacles (October 18, 2005 to October 24, 2005) No Services Here.

October 22, 2005----No Services Here.

October 25, 2005----Last Great Day --- No Services Here.

October 29, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #96 & Lesson #97

November 5, 2005----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

November 12, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #98 & Lesson #99

November 19, 2005----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

November 26, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #100 & Lesson #101

December 2, 2005----Bible Study

December 3, 2005----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

December 10, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #102 & Lesson #103

December 17, 2005----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

December 24, 2005----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #104 & Lesson #105

December 31, 2005----Public Video Presentation--Discovered Noah's Ark--2 hours

January 7, 2006----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

January 13, 2006----Bible Study

January 14, 2006----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #106 & Lesson #107

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: December 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.

E-MAIL & SNAIL MAIL:

prayer-requests-darwin-laura@earthlink.net For Prayer Requests & Updates and letters in regard to them.

newsletter-only-darwin-laura@earthlink.net For items meant for print in our newsletter or on our web site.

questions-section-darwin-laura@earthlink.net To ask Biblical Questions (50 words or less) and to answer Biblical Questions.

answer-me-darwin-laura@earthlink.net For all letters.

darwin-laura@earthlink.net If you don't know where to send it, send it here and we will sort it.

archeology-exchange-darwin-laura@earthlink.net For the exchange of Archeological Information.

FAX--Our Fax number is: (919) 640-1806

SNAIL MAIL--Our snail mail address is Darwin & Laura Lee, PO Box 2333, Bismarck, ND 58502.

WEB SITE ADDRESS--<http://darwinlauralee.150m.com>

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. (New Computer Expense for 2005 was -\$1265.28)**

Donations for 2005 total **+\$1276.00**. Expenses for 2005 are as follows: Postage **-\$940.16**, Telephone **-\$8.55**, Internet Services **-\$295.38**, Printing Charges **-\$534.02**, Local Services **-\$86.93** and Research Materials **-\$29.06**. Total balance for 2005 is: **-\$618.10**.

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.

INFORMATION SECTION

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LAST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD IN DULUTH

by Sandy Kile
Palisade, Minnesota

On April 30, 2005, ten members of the "Scattered Church of God" from Minnesota and Wisconsin met in Duluth, Minnesota for the Last Day of Unleavened Bread at the home of Tom and Karen Schluter despite... what was that? SNOW? Yes, snow in April. It's Minnesota, what can you say?

While watching the snow come down, everyone snacked on the contents of veggie trays, fruit trays, meat/cheese trays, and of course, Unleavened Bread, and participated in interactive Bible study where everyone was able to ask a question or bring up something of interest for the benefit of all. Some of the topics discussed were: "The Apocrypha: Why are there so many different books not in the Bible and should they be used for study?" The view was presented that it could be the Bible is a summary, and the additional books provide interesting details to fill in and put more "flesh" on the brief outline we have in the Bible. It was also pointed out that "Reverend" Moon was crowned "King of Peace" by Congress last year right under everyone's nose in Washington, D.C. Lots of questions remain about this including, "Where was separation of Church and State?" (This is not a joke. See <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A61932-2004Jun22.html>).

Hopefully, our singing was not a joke either. Songs of praise included "Love Lifted Me" and ended with a rousing praise worship song, "My Life Is In You, Lord," (composed by Daniel Gardner - Copyright 1986, vocal by Terry Clark). It was a good way to work up an appetite for the meal which included turkey, mashed potatoes, spinach salad, baked beans, and if you had room, you could top it off with hot fudge sundaes.

Members also enjoyed a Days of Unleavened Bread word search puzzle with words about the day and the names of the participants hidden. Karen's 10-year-old granddaughter supplied the idea after her teacher introduced them to the website "Puzzlemaker."

<http://www.puzzlemaker.com/code/BuildWordSearch.asp>

Great food, fun, and fellowship... what

more could anyone ask for? Thanks to our gracious hosts, Karen and Tom, it was a wonderful day.

THE END**

SORCHA FALL - RUSSIAN ECONOMIST - BTW GAS IS GOING UP 1 PENNY A DAY AS OF NOW...

Sent by Win Powell
Lake Panasoffkee, Florida

In the span of less than 3 months: Gasoline prices will rise 500%. The prices of both food and shelter rise over 300%. Unemployment levels reach over 30% and are still climbing. The savings of millions evaporate overnight due to currency devaluation and bank failures. Unrest will begin in the larger cities first, then spreading out into the countryside. Strong and repressive laws are newly enacted as Police and Military forces spread throughout the country to counter all signs of growing rebellion.

THE END**

A NEW WORLD ORDER COMING

by David Ben-Ariel
Toledo, Ohio

Yet out of ashes & rubble of repentance

A New World Order will arise
Spoken of by the Prophets who
Assure us of Europe's demise

Ten little naked emperors with
Towers will quake and fall
And the crawling Child will suddenly
Stand and walk six feet tall

The Gods will dwell among men
With Earth restored to Eden again
The King of Righteousness reigns
And nothing will ever be the same

The old world has passed away
The Dawn has given birth to a new day
Let Elijah herald Babylon is fallen, fallen
For in Judah and Jerusalem God is exulted!

Jerusalem is remembered and redeemed

Israel a Kingdom of Light to be seen
The Darkness couldn't bend Heaven's Will
The Ancient of Days in His people fulfilled!

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THE END**

GELATIN USED IN KELLOGG'S BRAND FOODS

Sent by Ed Burson
Big Sandy, Texas

As you know, gelatin is used in frosted breakfast cereals (frosted flakes, frosted mini-wheat's, frosted raisin bran, etc., etc.). I have contacted Kellogg's Brand Foods to inquire the source of their gelatin. The short of it is, all frosted products use Type B Gelatin derived from Beef. All products with marshmallows (Rice Crispy Treats) use Type A Gelatin derived from Pork. For all you Frosted Mini Wheat fans out there, ENJOY THE NEWS!!!!

See the actual e-mail from Kellogg's Consumer Affairs below:

Consumer Affairs 006493115A

Brian,

Thank you for contacting Kellogg Company about the gelatin we add to some of our products. We are happy to provide you with this information.

Gelatin is used to help the texture of the product and is derived from either beef or pork. Kellogg's(R) Frosted Mini-Wheat's(R) and Kellogg's(R) Rice Krispies Treats(R) cereals contain type B gelatin, which is derived from beef. Whenever marshmallow ingredients are present in a Kellogg's(R) cereal brand, the marshmallow contains type A gelatin, which is derived from pork. Kellogg's(R) Krave(TM) Snack Bars also contain type A gelatin derived from pork sources.

Type B gelatin is derived from beef sources and is found in the frosting of all varieties of Kellogg's(R) Frosted Pop-Tarts(R), Kellogg's(R) Frosted Pop-Tarts(R) Snak-Stix(TM), all varieties of Kellogg's(R) Pop-Tarts(R) Pastry Swirls, and Kellogg's(R) Nutri-Grain(R) Minis with Yogurt Icing. Plain

should cleanse the land of this filth and their polluted mind set and remove the threat by expelling them. It's logical. America would never tolerate a particular people saying, "We are going to take your capitol and make it ours."

You can see why, in the tinderbox that is the Middle East, Israel officials prefer not to have the incendiary David Ben-Ariel in their country. When the beliefs of a militant Christian meet head on with the beliefs of a militant Muslim, can there be any hope for peace?

In Beyond Babylon, Ben-Ariel presents his interpretation of The Bible and how he arrives at his conclusion that a Vatican-Nazi alliance will lead to our destruction, a destruction that we are hastening because of our idolatry and immorality.

When this Armageddon will occur is not certain, Ben-Ariel writes. However, it will come soon. And, I suppose, the recent earthquakes, melting polar ice caps, Asian tsunami and conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan provide fertile ground for those who believe in conspiracy theories. And, if you think these people aren't out there just surf the internet and you decide if Ben-Ariel is blowing a trumpet or a kazoo.

You can read about Ben-Ariel at www.pushhamburger.com You can order the book at www.publishamerica.com You may comment at: zoz@presspublications.com or you may comment in our Opinions Forum. <http://www.presspublications.com/pages/stories/mstories02.asp>

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OLD WCG MATERIAL
Sent by Ed Burson
Big Sandy, Texas

Hello all, as most of you know I have undertaken a task of collecting as many video's and audio's as possible and cleaning them up and putting them on DVD and into MP3 and making them available on my website for streaming or downloading and also so I can send DVD's out. I have been working on much of this for the last five years. I have over 3000 files on my website at this time and have about 3 times that much that will be posted once Raymond gives the site a new look which should be

soon. I appreciate the prayers for the dilemma that I was in when my computer for rendering video's went down and also the donations that made it possible to get the parts to build a new computer to continue with this process. As many may know there are a lot of DVD's floating around out there with no standardized format. I am making all that I can get my hands on a standard format that can be viewed on both pc and home DVD players and of course can be viewed from the website. Thanks to the prayers and donations I now have the hardware to keep going with this project. Now there is something else needed that takes nothing but a bit of time if you can spare it.

Please contact any ministers or others you may know that might have VHS tapes of any pre 1986 sermons or other material from WWCG feasts or local services. Audio tapes as well. I have invested heavily so we can preserve this material in the best way possible. If someone you might know has a library of VHS tapes or cassettes the longer they sit there the worse the quality is going to be and eventually they will not even be usable. Anyone who loans me their material will get a master copy of all of their material on cd or DVD and postage paid for sending and getting it back to them. Please, Please lets get some of this material preserved now before these old mediums such as cassettes and VHS video's degredate so much that they become useless. Please pass on the word and talk to anyone you can think of that might have copies. Those that send materials need not worry that they won't get it back! They will get it back and then some! Of course it will cost to start sending DVD's and cd's out so I will first be putting them up on the website for all to get for free. But remember those that donate material WILL get a master copy of all that I digitally re-master! Even this will not be cheap so please pray for this project and those that feel like supporting this project financially are welcomed. Those that can't please pray for the success of this project and that God will help us find favor in the eyes of those that have such libraries and have been reluctant to share with the rest of the brethren.

Thanks again,
Steve and Christine Featherston
<http://ultimatechurcharchive.cogcw.org/>

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THE END**

BEYOND BABYLON BOOK
Sent by David Ben-Ariel
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mr. Ben-Ariel,
I finished reading your valuable book and appreciated its contents. I was already informed about the Worldwide Church of God and already had the opportunity to read books by Rev. Armstrong and issues of "The Plain Truth". Although from a religious point of view I obviously disagree with some of the beliefs which your Church preaches, I surely agree with your analysis of German and Vatican in creating as a new European anti-God Empire. I would like that Europeans understand what is happening under their eyes.
Thank you very much for the copies you sent me. I hope many people will have the opportunity to read your book and reflect upon its contents.

All the very best,
Shaykh Prof. Abdul Hadi Palazzi
Director

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THE END**

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QUESTIONS SECTION

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ANSWER BIBLICAL QUESTIONS

Send your answers to:
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Or

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WE NEED ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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

QUESTION #8=How did the serpent speak to Eve?

QUESTION #12=After reading through the bible about money and it's role, I'm beginning to ask who created money and where was money created in heaven or in the world and for what purpose?---These are some of the questions about money in the bible.---(1) This is the first money transaction I saw in the bible, (Gen. 23 v 7-20 it is all about burial ground). (2) The second transaction is all about hatred (Gen. 37 v 26-28), this is where the power of money came into play (Gen. 42 v 25-38). No wonder Ecc. 7 v 12 calls it defense, but wisdom is better so where does it (money) come from?

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 verse 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 verse 1 It's the same Paul speaking here and please explain this Acts 24 v 17-18 G. N. B. verse 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 verse 21 G. N. B., HERE PAUL OFFERED SACRIFICE OR WHAT IS THIS appeal?

QUESTION #23=In verse 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 #34=I have been studying about the Giants in Genesis. I caught the tail end of an article on TV about the island were they found their skeletons and they were huge, but I didn't catch the name of the island do you know it?

THE END

QUESTION # 43

Is it right or wrong to believe in the cross? Please I need a specific answer.

It is both right and wrong to believe in the cross. It depends on which "cross" you are believing in.

First let's draw a parallel to follow the line of logic. Texans said to each other "Remember the Alamo" after that battle left some of the bravest Americans dead. What did they mean by "Alamo"? Did they mean "Let's remember that old building"? No. They meant "Let's remember the suffering and the cause that was attached to the Alamo."

By the same token, when Paul and other apostles talk about the "cross" they are not talking about the piece of wood but the suffering and the cause attached to the cross.

The original Greek word for the King James "cross" is "stauros" which means an upright stake. It may or may not have had a cross bar across the top. Hollywood always pictures Christ being put on a cross. But most crucifixions were without cross bars. It was just as easy to nail into the top of an upright stake as it was to nail into a cross

bar. Because of gravity it was slightly more painful. But the Romans gave no thought to the comfort of the person being crucified. It was meant to be an agonizing death.

It is right to believe in the cross (or stake), in the sense that you believe in the suffering and the cause attached to it.

Christ became the author and finisher of our faith enduring the cross (or stake) (Hebrews 12:2).

Unfortunately there is another way of believing in the cross. That way is to use the cross as an aid to worship. Using the cross as an aid to worship is breaking the second commandment. The second commandment forbids us from using images of anything on earth or in heaven and bowing to them or serving them (Exodus 2:4-6). Idolatry is exposed and condemned in many places in the Bible. Unfortunately many have been born and raised in a religion that thinks of idols as being okay. It takes, in most cases, a miracle to pull a person away from idolatry. It is a sin that causes a curse to the third and fourth generation (Exodus 20:5).

We should believe in the cross (or stake) in the sense that we appreciate the suffering that Christ endured for us and the cause for which he suffered. But we should not worship the shape of a cross. We should not bow down to it or tie it around our necks. Just think, if Christ had been killed with a pistol, we would see little school kids walking around with miniature pistols hanging from necklaces around their necks.

Answered by:

Wily Elder

North Miami, Florida

THE END

QUESTION #44

Is offering of an animal sacrifice a sin?

The short answer to your question is "No." We need, though, to offer a bit of an explanation as to why this is true. To do that, let's turn to the NT epistle of Hebrews, Chapter 9, v. 22--

And according to the law almost all things are purified [margin: *cleansed*] and without shedding of blood there is no remission [margin: *forgiveness*]. (NKJV throughout unless otherwise noted.) *The Amplified Bible* renders this verse as

follows: [In fact] under the Law almost everything is purified by means of blood, and without the shedding of blood there is neither release from sin and its guilt nor the remission of the due and merited punishment for sins. So we can see from this verse alone that the offering of animal sacrifices *is not a sin*.

Let's go further and discover the "purpose" or the "reason" for animal sacrifices. We can find the definitive scripture in **Heb. 10:1-3**:

1. For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer year by year, make those who approach perfect.
2. For then would they have not ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified [margin: *cleansed*], would have had no more consciousness of sins.
3. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. This, then, is the "purpose" for animal sacrifices -- to annually remind us that we are sinners. **That is why Jesus had to die -- to atone for our sins** as the remainder of **Heb. 10** so ably reminds us.

Why are there no animal sacrifices today? For Christians, we have the sacrifice of Jesus which is totally sufficient to take away sins. For the Jews, there is no temple, nor altar, which is a mandatory requirement for sacrificial offerings. However, there is a burning desire among religious Jews to rebuild the temple and to once again offer sacrifices. For prophecy watchers, the re-institution of animal sacrifices is one of the benchmarks of the eminent return of Jesus.

Answered by:
Tommy West
Wake Forest, North Carolina
THE END

Question #45

Is it a sin to teach about animal sacrifices?

The answer to **QUESTION #44** could readily answer this question as well. Again, the short and accurate answer is "No, it is not a sin to teach about animal sacrifice." If it were, neither I nor any other person could answer your question because to do so would be to teach. A guiding scripture to remember when studying the Bible is **2 Timothy 3:16 -- All Scripture is given by**

inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. (NKJV) As long as you measure your personal Bible study by this verse, you will grow spiritually.

Answered by:
Tommy West
Wake Forest, North Carolina
THE END

Question #46

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 Tamar and Judah legal in the sight of God and Man? Yet this affair produced the lineage 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 lineage of the righteous (Matthew 1:2-5).

Sometimes events are mentioned in the Bible simply because they are a part of accurate history, not because they are examples of righteousness. The account of the daughters of Lot having sex with their father, for example, was not recorded as incidents of good behavior but as a matter of historical and genealogical fact. The same is true of Judah having sex with his daughter-in-law. There was nothing righteous in his behavior or hers. But it is recorded to explain the line of Pharez and Zarah. Shelah, or Zarah or Pharez were destined to be a part of the bloodline of Christ by virtue of being a son of Judah. Pharez, a product of sin, just happens to have become the one who is in the bloodline. Solomon, the son of David and Bathsheba, who had previously committed adultery (resulting in the murder of Uriah, Bathsheba's original husband) is also in the blood line. It was not pre-determined that all who were in the bloodline of Christ would be

righteous.

The same applies to Rahab, the harlot. However, she is also an example of faith plus works (James 2:26-26). Why is this? Because she helped the children of Israel when they needed her. Her title, Rahab, the harlot, was, no doubt, to distinguish her from other women named Rahab. Did she remain a harlot? No. She dwelt with Israel (Joshua 6:25). She would not have been allowed to remain a harlot. Unlike in today's world in which a prostitute can move to another part of the world and start a new life, a harlot in those days could not transcend their reputation even after they repented. They would still be called a harlot. Christ made a good point that harlots would get into the kingdom of God before the self-righteous religious leaders (Matthew 21:31).

Answered by:
Wily Elder
North Miami, Florida
THE END

Question #47

What is the meaning of the word "Dunamis". As it appears in the Bible?

Dunamis is Greek. In the New Testament it refers to power (Luke 1:35, 5:17, 6:19, Acts 8:10, Rom 1:16, 1:20, 1 Corinthians 1:18, 15:56, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Revelation 7:12, 12:10, 19:1).

The definition is:
power, strength; act of power, miracle power, supernatural power, the power of God, ability, capacity, means, meaning, significance.

Information source:
Hermeneutika, Bible Works 4, BNM Morphology, Barclay-Newman Greek Dictionary, footnotes for Revelation 7:12, 12:10 and 19:1.

Answered by:
Wily Elder
North Miami, Florida
THE END

Time of Sabbath Services in Bismarck, North Dakota has changed from 1:00PM to 2:00PM (See page #1)



* **LETTERS SECTION** *

* **Tape Recorded Letter Received:** *
* **October 27, 2005** *

* **Subject: ACCUSATIONS MADE** *
* **AGAINST DARWIN AND LAURA** *
* **LEE** *

* **by Raymond G. Kaping** *
* **Shell Knob, Missouri** *

The following information was received by us on October 27, 2005 in the form of a cassette tape. We have tried to the best of our ability to transcribe this tape as accurately as possible.

Raymond records:

Hello Darwin, Laura,

I've got a question to ask that I wasn't aware of, course I'm not a computer guru. I don't get on the Internet and a, exchange ideas or opinions, using the computer. But then Rosy Halley has a "Prayer Lines" that she puts on the computer over the web, Internet and a one of the members, my wife to be exact, mentioned the fact, she asked me what I knew about you people and I said well you are affiliated with Norman Edwards and that was about all I could say.

Laura writes:

Our affiliation with you Raymond G. Kaping **is the same** as our affiliation with Norman Edwards. We work with all people and groups to the best of our ability.

Raymond records:

I hadn't met you people. I don't know who you are. But the question that was posed was that you Darwin and you Laura have been putting people on prayer requests, but you don't give their address.

Laura writes:

We have been sending out "Prayer Requests and Updates" from our list for almost 5 years now and it has never been our policy to put peoples addresses on the prayer requests which we send out except in rare cases.

Raymond records:

What they, what they, what the question was, a these people that needed financial help, they would like to help them, but there was no address where they could send the money to the people that were in need of

help. And, what, the comment was made that when you put people on the "Prayer Line" you didn't give their address, you gave your own.

Laura writes:

Just to make this clear, Rosemary Halley has "Prayer Lines", we have "Prayer Requests & Updates". Rosemary Halley affiliates with us in the same manner that you Raymond G. Kaping affiliate with us. Rosemary Halley is on our "Prayer Requests & Updates" e-mail list and she receives prayer requests and updates from us and she also sends prayer requests and updates to us. In other words these are two separate lists. Rosemary Halley runs her list as she wants to and we run our list as we want to. It has always been our policy to have people send us the cards for people on our prayer request list and then we forward them on to the sick person.

Raymond records:

And the suspicion, and I'm just going to say this exactly the way I was told, the suspicion is that you and Darwin are taking the money and sending it to Norman Edwards, to support his, I don't know what you would call that camp they got up there, that they're developing.

Laura writes:

You are making quite an accusation here. **Your accusation is totally false**, more than likely spread around by people who don't have much to do themselves.

Any cards that have been sent to us to forward to sick people are as a rule sealed by the person sending it and stay sealed until they reach the sick person it is intended for. If the person who sends the card does not put anyone's name on the outside of the envelope so we know who to forward it too, then we have no other choice but to open the card to see who it is for. I believe this has happened twice in almost 5 years. One time a card came through the mail to us that had never been sealed by the sender, so we taped it shut and forwarded it on. **We have never and I repeat never taken anything out of any of the cards which have been sent to us to forward. In other words, we have never and I repeat never taken any money out of any cards we have ever received and sent it over to Norman Edwards as you are claiming.**

Raymond records:

But the complaint that your church has is that Norman Edwards has that property in his name.

Laura writes:

We do not have any complaint against Norman Edwards putting property in his name. When Norman Edwards buys property, it has absolutely nothing to do with us and he can put his property in whatever name he wants to put it in, just like you can if you buy property and just like we can if we buy property.

Raymond records:

Now I know the property has to be put in somebody's name and I am sure they could have put it in the churches name. I don't know what kind of a church you would call that, a Servants' News is a publication. So I don't know what kind of a church he would have, what kind of a church name he would have for the church at large. But the suspicion was, and of course I would like you to address this, the suspicion, you can either write me a letter or you can respond by tape, anyway you want to do it. I don't particularly want this to be aired over the, your newsletter unless you feel it is appropriate, that you need to defend what it is that people are saying.

Laura writes:

Due to the seriousness of your accusations and claims in regard to us and the astonishing number of people that seem to be making these claims according to your October 27, 2005 recording to us, we feel it is very appropriate to print this in our newsletter which will be posted on our Web Site, as a matter of public record.

Raymond records:

But, well, I can understand in a way not giving peoples addresses because people that have asked for prayer have received stuff in the mail that they didn't ask for. Matter of fact, one woman received a card which she thought was an answer to her prayer. And, and in this card there was a long letter condemning her for being a sinner. The reason she was having a problem was because she was a sinner and she needed to clean up her act. Well, you know in the book of Job, Job's three friends, elders, four friends I guess, were constantly haranguing Job for being in sin for the reason all those things were falling on him. They didn't know, they didn't understand

what was happening to Job and that Job was being tested, because Satan challenged God. But at the end of course Job had to admit that he was a little bit, I'm trying to use the right word, that he was a bit self-righteous. But the point, the point was that the elders came to him and they were condemning him for being in sin as the reason he was suffering all those evils, that he was encountering.

Then there's another, there's another case also, I think it is in Corinthians that deals with taking the Lord's Supper unworthily. A, it mentions taking the Lord's Supper unworthily and because of that there was much sickness among us. Now it does not say there that the person who takes the Lord's Supper unworthily is the one that's gonna be sick. It just says there are many sick among us, so taking the Lord's Supper unworthily could be that we're causing sickness to fall on somebody else in the church.

Laura writes:

✉ 1 Co. 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

✉ The reason for this is stated in verse 29: 1 Co. 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

The Lord's body are the people that belong to the Lord. Many who read this newsletter consider themselves "Church of God" and are fighting with other "Church of God" members and separating themselves from others who are also part of the "Church of God" or the "Elect". **Many are going around judging people according to what they make up in their minds without one lick of proof for any of it.** If someone doesn't see it their way it seems to be the highway. This nasty judgmental behavior is not just taking place in corporation churches, it is also taking place among the independent "Churches of God".

We have personally been dealing with people just like that for almost 5 years. Some people believe they have studied so much and are so far ahead of others in learning that they cannot possibly attend a Feast Site with other brethren so they Feast at home alone instead of thinking about how they might teach other brethren who do know less than they do. Some people believe they can forsake the assembling of themselves on the Sabbath or go to Sunday keeping churches to socialize. Many reading this newsletter are not able to discern the Lord's body, the church and this is quite obvious in the way they interact with others in their

fellowship and how they interact with others not in their fellowship.

Much of that interaction (fellowship) is anything but one of peace, love of the brethren and decency that Jesus requires of those who claim to be His. (For example do you have any proof for any of the accusations you have presented in this letter?)

Raymond records:

So, you know, there, there's a lot of things that take place here and the fact that you're protecting these people with a, by withholding their address, maybe one thing, that you may be protecting them, and then again, may, I don't know.

Laura writes:

It has always been our policy not to give out people's addresses ever since we started back in 2001. If someone wants an address of someone on our list, then the person who wants the address must give their permission for us to send the contact information to the person they want contact with and we will forward it to that person. Then it is up to the person you want contact with to contact you.

Some people just do not want their addresses plastered all over the internet or posted on prayer lists for a year. Do any reading this even stop to consider the danger you may be putting a more vulnerable person in by posting their address on a web site or sending it all over the Internet via e-mail?

Raymond records:

Maybe you need to inform Rosy Halley why you won't list their addresses and maybe then that will clear the air, so these churches then will know what to do about it. Whether they should help support them or not.

Laura writes:

Rosy Halley was informed by letter in July of 2005. Both letters she sent to us and the responses that we sent to her were all printed in Issue #29 of our newsletter. You should certainly have received that newsletter, but perhaps did not read it.

Raymond records:

And the way I look at it, if those people need help, those people who are requesting prayer, need help, I sure don't want it to be withheld from them simply because there's a question about who is getting the money.

Laura writes:

If these people are wanting to send

money so badly and don't want to send it to us, there are any number of ways they can get a persons address. For instance, look it up in the Internet telephone book white pages or send a card to us with no money in it, and when it gets forwarded to the person have the person contact them personally by writing a note in the card.

We are not here to do all the work for people. People need to start taking personal responsibility and do some things for themselves. There is no question in our minds who is getting the money if there even is any sent in a card that comes here. **The card with or without money goes to the person it is intended for and no place else.**

Raymond records:

And since Norman Edwards is coming under fire because this property in Michigan, some kind of a camp, I understand, I don't know what it is all about, a is being bought, purchased in his name. So, one of the things that I have found, when in the churches, since I've been in the church, Worldwide Church of God, Church of God International and now the independent church, every time the subject of buying property comes up, the church starts having arguments and they split over it. Matter of fact, people just flat out will not support buying property. They would rather go rent something or go someplace where they can. As far as I'm concerned a Norman Edwards wants to have his Feast Site there in Michigan, where he's at, that's fine, but most, most people that have Feast Sites try to centralize them in such a way that it makes it accessible to more people throughout the country. And I know that Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and this area is pretty central to the country but at the same time there is not much to offer for Feast Sites.

Laura writes:

Don't people in or near Michigan also need a place to attend the Feast of Tabernacles? Not all people can travel the many miles to get to Kansas, Missouri, or Oklahoma. It would be nice if there were a Feast Site in every State and Country, wouldn't it?

TO BE CONTINUED IN ISSUE #31**

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* **Time of Sabbath Services** *
* **in Bismarck, North Dakota** *
* **has changed from 1:00PM** *
* **to 2:00PM (See page #1)** *
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* **Letter Received:** *
* **November 10, 2005** *
* **Subject: WHY ADDRESSES OF** *
* **SICK PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE** *
* **INCLUDED WITH PRAYER** *
* **REQUESTS** *
* **by Rhoda Young** *

Rhoda writes:
Dear Darwin & Laura Lee;
I've run into a "sticky" problem. Maybe you can help me with.

If you recall, this past summer, I was in the hospital for a partial lumpectomy (some pre-op tests) 22 lymph nodes were removed. I've gone through 34 days of radiation treatment (graduated 8-24-05) and am now undergoing hormone treatment for 5 years (at least).

As if to add fuel to the fire, I am helping my brother take care of my folks, one with Dementia and Parkinsons Disease; the other who has had two broken hips, a broken hand, a bruised eye and wind pipe, all damaged in an auto accident they were in, through no fault of theirs. Thanks for all the cards sent to me.

Problem: Now I have prisoners writing me, am single, been receiving harassing phone calls...

Laura writes:

We received the above letter on November 10, 2005 and I spoke with Rhoda on the telephone on November 11, 2005. The rest of the letter from Rhoda will not be printed, but to sum it up, the letter goes on to explain what kind of letters Rhoda is receiving from prisoners. These letters are of a sexual nature and I did advise her personally to report the prisoners writing these letters to her local police department. I also advised Rhoda to call Rosemary Halley and ask her to remove her address from Rosy's "Prayer Lines".

Here is what happened. At a point in time someone requested prayers for Rhoda Young via Doyle Carter. Doyle sent the prayer request on to Rosemary Halley "Prayer Lines" and to us Darwin & Laura Lee "Prayer Requests & Updates" as well as to at least 3 other people. The prayer request read as follows:

"Rhonda Young (51 years old), (Address Removed for this Publication) - I just received a call from a friend in New York state requesting prayer for Rhonda who has been informed by the

doctors that she has cancer. On Thursday, May 26, 2005, she will be informed on the type of treatment that will be needed. cards of encouragement would be great in this situation."

The name was wrong in the above prayer request and was later corrected by Rhoda via snail mail shortly after this request went out.

Doyle sent Rhoda's address out to at least 5 people on the word of a friend with no personal contact with Rhoda herself. I do not know what happened to the prayer request when the other 3 people received it, those people being Steven & Suzanne Kieler; Ray Kurr; and Lee Ann Sanders. When we received it, we removed Rhoda's address and sent the prayer request out to our list. When Rosemary Halley received the prayer request, she also sent out the prayer request with Rhoda's address on it, with no personal contact with Rhoda. Then the Journal picked up on the prayer request and published it in an early summer issue, complete with Rhoda's address.

At some point in time, Rhoda started receiving letters from prisoners who (it is my understanding) apparently said they got Rhoda's address out of The Journal. It is also my understanding that Rhoda didn't know what "The Journal" was or who Rosemary Halley is, so thus could not understand why she was all of the sudden receiving these letters from prisoners.

My point in going through this in so much detail is to show that there can be a definite danger to those in need of prayer when people send their addresses all over the internet via e-mail, post their addresses on web sites and print their addresses in church publications. We live in an evil world and there are people out there who live to pray on those who are down and out.

It is my opinion that addresses should not be posted with prayer requests, just for the very reasons shown in this letter sent by Rhoda. Please keep in mind that none of the people posting Rhoda's address even asked her if it was something she wanted to have done. We believe this is the case with most addresses which are posted with prayer requests, and that is yet another reason why we do not post addresses with prayer requests.

So how do we get cards to sick people? We do forwarding here and we will continue to do forwarding unless or until someone else can come up with a better idea. If you have a suggestion on how to get cards to sick people without putting them in danger then we are open to hear it. Remember prisoners sometimes get out of prison, and

not all prisoners even care if there is a God. Please pray for Rhoda's cancer to be healed and to keep her safe from those who are sending the letters and making the phone calls. Please pray for Rhoda's family for healing.

THE END**

* **Letter Received:** *
* **November 4, 2005** *
* **Subject: NO SOLUTION YET** *
* **by Sandy Kile** *
* **Palisade, Minnesota** *

Sandy writes:

Hi!
Sorry to hear about your recent problems (see the Raymond G. Kaping letter starting on page #8).

May I suggest that people who want to get cards post their addresses, eliminating the need for you to send them on. That would work, wouldn't it?

Laura writes:

Here lies the problem; many people who send prayer requests have not asked the sick person if they can send out a prayer request for them, let alone post an address with it.

The other problem is that most of the prayer requests that we send on to our list, are sent out for other people. In other words we do not personally know most of the people that we send out prayer requests for.

For the most part we do not have the contact with the sick person which would allow your above suggestion to work. Also many prayer requests come to us without any addresses on them.

When people subscribe to our services, part of what we require is a name and a snail mail address. Only people on our Prayer Requests & Updates e-mail list are allowed to send and receive prayer requests directly. So when a person on our list sends a prayer request out and we later receive cards for the sick person, we first check to see if we have an address for the sick person. If we do not have an address to mail cards directly to the sick person, then we forward the cards to the person who sent us the prayer request in the first place and ask them to forward the cards on to the sick person.

THE END**

* **Letter Received:** *
* **March 4, 2005** *
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* **Subject: CHANCE TO BE** *
* **PAROLED** *
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* **by P. F. Lazor** *
* **lone, California** *

Dear Darwin & Laura,
After 22 years of the unconscionable, I finally now have a realistic chance of being paroled from prison --- but only if you, my friends, family, church fellows, and supporters will vigorously fight for my freedom with me, by letters to the Board of Prison Terms (BPT). (The BPT is the official name for the parole board.)

Many other prisoners here in California who were convicted of first degree murder (of which I was exonerated and acquitted), and who have spent less than 22 years in prison for it, and who were actually guilty, have now been paroled in the past two years. They are free!

In most instances, it has not been the BPT who's granted these paroles: After the illegal and hostile denials of parole, the state and federal courts have been overturning the BPT's denials and ordering these men and women released. This will also be my planned strategy, as my case will probably follow that same two-step course.

Your letters urging parole at this time making an urgent case for the grave injustice of my continued imprisonment, are every bit as important (if not more so) where the courts secondarily order my release, as when the BPT itself grants parole. In fact, they could well make the difference if I get released or not.

On the back of this letter you'll find a composite model parole letter comprised from friends' recent letters to the BPT and governor. It contains the BPT's address where you should write. The present chairwoman of the BPT is Margarita Perez; you can attention your letter to her or just to the BPT as the sample has. Your own letter style and views urging my parole are important; whereas the model letter is merely a guide and reminder of some of the key points to address. If you don't have a means to type/word process, please just handwrite it. And very soon. My parole hearing is only several weeks away. (Five years since the last one)

I realize that some may be exasperated with seemingly unsuccessful letter writing for my freedom in the past. But not one has been a waste. On the contrary, each letter

has been a necessary brick forming the roadway to my freedom. Please don't give up on me now; don't stop here. The finish line is within reach.

You may wish to optionally send, a copy of your BPT: letter to Governor Schwarzenegger; but by all means, at least, please do send a signed copy to me for my further efforts in the courts where they will count the most in the second stage of this effort.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. Act now! And know that I am unspeakably grateful for your care, your prayer, and your efforts.

Faithfully,
PF Lazor

Editors Note:

Send your letters to: Board of Prison Terms, 1550 K Street, Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95814 -- Grant Parole to PF Lazor, C-73842

If you need a copy of the sample letter, please email us at: darwin-laura@earthlink.net or write to us snail mail and we will send it to you. Laura Lee

THE END***

* **Letter Received:** *
* **October 3, 2005** *
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* **Subject: PEN PALS A SUCCESS** *
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* **by Janine Ziomek-Witek** *
* **Buffalo, New York** *

Dear Darwin & Laura,
I'm writing this note to say thank you for the get well card.

Also to say thank you for printing my letter of July 17, 2005.

Things have been going better since I wrote that letter, and I am keeping on reading the Bible.

I also want you to know that I have been pen palling with both Gladys and Richard Heath. They have been a blessing to me. They have been helping me to learn more about the Sabbath and much more. Also the others, sisters and brothers who write me have been a blessing to me too.

I also want to say I'm sorry to hear what happened between you and Rosemary Halley. Please know I am praying that all will work on that and all will be well again.

Editor's Note:

Rosemary Halley did resume sending prayer requests to us the very day that we released Newsletter Issue #29. Laura Lee

Well, that's all I want to say. I'm praying for all of you and keep up the good work. Write soon.

God Bless,
Janine Ziomek-Witek

PS--If you want to print this and put in the newsletter that's up to you, but you don't have to.

THE END***

* **Letter Received:** *
* **August 26, 2005** *
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* **Subject: HEBREW CALENDAR** *
* **ISSUES** *
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* **by Lloyd Brumbaugh** *
* **Ludlow Falls, Ohio** *

Lloyd writes:

Dear Darwin and Laura Lee:

In this, my third letter concerning the calendar, I focus on the initial point I made in my first letter, which is: During the Messiah's ministry, the Jews (including the Pharisees) determined the beginnings of their months by visual sighting of the moon's crescent, which often results in a difference of one or two days from the modern calculated calendar.

Laura writes:

Thus far the proof that Lloyd Brumbaugh has sent to us has not proven his point as stated above, but has proven that the calculated Hebrew Calendar is what was used and the moon sightings were secondary. Please see Newsletter Issue #27 starting on page #9, and Newsletter Issue #28 starting on page #10.

Lloyd writes:

You require evidence to support my statement, so here it is: (Britannica Macrapedia, Vol. 15, page 422 (2005): "In the religious calendar, the commencement of the month was determined by observation of the crescent new moon...")

Laura writes:

I do not want to see your partial quotes, please photo copy page 422 from Vol. 15 of the Britannica Macrapedia (2005) and snail mail it to me so I can read it in context of the entire page.

Lloyd writes:

The Encyclopedia of Religion, Vol. 8, page 42 (1987) "Before the present fixed calendar was instituted (in the middle of the fourth century ce.) the date of the new moon was arrived at by observation. If witnesses saw the new moon on the twenty-ninth day of the month, they would present their testimony to the high court and that day would be declared Ro'sh Hodesh, the beginning of the next month..."

Laura writes:

I do not want to see your partial quotes, please photo copy page 42 from Vol. 8 of The Encyclopedia of Religion (1987) and snail mail it to me so I can read it in context of the entire page.

Lloyd writes:

(Sanctification of the New Moon, by Maimonides) (1:3) ...and this night on which it (the moon) became visible in the west after its disappearance, is the beginning of the month. (1:5) The authority over the observation of the crescent, and the subsequent proclamation of new moon day, was given not to everyone but only to the court. (1:6) If witnesses did arrive, they were duly examined and tested, and if their testimony appeared trustworthy, this day was sanctified as New Moon Day. (2:1) Two worthy men only, qualified to function as witnesses in any other legal matter, were fit to testify concerning the new moon. (3:2) Witnesses who had observed the new moon were obliged to go to court and testify, even on a Sabbath... (3:4) If a witness who had observed the new moon on the night of the Sabbath was sick, he was allowed to ride an ass (to the court) or to be carried on a litter.

Laura writes:

You forget that I have a copy of this entire document, "Sanctification of the New Moon, by Maimonides". This document clearly proves that calculation was the primary source of how the calendar was determined and that moon sightings were secondary. So you can quote as much as you want from this document, but it clearly will never prove your point since the document clearly states at the very beginning "To ascertain **by calculation** and to establish **by proclamation** the day on which each month of the year is to begin."

If you have this document, I suggest that you read it in context of what it says and if you don't have it, just ask and I would be truly happy to send it to you and any one else who would like to read it. This document clearly spells out the fact that new moons were determined by calculation and not by sightings alone.

Lloyd writes:

To conserve space in your publication, the above quotes are very abbreviated but you can read the sources to see that I have not taken anything out of context.

Laura writes:

I do not consider your partial quotes as a true picture of seeing anything in context.

Lloyd writes:

Confirming evidence is also found in The Mishnah by Danby, pages 18 & 191.

Laura writes:

Please photo copy and mail this evidence to me also by page so I can see it in context of what it actually says.

Lloyd writes:

And last of all Arthur Spier's book, The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar, the very book which furnishes you with your ready to use modern calculated Hebrew Calendar, says this: In the early times of our history the solution was found by the following practical procedure: The beginnings of the months were determined by direct observation of the moon. And as I said in my first letter, you cannot argue that observing the moon was done merely to confirm the calculations. It is a knowable fact that the two systems are different and they produce different results.

Laura writes:

Lloyd has just given a partial quote from Arthur Spier's book, The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar. Lloyd's quote was: In the early times of our history the solution was found by the following practical procedure: The beginnings of the months were determined by direct observation of the moon.

On the surface with only a partial quote it seems to look as if the beginning of the month was determined by observation only. Now lets look at the entire paragraph in

context.

It reads: "In the early times of our history the solution was found by the following practical procedure: The beginnings of the months were determined by direct observation of the new moon. Then those beginnings of the months (Rosh Hodesh) were sanctified and announced by the Sanhedrin, the Supreme Court in Jerusalem, **after witnesses had testified that they had seen the new crescent and after their testimony had been thoroughly examined, confirmed by calculation and duly accepted.** The Jewish communities were notified of the beginning of the months (Rosh Hodesh) in earlier time by kindling of night fires on the mountains, and later on by messengers." (Page [1] 4th Paragraph)

It actually says that the witnesses, those who actually observed the new moon had to have their testimony examined and it had to be confirmed by calculation. The bottom line here is that both observation and calculation were used.

Maimonides goes into greater detail in regard to witnesses. It also shows in Maimonides that the new moon could be sanctified and proclaimed by using calculation alone and without witnesses, because sometimes there were no witnesses or they could not see the moon due to cloud cover.

Partial quotes from your evidence source are not considered evidence in light of how sneaky you were here in presenting your evidence in such a deceptive manner. If you truly have evidence I want to see the entire document or documents and please don't worry about taking up my time or my print space as I will make the time to go over evidence and if need be I will use extra print space to present that evidence so that all may learn the truth.

Lloyd writes:

In your last issue (No. 28) on page 11 you quote Maimonides 2:4 and (incorrectly) offer it as evidence that calculation was the determining factor. The truth is this: Two verses earlier (2:2) it says, "...heretics began to cause trouble in a mischievous manner and hire men to testify that they had

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ARTICLES SECTION

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PERSECUTION ARTICLES

(This is the last 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.)

PERSECUTION

by Raymond G. Kaping
Shell Knob, Missouri

Root Word; Persecute; To pursue, to harass in a manner to injure grieve, or afflict; to cause to suffer because of belief. 2. to annoy with persistent or urgent approaches; pester, syn. wrong. Persecution; To act or practice persecuting or urgent approaches Persecution; to act or practice persecuting, especially those who differ; in origin, religion or social outlook. 2. the condition of being persecuted, harassed or annoyed. (Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, By G. & C. Merriam Company Publishers, Springfield, Mass. Copyright 1916-1970)

Since I was the instigator of this study, I reckon I need to participate in this endeavor. A dictionary definition is as good as any place to start.

Much like the marriage amendment that Missourians just passed by a 2-1 margin, Webster defines marriage as, The state of being married. B. the mutual relation of husband and wife. Husband; A man who is married (addendum) Wife; Woman

The homosexual community might find a problem with Webster's and wife, so I inserted that from the dictionary, so there would be no problem with what wife means.

When Jesus Christ was dealing with the Jews and the Pharisees, he was dealing with a closed church. These were not allowing anyone that was not born Jewish and raised Jewish into the Church. Does this sound familiar to anyone?

These people viewed themselves as the chosen ones, and were not going to allow outsiders in.

I'll allude to scriptures from here forward for the sake of space. GOD, said ("the Word") The stranger that joins himself to Israel as one of them (believers). That are to

be treated as if home born. What that means in essence is that the door is open, and all who will answer the call are to be accepted by us.

The lesson of the branches and grafting in, or cut out, is important, in this measure. GOD calls and we are not to tamper with that. Our job as ministers is to exhort and edify.

Many of the churches, today, rather than reason together, will simply show someone that doesn't agree, to the door.

The "WORD" says "we are to examine ourselves." This is one of the main failings when persecution occurs.

I guess what it comes down to, is we are too content with the way we are, too look at ourselves as others might see us, or we are too righteous to be wrong.

Part of our problems today is the bondage that men have placed on us, in order to attend. One of these is GTA's dress code. A clean heart is much more desirable to GOD than how we look outwardly. Some of the most destructive people in history, were very well dressed. Jesus covers that subject quite well and I don't believe I can do it any more justice.

When he confronted the Pharisees with this the disciples made mention of the fact that He had made them mad.

Jesus, said they were blind guides leading the blind. What this says in essence, the leadership was blind, but also the followers wanted it this way.

In other words the people were going nowhere, and will soon disappear altogether.

He mentioned what goes into the body as opposed to what comes out of the mouth. What comes from the mouth has driven more people out of the church than persecutions from without.

Too much of what happens today as in the past; we demand to be taught smooth things and deceits rather than right things. We are our own worst enemy.

If the political arena out there disturbs you, take a look at what goes on within.

Unfortunately, persecutions amongst religions, are far more prevalent than what comes from outside of religion.

The drive against religious belief comes from right in our own church doors.

There is only one true church, and until it comes to pass, persecutions will become even greater.

****THE END*********

PERSECUTION ARTICLES

Present Day Persecution:
Port Austin, Michigan
Sabbatarian Community in
Crisis

SUMMARY OF EVENTS AT PORT AUSTIN (Points #38-50)

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Editors Note:

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

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38. From December 31 to January 2, several students arrived for the second music camp to be held on the property. Despite the difficulties that transpired that week, one of them was able to record his first two fully-instrumented songs.

39. On January 3, 2005 at 6:15 AM, Edwards' son Jesse was suddenly awakened by loud banging and the smell of smoke. He woke his parents, who moved quickly to awaken the other young people and locate the source of the smoke, thinking that it might be one of the electric space heaters used to heat the dormitory bedrooms. The smoke was finally found to be coming from a largely unused storeroom with no electrical devices plugged in at all. Even though Edwards emptied a fire extinguisher into the base of the blaze on the far north side of the room, the flames quickly reappeared. The only solution was to evacuate the building and call the fire department. The last ones out were Edwards' son, Josh, who came crawling out on his hands and knees with a wet rag over his face, and his younger brother James, for whom Josh had returned

to the building to help get out. The fire department arrived in about 10 minutes and spent hours extinguishing the fire, which had been roaring out of several windows. The storeroom, where the blaze broke out, and the adjoining bedroom burned completely. Part of the hall and part of another storeroom also burned. The rest of the building was smoke- or heat-damaged to some degree. The doors on the ministry office and literature room were shut tight-they suffered the least damage. Nevertheless, nearly everything that was removed from the building was covered with a black layer, some of which will not completely come off. The only injuries were Josh's skinned knee and burns to the top of Edwards' head and to the sole of his left foot. There is more to the story, but the foregoing will suffice for a summary.

40. The official Michigan State Police report says that the cause of the fire is "undetermined". The Trust hired a private fire investigator, who has yet to produce a final report. He has, however, conveyed to Edwards that if the fire were caused by an electrical outlet receptacle failure, it would be one of the most unusual cases that he had ever seen. The only possible outlet that could have caused it had nothing plugged into it and no branch wiring connected to it. That outlet showed physical damage from something being improperly inserted into it. It also showed damage from arcing, but much less than is typical for an outlet that caused a fire. The question is, did the physical damage occur long ago, which then caused a carbon path to form, which eventually arced and caused the fire? Or was the physical damage recently induced, and was the fire deliberately set? The area where the fire was first seen and the point of origin determined by the Michigan State Police are a few feet away from the suspect outlet. We hope to learn more in the future. The main point to note is that the cause was not overloaded, unsafe, aging wiring. If it were caused by an electrical failure, it would be a very unusual example of one caused by a damaged outlet, and there is no reason to expect that similar failures would occur elsewhere on campus.

41. As you might imagine, the next few weeks were spent washing clothes and retrieving smoky items from the burnt building. Fortunately, the main walls of the buildings are inflammable concrete block and none of the supporting rafters were damaged. The building can be fixed by replacing drywall, doors and trim. It was a major chore to continue to pay bills on time, but it was accomplished. Edwards moved the ministry office to an unused office on the

first floor of the main building where Williams still keeps his possessions. The Edwards family moved into the motel-like rooms on the second floor of the same building. Smoky clothes take two or three washings, and Williams was kind enough to post a sign allowing everyone use of his laundry facilities, since the upstairs laundry hookups needed repair. Drieman, Frankford and Kizer, however, never walked across the street to see the fire damage or offer to help in any way. Brethren from elsewhere brought or sent food, clothing, money and many essentials. It was a very helpful blessing. (To be technically accurate, Kizer did write an Internet page offering the Edwards a place to stay. But it was the house from which he had just been evicted, and was not really his to offer.) On a disturbing note, Kizer and Frankford wrote Internet posts detailing the cause of the fire even before the Michigan State Police investigator had arrived on January 7th. The fire chiefs on the scene told Edwards that they did not give information to anyone.

42. At the end of December and into January, the first Hillview Water and Sewer Co-op bills were due. Most people who used these services paid their bills. Some who were away for the winter did not, but Kizer, Frankford and one other person refused to pay even though they were present and using the services. Kizer wrote a letter dated December 31, 2004 giving four spurious reasons for not paying his bill-essentially claiming that services should be provided free of charge. After sending the additional required legal notices of impending shutoff, Hillview Water and Sewer Co-op went to turn off the water of those who had not paid by February 28, 2005. The other person who had not paid decided to pay on the spot, but Frankford and Kizer refused to let the Co-op people on their property and called the County Sheriff. The Deputy Sheriff then asked to talk to Edwards on the phone, and admitted that he was not an attorney and did not know what law applied in this case. But since Frankford appeared so agitated on the phone-yelling most of the time while the Deputy was attempting to talk to Edwards, the Deputy asked him to settle the issue in court rather than risk being assaulted. Hillview Water and Sewer Co-op then filed small claims suits against Kizer and Frankford on March 9th, but they asked them to be heard in district court. Pretrial conferences are set for April 27th and May 25th.

43. By February 28, 2005, Edwards had made seven attempts to work out an arrangement to repay Williams, some as an individual, some as a Trustee. Edwards

received his first written communication from Williams on that date in the form of a letter from a local Bad Axe law firm, Cubitt & Cubitt, representing Williams and Drieman. The letter requested repayment for the \$86,340.00 that Edwards had been attempting to repay Williams over the past four months. The letter also requested Williams be reimbursed for an additional \$73,660 in undefined expenses, but specified no amount for Drieman. Edwards responded on March 8th, agreeing to work out a plan to repay Williams for the \$86,340 and to discuss repayment of other expenses if they were documented and exceed the value of 'free rent and utilities that Williams has been receiving. On March 17th, Edwards received a letter from Cubitt & Cubitt indicating that they were going on vacation till the end of March and that they would respond to the letter after they returned. Edwards again wrote Cubitt & Cubitt on April 13, but received no response. Lacking meaningful progress, the Trust took another step to hasten a solution.

44. Now for the good news. The Edwards's, Bill Buckman and Anna DeLong have lived on the Trust property through the winter-finding most of the facilities-related problems. They have proven that this can be done in an affordable manner. The dining hall has been in continuous operation, and could be more efficiently serving 100. There are still many things that need to be repaired and improved, but they are now well understood and manageable. There is space available and work to do for any who would be able to come and help with this project.

45. The library is well on its way to being usable by both students here and Internet users around the world. Thanks to Bill Buckman's efforts, we have purchased Library Tracker software which will enable us to catalog books, booklets, articles, video tapes, audio tapes, DVDs, CDs, etc. using the Dewey Decimal System. We hope to be a repository of the biblical and doctrinal teaching of the many seventh-day groups-while minimizing their self-promotion and/or failed prophetic teachings.

46. The literary and artistic elements of the campus are also progressing. Anna DeLong has become proficient in many of the skills of music recording and anxiously awaits other students to produce a Christian music CD that everyone can enjoy. In addition, she has been actively working on *Servants' News* articles and most recently, a new web site: www.portaustin.net

47. While there are still several loans that need to be repaid, all payments are presently up to date and everything is ready to move forward. The most critical land

contract with the original owners of the property will be paid off in June of 2006 or sooner.

48. Everyone on the trust property is looking forward to the development of a community of believers, here, similar to that described in the book of Acts and 2 Kings. Edwards believes that this can be done with the help of over 100 others who have previously expressed interest in helping with the project, and through others who are hearing about it now. There is a critical need to provide such a place, where Sabbatarian young people can make the transition from child to adult: 1) commit their life to God, 2) learn to take responsibility for themselves; 3) plan for a life-long marriage and 4) learn a way to begin making a living. The order of the previous four points is not, accidental-it is the order of importance. Secular education emphasizes mostly point 4 with a little of point 2. Even traditional "Christian Education" frequently puts point 4 first. The biblical way of education is to intermix young people with elders who will look out for the spiritual welfare of the young people, but to also give the young people responsibility that can clearly be seen and appreciated by the community.

49. Edwards acknowledges that he did not fast, pray and seek the will of God sufficiently in agreeing to bring Drieman and Frankford into the project. Nor did any of the men involved take sufficient time to write down the responsibilities and authority of each person involved. Edwards prays that the mistake will not be repeated in the future. A written plan of commitment will be made with each family or individual who joins the community.

50. The difficulty, so far, has been great. All of the people living on the Trust property agree that enduring the false accusations and infighting of August and September was far more stressful than the fire of January 3. But it seems that God frequently brings His people through trials before he blesses them, as shown by the lives of Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David and even the parents of Jesus. If these trials encourage people to come to Port Austin because they feel that they are directed of God, and discourage any who might hope to find an easier, less diligent way of life, then they will be valuable indeed. May the Eternal lead, teach, correct and bless all those who are working on the Port Austin Bible Campus now and in the days ahead.

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**WHAT EZEKIEL 38-39
REVEALS ABOUT
A FUTURE WORLD WAR III
--- Part #3**

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Other Members of Gog's Alliance:

The next member of Russia's latter-day alliance to be identified in Ezekiel 38-39 is "Togarmah of the north quarters and all his bands." Togarmah was a son of Gomer (Genesis 10:2-3), so it is closely-related to the Chinese ethnically. This group is also described as being very populous and having many ethnic groups ("bands"). It will be located in the "northern" regions of Asia and its close relationship with Gomer indicates it will be located just north of Gomer's latter-day descendants. With Gomer identified as China's many ethnic groups, Togarmah would dwell in the regions located to the north of mainland China: Mongolia, Siberia and perhaps Manchuria and North Korea. All these regions are already in China's or Russia's territory or their spheres of influence. North Korea is especially anti-American and will logically be part of Russia and China's anti-American alliance. However, South Korea has long been pro-western, and another part of Ezekiel 38 indicates it will remain pro-western.

After identifying the above nations and regions as part of Russia's alliance, Ezekiel 38:6 adds the phrase "and many people with you," allowing for other unnamed nations to be a part of this Russian-led alliance. From what the Bible reveals, it will be an alliance of Russia, China and Iran along with other Communist or east-bloc nations and radical Islamic nations in South-Central Asia and North Africa. Given today's headlines, this biblical prophecy is already proving to be strikingly accurate.

This Russian-led alliance is prophesied in Ezekiel 38:4 to be heavily-armed. Russia has more nuclear warheads than any nation on earth, China is in the midst of a prodigious weapons build-up, and Iran is becoming a nuclear power with Russia's help. China has the greatest reserve of manpower in the world to furnish soldiers for this alliance.

The Target of Gog's Attack:

Ezekiel 38:8 states that this prophecy will be fulfilled far in the future from when Ezekiel first received it in the 6th century B.C., and that it would be fulfilled in the

"latter years" of this age. This verse prophesies the "evil alliance" led by Gog will:

"...come into the land that is brought back from the sword and is gathered out of many peoples, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste; but it is brought forth out of the nations and they shall dwell safely all of them." (Emphasis added.)

Many Christians assume that this prophecy designates the Jewish/Israeli nation in the Middle East as the target of this attack, but that is based on a non-literal, mistaken application of this prophecy. It is true that the Jews have had a Diaspora and that leads a cursory reader to assume it means the Israelis. However, when biblical prophecy refers to the descendants of the tribe (or house) of Judah, it calls them "Judah," not "Israel." Such references to the Jews/Israelis are found in Zephaniah 2 (where the term "Judah" is used in a prophecy about the founding of the Jewish State in 1948) or Zechariah 14 (where "Judah" is used for the Jewish inhabitants of Jerusalem and the Israeli nation who are also involved in the great world war at the climax of this age). When the Bible prophesies about Jews/modern Israelis, it uses the term "Judah." When the Bible refers to the descendants of the ten tribes of Israel, it uses the term "Israel." Ezekiel 38-39 doesn't mention "Judah" as a target of the attack by Russia and its allies in the latter days. The target of this attack in this prophecy is described by such terms as:

Ezekiel 38:8 -- "Mountains of Israel"
Ezekiel 38:16 -- "my people of Israel"
Ezekiel 38:18 -- "the land of Israel"
Ezekiel 39:7 -- "my people Israel"
Ezekiel 39:12 -- "the house of Israel"
Ezekiel 39:22-23 -- "the house of Israel"

Clearly, the nations of modern "Israel" (not "Judah") are the primary target of Gog's attack in the latter days. This term "Israel" must be seen in its proper biblical context. In Genesis 48:14-16, the man named "Israel" (who previously was named "Jacob") placed his own personal name on Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. From that point forward in the Bible, the term "Israel" applies mostly to the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, but broadly to all the tribes of the "house of Israel" (the ten tribes of Israel led by Ephraim and Manasseh). Illustrating this point is the fact that even during the times of the United Kingdom of Israel under Kings David and Solomon, the northern ten tribes were called "Israel" and the southern tribes led by Judah were called "Judah" (II Samuel 5:5 and I Kings 4:20-21). After the Israelite tribes divided into two separate kingdoms called Israel and Judah, they fought many

wars against each other. To modern readers, such references as II Kings 16:5-6 and II Chronicles 13 sound contradictory because they describe wars in which Israel fought against the Jews/Judah. In the modern world, the terms "Israel" and "Jewish" are seen as synonymous, but they are not synonymous in biblical usages. The modern world would understand these biblical definitions much easier if the Jews in 1948 had called their new Middle Eastern nation "Judah" (after the ethnicity of the nation) instead of "Israel" (after the land where Israel and Judah both lived in biblical times).

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah confirm that Israel and Judah never reunited. Only contingents of Judah's tribes (Judah, Benjamin and Levi) reestablished a Jewish enclave in the old Promised Land in those books. The famous Jewish historian, Josephus, also noted in the 1st century AD that the ten tribes of Israel were not living anywhere near Judea. Indeed, Josephus recorded the nations of the ten tribes of Israel in the 1st century AD were extremely numerous nations which were located outside the Roman Empire.³ Since Josephus even names one of the geographic borders of the ten tribes of Israel at that time, it is easy to identify them in that era. The locations in which the ten tribes of Israel lived at that time are documented in the third book of this author's 4-book series on the history of the ten tribes of Israel (see www.bibleblessings.net).

Ezekiel 38-39 prophesy that Russia's alliance will attack the latter-day nations of the ten tribes of Israel just prior to the end of this age which will be climaxed by Divine intervention in human affairs. As noted above, the ten tribes of "Israel" are led by Ephraim and Manasseh, the "birthright" tribes. Therefore, the attack of Gog's alliance in Ezekiel 38-39 is primarily directed at the modern nations of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh! Biblical clues given earlier in this paper revealed that these tribes/nations will have large populations, possess strategic geographic chokepoints, have great national power and wealth, and that they will be "brother" nations with a common culture with Manasseh being a single great nation and Ephraim being a company or group of nations. These nations can only be the United States of America and Great Britain. No other nations can fit the prophesied descriptions of Ephraim and Manasseh. The single great superpower nation of Manasseh is the USA and its powerful brother nation of Ephraim, which was destined to grow into several nations, is Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. These nations also bear the name of Isaac ("Saxon" in

English or "Sachsisch" in German) upon them as prophesied in Genesis 21:12 and have long enjoyed a "special relationship." The reason for this is that they are the descendants of the two leading "brother" tribes of Israel. The remaining nations of the ten tribes of Israel are found primarily in Europe and Scandinavia. Abundant and conclusive biblical and secular evidence for these identifications are found in the fourth book of this author's 4-book series on the history of the tribes of Israel.

It is easily seen in the Bible's prophecies that the ten tribes could not die out or become insignificant nations. We have seen in Hosea 1 that God prophesied they would become very large nations in the future *after* they were exiled from the Promised Land. Genesis 49, Jeremiah 30, Revelation 7 and other prophecies confirm that the Bible asserts all of the ten tribes of Israel will be present and active among the nations of the world in the "latter days" and throughout human history. Those who declare the ten tribes died out or cannot be found inadvertently deny the Bible because God Himself emphatically prophesied otherwise!

The ten tribes of Israel in the modern world are found in NATO, the EEU and other multinational entities led by the nations of North America and Europe. These nations are also, in our modern times, the nations most hated, envied and opposed by the nations in the Russian-led alliance, so this grouping of modern rival alliances has perfectly fulfilled the prophecy of Ezekiel 38-39. Indeed, the ancient prophecy found in Ezekiel 38-39 precisely predicted the opposing alliances of the modern world. During the Cold War, a Communist alliance led by Russia and China opposed the western alliance led by the western nations of NATO which was founded and led by the USA and the UK. The "Cold War" ended with the fall of the Soviet Union, but Russia and China are being joined by Iran and other radical Islamic nations in a new anti-American, anti-Western alliance. The USA and UK remain allied to many European nations in NATO and to other non-NATO nations in the western world's economy. The fact that a prophecy written thousands of years ago is now coming to pass in great detail in our current age is striking evidence that an all-powerful Creator inspired the Bible and is guiding world events to ensure his prophecies are fulfilled.

While Judah is not specifically named in the prophecy of Ezekiel 38-39, other biblical prophecies (Jeremiah 30 for example) make it clear that Judah will be an ally of the ten tribes of Israel in the latter days, and the Israelis are solidly part of the Western

World's culture and economy. Jeremiah 30 clearly shows Judah will be attacked at the same time as the nations of the modern house of Israel are attacked in the "latter days" of this age. While Zechariah 14 is a prophecy about the role of "Judah" in this latter day war, Ezekiel 38-39 is a prophecy about the role of the ten tribes of "Israel" in this same war.

Ezekiel 38:8's wording shows the primary target of the Russian-led attack will be a nation which is "gathered out of many people." In other words, it is a "melting pot" nation. The United States of America fits that prophetic description perfectly and it is also the leading nation of the Western alliance and is the nation most hated by the Russian-led alliance. It is entirely logical that the USA would be the "number one target" of an attack by the east-bloc and radical Islamic states. The USA was always the primary enemy of Russia during the entire Cold War period, China is increasingly hostile to the USA and Iran now calls the USA "the Great Satan." These nations have learned their history well. The lesson of World Wars I and II is that the USA will become an unstoppable "arsenal of Democracy" if it is unscathed and free to supply and reinforce its European allies (the other tribes of the ten tribes of Israel). The Russian-led alliance will logically assume that if the USA is "taken out" in an initial strike, the European Democracies and the rest of America's allies cannot fight on and win by themselves.

Ezekiel 38:8 also refers to "the mountains of Israel which have always been waste." This cannot possibly mean the central highlands of the Israeli nation for two reasons: (A) they are not high enough to be true mountains and (B) they have most assuredly not been "always waste." Many civilizations and cities have risen and fallen in the highlands of the Promised Land and their ruins are numerous and widespread. However, one can fly over the Rocky Mountains of North America and not see any sign of human habitation over much of its expanse. Again, this prophecy describes North America, not the Israeli nation.

Ezekiel 39:9 and 15 gives more detail about the Russian-led attack against the West in the latter days. The attacking alliance will "come like a storm...like a cloud" and it will mostly come "from the north" with many armed forces. The ancient imagery of this latter-day attack aptly foretells the fact that military attacks in our time will be initiated with aerial attacks by airplanes and missiles (which travel through the atmosphere like storms and clouds). During the Cold War, it was widely understood that Russia would likely attack

"from the north" (i.e. "over the north pole"), and America and Canada positioned their defenses in that direction. While Great Britain and Europe could easily be attacked from the east, they would also be attacked from the north as Russia has much of its naval and long-range bomber forces stationed north of Europe in the Kola Peninsula. Russia also has military forces stationed in the far north of the European continent at Kalinigrad on the Baltic Sea. China and its allies would logically attack Australia and New Zealand from the north.

The Motive for the Attack:

Ezekiel 38:10-12 gives us the motive for this attack. Russia, China, Iran and their allies will attack the nations of the West to "take a spoil...cattle and goods." The attacking nations are envious of the wealth of the West and they will mistakenly think that the nations of the West have become "soft targets" that can be defeated and occupied in a surprise attack. Notice that the primary motive is to seize the wealth of the West, not annihilate its people (who can either be killed later or used for slave labor after Gog's expected triumph). Nuclear weaponry would destroy the very goods and wealth that the Chinese, Russians, etc. wish to seize. While this does not rule out some nuclear weapons being used in the initial strike, the prophecy's language indicates conventional weapons will dominate this attack. In this respect, the attack can be seen as an attack of the "have-nots" of the world against the "have" nations of the world. The nations of the house of Israel enjoy the Divinely-decreed blessings of the covenant God made with Abraham, and the attacking nations will be so envious of these blessings that they will seek to steal them. Ezekiel 38:11 also prophesies that this will be a surprise attack against the nations of modern Israel (i.e. a climactic "Pearl Harbor" surprise attack).

Verse 11 personifies the nations of modern Israel as "dwelling without walls" and "having neither bars nor gates." This is very appropriate ancient terminology for a people who have foolishly "let down their defenses." An ancient city's primary defensive weapons against attack were a strong wall and strong gates which could withstand sieges, battering rams, etc. A city without walls and gates was a "sitting duck" for an attacker. Modern readers who have seen such epic movies as "El Cid" or the recent "Lord of the Rings" series and the movie "Kingdom of Heaven" can easily understand this prophetic imagery. This imagery has accurately foretold the rapid disarmament which has been implemented in the Western nations of

the House of Israel since the "Cold War ended." The West has dramatically smaller military forces than during the Cold War, and even the "superpower" USA now has such a small army that it is straining to meet its obligations to stabilize Iraq and Afghanistan. Indeed, by accident or design, the East Bloc nations have, by "losing" the Cold War, succeeded in weakening the West's defense of its own homelands. Also, by involving American and western forces in a variety of wars which tie down America's reduced military forces abroad, America's enemies have ensured that fewer forces are actually available to defend American home soil.

³ Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, XI, V, 2

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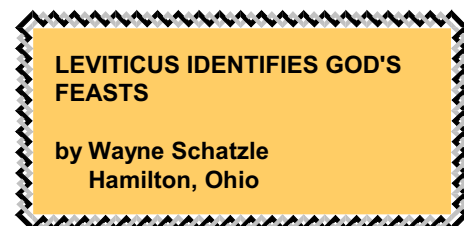
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Usually when you ask church-goers what are the holy days of the Bible, they will respond, "Christmas and Easter." Which is false.

Actually, neither of those days is mentioned in Scripture or even recorded as being kept by Jesus, the disciples or any of the first century churches. Not mentioned is the fact that Jesus and his followers always kept the holy days revealed by God to Israel.

These days are rich with meaning and outline God's plan of salvation. They are a shadow of things to come as Jesus fulfilled each of them at their appointed time. During the Passover and the days of unleavened bread, we see Jesus being the sacrificial lamb and putting sin (leaven is a type of sin) out of our lives; Pentecost being the birthday of the church and granting access to the Holy Spirit to true believers.

Those days being fulfilled, we celebrate the Feast of them, study the meaning and prophetic implications of Trumpets as Jesus

returning as a conquering king and raising the saints to life. Following closely is the Day of Atonement, as the binding of Satan and setting people free from his deception; and finally, the Feast of Tabernacles, as the setting up of God's kingdom on earth for 1,000 years (Revelation 19 and 20 and I Corinthians 15:52).

These days are known as Jewish holy days and viewed as days for Jews alone to observe. Yet there are thousands of Christians who celebrate them. In years past, it was mostly Messianic Jewish congregations keeping them, but now it seems that the good news is out and many groups, both small and large, throughout the world are rejoicing in God's feasts. Even nominal denominations that do not themselves keep them, study the meaning and prophetic implications of the feasts of Leviticus 23. "The feasts of the Lord which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are my feasts."

After God sets up his kingdom on earth it will be mandatory to keep them - "all nations shall keep the Feast of Tabernacles or shall be punished by not receiving any rain!" (Zechariah 14). No longer will it be invitational --- but mandatory.

Church history records an aggressive effort to rid the Christian church of its Jewish roots and embrace days long held sacred by pagans. It is well known that Dec. 25 was a celebration of the birth of the sun as it marked its return from the diminishing autumn cycle. More obviously, Easter is the name of the goddess of the spring, complete with the trappings of fertility rites of rabbits and eggs. It is documented that this was done to attract the heathen to the Christian religion. Some feel that the church had the authority to drop laws or adopt practices at will, but the Bible is clear that the prophets are subject to the prophets. The words of God go unheard, "learn not the way of the heathen ... for their customs are vain" (Jeremiah 10).

If nothing else, the Bible is a history of man's disobedience to God and that disobedience continues - albeit ignorantly. Sin separates men from God, It is vital for folks seeking the face of God to realize what the definition of sin is. Sin is the transgression of the law (I John 3:4). The focus of Satan's wrath is directed at those who keep the commandments of God (Revelation 12:17). Common sense should dictate that God would want men to keep his laws - yet men have been deceived to believe the opposite. If one loves God he will keep the commandments (John 14:15).

There are many books in Christian bookstores about the biblical feasts.

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**IS OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW OF
GOD REQUIRED FOR
SALVATION?**

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Christians are commanded to put sin out of their lives; yet "Traditional Christianity" has opted to put Christ out of their lives through their idolatrous religious worship. This subtle deception has been accomplished by turning the "Grace of God into lasciviousness" (Jude 4), which denies the only Lord God, and Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Traditional Christianity teaches its adherents "all that is required for salvation is belief." "Just believe on the name of the Lord and you will be saved," they preach. But, is belief enough? The apostle Peter in the book of Acts tells us without apology that belief is simply not enough! In point of fact, it is simply the first step in the process of conversion that must be acted upon by living, visible faith.

On "the day of Pentecost" (Acts 2:1) the apostle Peter preached the first New Testament sermon admonishing the crowd, there gathered, to "repent, and be baptized," (Acts 2:38) "in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Peter went on to assure the people gathered that upon repentance and baptism each of them would "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Did you get that? The gift of the "holy spirit" is conditional! God only gives his holy spirit to those who repent of their sinful nature, and are baptized. Peter taught that through the physical act of baptism, which demonstrates one's belief in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the stake, the believer obtains forgiveness for all past sins, walking in newness of life from that point forward.

Acts 2:39 makes it very clear that the Christian life is a divine calling, not something the carnally minded decide to embrace in due season. For "even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). John 6:44 tells us "No man can come to me (Jesus), except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

True repentance begins with the Father, who stirs the heart of the sinner to repent of his past transgressions (Acts 2:39 and John 6:44). However, the carnally minded are not

able to follow the example Jesus set for us. When the hour of his betrayal drew near, He prayed "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS THOU WILT" (Matthew 26: 39).

The carnally minded Christian seeks self-justification through the traditions of men and the "creation" of their own self-righteousness. The carnally minded Christian disannuls God's judgments, condemning Him, that he may seek his own righteousness (paraphrased Job 40:8). In the book of Romans, the Apostle Paul tells us that the carnally minded Christian has the "zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (Biblical knowledge). He, being "IGNORANT of God's RIGHTEOUSNESS, goes about to establish his own righteousness," not submitting himself unto the RIGHTEOUSNESS of GOD (paraphrased Romans 10:2-3).

The Pharisees and Sadducees had the "zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" so as they stood by to observe the baptism of our Lord, Jesus Christ; He called them a "generation of vipers" (Matthew 3:7), and commanded them to bring forth fruits suitable for repentance (paraphrased Matthew 3:9). Jesus commanded the Pharisees and Sadducees to bring fourth "good works" (Ephesians 2:10), which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Good Works are none other than the Ten Commandments).

When the Pharisees and scribes asked Jesus why he didn't teach his disciples to follow the "traditions" of the elders (Men), Jesus responded:

Well hath Essa'ias (Isaiah 29:13) prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, THIS PEOPLE HONoureth ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. (Verse 6) HOWBEIT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN. (verse 7) For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. (verse 8) Full well ye reject the COMMANDMENT OF GOD, that ye may KEEP YOUR OWN TRADITION. (verse 9) Mark 7:6-9

Adherents to "Traditional Christianity" will say, what does the washing of pots and cups have to do with us, we have rejected all things Jewish. Not realizing that the "many

other such like things" spoken of in Mark 7:8 is a direct reference to any non-biblical practice offered up in the name of Jesus! Examples of non-biblical practices that have crept into traditional Christianity are as follows:

- Halloween Easter
- Christmas Lent
- Eternal punishing in hell fire.
- Purgatory
- The doctrine of original sin.
- The satanic doctrine of the Trinity.
- The satanic doctrine of the immortality of the soul.
- The Lord's Supper, as it has replaced the commanded New Testament observance of the feasts Passover/Unleavened Bread.
- The Roman Catholic command to keep the day of the sun (Sunday), for God's holy Sabbath.
- The satanic lie of a Sunday morning resurrection, despite the clear historical and biblical evidence supporting a late Sabbath resurrection.

The Old Testament example of carnality exhibited by Naaman, the captain of the host of the king of Syria, and a leper, illustrates the hard heartedness of apostate Christianity founded on the traditions of man. Elisha, the prophet of God commanded Naaman to "wash in (the) Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean" (II Kings 5:10). Naaman responded by questioning the very clear command of God. Naaman was angry with God because the prophet Elisha did not come out to him and place his hand over the afflicted region of the body (II Kings 5:11). He angrily called out to God asking "are not Abana and Parpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel?" (II Kings 5:12)? He called out to God, "may I not wash in them (rivers of Damascus), and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage" (II Kings 5:12). Naaman wanted a relationship with God on his terms. When God rejected Naaman, due to his carnality, he turned away from God in a rage.

II Kings 5:13 tells us that Naaman's servants convinced him to follow the command of the prophet Elisha. Naaman's belief in God was not enough to receive his healing. His healing required a living, active faith. Naaman "went down, and dipped himself seven times in (the) Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean" (II Kings 5:14). Upon his healing, Naaman returned to "the man of God

(Elisha), **he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant**" (II Kings 5:15).

Traditional Christianity like Naaman, honors God with its lips while its heart is far from Him (Mark 7:6). They lay aside the commandment of God, so that they might keep their traditions (Mark 7:7). Naaman repented of his carnality, while it remains to be seen whether or not "Traditional Christianity" will repent of its carnality. If not, during the Day of Judgment, Jesus will ask "Traditional Christianity" **"why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say"** (Luke 6:46)?

Let's return to our original question. Must the believer obey God to be saved? The apostles of the "Great Apostasy" preach licentious grace unto salvation, admonishing their adherents to "just believe on Jesus." Without realizing it, this statement admits to a requirement-a REQUIREMENT TO BELIEVE!

In Mark 1:14-15, Jesus tells us there are two requirements for salvation:

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent ye, and believe the gospel.** Mark 1:14-15

In Mark 1:15 Jesus tells the believer that he must do two things. **Repent** and **believe** the gospel! Repent of what? I John 3:4, tells us we must repent of sin. What is the biblical definition of sin? **"Whosoever committeth SIN transgresseth also the LAW: For SIN is the TRASGRESSION of the LAW"** (I John 3:4). Those who teach the satanic doctrine that grace saves without obedience to God's law are guilty of what Jude called **"turning the grace (unmerited pardon) of God into lasciviousness (license to sin), and"** (Jude 4) in doing so, they deny **"the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ"** (Jude 4).

The prophet Ezekiel described the carnal nature of the ancient house of Israel, saying, **"they come unto thee as the people cometh, and THEY SIT BEFORE THEE AS MY PEOPLE, and THEY HEAR thy words, but they WILL NOT DO THEM: for with their mouth they SHEW MUCH LOVE, but their heart goeth after their COVETOUSNESS"** (Ezekiel 33:31).

Notice how the carnal mind of ancient Israel was similar to the carnal mind of "traditional Christianity" (The Great Apostasy):

- They come and sit before God as did ancient Israel.

- They hear, but do not obey, as did ancient Israel.
- They profess the love of God, as did ancient Israel, but do not obey the commandments of God.

The Eternal warns us in Jeremiah 17:9, that **"the heart is DECEITFUL above all things, and DESPERATELY WICKED: who can know it"?**

Ezekiel 33:31 is also a prophecy of the lukewarm condition of the New Testament Church of God and its continual struggle with apostasy. See Romans 10:2-3, Mark 7:6-7, and Colossians. 2:22.

The carnal attitude of lawlessness plagued ancient Israel, just as it does traditional Christianity, today. James the biological half-brother of Jesus tells us:

For whosoever shall KEEP the WHOLE LAW, and yet OFFEND in ONE POINT, he is guilty of all. (verse 10) For he that said, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, said Also, DO NOT KILL. Now if thou commit no adultery, Yet if thou KILL, thou art BECOME a TRANSGRESSOR OF THE LAW. (verse 11) James 2:10-11

In Romans 8:7, the Apostle Paul tells us that **"the CARNAL mind is ENMITY (hostile) against God: for it is not SUBJECT to the law of God, neither indeed CAN BE."**

Carnally minded Christianity (Traditional Christianity) is hostile toward God because it teaches a licentious form of grace (Jude 4), denying the biblical requirement to keep the Law of God.

In I John 2:1, the apostle John warns believers in his letter to **"sin not."** John tells us **"we do know that we know him, if we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS"** (I John 2:3). He goes on to tell us, **"He that saith, I know him, and KEEPETH NOT his COMMANDMENTS, is a LIAR, and the TRUTH is not in him"** (I John 2:4).

Jesus tells us in Luke 4:4, **"it is written, THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD."** Luke 4:4 is taken from Deuteronomy 8:3.

Traditional Christianity, with its carnal mind, and its innate hatred of the Law of God, takes the epistles of Paul, **"in which are some things HARD to be UNDERSTOOD, which they that are UNLEARNED and UNSTABLE WREST, as they do also the other SCRIPTURES, unto their own destruction"** (II Peter 3:16). Traditional Christianity has constructed a false gospel around misapplied sections of the gospel record that deal with the wonderful grace (unmerited pardon for past

sins) of God, turning it into license to sin (Jude 4). By not living by every word of God, Traditional Christianity is guilty of **"perverting the gospel of Christ"** (Galatians 1:8) and turning to **"another gospel"** (Galatians 1:7).

What is meant by the phrase "accept Jesus?" To accept Jesus would imply that one must embrace one way of life and turn away from another way of life. Turning to God requires sorrow, which leads to repentance. II Corinthians 7:9, tells us, godly sorrow leads to repentance. II Corinthians 7:10, goes on to tell us that **"godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation,"** while worldly sorrow **"worketh death."**

The repentance of "Traditional Christianity" leads to a profession of belief in Jesus Christ, devoid of obedience, which Jude calls licentious Christianity that leads to death.

The apostle Paul tells us in II Corinthians 7:1 that we must "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Biblical "fear" is simply "reverend respect." Psalm 111:10 tells us, **"The fear (reverend respect) of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever."**

Obedience to God is required for salvation. Belief in God is also required, but if it is not guided by wisdom that comes from keeping the Commandments of God, it leads to the "second death"-eternal death (Romans 6:23 and Revelation 20:14; 21:8).

James tells us there is more to salvation than a simple profession of faith, **"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble"** (James 2:19). James tells believers that **"faith without works is dead"** (James 2:20). In James 2:26, we are told just as the body without the breath is dead, **"so faith without works is dead also."**

Ephesians 2:10 tells us **"we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."**

Ephesians 2:8-10 has been twisted by "Traditional Christianity" to justify their licentious apostate form of Christianity. As we look at Ephesians 2:8-10, we need to be ever mindful of Luke 4:4, which tells us we must "live by every word of scripture (God).

"For by grace (unmerited pardon for past sins) are ye saved through faith (a living, active belief in God that bears fruits); and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

"Not of works (of men, keeping lent, saying rosaries and so on), lest any man should boast" (through my own efforts I

obtained salvations) (Ephesians 2:9).

“For we are HIS workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

Our RESPONSE TO God's grace produces good works. The true believer's life produces fruits, good works which God has ordained that **“we should walk in them”** (Ephesians 2:10), unto **“newness of life”** (Romans 6:4).

Ephesians 2:8-10 must be understood in the light of Romans 5:8-11.

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (an act of grace) (Romans 5:8).

“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” (Romans 5:9).

“For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled** (made right) to God by the **death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be **saved by his life**” (Romans 5:10).

“And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now **received the atonement**” (Romans 5:11).

Romans 5:10 illustrates the Father's boundless love for humanity, in that, while we were still sinners (enemies of God); the Father took the first step toward reconciliation, through the death of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This was an act of grace (Ephesians 2:8). It was an act of God, a gift, and not by any works of man (Ephesians 2:9). Salvation is clearly an act (gift) of God, which was completed in the resurrected Christ (Ephesians 2:10 and Romans 5:10), through his atoning sacrifice (Romans 5:11), once for all.

In Romans 6:1-2, the apostle Paul makes it abundantly clear that “grace does not abound” so that we may continue to live in sin (Commandment Breaking):

“WHAT shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin (Commandment breaking I John 3:4), **that grace may abound?”** (verse 1)

“God forbid (forbid – May it never be), **How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”** (verse 2)

God is not saving us **in our sins** through grace (unmerited pardon), that we may continue in our sins unto salvation. May it never be, God is saving us from our sins through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus

Christ, and the gift of his Holy Spirit, which gives the believer the strength to be obedient to the law of God. The carnal minded tell us that it is impossible to keep the law of God, yet Jesus himself said, **“With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible”** (Matthew 19:26).

No amount of commandment keeping will ever save us, as Jesus said, **“when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded of you** (Commandment keeping), **say, We are unprofitable servants** (unprofitable because commandment keeping is the duty of a Christian): **We have done that which was our duty to do”** (Luke 17:10).

The book of Ecclesiastes, tells us **“the CONCLUSION of the whole matter** (purpose for humanity's existence): **Fear God, and KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: for this is the whole DUTY OF MAN”** (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Remember, **“we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works”** (Ephesians 2:10).

Those who would pervert the grace of God are saying by their conduct, we are free to TRANSGRESS the TEN COMMANDMENTS. We don't need to obey God and his commandments. That form of rebellion is carnality, not conversion.

Keeping the Commandments of God is an expression of love. The first four Commandments express our love toward God, while the last six Commandments express our love toward our neighbor.

I John 5:3 tells us “for this is the LOVE of God, that we KEEP his COMMANDMENTS: and his COMMANDMENTS are not GRIEVOUS.”

Baptism and the New Covenant (Romans 6:1-10)

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

God forbid (**May it never be**), How shall we, that are dead to sin (**Sin is the transgression of the law.**) I John 3:4), live any longer therein?

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death (**Dead To our old carnal nature**): that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life (**According to the law of God**).

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the *likeness of his resurrection*:

Knowing this, that our old man (**carnal, sinful nature**) is crucified with

him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin (**Sin is the transgression of the law.** I John 3:4). Romans 6:1-10

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, tells us in Matthew 6:24, **“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (riches).”**

Whether we realize it or not, each of us serves a master. Those who retain a carnal mind serve Satan the Devil, the “father of lies” (John 8:44) and lawlessness; while those who repent of their lawlessness (I John 3:4) and are baptized receive the Holy Spirit (spirit of begetting) which, enables them to obey the Lord Jesus Christ, the author of our salvation, and eternal **“lawgiver”** (James 4:12).

Question: Does God give his Holy Spirit to those who profess his name, while they embrace licentious grace (Jude 4)?

Answer: The book of Acts tells us that God **only gives his Holy Spirit** to those who **“obey him”** (Acts 5:32).

In Acts 5:29, the apostle Peter tells us that **“we ought to obey God rather than men.”**

According to the apostle Peter, “the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begins at us, what shall the end be of them that **OBEY NOT the GOSPEL of GOD**” (I Peter 4:17)?

The Protestant professing world teaches its adherents that all they need to do is belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and they shall be saved. This is a deception that leads to eternal death (Romans 6:23). I Peter 4:17, clearly states that **obedience** to the gospel **is required for salvation!** And yet, despite our obedience, the apostle Peter makes it very clear that we are undeserving of God's glorious grace. **“And “IF THE RIGHTEOUS SCARCELY BE SAVED, WHERE SHALL THE UNGODLY AND THE SINNERS APPEAR”** (I Peter 4:18)?

Traditional Christianity has followed after the example of unbelief of the Pharisees and Sadducees, turning to the traditions of men; rejecting the commandment of God (Mark 7:6-9). To such, Jesus says **“ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a LIAR, and the FATHER of IT”**

(John 8:44).

In the day of the Lord (Revelation 1:10), Jesus will tell the adherents of Catholicism and Protestantism **"Because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not"** (John 8:45) **"depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Lawlessness)"** (Last part of Matthew 7:23).

But they will plead, **"Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works"** (Matthew 7:22)? To which, Jesus will respond by saying **"I never knew you"** (Matthew 7:23).

So, What is the Conclusion of the Whole Matter?

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

"And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to **fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,**

To **keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good"** (Deuteronomy 10:12-13)?

"FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAITH THE LORD; I WILL PUT **MY LAWS INTO THEIR MIND, AND WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS:** AND I WILL BE TO THEM A GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE TO ME A PEOPLE" (Hebrews 8:10):

"THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAITH THE LORD, I WILL **PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR HEARTS, AND IN THEIR MINDS WILL I WRITE THEM"** (Hebrews 10:16):

"If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

He that **hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:** and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21).

"If ye **keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;** even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" (John 15:10).

"And hereby **we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments"** (I John 2:3).

"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of

him, because **we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight"** (I John 3:22).

"And he that **keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him.** And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us" (I John 3:24).

Comment: The Holy Spirit of God is only given to those who obey God!

"By this **we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments"** (I John 5:2).

"For this is the **love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous"** (I John 5:3).

"And **this is love, that we walk after his commandments.** This is the commandment, that, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it" (II John 1:6).

"And the **dragon** (The prince of this world, Satan the Devil. John 14:30 and John 8:44) was wroth (enraged) with the **woman** (Church of God), and went to **make war** with the **remnant of her seed** (True believers from the middle of the first century down to present), which **keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ"** (Revelation 12:17).

"Here is the patience (endurance) of the saints: here are they that **keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus"** (Revelation 14:12).

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (eternal city)" (Revelation 22:14).

God issues one last warning to those who profess the name of Jesus, but disobey the gospel he preached, **"come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues"** (Revelation 18:4).

According to the Bible true wisdom can only be obtained through seeking the will of God. **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever"** (Psalm 111:10).

• Read the entire 119 Psalm!

Remember, Peter tells us "we ought to obey God, rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

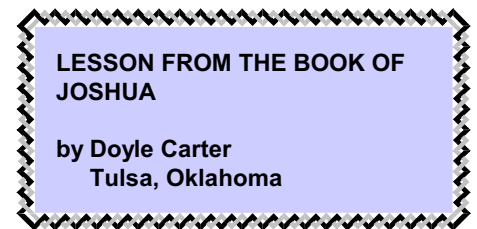
Will you seek the righteousness that can only be found through obedience to God; or will you disannul God's judgment (Laws)? Will you condemn God, that you may seek your own righteousness (paraphrased Job 40:8 compare with Mark 7:6-9)?

Proverbs 28:9, tells us **"he that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even**

his prayer shall be (an) abomination."

Who will you obey, God, or man (Matthew 6:24)?

THE END**



While studying the Book of Joshua, I realized that there is an underlining theme in the first twelve chapters of this book. I noted that the Israelites had to work to receive the promised land and that God did not just destroy the people of the land for them. We know that God could have made it easier for them to overwhelm the inhabitants of this land. This is apparent by the events that are covered in these chapters.

In **Joshua 2:1-7**, it states that Israel had to send two spies into the land to scope out this area and to avoid being captured the two spies had to make an agreement with Rahab the harlot. The point is God did not just give them a map of the area, but they had to put forth effort and explore the region.

In Chapter 6, verses one through twenty-seven, to defeat the city of Jericho the army of Israel had to call seven priests to bear seven trumpets before the Ark and circle the city seven times. This was to be done for six days and then on the seven day the walls of Jericho fell. I would say that this took some effort to perform.

I have only presented a few examples from these verses that show that Israel had to put out effort to conquer its enemies. There are many events such as the battles with the Amorites and Canaanites which confirm this theme.

In **Hebrews 4:8-11**, it states, "For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest to the people of God. **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same unbelief."**

In **Revelation 2:7**, It states, "to him that overcome [conquer] I will give to eat of the tree of life." This call to overcome is repeated four more times in this chapter and three times in the third chapter of this book. We, like the seven churches, are called to overcome or conquer this world's temptation and our own sins.

In **Hebrews 11:16**, it states, "But now they desire a better country, that is, an

heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." As Christians, we are seeking a better place just as the men in this chapter were seeking for one.

Just as Joshua led Israel in to the promised land with the assistance of God and some effort on the peoples part, so we as Christians with the assistance of God the Father and Jesus the Christ must overcome our sins and faults with effort on our part to enter the Kingdom of God, i.e. our promised land.

The lesson is that ,yes, God will help us make it into the Kingdom of God, but that we must be willing to change and make the effort to overcome any obstacles that may get in our way.

It would be good for us to examine the examples in the Book of Joshua and see what lessons we can apply to our lives.

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observed the new crescent, although they did not in fact see it..." The court's response was to be very critical when examining new moon witnesses. One technique was to ask the witnesses which direction the moon's horns pointed. If they had actually seen the moon then they should know the answer, but if they were false witnesses they probably would not. Understand this: The new crescent has a curved central portion with painted ends (called horns). As you face the Western horizon just after sunset, if the moon's East to West path across the sky is South of the sun's path, then the crescent moon will set south (to your left) of where the sun had set. The horns would also point South with the central portion bulging Northward toward the sun for the simple reason that it is being illuminated by the sun. As the moon orbits the earth, its North/South position varies so that it is sometimes North and sometimes South of the sun.

Laura writes:

Maimonides 2:2 thru 2:4 reads as follows: "2. The primary law had been that one need not be too particular with regard to evidence concerning the new moon. If the court had sanctified the new moon **on the strength** of testimony of witnesses and these witnesses were subsequently found to have given false testimony, the sanctification of the new moon remained in force.

Originally, therefore, the court used to accept evidence concerning the new moon from any Israelite, for the legal presumption was that any Israelite is qualified as a witness until evidence to the contrary is brought to light. However, when heretics began to cause trouble in a mischievous manner and to hire men to testify that they had observed the new crescent, although they did not in fact see it, the Sages decreed that evidence concerning the new moon should not be accepted unless the witnesses were known to the court as worthy men, and that the witnesses should be duly tested and examined.

3. If, therefore, men (from a town outside Jerusalem) who were not known to the court saw the new moon, the people of that town were accustomed to send with these witnesses who had seen the moon other witnesses to certify them before the court and vouch for their trustworthiness, and only then was their testimony accepted.

4. 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."**

Lloyd writes:

Astronomic calculations used by the court (which you quoted) were to determine where the moon would set, not when the crescent would first appear. The only exception to the visible crescent being the determining factor was if widespread cloudiness prevented any witnesses from seeing the moon, the court (correctly) started a new month rather than allowing the old month to have 31 days.

Laura writes:

In context of Maimonides 2:2 thru 2:4, it is talking about astronomic calculations and

witnesses being examined for the determination of a new moon **appearance** and not a moon setting. In context of new moon sightings the document of Maimonides is concerned with a new moon **appearance** and not with a setting moon. You Lloyd Brumbaugh are the one who is taking things out of context and adding in things which aren't even alluded to in the actual document.

Lloyd writes:

I hope you will now be willing to concede that the modern calculated Hebrew Calendar is not what the Pharisees were using during the Messiah's ministry.

Laura writes:

Concede, are you kidding? My original position remains the same. All the evidence I have so far and all that you have sent to me so far clearly shows that the Hebrew Calendar is the calendar that was being used at the time of Christ's ministry here on earth.

I believe that you are being very deceptive in presenting your evidence and I sincerely hope you will change your stance in this regard. If your evidence clearly shows what you are trying to prove, then you will have no problem whatsoever in sending me the complete evidence that you have in regard to this subject and not just partial quotes.

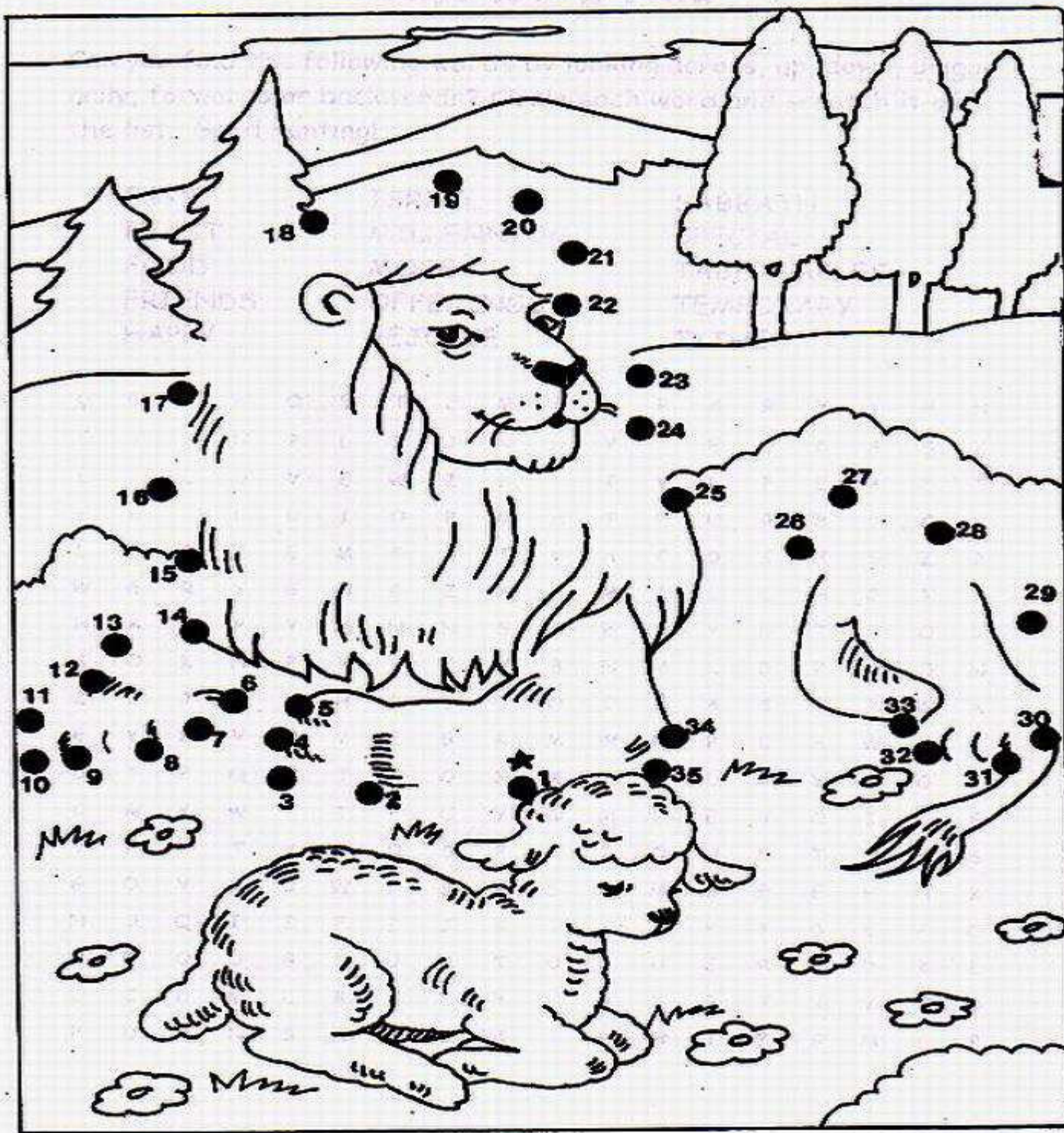
Both "The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar" by Arthur Spier and the Maimonides document clearly show that calendar calculations were being used, so neither one of these documents will ever prove your point. Do not try to use these documents for your proof because you are wasting my time and yours on these two documents. Again, I do have Maimonides posted on our Web Site for download or I can mail the document to anyone who asks. Contact Feldheim Publishers, 200 Airport Executive Park, Nanuet, NY 10954 for information on ordering Arthur Spier's book.

If you truly have proof for what you are claiming then send it to me. We will all know whether you have such proof, because if you do I will hear from you again and if you don't I probably won't hear from you again. So we are all waiting to hear from you.

THE END**

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FOLLOW THE DOTS to find who out who lay down with the lamb in the time of peace Isaiah foretold.



PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

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June 3-30, 2005

A Friend--Knee Problems
Gina--Cancer
Hendrickson Family--Birth of Daughter
Loretta--Colon Cancer
Lorinda--Test Results Fine
Swinney's--Birth of Daughter
Stamper Family--Health Problems
True Believer--To Learn of God
Airington, Jonfre--Pneumonia & Depression
Baer, Karl--Lung Infection
Bagwell, Norman--Farm Accident
Berkey, Donald--Laser Surgery on Eyes
Blevins, Suzi--Died 5-18-05
Blum, Courtney--Kidney Cancer
Blurton, Kathy--Died 5-30-05
Bowker, Elaine--Died 6-14-05
Bradford, Hannah--Cancer
Bryant, Lyna Jane--Double Mastectomy
Caldwell, Keithina--Auto Accident
Carlson, Fern--Hip Replacement Swelling
Carlson, Ken--Heart Problems
Churchill, Darn--Injured Knee
Clark, Stephanie--Divorce & Custody Battle
Coffee, Jon--Renal Failure
Cohn, Joel--Chest & Stomach Problems
Cooley, Ray--Died 6-13-05
Copeland, Ann--Congestive Heart Failure
Cryer, Lia--Colon Cancer Surgery
Edwards, Joe--Staph Infection
Fitch, Lisa--Immune Disease
Foster, Rick--Kidney Stones
Gregory, Janice--Thyroid Surgery
Hardner, Hope--Heart Problems
Henry, Donna--Died 5-23-05
Houston, Ross--Accident Recovery
Hughes, Christine--Ovarian Cyst Surgery
Ireland, Jeannie--Depression
Jacobs, Jake--Congestive Heart Failure
Johnson, Jenny--Son in Prison
Jones, Norma--Heart Attack
Kirkbride, Fay--Stomach Surgery
Kramer, Ted--Lung Cancer
Ladnier, Allen--Tuberculosis or Lung Cancer
Lazor, PF--Parole Hearing
Loyd, Troy--Stroke
Lucas, Clarence--Prostate Problems
Lufler, Linda--Cancer
Mansell, Sabrina--Ran Over by Boat Trailer
McComb, Rebekah--Thrown from Horse
McCommon, Katherine--Epstein Barr Virus
McElhaney, Maggie--Cong. Heart Failure
McMurray, Jeanette--Hernia Repair
Mebane, Sally--Rheumatoid Arthritis
Miller, Teiajaye--Stage 2 Stomach Cancer
Myers, Sandy--Blood Pressure
Ogwyn, Jon--Died 6-14-05
Pierson, Bea--Irregular Heart Beat
Powell, Betty--Colon Cancer
Reditt, Mae--Husband Died
Ritenbaugh, Evelyn--Appendicitis

Rittgers, Shelly--Physical Abuse
Rivers, Shelly--Father has Cancer
Rose, Char--Internal Bleeding
Savannah, Joyce--Intestinal Problems
Schindel, Susan--Tail Bone Surgery
Skaar, Mary Ann--Liver Cancer
Skaggs, Marcus & Betty--Gr. Dau. has PDA
Sleasman, Patricia--Sell Property
Smith, Lucille--Hip Replacement Surgery
Stefek, Billy--Detached Retina
Stoica, Dieter--Felony Trial
Swinney, Carolyn--Heart Surgery & Diabetes
Tennent, Rachele--Died 6-28-05
Varden, Mary--Daily Needs
Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Brad--Death of Child
Walker, Jacob--Lesions on Skin
Walker, Tom--Plumbing Business
Weirmheimer, Caroline--Blood Clot
Wells, Jaymes B.--Needs Transportation
Werneck, Katie--Cancer
Whitman, Steve--Cancer
Williams, Sherri--Pancreas Transplant
Young, Rhoda--Cancer

July 1-31, 2005

A Friend--Needs Healing
Group of People--Salvation
Lorinda--Cousin Died
Airington, Jonfre--Pneumonia
Bryant, Lyna Jane--Double Mastectomy
Burris, Gail Richard--Stage 4 Leukemia
Caballero, Alex--Accident
Caggiano, Dolores--Stroke & Blood Disease
Caughfield, Sue--Nerve Problems
Cruze, Tracy--Bilateral Caldwell-LVC Surgery
DeFalco, Eugene--Health & Welfare
Denman, Frank & Dorothy--Son Died
Dunn, Jewel--Heart Bypass Surgery
Durnall, Wilma--Her Eyes & Her Son
Griffith, Bobby--Multiple Schlerosis
Hanway, Derek--Died 6-18-05
Jacobs, Jake--Congestive Heart Failure
Lipadan, Charlotte--Stroke 3 Years Ago
McEnany, Nancy--Property for Sale
McMahon, Sharon--Financial Problems
Parr, Chris--Headaches & Heart Problems
Parton, Rhonda--Financial Problems
Pitman, Dorothy--Broken Hip
Qualls, Rene--Heart Rhythm Problems
Ritenbaugh, Evelyn--Appendicitis Recovery
Roybal, Hector--Stage 4 Colon Cancer
Sawyer, Lou--Brother has Heart Problems
Schnitz, Laura Griffin--Multiple Schlerosis
Schug, Edith--Heart Problems
See, Sharon--Heart Problems
Segoviano, Jaime--Very Ill
Smith, Doug--Heart Problems
Smith, Lucille--Hip Replacement Recovery
St. Clair, Alan--Cancer
St. Clair, Larry--Surgery
Stephens, Nancy & Son--Auto Accident

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NOVEMBER 21, 2005--PRAYER REQUEST FOR DAVID BEN- ARIEL--

The following is a actual letter I sent to a close Christian friend in 1999, immediately after I was diagnosed with HIV. Since then the HIV has progressed on into AIDS. I hesitated going public with this now, not wanting to throw fuel on the fire of those who would cruelly abuse this information against me in a vain attempt to discredit what I say and write on many controversial topics, narrowly focusing on this imperfect messenger rather than concentrating on my God-given biblical message.----However, I trust that the many principles involved here - the process of conversion, love and forgiveness, faith and patience, how perfection is our goal and destiny, how deadly serious sin is, making the most of our experiences, the amazing grace of God, etc., can benefit others who are able to glean something positive from such life experiences to bless their own lives and others and glorify God.

<http://www.religionandspiritualityforum.com/view.php?StoryID=20051121-072008-6877r> (Sent by David Ben-Ariel)

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