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A Voice in the Wilderness

God tells His servants in His Word, “Cry aloud, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet and declare to My people their transgression and to the house of Jacob their sins!” (Isa.58:1, Parallel Amplified Bible).

God also declares: “Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her time of service and her warfare are ended, that [her punishment is accepted and] her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received [punishment] from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

We are living in a world gone berserk with anger and rage. “Why do the nations rage?” (Psalm 2:1). Answer – because they don’t know the true God, and are in rebellion against His laws and teachings and the true way of life and peace!

Isaiah wrote: “A voice of one who cries: *Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord* [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth a highway for our God. . . . And the glory (majesty and splendor) of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it” (Isaiah 40:3-5).

The Messiah is coming very SOON! Its time to prepare to MEET Him! “Surely the Lord will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). The purpose of this magazine is to warn the world of what lies ahead, and to help prepare people to get ready to meet the Messiah, when He returns to restore all things (Acts 3:19-21), put an end to wars, and usher in the Kingdom of God! The prophet Amos declared, “*Prepare to meet your God, O Israel*” (Amos 4:12). No matter is more urgent, today!

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We Live in a PAGAN World!

The entire world is engulfed in a sea of pagan holidays, practices, and clever deceptions – yet most people are blissfully unaware and assume that the days they observe are truly Christian. But assumptions can be DEADLY!

God tells us clearly in His Word what annual holy days or religious holidays we should be observing – the ones that please Him. Yet the whole world ignores and suppresses this awesome and vital spiritual truth. Instead, the world embraces ancient pagan holidays, “baptized” them, and incorporated them into so-called “Christian” worship! What does Almighty God think of this? “There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of DEATH! (Proverbs 14:24; 16:25). This is so important God tells us twice! Isn’t it time we pay attention?

-- William F. Dankenbring

The Mystery of

Rabbi Kaduri, Ariel Sharon and the Messiah

The cryptic prophecies of Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri have astonished the world and struck the Jewish Orthodox community like a huge bombshell. He foretold in a message written before his death that he knew the name of the Messiah, and had it sealed away to be revealed one year after his death. The name rocked the Jewish Orthodox world and the Christian world as well!

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In 2007, two Israeli news publications, *Israel Today* and *News First Class*, reported that the most famous rabbi in Israel's modern history, 108-year-old Yitzhak Kaduri, had left a cryptic death note revealing the name of the long-awaited Messiah.

Within a year after the rabbi's death, the note was reported to have been verified as authentic by some of Kaduri's closest followers and then placed on Kaduri's own website (Kaduri.net).

It was in the fall of 2005 that Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri, the most venerated rabbinical Jewish leader in Israel, proclaimed that he knew the name of the real Messiah. He insisted that he knew where the Messiah was and when He was going to reveal Himself to the world. Rabbi Kaduri claimed that he had personally seen the Messiah in a vision.

Rabbi Kaduri was born in the late 1800's and died January, 2006. He lived through many horrors of Jewish persecution, the rise of Adolph Hitler, the Muslim Brotherhood, World Wars I and II, and the creation of the state of Israel. He was known for his astounding prophecies and his notable works of charity, and lived a life of mercy, righteousness and simplicity.

A year before his death, Rabbi Kaduri wrote in his own handwriting a note revealing the name of the much anticipated "Messiah" and when He would come. The note was not to be opened and inspected until one year after his death.

Kaduri also declared that a particular and famed world leader had to die before the Messiah appeared publicly. The world leader? Ariel Sharon, former prime minister of Israel, who recently died after lying in a comatose condition, following a stroke he suffered eight years ago, shortly after Israel's pull out from Gaza.

It was Thursday, October 12, 2005 – Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, shortly before sunset. Rabbi Kaduri fell into a trance-like state, for 45 minutes. Afterward, he lifted up his head and said, "I have met the Messiah." He added, "He has appeared to me in a vision . . . He shall appear soon. You must be ready for His coming. Many events of awe will take place before His coming . . . but they will happen quickly."

End-Time Prophecies

The Bagdad-born Kaduri gained worldwide attention for many apocalyptic warnings and prophecies he gave of the end-times and that he met the long-awaited Messiah in a vision in November 2003. On Yom Kippur 2005 in a sermon, Rabbi Kaduri was quoted as saying the imminent arrival of the Messiah will "save Jerusalem from Islam and Christianity [paganized Roman Catholic false "Christianity"] that wish to take Jerusalem from the Jewish nation – but they will not succeed, and they will fight each other."

In late 2004 Kaduri predicted "great tragedies in the world." He warned Jews throughout the world to return to Israel "due to terrible natural disasters which threaten the world." He said, "The Holy One, Blessed be He, will bring about great disasters in the countries of the world."

Two weeks later the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami struck, in which upwards of a quarter million people died in Indonesia and along the coastline of India, Bangladesh, Thailand and east Africa.

Kaduri warned also in October 2005 just before Yom Kippur, that Jews should return to Israel "Because of impending danger." He added they should "be extremely protective of their lives." In an interview with his son, Rabbi Josef Kaduri, the elderly Kaduri went on to tell him of "the struggle between the oceans," and that "the large oceans will strike the world." His words were recorded by Israel's *Aruz-7*. He alluded

to hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma which had struck the United States that year, and said that coming portents would be of “greater catastrophic proportions.”

In October 2005 Kaduri declared:

“This declaration I find fitting to issue for all of the Jews of the world to hear. It is incumbent upon them to return to the Land of Israel due to terrible natural disasters which threaten the world. In the future, the Holy One, Blessed be He, will bring about great disasters in the countries of the world to sweeten the judgments of the Land of Israel.

“I am ordering the publication of this declaration as a warning, so that Jews in the countries of the world will be aware of the impending danger and will come to the Land of Israel for the building of the Temple and revelation of our righteous Mashiach (Messiah)!”

Many Bible scholars took note of the rabbi’s calling for the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. The rebuilding of the Temple on the Temple Mount is a major recurring theme of Biblical prophecy, especially in the New Testament!

Astounding prophecies, these are! But Kaduri’s prophecy concerning Ariel Sharon is also an astounding statement regarding the future.

Ariel Sharon, the “Lion of God”

Thursday, October 12, 2005 – Yom Kippur, January 4, 2006— Rabbi Kaduri went on, “I must tell you something disturbing. . . . The Messiah has revealed to me that He will not present Himself until after the death of our prime minister, Ariel Sharon.”

January 4, 2006 – Ariel Sharon suffered a massive stroke and lapsed into a coma.

January 28, 2006 – Rabbi Kaduri died after a short term suffering pneumonia, 24 days after Sharon’s coma began. It is striking that the year 2006 is both the year Ariel Sharon was declared to be incapacitated, and also *the very month Rabbi Kaduri died!*

Fast forward eight years: A news flash dated January 1, 2014, asserted that Ariel Sharon is suffering kidney damage, and his *condition had worsened*.

Another news flash, January 11, 2014 on CNN reported: “Ariel Sharon, whose half century as a military and political leader in Israel was marked with victories and controversies, died Saturday after eight years in a coma, Israeli Army Radio reported. Sharon was 85.

“Sharon died at Sheba Medical Center in the Tel Aviv suburb of Tel Hashomer.

“The Israeli statesman was a national war hero to many Israelis for his leadership, both in uniform or as a civilian, during every Israeli war.”

The news release went on: “He was a major figure in many defining events in the Middle East for decades, including his decision to turn over Gaza and parts of the West Bank to Palestinian control.

“Throughout, he was called ‘The Bulldozer,’ a fearless leader who got things done.

“The reaction in his own right-wing Likud Party to his order to the military to drag some Israeli settlers from their homes in Gaza led Sharon in November 2005 to form the political party Kadima, Hebrew for "Forward."

“He was in his fifth year as prime minister when he suffered a massive stroke in January 2006, which left him comatose.”

Former prime minister Ariel Sharon, whose name means “lion of God,” was a brilliant general in the Israeli army, before he ultimately became Israel’s eleventh prime minister.

In 1953, after a wave of terrorist attacks from Jordan, Sharon the military leader led the infamous Unit 101 on a raid into the border town of Kibya, blowing up 45 houses and killing 69 Arab villagers. Sharon said he thought the houses were empty.

In June 1967, as a general, Sharon led his tank battalion to a crushing victory over the Egyptians in the Sinai during the Six Day War.

But what he considered his greatest military success came in 1973 during the Yom Kippur War. He surrounded Egypt's Third Army and, defying orders, led 200 tanks and 5,000 men over the Suez Canal, a turning point in the war.

His death has, according to Rabbi Kaduri’s prophetic revelation, now paved the way for the soon coming of the Messiah to save the Jews and the world from total destruction!

The Missed Opportunity of Ariel Sharon

In the year 1990, 24 years ago, I wrote an article that mentioned Ariel Sharon. In March 1990 I stated: “An Israeli General, Ariel Sharon, will *very likely* be a physical antitype, an ‘end-time Zerubbabel’ whom God will use as a ‘governor’ of Israel to rebuild the physical Temple in Jerusalem” (“What Can We Do To Help Spread the Gospel?”, Prophecy Flash, March 1990).

Ariel Sharon did become Prime Minister of Israel, although his prospects looked very dim back in 1990. Then, in November 2001, eleven years later, after he became Prime Minister, despite Herculean odds against it, I wrote: “The ‘governor’ of Judah today, is none other than *ARIEL SHARON!* He is the END-TIME equivalent of ancient Zerubbabel . . . *Either Ariel Sharon will FULFILL this prophecy, or God Almighty will*

cast him aside, and get someone else to do the job! . . . God's Temple will SOON be rebuilt!" ("Coming Soon — A New Temple of God!" Prophecy Flash, Nov-Dec 2001).

Sharon had the opportunity to obey God, and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem, but he instead chose to withdraw Israeli settlements from Gaza. He failed to obey God's command, and forced Jews to evacuate land God had given to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. As a result, Almighty God DID "*cast him aside,*" just as I said. Sharon suffered a devastating stroke which paralyzed him and put him in a coma that lasted eight years!

Ariel was not a religious man, but a practical man. He had been an outstanding warrior and a pragmatic politician who loved Israel. He could have been blessed to be like an end-time Zerubbabel, who returned from Babylon and rebuilt the temple in the time of Ezra. Sharon did not rebuild the temple, but was cast aside. When Ariel Sharon chose to be politically pragmatic and invaded Gaza forcing the Jews to leave their homes and began negotiating with the New World Order on the Roadmap to Peace giving up the land God gave to Israel and his descendents, he came under the judgment of God. Certain Kabbalist, Orthodox rabbis pronounced a special curse on him when he made the decision to withdraw from the Jewish settlements in Gaza. *Shortly after that he lapsed into a coma and remained in that state for eight years and died in January, 2014.*

Dividing the Land

Many right-wing oriented Jews in Israel believe that former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's stroke in January 2006 came about because of his role in disengagement from Gaza. So claimed a right-wing religious party, Eretz Yisrael Shelanu.

Jews and Christians alike, because of the withdrawal from Gaza, have proclaimed Sharon to be a traitor. His turning over of Gaza to the Palestinians was considered a violation of the biblical warning against *dividing the land* of Israel.

We read in the prophecy of Joel 3:2, "I will gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also *divided up My land.*"

To give up the land of Israel, which God gave to the descendants of Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, reveals a rebellious, unfaithful, distrusting attitude – a spirit of hostility to God's Word and His Torah. And a lack of faith in His promises of protection and security.

Was Sharon's disengagement policy the cause of a curse coming upon him because of his action?

The Pulsa Dinura

One blogger, expressing the sentiments of many others, stated the matter like this: “Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, born Ariel Scheinermann in Russia, went from Zionist to traitor, selling out Israel and destroying Jewish settlements (never forget Gush Katif) for lucrative foreign interests culminating in the treacherous creation of Kadima – a corrupt to the core political party.”

Gush Katif was a bloc of seventeen Israeli settlements in the southern Gaza strip. It was specifically mentioned by Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister who fell victim to an assassin in 1995, as being essential to Israel's security border. In August 2005, under the orders of Prime Minister Sharon, the 8,600 residents of Gush Katif were evicted from the area by the Israeli army, and their homes were demolished as part of Israel's plan to disengage Jewish residents from the Gaza Strip portion of the Palestinian territories. The displaced were moved to Israel.

Did Ariel Sharon come under the judgment of God for withdrawing from Gush Katif because of international and U.S. pressure?

WND.com ran a stunning investigative report in July 2005, just six months before Sharon's stroke. In an article titled “Sharon Targeted with ‘Death Curse,’” Aaron Klein, WND's senior staff reporter and Jerusalem bureau chief at the time, wrote: “Fringe activists held a midnight Kabbalistic ritual in an ancient cemetery calling for angels of death to kill Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and thwart his Gaza withdrawal plan, participants in the ceremony told WND. The same individuals used the ritual against Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin one month before his assassination in 1995.

The activists said they performed a “Pulsa Dinura” – a Kabbalistic ceremony in which God is asked to curse a sinner, usually an enemy of the Jewish people, and they prayed for a death curse to be placed on Sharon. It was their firm opinion that Sharon's Gaza evacuation plan would “destroy Israel and the Jewish people” and would cause Jewish deaths.

Rabbi Yosef Dayan, one of the leaders of the ceremony, told WND, “I said ten months ago that I am willing to do the Pulsa Dinura if rabbis are going to instruct me to do that. We decided now it is time. Sharon is endangering the entire Jewish population. He is giving land to the enemies who will use it to attack us. He has let them fire on us with bullets and rockets without retaliation because it serves his purposes. He is going to expel my mother-in-law from Gush Katif [Gaza's Jewish communities].”

The Pulsa Dinura was held in an ancient cemetery in the town of Rosh Pina. It was performed by a Kabbalist, who recited prayers that were repeated by twenty men, who, in line with Kabbalistic tradition, were all over the age of forty, bearded and first purified themselves in a ritual bath. The actual prayer of the Pulsa Dinura was read by the Kabbalist. There was a quorum of people that read back the prayer as he read it.

They expressed the hope that Sharon would be removed from continuing to destroy the Jewish people and the land of Israel.

Then just one month after the “Death Curse” had been performed, on the evening of August 15, 2005, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon addressed his nation concerning the Gaza pullout.

Says Carl Gallup in *The Rabbi Who Found Messiah*, “The Pulsa Denura curse was performed in July 2005. In August, the Gaza pullout by Israel was complete. Prime Minister Sharon addressed the nation of Israel, explaining that Gaza had been handed over to the Palestinians. Sharon was comatose by January of the next year. As of this writing, he remains in a permanent vegetative state.”

January 11, 2014, Ariel Sharon died. Giving up control of Gaza and the Israeli settlements did not bring peace, but only served to give the enemies of Israel greater opportunities to launch vicious attacks on Israel.

“Build My House,” Says the Lord

After eight years, it is time for a new beginning. God says in His Word, “Build my house.” It is an ongoing commandment.

God declares, “Consider your ways, go up into the mountains, bring back wood and build the temple that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified . . . My house is in ruins. Every one of you has your own house. Therefore, the heavens above you will withhold the dew and the earth will withhold its fruit” (Haggai 1:7-10). Then the remnant of the people of God obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and rebuilt the temple. God stirred up the spirit of Zerubabel and he started rebuilding the temple laying the foundation in 520 B.C. and finished the temple in 515 B.C.

Today, the house of God is still lying in ruins in Jerusalem, Israel.

Will Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel see the light, and see the sorry state Israel is in, today, and turn to God, and pave the way to REBUILD the house of God? Will Netanyahu “get the message”? Or must he also be replaced?

The Jews in Israel of *The Temple Mount Faithful* and *The Temple Institute* are ready, waiting and anxious to rebuild the end-time temple. But the government political machinery that runs the country is still dallying with the New World Order and the Europeans who hate the Jews, led by the Americans headed by President Obama who also scorns Israel. Israel today is trusting the Gentiles and foreign nations rather than trusting in Almighty God for their protection and security.

As a whole, the nation is still not ready, today, to rebuild the Temple! But public opinion is swinging that way. Polls show that there is a great increase in the number who

desire to have a temple on the Temple Mount and exert their right to pray there and hold services, including members of the Israeli Knesset.

God's commandment is clear. His Word is plain: "Thus says the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations [the Messiah] shall come: and I will fill this house with glory says the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:6 -7).

There has to be a divine Sanctuary or Temple on the holy Temple Mount in Jerusalem to fulfill this prophecy. God says in Malachi, "Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom you seek, *shall suddenly come to His temple*, even the messenger of the covenant (Yehoshua), in whom you delight: behold, He shall come, says the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 3:1).

Sharon's Legacy

Just one day before his second stroke, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon gave what would be his last interview to the Japanese economic newspaper *Nikkei*. Sharon's words echoed the sentiments of many of Israel's citizens who desperately desired peace with its neighbors, while at the same time preserving Israel's sovereignty. He declared, "If the Palestinians combat terror, I believe there is a chance to move forward in accordance with the Road Map initiative, which, with God's help, will bring peace.

"I am a Jew, and that is the most important thing for me. Therefore when it comes to security, Israel will not make any compromises; I don't see any situation where Israel will not be sitting on the Golan Heights.

"Our position is that Jerusalem is not negotiable. We are not going to negotiate on Jerusalem. Jerusalem will be forever a united and undivided capital of Israel."

But now, it appears everything is "negotiable."

While some Israelis see Sharon as a traitor, and his enemies brand him a butcher and a terrorist, many others still see him as an indisputable and indispensable national hero. They believe his move to implement the Road Map was a wise maneuver which hopefully will bring lasting peace to Israel. The issue hangs in the balance.

The Name of the Messiah

The second revelation in the cryptic note written by Rabbi Kaduri a year before his death concerned the name of the Messiah. The Messiah had revealed His name to Kaduri and he left it in a coded message for the world to see when the appointed time came.

The name of the Messiah was mysteriously and cryptically sealed in a message. Instructions were given to lock the message away and not to open it until one year after the rabbi's death.

Within weeks of Ariel Sharon's stroke, the elderly rabbi Kaduri died. From 250,000 to 300,000 people flooded the streets of Jerusalem for his funeral, one of the largest in Israel's history. The cryptic message was secreted away for one year as the beloved rabbi had instructed.

In 2007 the message was opened and deciphered. Shockingly, *Israel Today* was given access to many of the rabbi's manuscripts written in his own hand. They found cross-like symbols put there by Kaduri all over the pages. This is generally avoided studiously by Jewish tradition as it is considered a "Christian" symbol. In fact, even the use of a plus sign is discouraged because it might be mistaken for a cross.

There, before the eyes of the world, was the name of the soon coming Messiah according to this celebrated "teacher of Israel." Shock and chagrin and dismay struck the expectant rabbis, waiting to see the name revealed!

What was the name of the Messiah? It said:

"Concerning the *letter abbreviation* (or secret coding) of the Messiah's name, He will lift the people and prove that his word and law are valid."

The key to unlocking the message, and the identity of the Messiah was determined to be the first part of the message. This clue led those in his closest circle to understand that they were to take the first letter of the remaining words in the note and combine them together to form the long-awaited messianic revelation!

The Hebrew was *Yarim Ha'Am Yeyokhiakh Shedvaro Vetorato Omdim*.

The letters were, read from right to left:

יהושע which is "Yehoshua" = Yeshua = Jesus

Yehoshua and Yeshua are the same name derived from the root Hebrew word for "salvation." For example, Ezra wrote "Yeshua [Joshua] the son of Yozadak" (Ezra 3:2), but Zechariah wrote "Yehoshua son of Yohozadak" (Zech.6:11), referring to the same person. One form adds the letter *hay* to the name "Yeshua," thus making "Yehoshua."

You can imagine the uproar, the furor, the dismay and consternation, when this message was revealed. In shock, some refused to believe it. Some said it was a dirty trick of the Messianic Jews or Christians. Some said the rabbi must have lost his mental faculties, or was suffering from dementia. Many refused to believe that it was a message from God!

To the befuddlement and consternation of Orthodox Jews everywhere, the Messiah's name, the Rabbi said, is "Yehoshua," "Yeshua," "Yahusha" – the Hebrew name of the one that English speaking people refer to as "Jesus."

This revelation shocked – stunned – the religious world.

Shortly thereafter the furor began. The note immediately disappeared from Kaduri's website. The media refused to report further on the matter. The Kaduri family, and several others close to the Kaduri ministry, began to claim that the note was a forgery or a mere fabrication – a cruel joke.

Could Rabbi Kaduri's Prophecy be True?

This remarkable and astonishing story is true!

The Rabbi's note that shook the religious world to its foundations is still shaking the world today! The story is still unfolding. The pieces are yet falling into place – just as the old rabbi predicted.

It cannot be denied that the name revealed in the rabbi's note strongly points to none other than JESUS CHRIST, the Jesus of the New Testament, who testified that He came from the Father, was sent by Him, and is the "Son of God," the Saviour of the world, the Christ, the Messiah, the "Anointed One" of God.

Kaduri said he was leaving the *name* of the *real* Messiah for the entire world to see. When they saw the message and the name indicated, some Orthodox Jews were outraged, and still remain in a state of denial, including Kaduri's son David, himself a rabbi who denies the note is authentic.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, a modern Messianic Jewish rabbi, who wrote the amazing book *The Harbinger: The Ancient Mystery that Holds the Secret of America's Future*, a prophetic book itself which warns the modern world, especially the United States, that God's judgments on our land have begun, made a statement regarding Rabbi Kaduri's prophecy and his naming Yehoshua as the real, true Messiah. He declared:

"For two thousand years it has been taught that the Jewish people cannot believe in Jesus/Yeshua and still remain Jewish. He has been the great dividing point and stumbling block of Jewish history. His name has been banned.

"Any serious consideration of the claim that he could be the Messiah has become taboo. It remains a striking irony that the one largely rejected by the people of his distinct heritage has become the central figure of human history.

"No less ironic that a world largely hostile to Jewish existence should so revere a Jewish rabbi. The issue is also prophetic.

"For the Nazarene said that his second coming would rest upon the turning of the Jewish people back to Him. It is therefore significant that we are now witnessing an

unprecedented revival among the Jewish people, a turning to Jesus of historic proportions.

“The story of Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri is thus a fascinating addition to this endtime phenomenon. To have a highly revered Orthodox Jewish rabbi declare that he has met the Messiah and knows his name, and then to reveal that name, and then to have that revelation point to Yehoshua or Yeshua – Jesus – is stunning – so much so that the revelation has been fought over ever since.”

The fact is that throughout history, there has been ONLY ONE “Yehoshua” or “Jesus” who has been widely considered by millions over centuries to be the Messiah – Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who fulfilled over 100 direct prophecies in the Old Testament describing the coming Messiah!

Says Carl Gallups in his book *The Rabbi Who Found Messiah: The Story of Yitzhak Kaduri and His Prophecies of the End Time*, “There is only *one Jesus*, or *Yehoshua*, commonly held as the name for *Messiah* in the entire world. That name is *Jesus the Christ*—of the New Testament. Even the Muslim world acknowledges that name as distinctly belonging to Jesus of the New Testament Scriptures. If this were not so, there would be no controversy over the Kaduri note” (page 128).

Gallups continues: “The outrage was over the fact that it [the note] obviously pointed to the Christian understanding of the Messiah. This is what caused Kaduri’s son and other Jewish leaders to begin calling the note a forgery or a fake. The fact that the controversy vehemently rages is prima facie evidence that many religious adherents—Jew, Christian, Muslim, and otherwise—saw what numerous people believe Kaduri *wanted* them to see in his messianic revelation: the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth—the Messiah” (page 129).

There you have it.

Rabbi Kaduri’s message has reportedly brought many Jewish people who claimed to be his disciples to accept Jesus Christ as the true Messiah.

An End of Days movement among the Jews to recognize and accept Jesus Christ as the real Messiah has begun, as there is a growing yearning among the Jews for the coming of the Messiah.

Christ Himself, said before His crucifixion, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as the hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*” (Matt.23:37-39).

The Jewish people are beginning to wake up, and investigate the claims and evidence that Yeshua, Jesus, is the God-appointed Messiah – after all!

The apostle Paul foretold, “Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

“What then? Israel has not obtained that which it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. Just as it is written: ‘God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, to this very day’” (Rom.11:5-8).

The Jews as a whole have rejected and denied Jesus is the Messiah throughout their history, alienating the world – but their blindness has benefited the world allowing the gospel to be preached to the Gentiles.

As Paul wrote, “I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall [trespass], to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles,. Now if their fall [trespass] is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness?” (Rom.11:11-12).

Paul went on, “For I do not desire, brethren, for you to be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED, as it is written: ‘*The Deliverer shall come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins*’” (Romans 11:25-27).

The prophecy and revelation of Rabbi Kaduri is beginning to open the eyes of many, who have been blinded heretofore, up to this moment in time. But now the scales are beginning to come off! Halleluyah!

The prophecy of Zechariah is coming to pass. God said, “In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem . . . And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look upon Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there will be a great mourning in Jerusalem” (Zech.12:8-11).

They will come to sincere, heart-wrenching repentance, as they call upon the name of Jesus Christ, Yeshua, and plead for Him to forgive them, and save them!

Halleluyah! Praise God! The Messiah IS coming—*SOON!*

Read our articles, “The Astonishing Case for Christ!” He is coming *soon!* Will you be ready for His appearing? “Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!” Read also our article, “Daniel’s 70 Weeks Prophecy Proves Christ Is the Messiah!”

Prophecy Briefs

Pope's Approval Rating Soars

The Holy See is about to get an early Christmas present this year.

A new CNN poll released Tuesday found that 88% of American Catholics view Pope Francis favorably. Additionally, nearly 75 percent of Americans in general think he's doing a good job.

It's been quite a year for the new pope. Named Time's Person Of The Year, he's been cited for his relatively progressive views on homosexuality, his criticisms of capitalism and his advocacy for the poor.

The iconic LGBT magazine The Advocate named Pope Francis their person of the year after comments he made this summer about gay priests. "If someone is gay and seeks the Lord with good will, who am I to judge?" he told a reporter in July. While his comments are hardly an endorsement of same-sex marriage, they mark a major shift from the church's legacy on homosexuality.

According to the CNN poll, the pope has received high marks among American Catholics for his views. His handling of the priest sex abuse scandal also scored well, with over 60 percent of respondents saying he's managed the fallout well. His predecessor, meanwhile, was criticized for allegedly sweeping many of the most shocking allegations under the rug at first.

Pope Francis took over as leader of the church, which lists 1.2 billion in membership, in March after Pope Benedict XVI resigned.

According to a Global Language Monitor study, the pope was the most talked-about person on the Internet in 2013. (Alana Horowitz, 12-24-13, Huffington Post).

Pope Francis is the Catholic Church's Obama – God help us

Pope Francis is undergoing a popularity surge comparable to the way Barack Obama was greeted by the world in 2008. And just as President Obama has been a disappointment for America, Pope Francis will prove a disaster for the Catholic Church.

My fellow Catholics should be suspicious when bastions of anti-Catholicism in the left-wing media are in love with him.

Much is being made of his 'compassion' and 'humility,' but kissing babies and hugging the sick is nothing new. Every pope in recent memory has done the same, yet only now are the media paying attention. Benedict XVI and John Paul II refused to kowtow to the liberal agenda, and so such displays of tenderness were under-covered.

Francis is beating a retreat for the Catholic Church, and making sure its controversial doctrines are whispered, not yelled – no wonder the New York Times is in love.

Just like President Obama loved apologizing for America, Pope Francis likes to apologize for the Catholic Church, thinking that the Church is at its best when it is passive and not offending anyone's sensibilities.

In his interviews with those in the left-wing media he seeks to impress, Francis has said that the Church needs to stop being 'obsessed' with abortion and gay marriage, and instead of seeking to convert people, "we need to get to know each other, listen to each other and improve our knowledge of the world around us."

This softly-softly approach of not making a fuss has been tried before, and failed. The Second Vatican Council of the 1960's aimed to "open the windows" of the Church to the modern world by doing just this.

The result was the Catholic version of New Coke. Across the West where the effects were felt, seminaries and convents emptied, church attendance plummeted, and adherence to Church doctrine diminished.

John Paul II and Benedict XVI worked hard to turn this trend around, but now Pope Francis wants the bad old days to resume.

Proof of this is Francis' aforementioned statement of the Church being obsessed with controversial issues and the need to rebalance by talking about it less.

That Francis didn't see that this would be translated into headlines of "Pope tells Catholics to shut up about things that offend Sandra Fluke" by every left-wing media outlet shows a terrifying naivety.

Nor do his comments reflect reality.

For years, the majority of priests didn't dare cover controversial topics in their homilies in fear of getting angry letters from pick-and-choose Catholics outraged that their pastor dared to say something out of line with the Democratic Party.

Most parishioners therefore haven't heard the Church's argument on controversial topics. Consequently, usage of contraception is only slightly lower in Catholics than in the general population, and support of gay marriage is actually higher in Catholics than the general population. Perhaps talking about it even less isn't the answer?

In trying to please the media and the modern world, Francis mistakes their glee for respect. Just like Obama thought he'd won over Putin by promising a reset, Francis thinks by talking vacuously about the poor, he will be respected. And it is vacuous -- the pontiff recently asked why it's news that the stock market drops but not when an old person dies. When your leader is asking, "Why isn't the newspaper a laundry list of obituaries?" you know you elected the wrong guy.

What effect is this having? For all we're being told about how 'disenfranchised' Catholics are being brought back by Francis 'reaching out,' a

recent Pew Research study showed that in America, the number of people who identify as Catholic has actually [decreased](#). Lesson: rubbing the egos of Church-hating left-wingers doesn't make more Catholics, it just makes the Church less respected.

Francis not only panders to enemies and professional grievance mongers, but also attacks his allies. Just as Obama snubs Britain and Israel, Pope Francis swipes at practicing Catholics.

So not only has he insulted, and severely damaged the work of, pro-life and pro-marriage groups with his comments, he has also gone on the attack, dismissing Catholics who attend the older rites in Latin as 'ideologizing' and being guilty of 'exploitation.' Apparently "Who am I to judge?" doesn't apply here.

On world matters, Francis' statements are embarrassing. About communism, a destructive ideology that slaughtered millions of Catholics, he said:

"Learning about it through a courageous and honest person was helpful. I realized...an aspect of the social, which I then found in the social doctrine of the Church."

Not such kind words for the free market, however. In his recent apostolic exhortation he slammed unfettered capitalism, calling it 'a new tyranny.'

Apart from the fact that there is no major nation practicing unfettered capitalism (like Obama, Francis loves attacking straw men) there is more real tyranny in socialist cesspools like Francis' home of Argentina than in places where capitalism is predominant.

In the document he rejects the free market and calls for governments to overhaul financial systems so they attack inequality. In doing so he shows himself painfully misguided on economics, failing to see that free markets have consistently lifted the poor out of poverty, while socialism merely entrenches them in it, or kills them outright.

Like Obama, Francis is unable to see the problems that are really endangering his people. Like Obama he mistakes the faithful for the

enemy, the enemy for his friend, condescension for respect, socialism for justice and capitalism for tyranny. By Adam Shaw, December 04, 2013, FoxNews.com).

Fukushima is worse than Chernobyl: radiation affects fish, World Ocean, West Coast – experts warn

Three years on, the general public is still nervous about the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster of March 2011. Heavy rain has caused more contaminated water leaks over the protection dike recently. The Japanese are increasingly distrustful of atomic scientists' claims that the contaminated water has failed to make it to the ocean. Meanwhile, *The Cape Cod Times* US newspapers reports that the Fukushima toxic waste is reaching the US West Coast, while 70 crewmembers of the USS *Ronald Reagan* aircraft-carrier, involved in the relief operation in the wake of the disaster, are filing a lawsuit against the TEPCO Fukushima operator company, claiming the Japanese company had failed to warn them of all the risks that they were running during the operation.

The USS *Ronald Reagan* was riding athwart in the radioactive discharge plume 10 miles away from the crippled Fukushima plant. The crew desalinated seawater to use it in cooking, with some crewmembers developing cancerous diseases and/or becoming blind as a result.

The contamination of the ocean within the 10-mile zone of the nuclear power plant is due to the fact that some of the reactor nuclear decay products made it to the ocean, rather than to the air, as was the case in Chernobyl in 1986. Currents take harmful agents to great distances, so the seafood and fish that are caught in the contaminated currents even in other parts of the world may still prove a health hazard, says the Deputy Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Natural Resources, Maxim Shingarkin.

"Because of the World Ocean currents, the seafood that's caught off the US Pacific coast is more likely to contain radionuclides than the seafood in the Sea of Okhotsk, which is by far closer to Japan. It is these marine products that may find their way to the tables of different countries' residents that pose the gravest danger," he said.

Contaminated fish may have been caught and delivered anywhere. From now on one should bear in mind that it's impossible to check the entire fish catch for radiation. This is what the co-chairman of the Eco-Protection international environmental group, Vladimir Slivyak, says about the situation in a comment.

"Russia has been considering setting limits on catching marine products and fish in the Far East. But no restrictions have officially been imposed thus far, to the best of my knowledge. But some moves may eventually be made," he said.

As regards atmospheric contamination, the crippled Fukushima plant radionuclides are known to have reached California and Mexico eight days after the disaster. Russia was unaffected by the propagation of radiation, says Maxim Shingarkin.

"The radioactive discharges to the atmosphere had failed to focus on either the Sea of Okhotsk, or Sakhalin Island, or the Far East, or the Kuril Islands. Besides, radiation transfer through the air has so far posed little or no danger. But let's wait and see, for not all fuel has been removed from the damaged nuclear reactors yet. We can therefore expect atmospheric radiation releases as a result of the heating up of reactors," he said.

It took years in the wake of the Chernobyl accident to draw more accurate conclusions about the scale of radioactive contamination. The situation around Fukushima seems to be pretty much the same, says Vladimir Slivyak, and elaborates.

"We are likely to learn about the detailed consequences of the Fukushima nuclear disaster in a matter of 10 to 15 years. It is clear that a great deal of fisheries, water grass areas and actually anything in the ocean has been contaminated. Fukushima radiation is understandably spreading across the world. It is obvious that large areas have been contaminated in Japan. But it will take years of research to get a more detailed picture of the Fukushima disaster consequences," he said.

Meanwhile, tests in California found that the blue-fin tuna caught in coastal waters were contaminated, according to the globalresearch-report.com portal. The contaminated water has

most likely reached the area, since radioactive iodine levels have grown more than 200 times. The level of caesium-137 has also grown along the entire length of the US West Coast, the radioactive caesium was found in local berries and mushrooms. Meanwhile, local residents have reported more frequent bird deaths recently. Radionuclides have made it even to the Alaskan coast, causing a decline in the sockeye populations there. Some experts claim we are yet to see more consequences of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster. (12-25-13, Voice of Russia).

Ugandan anti-gay bill includes life imprisonment for certain acts

KAMPALA, Uganda — Ugandan lawmakers Friday passed an anti-gay bill that calls for life imprisonment for certain homosexual acts, drawing criticism from rights campaigners who called it the worst such legislation in the world.

When the bill was first introduced in 2009, it was widely condemned for including the death penalty, but that was removed from the revised version passed by parliament.

Instead it sets life imprisonment as the penalty for a homosexual act in which one of the partners is infected with HIV, for sex with minors and the disabled, and for repeated sexual offenses among consenting adults, according to the office of a spokeswoman for Uganda's parliament.

The bill also prescribes a seven-year jail term for a person who "conducts a marriage ceremony" for same-sex couples.

Lawmakers passed the bill unanimously, with no one voicing an objection.

President Yoweri Museveni must sign the bill within 30 days for it to become law. Although in the past he spoke disparagingly of gays, in recent times Museveni has softened his position on the matter, saying he is only opposed to gays who appear to "promote" themselves.

"In our society there were a few homosexuals," Museveni said in March. "There was no persecution, no killings and no marginalization of these people, but they were regarded as deviants."

The passage of the bill makes it "a truly terrifying day for human rights in Uganda," said Frank Mugisha, a prominent Ugandan gay activist, who called the legislation "the worst anti-gay law in the world." He urged the country's president not to sign the bill into law.

"It will open a new era of fear and persecution," he said. "If this law is signed by President Museveni, I'd be thrown in jail for life and in all likelihood killed."

Homosexuality already was illegal in Uganda under a colonial-era law that criminalized sexual acts "against the order of nature," but the Ugandan lawmaker who wrote the new legislation argued that tougher legislation was needed because homosexuals from the West threatened to destroy Ugandan families and were allegedly "recruiting" Ugandan children into gay lifestyles.

Despite criticism of the anti-gay legislation abroad, it is supported by many Ugandans who say the country has the right to pass laws that protect its children.

Homosexuality remains a taboo subject across many parts of Africa. Some 38 African countries — about 70 percent of the continent — criminalize homosexual activity, Amnesty International said in a report released earlier this year. (by Rodney Muhumuza, December 20, 2013).

Obama's Brother Buys Underage Girl

Does Polygamy, Underage Sex Slavery, and Wife-Beating Constitute a War on Women?

Regular readers to [the Walid Shoebat] site are well aware of the multiple claims against Malik Obama, half-brother of President Barack Obama. Lost in these shocking discoveries, however, has been Malik's preference for multiple wives. At least one of these wives was both purchased and underage. In light of the overwhelming evidence that Malik works for the Government of Sudan and Omar al-Bashir, a State Sponsor of Terrorism and international criminal respectively; he received illegal and preferential treatment from the IRS via Lois Lerner; and he is wanted for questioning by the government of Egypt, we thought it relevant to draw your

attention to another sordid aspect to Malik's activities. (Shobat Newsletter, 12-19-13).

Confirmed: Obama's Brother In Bed With Terrorists

By Shoebat Foundation on May 28, 2013 by Walid Shoebat and Ben Barrack

It has been learned that the relationship between President Barack Obama's half-brother Malik Obama and Sudan's President Omar Al-Bashir is much closer than previously thought. Malik is the Executive Secretary of the Islamic Da'wa Organization (IDO) as reported by all major Saudi press, including Okaz.

How significant is this?

Very significant. The IDO has been created by the Sudanese Government, which is considered by the U.S. State Department as a terrorist state. This places Malik Obama in bed with terrorists and working as an official with a terrorist state.

We have the evidence to prove it – meetings, photos, et. al.

Bashir is wanted by the International Criminal Court (ICC) on seven counts relating to crimes against humanity. As such, Bashir is the head of a country that the U.S. State Department has identified as a State Sponsor of terrorism, a designation issued in 1993.

In 2010, Malik Obama attended the Islamic Da'wa Organization (IDO) conference in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. One of the objectives of the IDO is to spread Wahhabist Islam across the African continent.

Palestinian Leader admits that they are Nazis!

Historical evidence has long supported the notion that the founder of the counter-Zionist movement prior to World War Two was Haj Amin al-Husseini. During the war, he and Hitler allied. According to minutes from a 1941 meeting in Berlin, at which both al-Husseini and Hitler were present, the alliance would have been made public had the Nazis taken Moscow.



Palestinian leader admits the obvious. Now we have a full confession – for the public record – from a prominent PLO leader named Farouk Qaddumi.

“Zionism as Nazism” is one thing – projection from Palestinian Arabs who are actually the real Nazis. Thanks to Qaddumi, this projection is a self-confessed fact that is supported by overwhelming evidence.

Today, the documented persecution of Christians, which includes brutal murders and ethnic cleansing, reveals more Nazi-style behavior, as the Islamic history has given us for 1400 years or so of its existence.

Perhaps the takeaway sentence from Qaddumi in the video below is, “...Zionism was hostile to Germany...” (by Shoebat Foundation on December 19, 2013 in Blog, General).

Homosexuals Go After Duck Dynasty

The Sodomite Nazis are going after Phil Robertson of *Duck Dynasty*, simply because he pointed out a truth to the darkness of the sick, violent, and twisted mindset of homosexuals:

Everything is blurred on what's right and what's wrong . . . Sin becomes fine. Start with homosexual behavior and just morph out from there. Bestiality, sleeping around with this woman and that woman and that woman and those men. ...Don't be deceived. Neither the adulterers, the idolaters, the male prostitutes, the

homosexual offenders, the greedy, the drunkards, the slanderers, the swindlers—they won't inherit the kingdom of God. Don't deceive yourself. It's not right.

He then made a most sincere and truthful assessment to the deviant core of homosexuality: the disdain of female beauty, making him arguably the most honest man in show business:

“It seems like, to me, a vagina—as a man—would be more desirable than a man's anus. That's just me. I'm just thinking: There's more there! She's got more to offer. I mean, come on, dudes! You know what I'm saying? But hey, sin: It's not logical, my man. It's just not logical.”

Now they are suspending him. What the homosexuals want to do to Christians in America is what Muslims are already doing to Christians: slaughter and enslave them. This is why we must fight this evil, *and* help save persecuted Christians in the Muslim world.

The sodomites, the purest haters of all that is just and godly, immediately went for the attack. Some sodomite (a person so vile his very name would desecrate this website), made this con-ning statement:

“Phil and his family claim to be Christian, but Phil's lies about an entire community fly in the face of what true Christians believe ... He clearly knows nothing about gay people or the majority of Louisianans – and Americans – who support legal recognition for loving and committed gay and lesbian couples. Phil's decision to push vile and extreme stereotypes is a stain on A&E and his sponsors who now need to reexamine their ties to someone with such public disdain for LGBT people and families.”

The only thing vile in this situation is what sodomites contrive and partake in, they indulge themselves in acts so diabolical, in things worthy of death” (Romans 1:32), and yet we are so careful to make sure that they are tolerated. The sodomite just quoted spoke of “loving and committed gay and lesbian couples.” Really? Let me show you how sinister these morally inept and demonic followers of Satan are.

Two men, who are classified as “Domestic partners” (a fanciful term to masquerade their

depravity), named Charles Dunnivant and Carl Herold, took the boy who was the son of one of these abnormal devils, and imprisoned, sodomized, and tortured him for eight months. Not only this, but in their most hellish cruelty, they filmed their wickedness.

Huntsville Police Department investigator Chad Smith testified: “They held the child captive for eight months and there are no standards, taboos or lines this defendant and his co-defendant hesitated to cross.”

The evil does not cease, they also gave the boy an STD. Such men do not deserve love nor tolerance, but death.

There is no doubt that these two Nazi sub-creatures (they cannot be called men) believed in “marriage equality”, hence why they are classified as “domestic partners,” one of whom had a son, which means they believe in homosexual adoption.

Yet, the government of New Jersey just banned parents from sending their children to licensed therapist who would help change them from being homosexual to being normal. But this is not enough for the sodomites, for their entire goal is utter conquest and the implementation of despotism.

New Jersey Assemblyman Tim Eustace, an open sodomite, compares this therapy to beating one's child, and implies that the state should seize these children. He said:

“What this does is prevent things that are harmful to people. If a parent were beating their child on a regular basis we would step in and remove that child from the house. If you pay somebody to beat your child or abuse your child, what's the difference?”

This is what the sodomite agenda brings: tyranny and pederasty.

The little boy was raped *as a result* of the homosexual agenda. If two men were never allowed to raise a child, or if homosexuals were precluded from raising children, this type of nightmare would never happen. Why does it occur? Because we no longer care about doctrine.

To many modern Christians, allowing homosexuality as a right is esteemed as being “free under Christ,” as though Christ believed that evil deserves freedom. I find no freedom for the sodomite ever specified in the Bible or in any teaching in Church tradition.

When we read that sodomites must “be put to death, for they are guilty of a capital offense” (Lev. 20:13), or, as we read from St. Paul, that homosexuals do things that “are worthy of death” (Romans 1:32) we either ignore these words, or explain away their significance. As long as we keep tolerating the homosexual, the more they will advance. (December 19, 2013, Theodore Shoebat, *ibid.*).

American Peril at the Gates

According to a Fox News item dated October 23, 2013, President Obama has issued a directive to make our Armed Forces appear less aggressive by, for example, changing the 1922 Marine hat style to a more girlish or feminine appearance. In order to understand, we have to go back to the real Obama at the university—a bisexual, anti-American demonstrator. What most citizens do not understand is that when they vote for a candidate for president, they are also voting for him or her as commander-in-chief of our armed Forces.

A Fox News report dated October 30, 2013, reported: ‘More Evidence of Anti-Christian Bias in Military Briefings.’ According to this report, ‘evangelical Christians’ are now regarded in certain Army circles as the nation’s most dangerous enemies. If this propaganda is permitted to spread in our armed forces, how long will it be before evangelical Christians will be imprisoned or placed before a firing squad? Why doesn’t the commander-in-chief of our armed Forces do something? Maybe he doesn’t care. (Southwest Radio Letter from Noah Hutchings, 12-12-13).

The letter continues:

Could he be behind it with his Muslim beliefs and sympathy toward the Muslim Brotherhood? Last March, Obama was interviewed by Nicholas Kristof, a New York Times Op-ed columnist. “Mr. Obama recalled the opening lines of the Arabic call to prayer, reciting them with a first-rate accent Mr. Obama described the call to

prayer as “one of the prettiest sounds on Earth at sunset.” He also greeted king Abdullah of Saudi Arabia with a full bow from the waist at a G-20 meeting in London (*Examiner* 4/8/09). Such an act is a traditional obeisance befitting a king’s subjects, not his peer. Obama is the U.S. President.

Realize that by and large, Muslims hate God, Christians and Jews. Their daily prayer says there is no other God but Allah. It is not a religion of love and acceptance, but one of hatred and warfare. The facts speak for themselves, and the evidence is clear regardless of what is said. The Koran speaks of beheading your enemies, the infidel and those who do not accept Mohammed and Allah. Christ said we will know others by their fruits—the way they act. Christ tells us to love and pray for our enemies. God will deal with the wicked at the appointed time.

Hutchings *continues*.

(1) “According to a Money “Banking” report of October 30, millions of Americans soon will have no health insurance at all because of the so-called Obamacare bill. They make too much money for Medicaid and are left out of subsidies for Obamacare. According to the 2,572 pages Obamacare bill citizens will be fined \$2,000 if they don’t have health insurance. Also according to this report, twenty-four new tax hikes or increases are planned to support Obamacare, and the president has given the IRS an extra \$500 million to enforce the new taxes.”

(2) “A new civil war? Our history books record the terrible sufferings, death and flowing economic disaster caused by the War Between the States in the 1860’s. The lesson supposedly learned was that differences could be settled at the voting booth instead of on the battlefield. However, has this national resolution been weakened by time and political differences?”

(3) “Residents from 20 states have filed petitions with the white House to secede from the country. Louisiana became the first of the (as of now) 50 united states that managed to collect enough signatures to have their petition for secession added to the White House website last week, and so far they’ve had no problem finding company. So far 19 other states have managed to attract similar success.”

(4) According to a Gallup poll report, the majority of Americans now favor legalizing marijuana.

(5) State after state is now recognizing two men or two women living together and sharing the same bed as a legal marriage, in spite of what God has said.

(6) The average American now watches three hours television a day. TV programming now is a complete format of infomercials, hucksters promoting drugs, sex pills, pantyhose, exercise machines, vacuum cleaners, garden hoses, and cruises to Timbuktu from which you will return broke, exhausted and disgusted.” (Letter, Noah Hutchings, Southwest Radio Ministries, Dec., 2013).

COMMENT: Hosea 4:12—“My people ask counsel of idols. They have deserted His law and played the harlot against their God to give themselves to a spirit of prostitution, to old wine and new which takes away their understanding (enslaves the heart).” Not only have the colleges, and higher institutions of education kicked God out, so have the churches. Verses 7-9—“The more the priests (ministers) increased the more they sinned against me; they exchanged their glory for something disgraceful. They feed on the sins of my people and relish their wickedness. And it will be: Like people, like priests. I will punish both of them for their ways and repay them for their deeds.”

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Geneva Fallout: Iran Becomes a Nuclear Power while Israel Loses Trust in Obama.

Israel’s most painful lesson from the two-day Geneva conference on Iran’s nuclear program is that the man who guarantee to defend Israel’s security, President Barack Obama, is now marching hand in hand with Tehran towards a nuclear-armed Iran.

Pakistan ‘Ready to Deliver Nuclear Weapons to Saudi Arabia’.

Saudi Arabia has invested in Pakistani nuclear weapons projects and believes it could obtain atomic bombs at will a variety of sources have

told BBC. The nuclear bomb race is heating up in the Middle East.

Islamist Super-Bloc Begins Forming in the Middle East.

A monumental strategic shift is taking place in the Middle East as an Islamist super-bloc is forming. Turkey and the Muslim Brotherhood are making up with Iran and Hezbollah. Egypt and the Gulf states are forming their own alliance. The U.S. outreach to Iran and the Brotherhood has left it missing from the equation. Saudi Arabia is leading a third bloc that opposes Iran and the Muslim Brotherhood. The United Arab Emirates has loudly lobbied for such a coalition. Other members include Egypt, Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Yemen and Oman. The North African countries of Libya, Morocco and Algeria are likely participants, as is Tunisia once the Brotherhood’s ousting there is completed. This is the bloc that is the least hostile to U.S. interests and Israel. To me, this sounds like what Daniel 11 calls the king of the south. Daniel always included Egypt, and Egypt was the focus of it. Saudi Arabia is a Sharia-based Salafist state that cannot be expected to support Muslim moderates with a diametrically-opposed vision. The Saudis are supporting so-called “moderate” Salafists in Syria to compete with Al-Qaeda.

U.S. Plans to Force Israel to Accept a Palestinian State with Jerusalem as the Capital.

If Israel and the Palestinians do not agree on a “two state solution” by the end of this year the Obama administration plans to propose its own solution and force it on the two sides in early 2014. For Obama, the goal is to have this agreement in place in time to influence the November 2014 mid-term elections. Unfortunately for Israel, the Palestinians have absolutely no incentive to move off their current demands because Obama has been promising them a Palestinian state based on the pre-1967 borders with East Jerusalem as the capita since very early in his presidency. So the Palestinians have no motivation to negotiate in good faith since they already know that they are going to get what they want in the end anyway. Ultimately, Obama plans to force Israel to give up the West Bank, East Jerusalem and control over the Temple Mount.

Does It Really Matter What Calendar and Which Holy Days We Observe?

There is an old saying, “Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades” – or perhaps in a nuclear explosion. But does it really matter if we get God’s days right? Or if we “inadvertently” observe them on the wrong day?

The Word of God does tell us that we should observe His annual Feast Days as “holy days to the Lord” (see Leviticus 23). But how do we know when they occur? What calendar should we use? The Biblical holy days are obviously based on the Biblical calendar – the original calendar God gave to Moses and Israel.

Only a few really understand the Jews replaced the original calendar in 357-358 A.D. due to Roman persecution, and substituted a mathematical construction in its place – based on the periodic movements of the earth, moon and sun over the course of the 19-year time cycle. This was an astounding feat – but only accurate up to a point, and cannot replace true observation of the new moons, upon which the months are based, and therefore upon which the annual holy day dates depend.

Along with the mathematical theory, the Jewish leaders deliberately ADDED “postponements” to the calendar months to prevent Yom Kippur from falling on a Friday or a Sunday, and they added another postponement to prevent the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles from falling on a weekly Sabbath. These changes were made because of their *traditions* which had accumulated over the centuries long after the time of Christ and the Temple!

And what about God’s Sabbath Day? Does it matter what day we keep? Is Saturday the right day? Or is Sunday the correct day for Christians? God’s Word says, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of *death*” (Prov.14:12). Christ said we are to live by “every word of GOD” – not the traditions or opinions of men (Matt.4:4; Luke 4:4). Isn’t it time we reconsider these questions? As we approach the end of this age, shouldn’t we give earnest heed to these things?

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God's Holy Days or Pagan Holidays – Which?

Millions of people are deceived – they think they are holidays without a thought as to their ancient, true historical origin! What are the facts? Could you be worshipping Christ IN VAIN?

William F. Dankenbring

Who decides what days Christians ought to worship, anyway? Is it a matter of “church authority”? If so, then I suppose it depends on which “church” you belong to!

History is filled with anomalies and strange facts – but perhaps the strangest of all is how the whole world ASSUMES that Christmas and Easter are Biblical and Christian holidays, and should be observed by faithful Christians – yet neither of these is anywhere alluded to, commanded, or observed by the early Church in the days of the apostles, Christ never commanded them, but the actual fact is that they are PAGAN in origin!

Whose Opinion Counts?

It ought to be plain to anyone that despite what men and ministers, churches and religious leaders, say, the final authority belongs to ALMIGHTY GOD. He is the only One who has the right to tell us what days to observe and WHEN to observe them. To do anything CONTRARY to the word and will of Almighty God on this matter would constitute nothing less than insubordination and spiritual REBELLION, which God Himself says is as the sin of *witchcraft!* (I Sam.15:23). Therefore, let's see what the Scriptures say about which days we ought to observe – if we desire to please God, and inherit eternal life!

Millions of ostensible “Christians,” or “nominal” Christians, who think they are followers of the religion of Jesus Christ, have been deceived. Not only have they foolishly embraced erroneous “traditions” as if they were “Christian,” but they have been lied to, misled by preachers and ministers and priests, and have ASSUMED that they were worshipping Christ! Yet Jesus Christ Himself warned: “Howbeit IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, *teaching for doctrines THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye HOLD THE TRADITION OF MEN . . .*” (Mark 7:7-8).

The gospel of Matthew also records similar words spoken by Christ. Notice! “Ye HYPOCRITES, *well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, 'This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouths, and honoreth me with their lips; but THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. But IN VAIN do they WORSHIP me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of*

MEN” (Matt.15:7-9).

What, then, is the origin of Christmas, the world’s biggest holiday?

In the book *History of Rome*, by Michael Grant, we read this startling revelation:

“Yet there was also another pagan belief during this same epoch, that much more nearly competed with Christ for the control of the Western world. This was the cult of the Sun, which was revered by millions of the inhabitants of the Roman Empire, and its religion for a time even became the state worship. . . .

“In Rome, the divinity of the Sun came very early on; and then, centuries afterwards, in the superb dome of Hadrian’s Pantheon, the central opening, surrounded by star-like rosettes, represented the solar orb. . . . Before long, the emperor Aurelian established a massive temple of the Unconquerable Sun as the central and focal point of the entire religious system of the state (274).

The birthday of the god was to be on DECEMBER 25, and this TRANSFORMED INTO CHRISTMAS DAY, WAS ONE OF THE HERITAGES THAT CHRISTIANITY OWED TO HIS CULT
(p.391-392, emphasis mine).

Notice! Christianity took over the birthday of the sun god, the cult of the sun, and transformed it into CHRISTMAS DAY, the “birthday” of Jesus Christ! It was in reality the birth day of the pagan sun god, worshipped by millions throughout the Roman Empire!

Historian Jack Finegan, *Myth & Mystery: An Introduction to the Pagan Religions of the Biblical World*, writes:

“. . . But the worship of the sun-god continued widely throughout the empire, and under Aurelian (A.D. 270-275) the cult was restored to its former high estate. In the year 274 Aurelian declared the god – now called Deus Sol Invictus – the official deity of the Roman Empire; he built a splendid temple of the sun in Rome . . . and set the sun’s birthday celebration (naturalis solis invicti) ON DECEMBER 25, the date then accepted for the winter solstice (also in his sola character the BIRTHDAY OF MITHRAS). In the time of Constantine the cult of Deus Sol Invictus was still at its height, and the portrait of the sun-god was on the coins of Constantine . . .

“Likewise it must have been in this time and with the intent to transform the significance of AN EXISTING SACRED DATE that the birthday of Jesus, which had been celebrated in the East on January 6 . . . was placed in Rome ON DECEMBER 25, THE DATE OF THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF SOL INVICTUS. This date appears in a list of dates probably compiled in A.D. 336 and published in the Roman city calendar, edited by Filocalus, for the year 354” (Finegan, p.211-212, emphasis mine).

Amazing, but true! Christmas is NOT really “Christian” at all, but grew out of the root of pagan practices and worship!

What about Easter?

The true story of the origin of Easter is intriguing. In this article, we will explore the earliest beginnings of the celebration of the spring festival called Easter, discover the origins of many of today's Easter customs, and see the amazing manner in which this ancient custom wove its way into the fabric of modern Christianity. No story is more astonishing.

The English word Easter and the German *Ostern* come from a common origin (*Eostur, Eastur, Ostar, Ostar*), which to the Norsemen meant the season of the rising or growing sun -- the season of new birth. The word was used by ancient Europeans to designate the "Feast of New Life" in the spring.

The word long antedates Christianity. Originally, it referred to the celebration of the spring sun, which had its birth in the East and brought new life upon the earth. The ancient Teutonic goddess of spring was addressed as *Eostre*. Easter, then, antedates Christianity by centuries.

But what about the myriad customs that surround this day -- the chocolate bunnies, the Easter eggs, the parades?

The Origin of Easter

Admits the *Encyclopedia Britannica*: "The egg as a symbol of fertility and of renewed life goes back to the ancient Egyptians and Persians, who had also the custom of colouring and eating eggs during their spring festival" (article, "Easter").

The Romans called the name of this goddess of sexual fertility "Venus," and it is from this name that we derive the modern English words "venereal" and "venereal disease."

What about the Easter Rabbit? This symbol, too, comes from ancient paganism. Says the *Britannica*: "Like the Easter egg, the Easter hare came to Christianity from antiquity. The hare is associated with the moon in the legends of ancient Egypt and other peoples....Through the fact that the Egyptian word for hare, UM, means also "open" and "period," that hare came to be associated with the idea of periodicity, both lunar and human, and with the beginning of new life in both the young man and young woman, and so a symbol of fertility and of the renewal of life. As such, the hare became linked with Easter...eggs" (*ibid.*).

Says Alexander Hislop regarding the festival of Easter: "Then look at Easter. What means the term Easter itself? It is not a Christian name. It bears its Chaldean origin on its very forehead. Easter is nothing else than Astarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the queen of heaven, whose name, as pronounced by the people of Nineveh, was evidently identical with that now in common use in this country. That name, as found by Layard on

the Assyrian monuments, is Ishtar” (*The Two Babylons*, p. 103).

Admits the *World Book Encyclopedia*, “Its name may have come from *Eostre*, a Teutonic goddess of spring, or from the Teutonic festival of spring called *Eostur*” (article, “Easter,” vol. 6, p. 25).

Adds Alexander Hislop: “Such is the history of Easter. The popular observances that still attend the period of its celebration amply confirm the testimony of history as to its Babylonian character. The hot cross buns of Good Friday, and the dyed eggs of Pasch or Easter Sunday, figured in the Chaldean rites just as they do now. . . .” (Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, p. 108).

When Constantine became Emperor of Rome, he nominally at least became a “Christian.” But being the head of a far-flung political Empire, he was concerned about the unity and coherence and stability of his Empire. As a sagacious politician, he sought to reconcile and blend and mesh pagan practices with “Christian” beliefs, to merge paganism with the Roman church. (Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, *The Story of the Christian Church*, p.74). From this time, for the next two hundred years, all persecutions of Christians of the Roman church, and its adherents, ceased. The sword of persecution was “not merely sheathed; it was buried” (*ibid.*, p.75).

But Jesse Hurlbut laments the results of Constantine’s making Christianity the state religion, free from all persecution. From that time, he points out, the church became totally subverted by politics and self-seeking opportunists.

“Everybody sought membership in the church, and nearly everybody was received. Both good and bad, sincere seekers after God and hypocritical seekers after gain, rushed into the communion. Ambitious, worldly, unscrupulous men sought office in the church for social and political influence. . . .

“The services of worship increased in splendor, but were less spiritual and hearty than those of former times. *The forms and ceremonies of PAGANISM GRADUALLY CREPT INTO THE WORSHIP. Some of the OLD HEATHEN FEASTS BECAME CHURCH FESTIVALS WITH CHANGE OF NAME AND OF WORSHIP*”

(Hurlbut, *The Story of the Christian Church*, p.79, emphasis mine).

Will Durant, renowned historian, in his massive work *The Story of Civilization*, wrote in volume III, entitled *Caesar and Christ*, that in the new “church” that developed in the Roman Empire, the Jewishness of Jesus was lost or rejected, and replaced with Greek philosophy and thought; the “Law” of the Scriptures and the Jews was rejected, and, he writes,

“. . . the god Christ was assimilated to the religious and philosophical traditions of the Hellenistic mind. *Now the PAGAN WORLD -- even the anti-Semitic world -- could accept him as its own.*

“**CHRISTIANITY DID NOT DESTROY PAGANISM; IT ADOPTED IT.** The Greek mind, dying, came to a transmigrated life in the theology and liturgy of the

Church . . . the *Greek mysteries* passed down into the impressive mystery of the Mass. *Other PAGAN cultures contributed to the syncretic result.* From Egypt came the idea of a divine trinity . . . from Egypt the adoration of the Mother and Child . . . From Phrygia came the worship of the Great Mother . . . The Mithraic ritual so closely resembled the eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass that Christian fathers charged the Devil with inventing these similarities to mislead frail minds. ***Christianity was the last great creation of the ancient PAGAN world***” (p.595).

These historical observations ought to make us sit up and take notice! The “Christianity” that we see around us in the world today is but a “spin-off” of this ancient syncretism – blending and merging of PAGANISM into the professed Church of Jesus Christ, which had lapsed into political apostasy, profligacy and impurity.

As Christians, then, why should we observe such days?

God’s Word tells us: “*Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen . . . For the customs of the people are VAIN*” (Jeremiah 10:1-3). This chapter goes on to describe a pagan custom of cutting a tree out of the forest, bringing it home, decorating it with gold and silver, and fastening it so it will stand upright. This is an obvious description of a “Christmas tree,” and such “tree worship” goes back to ancient German times, long before Christ, and has nothing to do with Biblical Christianity!

But is it wrong to take pagan customs and traditions, and to dress them up in “Christian” garments, and to use pagan customs to worship the TRUE God?

God’s Word tells us in no uncertain terms: “When the LORD thy God shall cut off the [pagan] nations from before thee . . . Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them . . . and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. *Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God [that is, worship Him with pagan customs!]: For every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods* What thing soever I command you, observe to do IT: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it” (Deut.12:29-32).

How plain it is! We must not worship the Lord our God by using PAGAN practices, methods, rituals, holidays, or the like. Rather, we are commanded to worship Him ONLY by the word and commandments HE has given to us, and *not to add anything to it from paganism, or from our OWN ideas or opinions!*

But what days does the Word of God command us to observe, if any? Are there any Biblically-commanded holy days?

God’s Biblical Holy Days

Notice! God said to Moses and the children of Israel, His people, “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt . . . And THIS DAY shall be unto you for a MEMORIAL: and ye shall keep it a feast to

the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance FOR EVER” (Exodus 12:12-14).

The Passover, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a seven day festival, was ordained by God to be observed “*in your generations by an ordinance for ever*” (Exo.12:17). Does that sound like these holy days are still to be observed today? Does “forever” not really mean “forever”? In other words, till the END OF TIME?

God’s Word also commands the observance of an annual holy day called “Pentecost,” or “Shavuot” in the Hebrew, meaning “Weeks.”

Fifty days after the Passover, came the feast of Pentecost, or Shavuot, the “Feast of Weeks,” so named because it followed Passover by counting “seven weeks” (Deut.16:9; Lev.23:10-16). It also was to be “a statute *FOR EVER* in all your dwellings throughout your generations” (Lev.23:21).

Other annual holy days God commanded His people to observe are also listed in Leviticus 23. They were held in the fall of the year, beginning with the Feast of Trumpets on Tishri 1 (Sept.-Oct. in the Roman year). It was “a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation” (Lev.23:24).

Next, God commanded observance of the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) on Tishri 10, saying, “It shall be a STATUTE FOREVER throughout your generations in all your dwellings” (Lev.23:31).

Following this God commanded observance of the Fall harvest, known as the seven day Feast of Tabernacles (Tishri 15-21, Hebrew, “Sukkot”), followed the next day by the Feast of the Eighth Day (known as “Shemini Atzeret” in Hebrew) on Tishri 22nd. God declared that this combined feast was to be kept forever – “It shall be a *statute forever in your generations*” (Lev.23:41).

What could be plainer than that? Yes, mysteriously, the vast, overwhelming number of “Christians” today totally IGNORE these commanded celebrations of God and have replaced them with HUMAN traditional holidays, which came from PAGAN origins, and brought them by stealth into the Church!

These feasts “of the LORD” are all enumerated in Leviticus 23 where God says of them: “*These are the FEASTS of the LORD*, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons” (Lev.23:4).

Notice! These are “THE FEASTS OF THE LORD!” That is, the CELEBRATIONS which THE LORD HIMSELF ordained and commanded!

How plain it is!

No mention at all of “Christmas,” or “Easter,” or “Halloween,” which is also pagan in origin, celebrated by the ancient Druids, or any other holiday observed in the

world today! These worldly holidays are NOT FROM THE BIBLE! They derive from ancient pagan, idolatrous religions – something which God HATES! When you really analyze it, they spawn from the devious, clever, cunning mind of Satan the devil!

Truly, Satan has deceived the ENTIRE WORLD! (Rev.12:9). He truly is the “god of this world” (II Cor.4:4), and the prince of the power of the air (Eph.2:2), and a liar and the “father of lies” (John 8:44).

The holidays of the world are not sanctioned or approved by the Word of God! Unlike the Biblical holy days, the world’s holidays are all *pagan in origin and trace back to ancient PAGAN RITES, FESTIVITIES, AND HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS in honor of pagan deities, divinities, and gods and goddesses!*

God’s Law Is Forever

When God institutes a day to observe, it is forever. Think for a minute! What’s wrong with the holy days which God Almighty Himself gave to His people? Would God give them something evil, or harmful?

The holy days of God are a tremendous spiritual GIFT to His people, which keep them in mind of the True God, and which impart valuable spiritual lessons when observed properly -- unlike the mistletoe nonsense and pagan revelry of Christmas and the foolery of Easter, with its chocolate bunnies laying brightly-colored eggs!

Have the holy days of God been abolished? Once God introduced them, and said they are ordained *FOR EVER*, is there any way He would turn around and “abolish” them? Wouldn’t that make Him out to be a LIAR, who said one thing, and did another? The apostle Paul wrote of “**God, that cannot lie**” (Titus 1:2). The prophet Samuel declared of God, “The Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent” (I Sam.15:29). The prophet Malachi quotes God as saying: “For I am the LORD, I change not . . .” (Mal.3:6).

God does not change – He does not lie. When He ordains something “forever,” it is FOREVER!!!!

Therefore, HIS ANNUAL HOLY DAYS ARE *STILL IN FORCE TODAY, JUST AS HE SAID THEY WOULD ALWAYS BE!*

Are YOU Keeping God’s True Feasts?

God warns His people to “**Prove all things; hold fast that which is good**” (I Thess.5:21). People who have been mistaught, and misled, have no excuse to continue following error. God commands all people everywhere: “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth ALL MEN to REPENT [that is, to change, about-face, and begin OBEYING the Laws of God]” (Acts 17:30). Too many of us have assumed too much over the years, without studying God’s Word and PROVING

the truth of God for ourselves.

Paul praised the Bereans because they took this responsibility seriously. They did not "assume." They did not just "believe the preacher," no matter how impressive his "credentials" appeared to be on the surface. Luke wrote of the Bereans, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, *in that they received the word with ALL READINESS OF MIND, and SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY, whether those things were so*" (Acts 17:11).

It is the obligation of each and every one of us before the throne of God to RESEARCH into these things, and PROVE them to ourselves – like the Bereans did. We have no excuse. God will accept no excuses.

God commands, "STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *RIGHTLY DIVIDING the word of TRUTH*" (II Tim.2:15). God tells us the right attitude we should have in our study.

Isaiah declared, "Thus says the LORD . . . to this man will I look, even to him that is poor, and of a contrite [humble] spirit, and *trembles at my word*" (Isaiah 66:2).

Jesus Christ Himself said: "You shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you *FREE*" (John 8:32) – free from the chains and shackles of sin, error, falsehoods, lies, and evil practices.

Will you continue in following human devised fables, traditions and practices condemned in the Word of God? Or do you have the love of the TRUTH, that you may be saved (see II Thess.2:8-10)?

Think deeply about whom you want to please for all eternity before you decide. Your decision may bear eternal consequences.

For more information on this subject, be sure to read the following articles:

- "The Awesome Meaning of the Passover"
- "When Should the Passover Be Observed?"
- "The Whole Story of Pentecost"
- "New Insight on the Feast of Trumpets"
- "A New Look at Yom Kippur"
- "The Annual Holy Days Reveal the Awesome Plan of God,"
- "The Deep Meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles"
- "Sukkah Secrets"
- "How Many Resurrections?"
- "The Awesome Mystery of Hoshana Rabbah"
- "Shemini Atzaret – the Eighth Day"

Splitting the Red Sea

What is the lesson of the miracle at the Red Sea?
 Who was the first to leap into the Sea? Why did
 Pharaoh's army perish? Why did God tell Israel
 to stop praying and take action? What can we today
 learn from this mighty miraculous deliverance?

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The greatest miracle in human history occurred in the days of Moses and during the Exodus of Israel out of Egyptian bondage and slavery. It was the crossing of the Red Sea by four million Israelites on dry ground, after the sea was rolled back by the Almighty.

The Scriptures narrate the awesome event, saying, "And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years – on the very same day – it came to pass that all the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. It is a night of solemn observance to the LORD" (Exodus 12:41-42). The first day they journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, 600,000 men besides women and children (verse 37).

Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century, picks up the story. He relates:

"But the Egyptians soon repented that the Hebrews were gone; and the king also was mightily concerned that this had been procured by the magic arts of Moses; so they resolved to go after them. Accordingly they took their weapons, and other warlike furniture, and pursued after them, in order to bring them back, if once they overtook them, because now they would have no pretence to pray to God against them, since they had already been permitted to go out; and they thought they should easily overcome them, as they had no armor, and would be weary with their journey. . . .

"Now when the Egyptians had overtaken the Hebrews, they prepared to fight them, and by their multitude they drove them into a narrow place; for the number that pursued after them was six hundred chariots with fifty thousand horsemen, and two hundred thousand footmen, all armed. They also seized on the passages by which they imagined the Hebrews might fly, shutting them between inaccessible precipices and the sea; for there was [on each side] a [ridge of] mountains that terminated at the sea, which were impossible by reason of their roughness, and obstructed their flight; wherefore they there pressed upon the Hebrews with their army, where the [ridges of] the mountains were closed with the sea; which army they placed at the chops of the mountains, that so they might deprive them of any passage into the plain" (*Antiquities of the Jews*, book 1, chapter XV, section 3).

This army was of considerable size. In modern terms, the Egyptian army included both infantry, cavalry, and armored units. The 600 battle chariots would be equivalent to today's armored tanks – such as the Abrams A1A battle tank of the U.S. army. An army of some 250,000 is similar to the size of the U.S. military which conquered the nation of Iraq.

The Red Sea

But where did this miraculous crossing of the Red Sea take place? Where is the “Red Sea”? Some scholars have speculated that the Hebrew expression for Red Sea, *yam suph*, could possibly be translated as “Reed Sea” or “sea of reeds.” Reeds or rushes can be found in some lakes in northern Egypt. Could this account have been the crossing of such a lake?

This theory falls flat on its face. The hypothesis that the children of Israel passed over a sandbank of a lake at low tide, completely contradicts the eyewitness account found in the Scriptures. Moses wrote, “Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a WALL to them on their right hand and on their left” (Exo.14:21-22).

This was a stupendous, and imposing, scene. The waters of the “sea” – not a mere “lake” – stood up like a solid barrier WALL on both sides of the Israelites.

Where was this Red Sea location, where Israel crossed? The Bible states, “So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness” (Exo.13:20). From here they were told to “turn” (Exo.14:2). And they camped “before PiHahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon” (*ibid.*). “They moved from Etham and turned back to PiHahiroth, which is east of Baal Zephon, and they camped near Migdol” (Num.33:6-7). From there they passed through the midst of the sea (verse 8).

These place-names help to identify the location of the Red Sea crossing.

Etham is designated as “where the desert began” or “edge of the wilderness.” They had already been passing through one desert – Sinai – so this had to be another desert region east of Sinai. Another desert begins at the northern point of the Gulf of Aqaba – the desert which includes most of Saudi Arabia. From this Red Sea crossing, they journeyed to Mount Sinai, which the apostle Paul tells us, “Mount Sinai [is] in Arabia” (Gal.4:25). After reaching the borderland of Etham, at the northern point of the Sinai peninsula, near Aqaba or modern Eliat, they “turned.” That is, they turned southward, down the Sinai peninsula. Strategically, this would make no sense. But God had a plan in mind, whereby He would demonstrate His awesome power of deliverance for His people!

The name PiHahiroth literally means “Mouth of the Cave.” In Egyptian it could mean “mouth of the valley.” “Migdol” means “tower,” or “watch-tower.” “Baal Zephon” means “Baal” or “Lord” of the “north.” This was an idolatrous site where human sacrifice was performed. This was the one remaining Egyptian god who had not been conquered and demolished back in Egypt. It stood guard at the north-eastern border of Egypt, at the northern tip of the Aqaba arm of the Red Sea. Zephon was also the name of a grandson of Esau or Edom, who dwelt in the region south of the Dead Sea and toward Aqaba (Gen.36:11).

Interestingly, the coastal side of the eastern Sinai peninsula is rough and mountainous, with mountains up to 6,000 feet high. They extend right to the coastline. However, there is a wadi or valley called the Wadi Watir, which runs just inside the coastal range from north to south, and empties out on the Red Sea at the Nuweiba peninsula – a flat sandy area of about seven square miles. To enter this valley, one must change direction from going east, and detour southward, bringing them out on this large, sandy peninsula – a huge plain which is large enough to hold three million Israelites and a pursuing Egyptian army!

This valley, as Josephus and the Scriptures state, is bordered by precipitous mountains to the north and south, enclosed except for the wadi entrance to the northwest. The only escape would be back toward the direction from which they came, or through the Sea itself.

In the northern part of the Nuweiba peninsula is the remains of an ancient Egyptian fort. This fort blocked passage to the mountain ridge to the north. There is an old well in the court yard which is still used by Bedouins today. This may have been PiHahiroth.

Across the Red Sea, on the Saudi Arabian side, is a place a bit inland called in Arabic “Saraf-al-Bal.” “Bal Zephon” in English could be “Baal Sefon” in other languages. Transpose the “f” sound and the “r” for an “n” and you would have the same name, slightly altered by the passage of time.

Jewish tradition tells us the Israelites reached the Red Sea after six days of marching out of Egypt. On the seventh day, early, they crossed the Red Sea. From Rameses in Egypt, to this location, would be a distance of approximately 200 miles. Given six days to cross the Sinai peninsula to this spot, the Israelites journeyed about 33 miles per day. The trip was fairly flat, so this should have been no problem, especially since they had both a cloud by day to shelter them from the sun’s heat, and a pillar of fire by night to guide them on their journey.

Exodus reveals, “Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD moved the sea with a strong east wind all the night, and He turned the sea into damp land and the water split” (Exo.14:21).

According to the Malbim, the sea dried in two stages. Says the Jewish Chumash, “The water was swept away revealing the muddy *damp land* of the seabed; then it miraculously became completely *dry land*” (p.373).

The Chumash goes on: “**The water crashes down upon Egypt.** In a historic demonstration of how human beings can refuse to see the truth, the Egyptian survivors of the Ten Plagues refused to realize that a sea that had never before split had been manipulated by God to save His people. The pillars of fire and cloud made no impression on the Egyptians; they saw what they wanted to see and believed what they wanted to believe. So they saw a vulnerable nation of slaves, *their* slaves, and they plunged after them into the newly vacated seabed. The Egyptian debacle began with the incredible, confounding meteorological phenomena, and then the hardened seabed turned hot and muddy. As the Psalmist expressed it: *Clouds streamed water, heavens sounded forth, even your arrow [of lightning] sounded forth. The rumbling of your thunder was in the rolling wind, lightning bolts lit the world, the earth trembled and roared (Psalm 77:18-19).*”

Egypt disappeared as a world power – the leading world superpower of that age.

But what is the lesson for us? How does this miracle impact our lives?

Faith and Loyalty

Israel was terrified. Surrounded by mountain ranges on two sides, the sea in front of them, and Pharaoh’s army attacking them from the rear, they saw their destruction was imminent. Pharaoh’s surprise attack caught them unprepared, shocked, mortified. What could they do? They cried out to Moses, and “cried out to the LORD” (Exo.14:10).

Moses said to them, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. . . The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace [be quiet, be still, remain silent, and watch attentively]” (vs.13-14).

But God said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to *GO FORWARD*. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea” (v.15-16).

Says the Chumash: “15. *Why do you cry out to Me?* Moses, too, was praying, and God told him, ‘Now, when Israel is in distress, is no time for lengthy prayer.’ . . . It is for Me to save the nation, therefore you should instruct them to *MOVE AHEAD*, and I will attend to their safety” (page 370).

In this perilous situation, prayer alone was not sufficient. “Faith without works is dead,” the apostle James declared (James 2:20, 26). Action, based on faith, was also

required – evidence of their faith. Israel needed to demonstrate their faith by moving forward, into the sea before them. They needed to “show” their faith by their works!

Says the Jewish Chumash: “Consequently, prayer alone could not be efficacious; there had to be a tangible merit. Therefore God commanded that the prayers be stopped and the people demonstrate their readiness to put their lives in danger in obedience to God by plunging into the water. That display of faith would earn them the miracle of the Splitting of the Sea” (p.371).

The Scripture says, “Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD moved the sea with a strong east wind all the night, and He turned the sea to damp land and the water split. The children of Israel came within the sea on dry land; and the water was a wall for them, on their right and on their left” (Exo.14:21-22).

Says the Chumash: “*Within the dry land*. The Jews had to prove their loyalty by plunging into the water. Nachshon ben Aminadav, later the leader of the tribe of Judah, was the first to obey Moses’ command; he walked forward until the water was up to his neck – then the sea split” (p.373).

Nachshon ben Aminadav

Who was this man who seized the initiative? Who was this Israelite who was the first one to exercise faith, obey God, and plunge into the sea?

Says *The Book of Our Heritage* by Eliyahu Kitov, “Israel was afraid to enter the sea until Nachshon ben Aminadav jumped in, followed by all Israel.

“*And the Children of Israel came into the sea on dry land [Exo.14:22].—*[There would seem to be a contradiction in this verse for] if they were in the sea, why was the land dry? And if the land was dry, in what sense did they enter the sea? This teaches us that the sea did not split for them until they entered it up till their nostrils. After that it became dry land” (vol.2, page 711).

Joel Ziff, in *Mirrors in Time*, declares: “The liberation from slavery requires active intervention from God, but human initiative and action are also required in the process. . . . At the sea, when the Israelites are unable to cross, Moses turns to God. God promises to respond, but the Israelites must *take the first step*. Nachshon, one of the Israelites, acting on faith, enters the water. When the water reaches his nostrils, the sea splits” (p.77).

This teaches us that even when we are at our wit’s end, and feel hopeless, and utterly helpless, we should cry out to God, in earnest prayer. As God told Moses, “The LORD shall do battle for you, and you are to remain silent” (Exo.14:13-14). There was nothing more Israel could do, as the fight was in God’s hands. But they could demonstrate their faith by moving forward, into the Red Sea, even though it had not

divided yet, and there was no visible pathway – yet. They had to demonstrate their faith by their works – by moving forward and plunging into the water!

The First to Enter the Sea

In *The Essence of the Holy Days*, Avraham Yaakov Finkel asserts: “The Talmud (*Sotah* 36a, 37b) relates that when the children of Israel, pursued by Pharaoh’s mighty legions, were facing the raging waters of the Red Sea, a fight broke out among the heads of the various tribes. One said, ‘I won’t be the first one to enter the water!’ Another said, ‘I won’t go in either! Let someone else go first!’ While they argued, Nachshon ben Aminadav, leader of the tribe of Judah, boldly jumped into the sea, whereupon the water parted” (p.171-172).

In *Celebrate, the Complete Jewish Holidays Handbook*, Leslie Koppelman Ross declares: “A midrash tells us that when the Israelites were at the Red Sea, the Egyptians at their backs, they wailed and moaned and longed for the taskmaster’s whip rather than the lash of the sea’s raging waves. They hesitated. Moses prayed. And one man, Nachshon ben Amminadab, recognizing the opportunity before them, plunged into the waters. Only then did the sea subside, allowing the Israelites to continue. Like Nachshon ben Amminadab, *we have to forge ahead with faith that we will reach the goal* and the belief that the attempt to gain freedom is still better than stagnating in slavery” (p.14).

The Time for Action

We read in *The Three Festivals*, God commanded Israel to remain silent, because their salvation had to come completely from God, through divine intervention. There was nothing else they could do to defeat Pharaoh. The time for prayer was past. Now was the time for **ACTION!**

Says *The Three Festivals*, “A more profound answer to our question, however, is that by overcoming their natural urge to scream, the Jews underwent a transformation as radical and far-reaching as the Sea itself. Every instinct in their minds strained to scream, yet they remained silent. Every fiber in the Jewish body fought against plunging into the turbulent waters – and yet they followed the lead of Nachshon ben Aminadav, *Nasi [prince]* of the tribe of Yehudah, and leaped into the Sea” (p.137).

We continue: “Only after they submitted themselves totally to Hashem’s will by remaining silent did the Sea split. As the Psalmist sings (114:3) *the sea saw and fled* – when the Sea saw the magnificent courage of Israel’s silent acceptance of Hashem’s will, then it split. ‘If these humans,’ the Sea must have thought, ‘whom Hashem endowed with free choice – the ability to defy His commands – overcame their natural inclinations to obey Him, then I, a mere inanimate entity, must certainly comply with His will.’

“In this light, the opening phrase of our verse takes on new meaning: *Stand fast and see the salvation of HASHEM that He will perform for you today*. Moshe was telling the Jews, ‘Stand erect, don’t scream, and you will behold Hashem’s salvation. He will

save you from what you thought was certain death so that His name be revered by all of humanity’

“The message applies to us in all situations, particularly in times of crisis. Whenever things look difficult our task is simply to understand what Hashem wants of us and accept His will silently and completely. If we do this, if we genuinely trust that He will help us, then we will have the inestimable privilege of seeing His salvation unfold, and seeing His might and power revealed in the world” (p.137).

The lesson we should learn from the Red Sea experience, and the example of the Israelites, is that suffering is only a surface phenomenon. Although we may sometimes seem to undergo unrelenting misery for a period of time, in reality our suffering is only a preliminary to great events that are about to follow.

Declares *The Three Festivals*, “This theme of anguished cries being answered with speedy relief is voiced by the Psalmist (118:5): *From the straits [of my suffering] did I call upon God, God answered me with expansiveness of Divine relief*, by showing me that all my suffering was only a preliminary to His salvation that would quickly follow” (p.139).

Asa, King of Judah

At another time in Israel’s history, a huge army from Ethiopia came against king Asa of ancient Judah, numbering a million men under arms (II Chron.14:9). The king and all Judah were frightened. Nevertheless, they did not give up, even though they knew not what to do. The battle was set in array. At that point, we read in the Scriptures, Asa prayed to God, crying out, saying:

“Lord, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on You. In Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, you are our God; do not let man prevail against You!” (II Chron. 14:11).

What happened? “So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were *destroyed before the LORD*, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil” (v.12-13).

After this, God sent a prophet to the king. God’s prophet said to Asa, “Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, *while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you*” (II Chron.15:2).

The prophet sent by God, went on to say, “Now for a long season Israel had been

without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But *when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them*. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity” (verses 3-6).

How much that period of time sounds like our age, today!

But even in such times, the prophet told Asa and Judah, “But you, *be strong and do not let your hands be weak*, for your work shall be rewarded!” (II Chron.15:7).

At another time, God's prophet said to king Asa,

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (I Chron.16:9).

Let GOD Fight Your Battles!

Another time, much later, during the reign of King Jehoshaphat of Judah, another huge army -- a vast army of Moabites, Ammonites, and the children of Seir -- came against Judah and king Jehoshaphat, who was a righteous king, who feared God. Jehoshaphat assembled all the leaders and the people in Jerusalem, and led them in prayer, seeking God's intervention and deliverance. Jehoshaphat prayed to God, and committed the entire nation and people to God's hands. Notice his fervent words. The king prayed, in part:

“O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, *but our eyes are upon You*” (II Chron.20:12).

At that point God raised up a prophet from among the people to encourage the king and the people of Judah. The prophet declared to them:

“Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for *the battle is not yours, but God’s* . . . You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, ***STAND STILL AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD, who is with you***, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you” (II Chron.20:15-17).

King Hezekiah and the Assyrians

Later, during the reign of King Hezekiah, of Judah, the world-renown army of the

fearsome king of Assyria, Sennacherib – who was that era's counterpart of Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich – came and attacked Judah, after conquering all the other nations of the Middle East.

Hezekiah, the king of Judah, set captains over the people, and gathered them in the open square of the city gate of Jerusalem, and spoke to them, saying:

“Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him: for there are more with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh; *but with us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles*” (II Chron. 32:7-8).

God gave Judah a tremendous victory over the ruthless Assyrian army. In one night, Sennacherib's troops were all killed by a supernatural plague of devastating proportions. Some 185,000 of his best troops were slain by the angel of the LORD! We read of this awesome destruction: “And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel [or, "Angel"] of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses – all dead” (II Kings 19:35).

Can God save His people? Can the Almighty GOD save His people, today? Can God STILL perform miracles of deliverance and salvation?

Can God help YOU overcome your weaknesses, sins, and problems – no matter how fearsome or overpowering they may seem?

Is God's Hand Shortened, Today?

Or is the LORD's hand shortened, weakened, unable to effectively deal with our problems, today? Is God no longer capable of delivering His people who love and who serve Him?

Isaiah the prophet answers this question. He tells us in ringing words:

“Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. *But your iniquities have separated you from your God: And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear*” (Isaiah 59:1-2).

It is our sins that separate us from God. It is our iniquities that separate us from Him and the unleashing of His overwhelming POWER to deliver us!

We must be willing to do our part. We must be willing to fight, struggle, and resist sin. We must "put sin on notice." No more! We are *finished* with it! We have set our minds and locked our jaws to OBEY GOD'S LAW – *COMPLETELY* – *without*

compromise!

The Red Sea Miracle

Let's review for a moment exactly what happened at the Red Sea. "And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. And He *took off their chariot wheels*, so that they drove them with difficulty. . . . And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. Then the waters returned and *covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them*. Not so much as one of them remained" (Exo.14:23-28).

An army of 250,000 men were buried beneath the waters of the surging, roiling, boisterous Red Sea, as the columns of water weighing millions of tons collapsed upon their hapless souls, together with chariots, horses, cattle, armed wagons, and supplies. This scene could not have occurred in a shallow pond or lake. The whole scene depicts a huge body of water – a literal SEA – being traversed during the early morning hours.

The Jewish Chumash explains: "24. *At the morning watch*. The night is divided into three parts, each called a *watch*, or shift . . . The punishment of the Egyptians took place during the watch that was before dawn.

"*And He confounded*. God caused ear-splitting noises to confuse the Egyptians, so that they acted irrationally out of sheer terror.

"25. *He removed* . . . God caused searing heat to melt the wheels of the chariots, so that the hysterical horses pulled them over the hard seabed, tossing the occupants against each other and the walls of the chariots, so that their limbs became dislocated. This was a measure for measure punishment for the way the Egyptians had mistreated the Jews" (p.373-374).

"30-31. **The salvation.** God wanted the Jews to see the full extent of the salvation, so He had the sea toss the bodies of the dead Egyptians onto the shore where the Jews had emerged" (p.374).

"31. *And [the people] revered* [lit. *feared*]. The nation achieved a higher attainment than simple fear of punishment. *Reverence*, as used here, implies respect and recognition that God is exalted and superior.

"*And they had faith in HASHEM and in Moses, His servant*. Although the nation had believed in God from the start of Moses' mission in Egypt (4:16), their belief in God was now strengthened, and they saw clearly that Moses spoke only in His name" (p.375).

Faith -- the Bottom Line

God's amazing intervention and deliverance at the Red Sea should encourage us and help build and strengthen our faith. But what kind of faith? Just what IS "faith"?

The apostle Paul explained, "Now *faith is* the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. . . Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God . . . But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb.11:1-6).

Abraham set us all an example of faith. We read of him: "[Abraham] being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He *staggered not* at the promise of God through unbelief; but *was STRONG IN FAITH*, giving glory to God; *and being FULLY PERSUADED that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform*" (Romans 4:19-21).

Faith ALONE Is Not Enough!

But faith alone, is dead and worthless. We must also do our own part!

The apostle James said, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" (James 2:14). James continues, "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled: notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so *faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone*" (James 2:15-17).

How plain and clear it should be! God requires both faith AND good works. We exercise faith by DOING good works, taking action, stepping out, plunging into the sea, and not holding back.

James adds, "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that *faith without works is dead?*" (v.20). James mentions the example of Abraham, "Was not Abraham our father justified by *works*, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and *by works was faith made perfect?*" (v.21-22).

Summing up his point, James concluded, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so *faith without works is dead also*" (James 2:26).

The Building of Righteous Character

The apostle Paul wrote: "Now the just shall live by faith: but *if any man draw back*, my soul shall have NO PLEASURE in him. But we are NOT of them who *draw back* unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul" (Hebrews 10:38-39).

Trials help us to develop and grow in faith. They teach us patience, endurance, tenacity, and true grit. If overcoming were *easy*, there would be no “character” required – or built – in the process of overcoming sin!

The apostle Peter wrote, “So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is *rough for a while* down here. These trials are only to TEST YOUR FAITH, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests gold and purifies it -- and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold; so if your faith remains strong after being tried in the test tube of fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day of his return” (I Pet.1:6-7).

All of our trials and troubles help refine, purify, and strengthen faith. They test it, as fire tests gold. We receive faith from hearing the Word of God. As Paul wrote, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom.10:17). Faith is one of the precious GIFTS of the Holy Spirit of God. As Paul also wrote: “But the FRUIT of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, FAITH, meekness, temperance (self control)” (Gal.5:22-23).

This wonderful attribute of faith is not something we must work up ourselves, by our own human efforts. Not at all. But as Paul tells us, “For by grace are ye saved through FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it [the very FAITH itself!] is the GIFT OF GOD; not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph.2:8-9).

If you lack faith, therefore, you should ASK God for it! Even the apostles said to Christ, “Lord, increase our faith!” We should pray daily for the same thing.

This faith is the very faith of Christ put within us by the Spirit of God. It is the very same faith Jesus had! It is the very faith that performed the MIRACLES He performed -- raising the dead, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind, turning water into wine, feeding 5,000 with just a few loaves of bread and fish, casting out demons, restoring the legs and arms of the lame, restoring speaking and hearing to the dumb and the deaf, and full use of the hands to those with withered hands!

As a true Christian, one who really believes and follows Yeshua, you should have this very same FAITH dwelling in you, even as Christ Himself dwells in you. Remember, Paul wrote, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).

How strong is your faith, now, at this time? Have you been exercising faith, and GROWING in faith, grace, and knowledge of Christ?

Let’s meditate on these powerful lessons of faith and obedience to God – the lessons of the Passover season – and the lessons of the splitting of the Red Sea and miraculous deliverance. Let us be like Nachshon and plunge forward in faith!

Holy Day Calendar 2014

Listed below are the Holy Day dates for 2014. Since the New Moon sightings for the first month (Nisan) and the seventh month (Tishri) are “borderline,” we are listing the two possible dates for the Holy Days for those months, and Pentecost, which depends on Nisan’s New Moon, since it is to be counted from Nisan 16, the second day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The current Hebrew year has 13 months as the Aviv barley was not found yet in Israel.

Holy Day	Hebrew dates	Possible Dates #1	Possible Dates #2
New Moon	Nisan 1	April 1, Monday	April 2, Tuesday
Passover	Nisan 14	April 14, Monday	April 15, Tuesday
1 st Day of UB	Nisan 15	April 15, Tuesday	April 16, Wednesday
7 th Day of UB	Nisan 21	April 21, Monday	April 22, Tuesday
Pentecost	Sivan 6	June 4, Wednesday	June 5, Thursday
New Moon	Tishri 1	Sep.26, Friday	Sept.27, Sabbath
Trumpets	Tishri 1	Sep.26, Friday	Sept.27, Sabbath
Yom Kippur	Tishri 10	Oct.5, Sunday	Oct.6, Monday
1 st Day Sukkot	Tishri 15	Oct.10, Friday	Oct.11, Sabbath
Shemini Atzeret	Tishri 22	Oct.17, Friday	Oct.18, Sabbath

Note: The New Moons are generally sighted on the previous evening, the night before the New Moon dates given above, which are the daylight portion of the New Moon Days, since God’s days begin and end at sunset (Lev.23:32). For example, Nisan 14 actually begins Sunday evening, April 13 and ends at sunset, April 14, Monday evening.

The Passover “seder” meal celebration is the evening following Nisan 14, which is the beginning of Nisan 15, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Therefore the Passover seder (service) is on April 14, after sunset, according to Column #1 above; otherwise it will be held on April 15, after sunset.

In 2014 both Nisan and Tishri are “borderline” New Moon sightings because of the astronomical positions of the earth and moon, causing visibility to be “possible” but not definite on the first day given, but visibility is sure for the second day given. As the dates of the Holy Days depend on the day the months each begin, we have listed two possibilities for each one. We will have to wait for the actual sightings in Israel to determine the dates these months will begin this year.

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Letters from Our Readers

“As I write this, it's about a half hour until the annual State of the Union Show. I have no plans to watch it. Besides, Second Thessalonians chapter 2 told me the important parts already. Obama is going to continue to write and re-write law as he pleases, and the RINOs (Republicans In Name Only) will put up token resistance at best. I keep hearing how the gutless, nonconservative leadership of the Republican Party will make their own amnesty proposals for illegal immigrants. Madness, sheer madness. You might as well leave your front door unlocked and wide open, and your wallet and car keys out on the table next to next it. The effect will be precisely the same, only with the government's full stamp of approval.

“The Republican Party's nickname is the G.O.P., or Grand Old Party. With this spineless, brainless, myopic, money-and-power-hungry crew in its upper echelon these days, G.O.P. *should* stand for "Get Out, Please!" As the saying goes, with friends like this, who needs enemies?

“I caught a little of the Mark Levin Show this evening on my way home. He was talking with a writer about Obama's inner circle of friends, including more information about Frank Marshall Davis, his boyhood mentor. If the dead could see the living, Davis and his hero Saul "Rules For Radicals" Alinsky would be slapping each other on the back and laughing, along with their heroes Marx, Lenin, Stalin, and Satan himself. . . .”

-- Pennsylvania

“This is somewhat in response to the prisoner that wrote you and said that there is no evidence of ANY black ruler being an effective ruler and running countries into the ground. Sure, a majority of Africa's rulers have been despotic...so has a majority of Russia's rulers in its history and a good smattering of Eastern European nations AND a majority of Asian nations. That prisoner needs to read history and think before he speaks...or writes. All races have run countries into the ground.

“I'll forgive him of his ignorant comment...here's

a story of black-ruled country that is at a minimum more moral than America in a major area....the area of homosexuality and its affecting public policy. Not saying Uganda is a paradise or without problems....but all nations have deep moral, economic and social problems.

“Whether Obama is the President (who is half-Israelite through his mother...that prisoner neglected to mention that...Obama isn't 100% black or 100% Gentile...he's HALF-ISRAELITE....Irish/English) or a 100% Israelite like Bush or Clinton....basically whoever is running this country, they would have approved of same-sex benefits ranging from the military to marriage. Hillary would have certainly approved it had she won the primary against Obama....and we all know she would have beat John McCain in 2008.”

-- Illinois

“I was born and raised in a Muslim family. When I was a student in the National University of Rwanda, I happened to attend an evangelistic meeting for a couple of days. Since then the idea of becoming a fervent Christian started haunting me but finally it faded away sometime after because of what I saw in the church I had just been baptized in. Fortunately for me I came across your long-awaited website and I was stirred and uplifted by your online literature. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your labor in Christ as you endeavor to win souls to Him.

“In fact, I am a secondary teacher of History and General Paper. The latter subject matter has a chapter that deals with Values and Principles of a Purpose Driven Citizen. For teaching that course, I am allowed to use any resources provided I do not stray from the context. I then decided to use the Holy Bible.

“However, I also am still a Bible student desiring further assistance of some printed materials or any other resources like tapes/cassettes, CDs, DVDs, which cover a number of biblical subjects. This will enable me to conduct my lessons effectively in two ways: morally and spiritually both for me and my students and I am deadly serious.

“Another thing is that I would like to be an evangelist to Muslims on a voluntary basis. So you understand that I need to be fully equipped spiritually in the matter so that people will receive the message. Some of my students and fellow teachers would like us to start a Bible Study Group. We normally gather in an informal group but we want it to be much more organized. Your literature will build us up. Sad to say we don't have the internet on a daily basis. That's why your printed materials will be of paramount importance for us.”

-- Rwanda

“I've only been a 'Messianic' for the past 3-4 months. I've been attending the Messianic services we have here on Friday evenings and God has been removing the scales from my eyes and revealing His truths to me. I was raised a Protestant and in the church my whole life but recently the Lord has been speaking to my heart and filling me with a greater understanding of the truths of His Scriptures, and showing me many of the misconceptions that were taught to me as truth my whole life.

“I see it now! The apostles were followers of 'THE WAY' and that's what I want to be as well, as Paul said that I should imitate him (I Cor.11:1). I want to understand more about the blessings come from being obedient to God's commandments because that is one of the ways that I express my love for Him (I Jn.5:3) and the apostle Paul says that (besides my salvation) following the commandments of God is what matters (I Cor.7:19). I want to understand more about the spiritual significance and application of God's Feasts and Festivals in Leviticus 23.

“If you have any materials, books, etc., that you think would be helpful in my studies, I would certainly appreciate it. Please help me to increase in faith. Thank you!”

-- Florida

“I was told my by neighbor that I spoke as a Christian, but sure did not look like one. I'm 241 lbs. and 6'3" tall with multiple tattoos which I'm not proud of.

“My neighbor says he has some very good Biblical truths I may be interested in. So shoot it, of course, was my response. With all this said, he shot me the Prophecy Flash (Sept.-Oct.2013). I can only describe it as 'Awesome.’

“You all have put together the “Most Awesome” magazine ever. Only to explain just how great it is: I asked if I could keep this issue and my neighbor said, ‘No, get your own.’ I couldn't blame him.

“So here I am to ask, PLEASE sign me up for your outstanding magazine, teachings the world NEEDS TO KNOW of Biblical truths. Thumbs up on your magazine.”

-- Texas

“I want to thank you at Triumph Prophetic Ministries for the spiritual growth I have received and the knowledge I have received through this ministry. Thank you. I am truly afraid for America and our people. May Yahweh bless this country once again. Where are the king Davids? My heart cries for the young, for they are being preyed upon. When do we stand up? Or are we to lay down? My heart weighs heavy with worry. Sometimes Yeshua talks to me and He says, ‘Don't worry – pray, because I love you and will never leave you.’ HalleluYah!

“Thanks again for the dedication and commitment that are put in the research for this Prophecy Magazine.”

-- Alabama

“I ordered some of your literature a while back and am very drawn to the truth of God's Word. I know it's truth because you, sir, are using Scriptures to prove it. I've known the Word of God for years as He has taught me through studying over about 25 years. Maybe longer. I made a mistake and am serving a 5 year sentence. I knew better than to steal. So I have to pay for my sin. I'm learning a lot from your teaching.

“I've known who H. W. Armstrong is and remember some of his teachings years ago, but lost out of all that went on back in the '70's, especially around '78, because that's the year I went into the military and hadn't known what had happened about that man and his son Garner Ted Armstrong. So when I received some of your teachings from the pamphlets you sent me, I found out the truth of things. It hit me like a brick!! But I've always known something was wrong with God's Church today and have known it for a good while now. And by your teaching the Word, it has confirmed itself to me that I wasn't very far off! My grandfather on my

mother's side was a preacher, so-called non-denominational, and my dad is the same with the Pentecostal experience. As I grew up around all of this I became surprised as to how far they both were off in their teachings and sometimes when I would speak up about these things, and I would quote Scriptures to them, they would say, 'Well, that's really not what that means.' And they would come up with some off-the-wall stuff trying to prove otherwise, and I'm sure you know what I mean. Anyway, I had to let all that go and keep pressing into truth. And was very astounded when I began reading your materials. So, sir, keep up the good work!!"

-- Texas

"You are right. Malcolm Heap is just a heap as his name indicates, You are right. I challenged him back in 2009 on his booklet over Passover and Pentecost. He claimed to have abandoned Abib 15th Passover to go to 13 Abib because God told his son (Heap's son) to tell him to do so. I was not happy with this because these booklet copies were widely sent into Kenya and was bringing damages to some believers. I don't care so much about Malcolm, I believe he is not fully normal. He depends on liars whom he pays to report abstract [fake] 'resurrections' around Kenya and Africa. Some officers told me to let the matter rest because I may waste my time fighting a mad man. But I still feel bitter. I will see that his agents here get to answer on this matter if the time gets right with me.

"Triumph Prophetic Ministries is out with all power to prove to the Church of God groups that they are out of the truck in some fundamental issues of God's Festivals. For example, the right date for Passover, starting point for counting the day of Pentecost, and going on with the Omer count, the meaning of the Yom Teruah, Atonement, the Great day of Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret. I am happy to learn that you seriously know that the TPM is fit and existing not only in Kenya but in a larger region of East Africa."

-- Kenya

"Shalom from New Zealand. Thank you for the tape and the prophecy magazine it was the best magazine I have read since the day I joined Triumph around 1998.

"Hope everything is good on your side especially your health, Cappy. You are spot on that we are the last generation that Jesus spoke about. Tribulation is on His people and the whole

world. All have become rich and fat and forgot the blessing of the living God. Most of us use God for our convenience. It is as though He is a God of convenience. The enemies are growing stronger each day, troubles are brewing everywhere and yet the world still slumbers in their sleep or walking like zombies. They profess to be wise and yet became fools. Some guys from the Mormons came to witness of their founder Joseph Smith rather than witness for Jesus our Messiah. No wonder the Muslims call the Jews and Christian INFIDELS."

-- New Zealand

"I am a Sister in the Lord and blessed with three children and my husband Michael. I am a teacher by occupation and teach in an elementary school. I work hard, 6 days a week just to pay our bills and have no left over as Michael has no job. I tithe my salary and the Lord blesses us with so much Joy, Favour and Peace in our lives when we put our trust in Him. I don't know what I would do without Christ. He is my All in All. I was also touched by Christ in 2000 and have spent the last 10 years learning from Christ' Spirit to walk obedient and freely with and in God's Kingdom. It has been difficult for me, but difficult is the Way and few find it. So as we now know more about each other from across the world, please pray for me however the Lord instructs you to pray for me, and pray for my husband Michael who is not strong in the faith. He is a believer but he lacks understanding at times, which increases the difficulty in my walk. "We are members of a small local church of about 30 members in the outskirts of the town. I help to coordinate the women outreach as I'm educated a little to help. I also sing in the choir and join the women outreach to reach out to other women in our community especially the Muslim women. Today I'm able to reach you through the help of the school computer connected to internet.

"I have a need for Bibles and this is the area I want you to assist us. I understand that bibles are not hard to come by there as it is here. Only few Christians here have bibles. Please I need your help for Super Giant print bibles KJV. This bible has very large print for easy reading. I have reading challenges and this is the only bible I can read well. We would need 6 copies, 1 for me and 5 for an aged mothers in our church. These are mothers eager to study God's word but cannot have it. We use English language as English is our national language. Please help and

may God bless you as you help. Note that the bibles can be used one provided the pages are complete. You can send bibles to me through the post office insured or priority airmail. I was told that express mail international is also very safe by post office. .”

“Please pray for the women outreach here. We reach out at least thrice weekly to mostly the Muslims women. We show them all the love we can despite the fact that they are very hostile to Christians. It is amazing how God is working in the hearts of the Muslim women here as many are converted. It is challenging to love people who may be hostile towards us, but God calls us to love our enemies and he will supply us with the love to do it if we surrender to him. For God is love, and we can only love because he first loved us, and his love is only made complete in us, when it transforms our hearts and outflows into every aspect of our lives. (1 John 4:7-21). If you have used children cloths and shoes and also adult female used cloths and shoes please send some for women and children in outreach. They lack these things. Any type, any size will be useful. Please do not worry if you have not.

-- Nigeria

“Thank you for the articles as always, for they are always so explained and in depth and always backed by scripture. I always enjoy reading and studying your articles compared to any of the other Churches of God for they don't even come close to being able to give and to offer the Wisdom and the Knowledge that you put into your articles no matter the subject matter.

‘I would like to see if you now have an article now pertaining to, to what extent a Christian can go to, to protect self and family in this End Time Generation!! I also would like to inquire about your new book *America in Heraldry and Prophecy*.’

-- Kansas

COMMENT: See our article, “Should a Christian Fight?” The new book should be available next spring.

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“Greetings once again:

“If you haven't heard of it my now, you should find out about it. Because I believe, it's just one step away from who can buy and sell and who can't buy and sell for any kind of items.

“I have just found out about it myself and it's only going to get much worse when it's implemented sometime this year 2014. There are a few web sites that mention ‘global currency reset’ the best one that I had found was by Lindsey Williams on the Chris Waltzek radio talk show. If you go to ‘YOU TUBE’ and type in, ‘lindsey williams december 2013’, you will need 1 hour. Lindsey Williams said, since USA is broke and is desperate for money and the rich nations aren't buying T bills any more, that means that the USA is going to raise taxes, raid people's pension funds and the IRS is going after delinquent tax payers even if they live outside of the USA and the dollar is finished as the reserve currency and that means higher prices for everything.

“For the last one hundred years the anti and godless U.S. government has caused most of these problems and of course, some citizens and now the government once again, wants the citizens to pay for government mistakes.

“How dreadful is that nonsense.”

-- William Norman, Israel

“Greetings once again from the land of Israel: ‘.....the fish of the sea also shall be taken away’ (Hosea 4:3). The web site, thetruthwins.com said, because of Fukushima disaster 98% of the Pacific Ocean is covered by dead sea creatures and Fukushima is still leaking waste into the Pacific Ocean, how dreadful is that.

Do you know if it's still safe to be eating wild caught salmon because the fish company called vitachoice.com in the state of Washington is still advertising all over the internet for wild caught salmon. . .”

William Norman, Israel

COMMENT: President Eisenhower back in the 1950's began the “Atoms for Peace” program and U.S. nuclear energy companies together with foreign nations opted for the promise of quick, cheap energy to help bring “peace” to the world, and it was a bargain with the devil. Nuclear energy has never been safe and to this day they have never solved the problem and risk of long-term storage for spent nuclear fuel rods and long lasting by-products of nuclear radiation and nuclear “waste.” See the articles in our “Prophecy Briefs” on the on-going Fukushima nuclear disaster and its continuing pollution of

the Pacific Ocean, the West Coast of North America, and grossly higher radiation levels found in marine life and on beaches in California.

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“I heard that Mack Daddy is making arrangements to meet the Pope in the spring. It is also said that Kerry is planning on completing a Mid East peace treaty in April. If everything keeps going as it has been, 2014 is going to be a historical year.

“Also food is looking like it is going to be on the short side with all the dry areas around the world.

“A butcher told me with the way the beef supply is we could very well see the beef price triple in the near future if it is available. Guess we might have to eat beans and lentils for protein.

“There are people saying the end of the age is upon us and others are saying that we have at least twenty years before the end of the age.

“Well, the way things are going I think the end of the age is very near and Yahweh’s Word says that He will cut time short because if He did not man would totally destroy himself.

“That in itself proves our Creator is merciful and will do the best for His Creation.

“Thank you and Cappy for all you do and keep up the good work.”

-- Charles Rearick, Ohio

“So relieved to hear you have almost recovered from the heart condition which made you go into hospital a few weeks ago. I tried hooking up that Sabbath and no Bible study. I knew something was not ok and went to God in prayer straight away. I was so glad to hear you the Sabbath after that and telling us what had happened. I pray God will keep you both in good health. We need your inspiring and comforting Bible studies in these trying times we live in. God did inspire you to give such very strong and important Bible studies after your ordeal. We really need to be reminded that trials, test and tribulations are needed to grow in godly character. Christ cannot use people He cannot rely on and are not strong in godly character. So thank you so much for the last two wonderful and encouraging Bible studies.

“I also want to thank you for not taking down the "old" website. I love it! I can listen to the Bible study without interruption of all the awful adds every 10 minutes on U stream. They bring us right smack into the world. I cannot pay for them to be removed. So this is why I love the old website.

“I know I have asked this before and forgive me for asking again. But if there is anyone in Holland or Belgium who wants contact please give them my address. It would be such a blessing to have a brother or sister in my own country to communicate with. I know being on our own is a test and has a reason. I pray about this daily and I know with God everything is possible if He thinks it is for our best. I will let our heavenly Father decide what is best for me.

“I have been thinking about what Christ says in Luke 18:7,8 for a while. ‘And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?’ (KJV). And in the Amplified Bible, ‘And will not (our just) God defend and protect and avenge His elect (His chosen ones), who cry to Him day and night? Will He defer them and delay help on their behalf? I tell you, He will defend and protect and avenge them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find (persistence in) faith on the earth?’

“I wondered if this would mean the elect had gone into the place of safety or this would be after we had risen to meet Christ, or that just a few had overcome till the end.

“I found this explanation in Barnes' Commentary which really made me see the severity of what Christ is saying in verse 8. Barnes':

“ ‘Speedily: Suddenly, unexpectedly. He will surely vendict them (the elect), and at a time, perhaps, when they are nearly to give over and to sink into despair.

“ ‘Nevertheless; Though this is true that God will avenge His elect, yet will He find His elect “faithful?” The danger is not that God will be unfaithful, He will surely be true to His promises, but the danger is that His elect, His afflicted people will be discouraged; will not persevere in prayer, will not continue to have

confidence in Him, and will under heavy trials, sink into despondency. The sole meaning of this phrase, therefore is, that 'there is more danger that His people would grow weary, than that God would be found unfaithful and fail to avenge His elect.'

“ ‘The truth that Christ had been teaching was, that God would deliver His people from calamities, and save them, though He suffered them to be long tried.

“ ‘He asks them here whether, when He came, He should find “this faith” or a belief of “this truth” among His followers? Would they be found persevering in prayer, and “believing” that God would yet avenge them. Or would they cease to pray always and faint?

“ ‘This is not to be understood therefore as affirming that when Christ comes to judgment there will be few Christians on the earth, and that the world will be overrun with wickedness, which may be true, but is not the truth taught here.’

“I really think it urgent to pray constantly, have confidence in Him and not grow weary .I know it is easier said than done in these difficult times (which will get worse by the day), but through His Holy Spirit I am convinced we will receive strength to endure and overcome till the end. This we must believe!

“I pray God will keep you safe and healthy and giving you strength to do His work and inspire you to teach and guide the flock.”

-- Anneke Van Delft, Holland

“Congratulations on reaching the 73rd yearly milestone in your life. With your vim and vigor, reaching 80 should be no problem (Psalm 90:10) and if all works out, Messiah will be here by then. Congrats!”

-- Canada

“You are my dearest family. You are now in fact my one and only family, Triumph Prophetic Ministries. My father and mother and siblings, all of them, are Wiccans, witches and sorcerers. I've been utterly unable to support, sustain, or maintain myself ever since till now that I'm almost 54 years old this coming April 28 2014, and so live with both parents. They have all been persecuting, oppressing, bewitching, intriguing,

slandering, and provoking me to wrath and anger for so many long years, and everyday, together with just about all the people in our neighborhood, a Wiccan neighborhood. But you make me feel so blessed! HalleluYah! Most Blessed indeed is the Name of our God! Praised be indeed His Name Forever and Ever! And you, my dearest sir and Mrs. Dankenbring are both a great blessing to this ever darkening and darkening world! Please keep up what you're doing!

“Well, I think my time is now short and I'll be martyred, perhaps bewitched to death. But still, I don't know when or how I'll die or be martyred. Maybe I won't be martyred. Maybe I will be saved, delivered, redeemed, released, set free, made to escape by Abba YHVH and Adonai Yehoshua! But please pray for me that if ever I'll be martyred, or whether or not I'll be martyred, YHVH will bless me, fill me mightily, greatly, from now on and henceforth, with His Fear (Joy and Laughter), or something like the Fear (Gevurah) of Isaac!

“Thank you very, very much!

“May YHVH indeed bless us all of Triumph Prophetic Ministries mightily, greatly, with the Fear of Isaac, as we each proceed with our lives, hearts and minds in Adonai Yehoshua, in daily seeking Him and His Word, and watching all we have to, in order to gain eternal life”

-- Philippines

“I just finished reading ‘Have An Exit Plan’. Very interesting. It's sad about our government but we know it is prophesied that at the latter days things will not look good and eventually will lead to chaos and the great tribulation. Thank you for the effort and the time you put into this article and for the warning. It is much appreciated!”

-- Oregon

“Ah, the one [article on the ‘Feast of Trumpets’ entitled ‘How Should We Celebrate Yom Teruah?'] is VERY good and that's the one I wanted the most. I REALLY appreciate it. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

“Just to let you know, I really appreciate your articles. Your insight is so much deeper than any other COGs. Well, let's just say there IS NO comparison.”

-- Pennsylvania

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Thank you so, so, very, very much for the "Let the Weak Say, 'I am Strong'" 02-08-14 Bible Study!

Neither death... nor martyrdom, nor any death sentence or fatwa or death threats all day long from any false religion, nor any amount of occult oppression, occult coercion to renounce my religion, bewitchments or sorceries even all day long, shall be able to or can separate me, us from the fullness(es) of the firstfruits of the Spirit, the Mind, the Righteousness of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

God through you gave me the inspiration from Romans 8:36-39 and Psalm 16:11!

God bless us all of Triumph Prophetic Ministries! Please keep up the Righteous, Holy and Good Work!

And please keep sending me the Prophecy Flash!. Again, thank you so, so, very, very much!

-- Philippines

"I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your TPM Bible Study Mp3. To tell the truth, this material is to me what water is to a bedouin in the desert.

"Looking forward to working with you."

-- Rwanda

"Some time ago you sent me *Angels, Women, Sex, Giants, UFOs, Alien Abductions and the Occult*, and *Prophecy Flash*, vol.27, No.4 magazine. I really do appreciate these publications of facts and truth! God bless you for blessing me!

"I've been in prison 36 years, 2 months, 3 days – yes, I count the days. I don't know if I'm getting out soon or not. God knows. I've asked Him to let me out. He has made certain promises, and I believe He will.

"I have no money. If I had money, I would support your ministry first! Why? You publish the truth and are concerned about people's

salvation. I will pray for you and your ministry – every day!"

-- North Carolina

"Let me begin by thanking you so much for the information that you disseminate throughout the world. Your ministry has provided so much insight for me! Things that are not mentioned in the lame stream media is nothing more than a veil that they continuously put forth the effort to sustain to keep the people in the dark. I cannot stress how valuable the Prophecy Flash has become for me. Thank you!

"The booklets that your ministry publishes are also full of pertinent information. Most of the ones I have received, I have already read 3 times and taken my notes out of them. . . .

"The greatly look forward to receiving the recent issue of Prophecy Flash. The Nov-Dec.2013 issue left an impression on me. In it you state that Rabbi Meir said, 'If someone studies Torah, but does not teach it to others, he is included among those referred to by the verse Numbers 15:31: "Because he despised the Word of the Lord." Since he does not teach others he does not attach importance to his knowledge.' Since reading that, I have adhered to that principle! Study, learn, remember, and teach!

"Thank you for your service and time. I look forward to hearing from you. Shalom!"

-- Ohio

"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence. You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves."

-- Abraham Lincoln