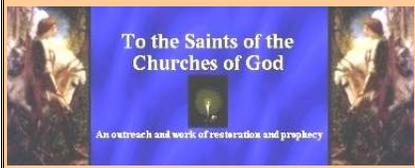


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Greetings friends!

Abib 1 is here!

Exo 13:4 This day came ye out in the month Abib.

Deu 16:1 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

Psa 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. [time appointed: **Exo 23:15**]

Yes, a new sacred year has begun. Let the trumpet sound and the feast preparations begin! It is an exciting time of the year for the saints.

This months issue contains some significant information for Biblical calendar teachers and students alike. We hope our calendar theme for this month will offer something personally useful and helpful for others to better understand why the saints display obedience to God's will in matters of the Spirit. We at TTS_COG follow this Biblical calendar as defined in scripture and by the example of it's persons and historical events. Since most persons may not know the source to which we at TTS_COG have this understanding it is highly advisable to find a copy of an older **KJV** Bible [pre 1917 editions



texts] for referencing some of the articles contained in this months issue. This is the only way that some of our references will make any sense since most of the corrupted translations available today take away, omit and change the meanings and context of many keys, words and doctrinal facts - including some newer professed authorized KJV Bibles.

We at TTS_COG do not desire that anyone should simply follow along with our teaching, or with anyone else's for that matter, but DO promote the instruction to prove all things rightly dividing the [authorized] words of the scriptures. Whatever your understanding is, be sure that it really is YOUR understanding and not left up to another to decide for you. Hold it up to the litmus test of the scriptures [**Isa 8:20**]. Salvation is the goal of that common faith of the saints [**Jude 1:3**]. Salvation itself is uniquely yours and does not belong to or is responsible to another [**Pro 25:28; Phi 2:12; Jud :3**]. It is a good and acceptable thing that the saints do; to do that which they know is good, otherwise it is

Scriptural Allusions

Psa 84:5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways *of them*.

Psa 84:6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

Psa 84:7 They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

(See page 9 for a complimentary OT verse.)

sin [Jam 4:17].

For some the calendar topic might best be perceived as a starting place which reveals much understanding about God and His plan for the saints and all of humankind. A kind of freedom results by turning to God for answers and away from the more harsh demands by the humanization of the religions of this world. Do not attempt to use it to divide. God's word can not be used to destroy; if you find any form of animosity it is only because of external influence. As with any topic in and of itself rather this should be used as a tool to exhort one another to grow by His grace in knowledge.

2Co 2:17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

... speaking only as the oracles allow:

1Pe 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Example always says it best. Like this months theme of Abib, hopefully perceived as ... a word spoken in due season ... Pro 15:23. So onward we go to **the data!**

The data:

In Jerusalem, Israel at sunset on **March 22, 2004** there will be about a 3.1% illumination of chodesh Abib. Reports from Israel declare that the barley to be ...

Rosh chodesh Abib!

[Happy new month - Abib!]

This is the beginning of the months of the year for the saints per Biblical instruction Exo 12:2. How wonderful the Lord is that He should give to His children His signs and signature upon them Exo 31:13; and, that by these statutes and His Spirit will ... guide you into all truth Joh 16:13.

It is the beginning of your year(s) towards salvation.

Act 13:26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

This chodesh 1 begins Biblical calendar month "one". Why is it month 1 and not 12 or 2? For answers to this question and more please see a helpful bible study titled [Calendar Studies - Abib](#). A complete booklet with answers to all your biblical calendar questions may be found at "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)", <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

Data this month is also from [Home Planet for Windows](#) and [Ephemeris vs. 2.0](#) software for Windows operating systems. These are free software packages and are available free for download at: <http://www.fourmilab.ch/>

Actual new moon sightings list for the last 2-3 years dates can be seen at the monthly new moon chart at: [Calendar Info](#) <http://users.adelphia.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/nmcaltchart.html>

Names of the Month

The Roman calendar month

March -- Mars' month
Middle English *March(e)*
Anglo-French *March(e)*
Old English *Martius*



Latin *Martius* "of Mars"
Latin *Marti(s)*
"Mars" + *-us* (adj. suffix)
Latin *Martius mensis* "month of Mars"

Martius has always

had 31 days.

March was the original beginning of the year, and the time for the resumption of war. Mars is the Roman god of war. He is identified with the Greek god [Ares](#).

MARCH ... Named for the Roman God Mars, who was the god of war and guardian of the state. Mars was the father of

Romulus and Remus.

In the Middle Ages most European countries used the Julian calendar and observed New Year's Day on March 25. March has 31 days.

The Jewish calendar month

From [Easton's: Abib/Nisan](#) an ear of corn, the month of newly-ripened grain ([Exo 13:4](#); [Exo 23:15](#)); the first of the Jewish ecclesiastical year, and the seventh of the civil year. It began about the time of the vernal equinox, on 21st March. It was called Nisan, after the Captivity ([Neh 2:1](#)). On the fifteenth day of the month, harvest was begun by gathering a sheaf of barley, which was offered unto the Lord on the sixteenth ([Lev 23:4-11](#)).

Historical time references:

Abib also called NISAN, First month in the Jewish calendar [a common error by reason of pro-Roman church influences upon [Nave's Topical Studies](#) in this case].

The Bible states that Abib is the first month for ALL of Israel, not just Judah the fourth son of Jacob by Leah [Gen 29:35](#) [re-named Israel [Gen 32:28](#)], [Exo 12:2](#); Passover instituted, and Israelites depart from Egypt in [Exo 23:15](#); [Deu 16:1](#); Tabernacle set up in [Exo 40:2](#); [Exo 40:17](#); Israelites arrive at the wilderness of Zin in [Num 20:1](#); Enter Canaan in [Jos 4:19](#); Jordan's overflow in [1Ch 12:15](#);

[Note: Roman month references are NOT correct per biblical calendar seasons - see [tefukah](#)].

The Biblical Calendar

Month [KJV]

[Strong's Hebrew 2320](#) - chodesh kho'-desh from [2318](#); the new moon; by implication, a month:--month(-ly), new moon; and Abib means green ears of grain.



As was necessary to adjust

Abib (Mar/Apr)		Barley harvest begins	
1	Abib / Nisan	Exo. 12:2, 13:4, Esther 3:7	Sprouting/Budding

for the seasons a second Adar was sometimes added.

From [Easton's](#) When the season was backward, and the lambs not yet of a paschal size, or the barley not forward enough for abib, then a month called Veadar, ire., a second Adar, was intercalated.

Note from the author: The differences of the **Roman**, the **traditional Hebrew** and the **Biblical** calendars reveal much regarding the histories and customs of their respective origins. Today we use the civil Roman calendar for our commerce and governments with almost global acceptance.

For the Bible student it should be noted that there are several factions among each of the faiths thus the sometimes confusing and differing names of the months, seasons, beginning of years including sometimes even the [Holy Days](#). For further reading see [The Sacred Calendar Book](#).

The modern **birthstone** for March is the [Aquamarine](#), the traditional birthstone is the [Bloodstone](#). The color is blue-light and the flower is the [Daffodil](#) meaning [Respect / Regard](#).



For the Biblical student the only source for true and accurate information regarding birth stones and colors based upon heraldry comes from the [\[KJV\]](#) Bible under the list of the names of the **The Tribes of Israel (Jacob)** [Gen 32:28, Gen 49:1-33](#) [See below for this months featured tribe].

Drought Info:

Here is a graphic of the current drought as given from NOAA and the others whom comprise the

Drought Monitor:

Holidays March 23

Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

- Bolivia : Memorial Day
- Laos : Armed Forces Day
- Lithuania : Independence Day (1918)
- Pakistan : Republic Day (1956)
- Sudan : Independence Day (1956)

- UN : World Meteorological Day, a UN observance (1950)
- World : World Meteorological Day

Religious Observances March 23

- Anglican : Gregory the Illuminator, bishop/missionary to Armenia
- Roman Catholic : Memorial of St Turibius of Mogrovejo, archbp of Lima (optional)

This Day in Christian History March 23

1540 In a show of growing support for Henry VIII, Waltham Abbey in Essex became the last monastery in England to transfer its allegiance from the Catholic Church to the newly established Church of England.

1744 In London, composer George Frederic Handel's famous oratorio "Messiah" was performed for the first time.

1877 Mormon fanatic John

Doyle Lee was executed by a firing squad for masterminding the Mountain Meadows Massacre. In **1857**, a wagon train of 127 Arkansas Methodist emigrants, bound for California, were killed by a party of Mormon settlers and Paiute Indians at Mountain Meadows (near Cedar City), Utah.

1892 Birth of George Arthur Buttrick, English Presbyterian pastor and educator. A teacher at both Union Theological Seminary and Harvard University, Buttrick is best remembered as chief editor of "The Interpreter's Bible" (1952-57).

1966 Archbishop of Canterbury Arthur Michael Ramsey met and exchanged public greetings with Pope Paul VI in Rome. It was the first official meeting between heads of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches in over 400 years.

Source: William D. Blake. ALMANAC OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987.

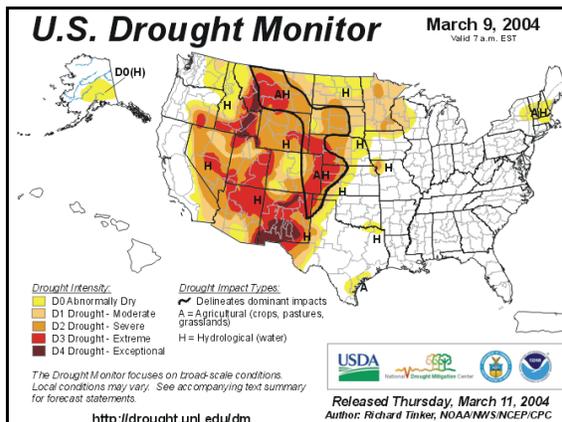
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From the Old Farmers Almanac

Question: I've heard that on May 19, 1780, in the northeastern part of North America, there was a period of "extraordinary darkness," which began between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and lasted until the middle of the next night.

Also, the full moon rose at 9 p.m. that evening but was not visible until midnight, when it had the

"appearance of blood." I've checked records of solar and lunar eclipses for that date, and none was close enough to have caused the phenomenon. Do you have any information about such an event? Could you provide an explanation for





it?

Answer: For a generation of New Englanders, Friday, May 19, 1780, was a date never to be forgotten. The Sun was blotted out by a strange darkness, varying in intensity and length from place to place, but extending from New Jersey and New York across Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and southeastern New Hampshire into Maine. For several days prior to the "Dark Day," the Sun was obscured by smoky clouds, and the Moon took on an unusual reddish color. Darkness began around 10 in the morning and lasted throughout the day. (When the Connecticut legislature proposed adjournment following the belief that the day of judgment was at hand, a Colonel Davenport declared: "I am against an adjournment. The day of judgment is either approaching, or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for an adjournment; if it is, I choose to be found doing my duty.") The night that followed was no comfort to the fearful, being unusually black and impervious to any artificial light. The next day, a fine sulfur like substance was noticed on the edges of water, but the only reports of adverse effects concerned the death of a number of birds. The first theories of a comet or solar eclipse were ruled out, and the earliest guesses regarding smoke from forest fires turned out to be accurate. Out-of-control forest fires, extending from New Hampshire into New York State, burned furiously for a week preceding the dark day, creating great suffocating clouds of smoke. An unusual atmospheric condition trapped the smoke until it reached sufficient density to blot out the Sun. However, for many New Englanders, the Dark Day was an inexplicable mystery, never recalled without a feeling of awe.

That Explains It!

Snubs & Feelings

Snubs hurt more than your ego

By Maggie Fox in Washington
October 11, 2003

The feeling is familiar to anyone who has been passed over in picking teams or snubbed at a party - a sickening, almost painful feeling in the stomach.

Well, it turns out that "kicked in the gut" feeling is real, US scientists say.

Brain imaging studies show that a social snub affects the brain precisely the way visceral pain does. "When someone hurts your feelings, it really hurts you," said Matt Lieberman, a social psychologist at the University of California, Los Angeles, who worked on the study.

"I wouldn't want to be quoted as saying that physical pain and social pain are the same thing, but it seems that some of the same things are going on," he said on Thursday.

"In the English language we use physical metaphors to describe social pain like 'a broken heart' and 'hurt feelings'," added Naomi Eisenberger, a graduate student who did much of the work. "Now we see that there is good reason for this."

With Kipling Williams, a psychology professor at Macquarie University, Mr Lieberman and Ms Eisenberger set up a brain imaging test of 13 volunteers to find out how social distress affects the brain.

They used functional magnetic imaging - a type of scan that allows the brain's activity to be viewed "live". The 13 volunteers were given a task that they did not know related to an experiment in social snubbing.

Writing in the journal *Science*, Mr Lieberman and Ms Eisenberger said the volunteers' brains lit up when they were rejected in virtually the same way as a person experiencing physical pain.

"What it looks like is visceral pain," Mr Lieberman said.

In other words - like being punched in the stomach.

The area affected is the anterior cingulate cortex, a part of the brain known to be involved in the emotional response to pain.

In the experiment, the volunteers played a computer game that they believed they were playing two other people, but in fact played a set computer program.

Eventually, the game excludes the player. "For the next 45 throws they don't get thrown the ball," Mr Lieberman said.

"It is just heartbreaking to watch. They keep indicating that they are ready to be thrown to. This really affects the person afterwards. They report feeling social distress."

The functional magnetic imaging verifies the physical basis of this feeling. Social interaction is important to survival, so it would make sense that people would evolve to have a strong emotional response to being included socially, Mr Lieberman said.

But there also seems to be a defence mechanism to prevent the pain of rejection from becoming overwhelming.

"We also saw this area in the prefrontal cortex. The more it is active in response to pain, the less subjective pain you feel," Mr Lieberman said. "This part of the brain inhibits the more basic response." In the volunteers, those who had the most activity here reported the least distress in response to the snub.

It seemed to be involved in consciously thinking about the pain, Mr Lieberman said.

Reuters: *This story was found at:*
<http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2003/10/10/1065676162513.html>.

Quotes from the past

Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.
 - **Voltaire** - (1694 - 1778) *French author, humanist, rationalist, & satirist* [[more author details](#)]

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

- **Mark Twain** -

Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

Albert Camus (1913 - 1960)
(attributed)

"Watch what people are cynical about, and one can often discover what they lack."

-- **General George S. Patton** --

Signs in the lights of the heavens?

What is the Sign of the Messiah's second coming? Click on this link: [Signs](http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs77/course/lesson14.html) or copy: <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs77/course/lesson14.html>

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Calendar Studies - Abib

When does the year begin in the Sacred Calendar? Does it begin in Israel's autumn as the Jewish calendar shows? Or should the year begin in the spring with the month of Abib (Nisan)? And if it begins with Abib, then how is Abib's new moon decided? Is it the new moon nearest (before or after) the Equinox? Or is it the first new

Of passover, the wave [sheaf] offering and feast of first-fruits

[a chronological study of the Biblical calendar]
 DW Lacey Jan. 2004

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Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

Therefore the saints will say among themselves, It is as it is written [[1 Corinthians 14:21](#)]. **Vs. 25** And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; ...

~AMEN~

moon after the spring equinox?

Answer

According to the Scriptures, the religious calendar begins in the spring with the Passover month of Abib, the month of Israel's Exodus from Egypt. In the popular Jewish calendar the year begins in the autumn at the end of the agricultural year. But in the religious calendar, and that is our prime consideration in this booklet, a year begins in the Passover month of Abib. Yahweh directed Moses in the following words concerning the first month of the year:

Exo.12:1 *And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2: This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.*

Exo.14:3 *And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt,*

out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. 4: This day came ye out in the month Abib.

The name of the Exodus month is **Abib**. The word **Abib** means 'sprouting, budding,' a 'green ear of corn.' In other words in Abib the earth will spring to life, plants will sprout and bud and the corn (sown the previous year) will have *green ears*. The first month is also called Nisan. (Esther 3:7) **"Abib most nearly approaches our month of March, though in some years its end moves some distance into April."** (Westminster Dictionary of the Bible. page 3, article Abib).

In ancient days, before the exact equinox times were known or calendars printed in advance, the Sanhedrin selected Abib's new moon on the basis of certain

natural conditions because Yahweh's Feasts are directly linked to the agricultural seasons in Israel.

THE NATURAL CONDITIONS

looked for were:

- The severity or mildness of the winter.
- The maturity of the barley harvest.
- The age of the young sacrificial pigeons and lambs.
- The conditions of the camping sites and roads for the pilgrims who would be coming to Jerusalem for the Passover etc.

In modern times Abib's new moon is selected months and even years in advance mainly because computer calculations of the sun's and moon's movements are widely available and there is no Sanhedrin to give the go-ahead as in days gone by. The scriptural guidelines concerning the link between the Feasts of the Most High and the harvests in Israel are, nevertheless, still being followed. They are:

1. **Abib's new moon must occur before the spring harvest begins.**

Deut. 16:9 *Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn.*

This instruction concerns the **waive sheaf** which is cut and waived before Yahweh at the Passover festival in the middle of Abib. Since the spring harvest in Israel begins in late March/early April (see agricultural chart under **Question/Answer 4**) this means that the 1st of Abib would begin some **15 days before** the waive sheaf was cut; which means that Abib's new moon would occur at about the time of the vernal equinox. The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible article **Year** confirms this: *"The year began with the month of Abib or Nisan (Exodus 12:2, 23:15, Esther 3:7)*

with the new moon next before

or next after the vernal equinox."

2. **Ethanim's new moon occurs after the autumn harvest.**

The second clue fixes the festival of Ingathering (Tabernacles) at the **'end'** of the agricultural year. Here is the Almighty's command concerning the feast of ingathering (Tabernacles). Exodus 34:22 *And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.*

The Hebrew word translated **"year's end"** is **@quwphah** or **"tequphah."** It means at the *end, the circuit of time, the revolution, the equinox.* In other words, Yahweh is here telling Israel that the Feast of Tabernacles should occur at about the time of the **autumnal equinox**, when the agricultural year is at its end. This is a vital clue because it links the harvest festival of Tabernacles to the autumnal equinox. A look at the agricultural scene in Israel will reveal that the harvests are mostly gathered in **before the tequphah - the equinox.** In fact the main (wheat) harvest begins in the summer months of May and June and is finished by August. The vintage (grape harvest) follows and is normally finished by the autumnal equinox. This is when Yahweh commanded Israel to keep the harvest festival of Tabernacles; at the **'end'** or the **turn of the year** when the harvests are gathered in. For more information concerning Harvest Times in Israel see the answer to **Question 4.**

In summary we may say that in a pre-printed calendar, the first and seventh months of the year should still be geared to the **agricultural harvests in Israel;** the first month Abib, the month of green ears, starting about 15 days before the barley harvest is begun; and the seventh month (Ethanim/Tishri) starting after the vintage is gathered in. By starting Abib with the new moon nearest (before or after) the spring equinox, these two divine requirements are met.

Notes

1. If Abib were to begin 15

days before the spring equinox (the earliest it can ever be if the *'nearest before or after guideline'* is being followed) then the **spiritual Passover** will coincide with the **celestial passover.** In other words: the sun will be **'passing over'** the equator at the same time the **sacred Passover service** is being celebrated. This phenomenon (of the celestial and spiritual Passovers coinciding) happens very rarely.

2. Note also that by choosing the new moon nearest the equinox, the Passover Service (which occurs 14 days later on the evening of the 14th Abib) will **never fall before the spring equinox;** that is - before the 20th March. The Passover Service may - very rarely - coincide with the equinox, when the sun will also be apparently **'passing-over'** the equator; but it should never fall **before the equinox.** This means that when a calendar is printed in advance, the very earliest date for the 1st Abib will be the 7th March. It is perfectly in order to begin Abib before 20th March: the Jews do this in many years. But, I repeat, the Passover Service should not be celebrated before the equinox.

Always bear in mind, of course, that in ancient Israel the calendar was not published in advance. The choice of Abib's new moon depended on those **'natural conditions'** mentioned previously. Equinox times and phases of the moon calculations are simply a convenient forecasting facility, which allow us to keep in step with the seasons - and hence the harvests - in Israel.

What are the harvest times of Israel? [see chart]

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SPACE WEATHER NOAA Forecasts

March offered several M class storms causing blackouts on some cable TV and radio interference's on some local broadcasts. For current updates search the web for the title above.

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Risen and Ascended - 3 and forty days, seven more to Pentecost the disciples did wait.

Of the wave [sheaf] offering and first-fruits [a chronological study into the scriptural calendar] - D W Lacey Jan. 2004 -

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Months	Weather	Crops & activity
Tishri (Sep/Oct)	First rains	Ploughing begins
Heshvan (Oct/Nov)		Ploughing / grain planting
Kislev (Nov/Dec)		Grain planting continues
Tebeth (Dec/Jan)	Main rains	
Sebat (Jan/Feb)		
Adar (Feb/Mar)	Spring rains	Almond in bloom / flax harvest
Abib (Mar/Apr)		Barley harvest begins
Zif (Apr/May)		Barley harvest completed
Sivan (May/Jun)	Dry season	Wheat harvest begins
Tamuz (Jun/Jul)		Wheat harvest completed / first figs
Ab (Jul/Aug)	Summer heat	Vintage (grape harvest) begins
Elul (Aug/Sep)		Date harvest / summer figs

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Thereof the saints will say among themselves, It is ... as it is written ... [1 Corinthians 14:21](#) ... vs. 25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; ...

Q. How long did Christ stay on earth after His resurrection *until* His ascension?

A. Christ stayed on earth forty days after His resurrection to show that He was truly risen from the dead, and to *further* instruct His Apostles.

During the forty days between His resurrection and ascension: Joh 20:16, *notes*

During the forty days between His resurrection and ascension, the Lord Jesus is recorded to have appeared To His own followers on ten occasions, the first five of these being on the day of resurrection. The order of these appearances seems to be: (1) to Mary Magdalene (Mar 16:9-11; Joh 20:11-18); (2) to the women returning from the tomb with the angelic message (Mat 28:8-10); (3) to Peter, probably in the afternoon (Luk 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5); (4) to the Emmaus disciples toward evening (Mar 16:12; Luk 24:13-32); (5) to the disciples, Thomas being absent (Mar 16:14; Luk 24:36-43; Joh 20:19-25); (6) on the next Sunday? night, the appearance to the disciples, Thomas being present (Joh 20:26-

31; 1 Cor 15:5); (7) to the seven beside the sea of Galilee (Joh 21); (8) to the apostles and more than 500 brethren (Mat 28:16-20; Mar 16:15-18; 1 Cor 15:6); (9) to James, the Lord's half brother (1 Cor 15:7); and (10) His last recorded appearance and His ascension from Olivet (Mar 16:19-20; Luk 24:44-53; Acts 1:3-12). It is also recorded that, after His ascension, Christ appeared one or more times to three men: (1) to Stephen, at his stoning (Acts 7:55-60); (2) to Paul: (a) at his conversion (Acts 9:3-8,17; 22:6-11, 14-15; 26:12-19; 1 Cor 9:1; 15:8); (b) at Corinth (Acts 18:9-10); (c) in the temple at Jerusalem (Acts 22:17-21); (d) later at Jerusalem (Acts 23:11); and (e) in another vision (2 Cor 12:1-4); and (3) to John, the apostle, on Patmos (Rev 1:10-19, and other visions in the Revelation).

For the order of events on the resurrection day: Mat 28:1, *notes* Combining the four narratives (gospels), the order of events on the resurrection morning would seem to be as follows: In the early morning, the women went to the sepulchre of Jesus to anoint His body, even though they did not know how they could get into the sepulchre (Mar 16:2-3). There were the three, Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James, Mar 16:1; Luk 24:10), and Salome,

followed by other women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee (Luk 23:55-24:1). The three women found the stone had been removed by an angel (Mat 28:2). Mary Magdalene hurried to tell Peter and John, who ran toward the sepulchre (Joh 20:2-4).

Meanwhile, Mary the mother of James, Salome, and then the other women arrived at the tomb, entered it and saw angels who assured that Jesus had risen. They ran from the tomb in fear and joy to inform His disciples (Mat 28:8). Peter and John arrived at the tomb, entered observed, and left (Joh 20:4-10). Mary Magdalene returned to the sepulchre, stood weeping, and Jesus revealed His identity to her (Joh 20:11-18). As the other women were on their way to tell His disciples, Jesus appeared to them (Mat 28:9-10).

Q. Doesn't Joh 20:17 and Mat 28:9 support Jesus' ascension on Sun-day?

A. The idioms of that time instruct Mary Magdalene to not delay Jesus nor her instruction to advise the disciples that she had seen the Lord.

Joh 20:17 and Mt 28:9

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Mat 28:9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Compare Mat 28:9: "and they came and held Him by the feet." A contradiction has been supposed. Three views are held: (1) That Jesus spoke to Mary, acting, as it were, as the High Priest fulfilling the Day of Atonement (Lev 16). Having accomplished the sacrifice, He was on His way to present the sacred blood in heaven; and, between the meeting with Mary in the garden and the meeting of Mat 28:9, He had so ascended and returned - a view in harmony with types. (2) That Mary was

gently rebuked by Christ in the command, "Touch me not" (lit., "Stop clinging to me"). The Lord taught Mary that now she must not seek to hold Him to the earth but, rather, become His messenger of new joy. And (3) that He merely meant "Do not detain me now; I have not yet ascended; you will see me again; run rather to my brethren," etc.

Risen

Mat 28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Mat 28:6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Risen - G1453 *egeiro* *eg-i'-ro* Probably akin to the base of G58 (through the idea of *collecting* one's faculties); to *waken* (transitively or intransitively), that is, *rouse* (literally from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death; or figuratively from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, nonexistence): - awake, lift (up), raise (again, up), rear up, (a-) rise (again, up), stand, take up.

Ascended

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father:

Ascended - G305 *anabaino* *an-ab-ah'ee-no* From G303 and the base of G939; to *go up* (literally or figuratively): - arise, ascend (up), climb (go, grow, rise, spring) up, come (up).

Scriptural Reading Thoughts for the Spring Holy Days Season Yahweh's Sign & Seal

According to the dictionary, the words 'sign,' 'seal,' 'signature,' 'mark,' 'inscription,' etc. are synonyms. That is, they are different words with shades of similar meaning. Yahweh's seal, in short, is linked with His sign, His signature and His Name. And so for that matter is your own sign or signature. It is simply an inscription of your own name.

Well may we now ask, "What then is the Almighty's Sign? Is it a

visible signature, mark or name that He inscribes on the foreheads of His people?" Obviously not, for this is a symbolic prophecy and, besides, Yahweh's law expressly forbids us making or receiving any marks on our bodies.

(Lev.19:28) The Most High would hardly, therefore, expect His servants to receive a literal mark or tattoo on their foreheads if His law expressly forbids receiving marks. Oh no, Yahweh's signature or sign is certainly not a literal inscription or mark on the forehead.

Well then, what is it, and what does it stand for? Yes, what is the special sign or seal which is to be placed in the foreheads of the servants of the LORD God of Israel? For a sign to be worthy of the name, must of necessity manifest itself in some way. Indeed if it does not exhibit its presence, even occasionally, it cannot justifiably be called a sign.

And so we ask, "Is Yahweh's sign love or generosity, speaking in tongues or wonder working power?" No, it is none of these, admirable though they may be. These signs and phenomena, in fact, are found in almost every society known to man - pagan and otherwise. They certainly are in no way peculiar to the servants of the God of Israel. Yahweh's signature or sign is very different from all these things, and because of its strangely unique nature we will allow the Scriptures to tell you what it is.

Exodus 31:13: Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a SIGN between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.

Ezekiel 20:12: Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a SIGN between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

Ezekiel 20:20: And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a SIGN between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

And there you have it. The Sabbath days in the

Almighty's law are His signature, the special identifying SIGN He places on His people to signal to the universe that they are His: and that He has set them apart to sanctify them.

What of the Almighty's Seal?

We are also told in **Isaiah 8:16** that the God of Israel seals His people with His Law. **Bind up the testimony, SEAL THE LAW among my disciples.**

In other words, the Almighty seals His people with obedience.

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KEEPS OUT OF REACH
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Obedience, incidentally, is doing what the Most High commands, following in His steps, endeavouring to behave like Him. Click here for more about the Almighty's Seal.

Where does Yahweh place his Seal & Signature?

The Scriptures tell us that they are inscribed in the believer's 'forehead' meaning his/her 'mind.'

Hebrews 8:10: For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Deut. 6:8: And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Exodus 13:9: And it (the Feast of Unleavened Bread) shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth.

According to these Scriptures, the Almighty's Seal is His law and His Signature is defined as being the Sabbath days in His law. These are inscribed in the believer's forehead, his mind. Yes, believe it or not, Yahweh's Sabbath days constitute His signature, His sign: and like Himself they cannot be changed

The Biblical Count to Pentecost

Dividing truth from error.

Intro

The following is from our archive of studies. The study was the result of a statement made to me containing the phrase "wave sheaf offering". Supposing that we are to prove all things [1Th 5:21] I looked for this phrase in the Bible as opposed to just presuming it to be an acceptable rephrase or postulation of something stated in the scriptures. I felt it was necessary to publish this study knowing there would be protest by many professed scholars and saints, if not already existing then as a result of this Biblical account of their words vs. the scripture. I do not mention this as a matter for contention but as an example by our Lord of the Pharisees and Sadducees in His time demonstrated for us today how to fulfill the duty of a contending saint - battling with Truth against the adversary here found out and called "Deceit."

A most efficient way found to approach this topic is in the questions and answers I have received. Special notice needs to be made however; our notes are not all in a narrative form regarding pertinent references and scriptural support albeit sufficient but not exhaustive for most to use as tools for discernment. We hope this method imparts to the reader something useful regarding matters of faith, practice and doctrine. Independent study is still highly recommended per yours and others own requirement. I caution against the precepts from outside of the the words and idioms in the scriptures themselves. That approach may cause three or more times the study time required to end right back where you started from - the Bible. Use the Bible. Outside sources are exactly that, exogenous and often solicit false and misleading imaginations and or directly implant doctrines. The litmus test to prove this? [Isa 8:20](#).

A treasure once found is beyond price. God's truth has that value. The saints perceive it to be so. [Mat 13:46](#) Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

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or done away with.

YHWH, The Almighty God of Israel Is With Us.

Fun page

A Scottish joke:

Jock was digging peat at his croft when a passing American

Scriptural Allusions

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

The confirmation of the former proposition: we are taught in the gospel that we are instituted before God by faith, which increases daily, and therefore also saved.

From faith, which increases daily. The proof of the first as well as of the second proposition, out of Habakkuk, who attributes and gives to faith both justice and life before God. ~ Geneva ~

tourist asks, "How much land do you have here?" "About two acres" Jock replies. "You know back home it takes me a day to drive around my ranch!" the American boasts. "Aye", says Jock "I once had a car like that."

**LISTEN BIRDS
THESE SIGNS COST MONEY
SO ROOST AWHILE
BUT DON'T GET FUNNY

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How fast can we go?

[a common question among the the nations of Israel upon leaving Egypt - but they ... **on eagles' wings** ... [Exo](#)

19:4].

From "**Guardians Of Order**", attempts to maintain accuracy in scientific data and facts in research and other applications.

Question: from a mathematical formula including a variable character ...

I have a character with Dynamic Powers relating to speed and velocity in my latest campaign, and, accordingly, I find myself faced with an increasing number of questions to the effect of "how fast is that?"; he frequently has more than one dynamic effect on the go at once, so it's important

for him to know whether he has to "turn off" anything he's currently got running to obtain enough Levels to achieve the desired speed. Problem is, I'm lousy at "eyeballing" speeds. What's the top speed of an ordinary passenger car? How fast is your average train? What's the cruising velocity of a 747? I have no idea. Thus far, I've been winging it, but I've determined that the easiest thing for me would be to create a reference chart of common speed benchmarks.

Answer: This is what I've got so far:

Human, average, walking speed:
4-6 km/h 3-4 mph

Human, average, running speed:
20 km/h 12 mph

4-minute mile: 24 km/h 15 mph

Human, world record, sprinting:
38 km/h 24 mph

Horse, average, full gallop: 40 km/h 25 mph

Residential speed limit: 55 km/h 30 mph

Horse, trained thoroughbred, full gallop: 60 km/h 35 mph

Train, typical, top speed: 90 km/h 55 mph

Highway speed limit: 110 km/h 70 mph

Cheetah, average, sprinting: 110 km/h 70 mph

Passenger car, typical, top speed: 150 km/h 95 mph

Arrow (bow), 35-pound draw*: 220 km/h 135 mph

Formula One racer, top speed: 300 km/h 190 mph

Arrow (bow), 70-pound draw*: 330 km/h 205 mph

Boeing 747, cruising speed: 910 km/h 565 mph

Bullet, handgun, avg. velocity**: 1 000 km/h 620 mph

Speed of sound: 1 234 km/h 767 mph

F-16, top speed: 2 175 km/h 1 350 mph

Bullet, hunting rifle, avg. velocity**: 2 750 km/h 1 700 mph

Bullet, assault rifle, avg. velocity**: 3 300 km/h 2 050 mph

Escape velocity (Earth): 40 200 km/h 25 000 mph

And ... **on eagles' wings** ...?

Q. How fast can a Bald Eagle fly at top speed?

A. Average migratory

TOP TEN REASONS GOD CREATED EVE:

10. God worried that Adam would always be lost in the garden because men hate to ask for directions.
9. God knew that Adam would one day need someone to hand him the TV remote. (Men don't want to see what's ON television, they want to see WHAT ELSE is on!)
8. God knew that Adam would never buy a new fig leaf when his seat wore out and would therefore need Eve to get one for him.
7. God knew that Adam would never make a doctor's appointment for himself.
6. God knew that Adam would never remember which night was garbage night.
5. God knew that if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle childbearing.
4. As "Keeper of the Garden," Adam would never remember where he put his tools.
3. The scripture account of creation indicates Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.
2. As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone!"
1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched His head and said, "I can do better than that."

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Some latter days church history

Among one of the first questions regarding counting to Pentecost is from when do we begin the count? The Bible verses say:

Lev 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

Deu 16:9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as* thou beginnest to *put* the sickle to the corn.

These two verses together [premise upon premise, line upon line] plainly tell us that the sabbath referred to in **Lev 23:15** is the first day of Unleavened Breads, an holy convocation [**Lev 23:7**]. The sickle was first put to the barley crop which rendered the sheaf, an omer of grain, for the wave offering on the morrow [16 abib] after the sabbath [15 abib]. God is consistent in all ways including our tendency to procrastinate and cautioned us against it. **Exo 22:29** Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me. Counting seven weeks [meaning of Hebrew idiom seven sabbaths **Deu**

16:9] means seven times seven or forty nine days.

But some by reason of a different drummer would still ask, when is this 'wave offering' to be done? Many understand that the count is from the wave offering but adhere to the teaching of a Sunday for the wave offering. This teaching requires associating Christ as the 'antetype' of that wave sheaf offered. Consider too that Sun-day is associated with Baal the Sun god, thus the sunrise worship upon 'Ishtarte' or Easter as the Roman influenced churches call it [**Acts 12:4**]. Could there be any pagan connection for this bias? See the comments below about the Boethusians [associated with the Samaritans and Sadducees]. Where does this enigmatic doctrine come from?

About types

Note that the word(s) type and antetype are not found in scripture. The phrase **like as** is however used as a simile and found twenty eight times in all the Bible.

A **simile** - A simile is a word or phrase by which anything is likened to something else. Examples are "happy as a clam," "as easy as pie," and "soft as sifted flour."

Use of a simile can often lead to easier understanding of a normally abstract or difficult subject. Jesus' parables in which were used both similes and symbols are good examples; **Mat 13:3-4** ... a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell ... He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man ; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; , **Mat 13:37-38**: . In combination the two can strike a poetic prose and better render specific meaning for the hearer.

Similarly misuse of a simile can lead the hearer by nature of its prose especially when presented through some form of authority. Combined misuse of simile and symbol is a slippery slope for most. Many false and corrupted doctrine has been taught as a result. For example: The words '*type*' and '*antetypical*' are never used in the Bible. These two words were introduced from *outside* the scriptures. Of course we know this to be unacceptable, **2 Peter 1:20**; **2 Tim 3:16**. The scriptures can not be broken - they prove or define their own words and phrases, symbols and similes; otherwise, it is exogenous or private interpretation.

The words '*type*' and '*antetypical*' in reference to the sheaf of the wave offering [**Lev 23:15**] were first noticed by this author in a letter to the Churches written by HWA June 8th, 1943.

The phrase '*wave sheaf*' is first noticed in this same letter. This letter was the result of changing the date to observe Pentecost by the then leading Pastor H. W. Armstrong. Source:

The GOOD NEWS LETTER

Number 2, June 8th, 1943

A personal letter to all the brethren of The Churches of God...

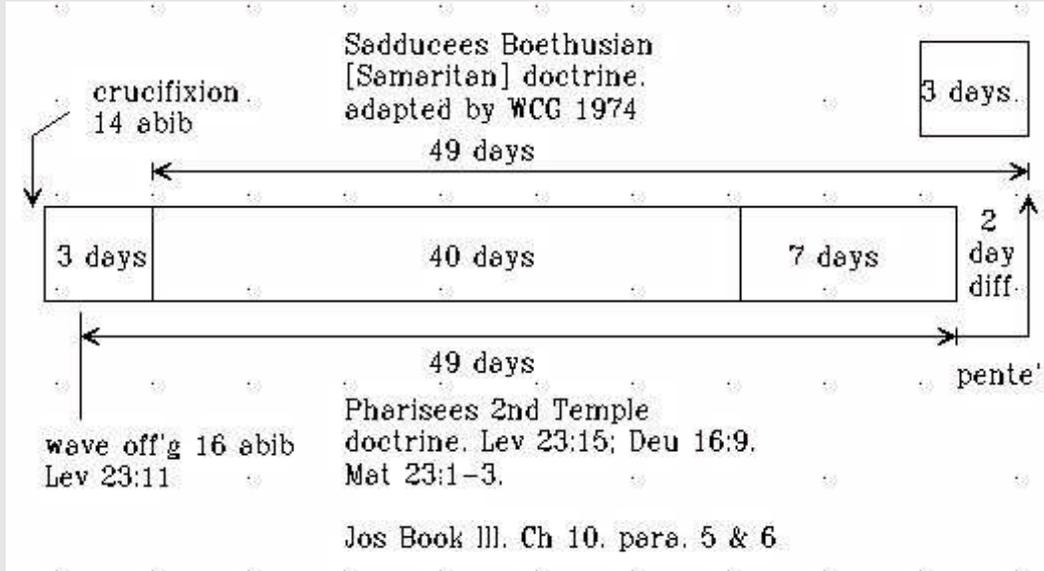
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"Jesus, the great Antetypical Lamb, and after His resurrection, the Antetypical Wave-sheaf, was presented before and accepted of God on the morrow after the WEEKLY Sabbath during the days of unleavened bread, A.D. 31. That is the day we now call Sunday."



Note: The above chart assumes a working knowledge of the Biblical calendar and the month Abib as opposed to the Roman civil or modern calculated rabbinical calendars in use today. The chart displays the differences between the Sadducees and Pharisees method of determining the count to Pentecost. Note that no accusation or fault is intended by utilizing the initials of [former] WCG. As in many Sabbath keeping organizations the calendar topic has been widely misunderstood. The intended purpose here is to demonstrate the example of error by reason of incorporating unreliable sources of literature and counsel in matters of practice, faith and doctrine.

Current historical records show that Pentecost was previously observed by WCG's pastor HWA on Sivan 6 until 1937. In early 1940 in an article titled "How to figure Pentecost" H. W. Armstrong officially switched it to Monday. In the early 1970's the Church professed to have become more illuminated by higher education as witnessed by the many appointed scholars to a doctrinal committee at Ambassador College, Pasadena, CA. In 1974 HWA switched it once more to a Sunday observation by the counsel of that committee. No Biblical support for this decision was ever produced from within the scriptures by this committee, only exogenous influences. Our conclusion? The committee was amiss in their reckoning based upon their unreliable sources of information and were uninspired as demonstrated by their neglect [or lack of understanding?] of the scriptures and improper reliance upon their higher education. **The adaptation of that Samaritan doctrine was chosen by intellectual census.**

[See "Letters to the Brethren" dates: Good News Letter 1936 member diary by Mrs. Lorinda (Stoneberg) Le Bleu, 1940, "How to Figure Passover" by HWA, and Feb 11, 1974 ... respectively.]

In an article titled "Why I Believe in a Monday Pentecost" written by Mr. Richard C. Nickles while refuting the information of another author he confirms the dates given above.

Some have said that Herbert Armstrong originally kept a Sunday Pentecost. This is not true. The diary of Mrs. Lorinda (Stoneberg) Le Bleu, who was baptized in 1936 by Mr. Armstrong, shows that she kept a Monday Pentecost in the years 1937-1941, and following. Mr. Armstrong was ordained to the ministry in 1931, and began keeping the Holy Days in 1934. He originally kept Pentecost according to the majority of the Jews, i.e., Sivan 6-7. Sivan 6 can fall on a Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Sivan 6 was on a Sunday in the years 1934, 1937, 1938, and 1941.

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Armstrong published in advance a calendar for 1937, showing Pentecost corresponding to the Sivan 6 (Sunday) date. This may have been the very year he changed from a Sivan 6 Pentecost to a Monday Pentecost, because Mrs. Le Bleu's diary records a Pentecost meeting on Monday, May 17, 1937, at the Conn's house. She also records a Pentecost meeting on Monday, June 6, 1938, at the White's.

The historical record is clear. Mr. Armstrong grew in understanding. As early as 1937, he was observing a Monday Pentecost.

There are those trained by such who would continue to purport a teaching without studying into it by reason of fears, biases or simply a lack of inspiration. Fears biases by what reasons? Loosing membership? Income? Intellectual notoriety? Does simply stating something or quoting another person make something a truth?

Postulation - 1. To assume the truth or reality of with no proof, esp. as a basis for an argument.
2. To assume as a premise or axiom; take for granted.

Something taken to be true without proof! In matters of doctrine it MUST bear up to the litmus test of the scriptures, [Isa 8:20](#)!

For purposes of discernment the scriptures say this of such an one who fears ...

[1Jo 4:18](#) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Rather we should fear Him who will judge the saints by their fruits than as by any other man - suppose?

[Pro 24:21](#) My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change:

[Eph 4:14](#) That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

[Rom 16:17](#) Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

When Christ returns how will He know the Fathers children?

[Mat 7:20-23](#) Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Of course these words speak of **His** sound doctrines, from scripture, not from men. Can they accept that? No. They will refute that there is no real final authority instead and then walk away agreeing to disagree. And you?

How do good men sometimes go awry? In this case it is easy to put a finger on it, that is if only one can accept the truth of the matter. In a Co-Worker Letter dated Feb. 11, 1974 Mr HWA states (quote), "... undoubtedly the most authoritative later translation is the **RSV**." To find the beginning of this path of erroneous references I found that the earliest account of corrupted texts used by HWA was in a Good News Letter dated Sep 13, 1939, the **Fenton** translation. Again in a letter dated June 8, 1943 in an article titled **How to Figure Pentecost** a **Moffat** bible translation was used. Now, patterned after this example HWA soon found himself led [by deceit] to his using the most corrupted translation, the **RSV**, first referenced by himself in a Co-Worker Letter dated April 17, 1967. Invariably we can almost always regress to a Bible translation taking us away from the **KJV** Bible when doctrinal error is seen as in error or in a state of confusion - confusion, Satan's first slight of hand. The core of doctrines were compromised. As a result we see the results today in the History of this particular religious organization's example, but only after the tidal wave of charismatic dogma was brought to it's inevitable end and then a crushing and fragmenting of the group with no practicable leadership left for the children's children. See [Bible Versions](#) for further information about good and acceptable sources in matters of practice, faith and doctrine. Yes, many will follow the false teachings still. See "[When Prophecy Fails](#)".

Yet another argument is that the role of the Pharisees and Sadducees was opposite of the historical and Biblical account. There are many arguments, but no scriptural support for these contentious persons' theories. Again, consider the source, yeah, three times consider the source and then some will end up back where they started with a quote from our Lord Himself:

Mat 23:2 Saying, The scribes and the **Pharisees** sit in Moses' seat:

Mat 23:3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; ... [**KJV**]

So, let's now use historical documentation and the **KJV** Bible for proof, as we ought, and see if, "... Christ (was) being the wave sheaf offering ..." [from *anonymous* e-mail dated 1/25/2004].

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flight/soaring speed is 50 kilometer/hour [31 mph]; normal flight speed going from perch to perch is much less than this.

* Assuming average velocities (disregarding air resistance) of 200 fps for the 35-pound bow and 300 fps for the 70-pound bow.

** Assuming average velocities (disregarding air resistance) of 1000 fps for handgun bullets, 2500 fps for hunting rifle bullets, and 3000 fps for assault rifle bullets.

A sounding of the trumpet!!!

Mat 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

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1. There is **no final authority** but God.

2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.

3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority** on what is right and what is wrong: what constitutes truth and what constitutes error.

4. There **WAS** a series of writings one time which, **IF** they had all been put into a **BOOK** as soon as they were written the first time, **WOULD HAVE** constituted an infallible and final authority by which to judge truth and error.

5. However, this series of writings was lost, and the God who inspired them was **unable to preserve their content** through Bible-believing Christians at Antioch (Syria), where the first Bible teachers were (Acts 13:1), and where the first missionary trip originated (Acts 13:1-52), and where the word Christian originated (Acts 11:26).

6. So, God chose to **ALMOST** preserve them through Gnostics and philosophers from Alexandria, Egypt, even though God called His Son **OUT** of Egypt (Matthew 2), Jacob **OUT** of Egypt (Genesis 49), Israel **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus

Flower Chorus

*Such a commotion under the ground,
When March called, "Ho there! ho!"
Such spreading of rootlets far and wide,
Such whisperings to and fro!
"Are you ready?" the Snowdrop asked,
" 'Tis time to start, you know."
"Almost, my dear!" the Scilla replied,
"I'll follow as soon as you go."
Then "Ha! ha! ha!" a chorus came
Of laughter sweet and low,
From millions of flowers under the
ground,
Yes, millions beginning to grow.*

Ralph W. Emerson 1803-1882 -

15), and Joseph's bones **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 13).

7. So, there are two streams of Bibles: the most accurate though, of course, there is **no final, absolute authority** for determining truth and error: it is a matter of preference are the Egyptian translations from Alexandria, Egypt, which are almost the originals, although not quite.

8. The most **inaccurate translations** were those that brought about the German Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Bohler, Zinzendorf, Spener, etc.) and the worldwide missionary movement of the English-speaking people: the Bible that Sunday, Torrey, Moody, Finney, Spurgeon, Whitefield, Wesley, and Chapman used.

9. But we can tolerate these if those who believe in them will tolerate US. After all, since there is **NO ABSOLUTE AND FINAL AUTHORITY** that anyone can read, teach, preach, or handle, the whole thing is a matter of PREFERENCE. You may prefer what you prefer, and we will prefer what we prefer; let us live in peace, and if we cannot agree on anything or everything, let us all agree on one thing: **THERE IS NO FINAL, ABSOLUTE, WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF GOD ANYWHERE ON THIS EARTH.**

This is the Creed of the Alexandrian Cult.

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The Passover Service

Introduction

This article explains how you may hold the **Passover Service** in your own home. It is not designed to keep you away from Passover Services organised by the church group in your area. But may be of help if you find that there is no local group in your vicinity or, perhaps, if they do not celebrate the Passover according to the scriptural instructions. To begin with, I will briefly describe the events that led up to the first Passover ever held. To do this we will together take an imaginary journey to ancient Egypt, the land of the Pharaohs, the sphinx and the mighty pyramids.

The scene that comes to mind is strange to say the least: but it is true and very meaningful. Here

is a land that is the hub of the ancient world: where traders from the continents of Africa, Asia and Europe mingle in the busy market places. Throbbing with energy and spurred on by genius and ruthless greed, ancient Egypt is the envy of the whole earth. The country is awake, educated, rich and extremely powerful. She is the cradle of civilisation, the birth place, some say, of astronomy, mathematics, architecture, medicine, music and other arts and sciences.

Egypt, however, is proud, proud to the point of blasphemy; proud of her military might, her scholars, buildings, culture and religion: so proud in fact that the Pharaoh is worshipped as God, a God on earth. Daily he is hailed by his court as the visible representation of the divine presence, the supreme benefactor of the civilised world. The only people in his country who do not subscribe to this view are the children of Israel who live in the delta province of Goshen. They are Pharaoh's slave-workers whom he is finding increasingly difficult to control. You see they do not consider Pharaoh to be God. Instead they worship **Yahweh, the God of their ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**. They have been in Egypt for hundreds of years, but somehow know that the time for their liberation is near. But who will deliver them, and how? How could an unequipped and untrained company of slaves defy and overthrow the mighty Egyptian army with its war chariots, skilled fighting men and latest weaponry? There is absolutely no possibility for the slaves to escape, that is, without the help of **Yahweh** their God. And so, with mounting desperation, they call upon the Holy One of Israel to deliver them from their intolerable plight. From the height of heaven the God of the Hebrews hearkens to their call and comes to their rescue.

Exodus 3:7-9 "And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them."

Working through His servant Moses, **Yahweh** the God of Israel proceeds to humble Egypt, to humble Pharaoh, the mere mortal who dares to pose as a God on earth. By a series of devastating plagues Yahweh reduces Egypt to a miserable shambles. The temples, the houses and the countryside are all systematically laid waste by the hand of the Almighty. Everything in Egypt, the glory of the ancient world, is utterly ruined: all except the people of Israel and their possessions in the land of Goshen. Pharaoh, surprisingly, continues to defy the god of Israel and refuses to let His people go.

Exodus 11:1-7 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether. Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold. And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts. And there shall be a great

cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel."

The story is well known. At midnight a terrible slaughter took place and the only homes which escaped death were those which displayed the blood of the **Passover Lamb**. This is the instruction that Israel followed to escape that dreadful slaughter of the firstborn.

Exodus 12:1-14 "And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins

girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite 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."

That was the first Passover ever celebrated. It was the night when the angel of death - the **Destroyer** - passed-over the houses of the believers who had displayed the blood of the **Passover Lamb**. If no blood was visible the **Destroyer** would enter the house and the eldest son or beast therein would die. It was a terrifying night for ancient Egypt: a night never to be forgotten by believer and unbeliever alike.

Exodus 12:30 "And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead."

To Israel the Passover night was a night of liberation, the memorable night of their salvation from the tyranny and degradation of slavery. To Egypt it was a night of unparalleled catastrophe: a night of ignominious defeat and death. **Yahweh the God of the Hebrews** had reduced the mighty Egyptian empire to a dilapidated shambles and set His people free.

But this is all common knowledge to most believers. Indeed the story of the Passover is so well known to Bible students that they tend to skip over it when making a serious study of God's Word. This is a tragic mistake; because the Passover story was in fact a preview, a 'scaled-down model' a 'dramatised prophecy' a

'live object lesson' to the whole universe of how **Yahweh the Almighty God of Israel** was planning to rescue millions of souls enslaved in sin by the super-Pharaoh **Satan**. The final act of that real rescue operation is about to take place in the closing days of this age, when once again the **Destroyer** will be despatched on his mission of death. Yes, **Yahweh the God of the Hebrews** is again going to astonish the universe in yet another act of deliverance, the second act, the grand performance! That whole experience of Israel's slavery in Egypt, the back-breaking toil, the brutality, the hopelessness, the pain and then the deliverance through the **blood of the Passover Lamb**, was a living object lesson of deliverance from sin and eternal death through the blood of **Yeshua the Passover Lamb of God**. In view of this amazing fact let us take a closer look at the Passover Service and learn what the Most High wants us to do in this generation just prior to the **Destroyer's** appearance. **The Spiritual Realities of the Passover Service**

- **Jesus Christ (Yeshua the Messiah) is the true Passover Lamb** and all who put their faith in him and apply his life-saving blood to their souls will be saved.

Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

... 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

- **True Israelites include those who have put their faith in Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus the Christ) the seed of Abraham.**

Galations 3:26-29 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ. There is

neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Romans 2:29 "But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."

- **Since the Saviour's death on Calvary the blood of a literal lamb is no longer used. Instead the new covenant emblems of unleavened bread and wine have been authorised by him.**

Matthew 26:26-29 "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Luke 22:19-20 "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

- **The appointed Time and Date for the Passover Service is just after sunset on the evening of the 14th Abib, the first month in the sacred calendar.** (See [Calendar Chart](#) for dates)

Exodus 12:6 "And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening ..."

v18 "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened

bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even."

- **Strictly speaking Jerusalem (Israel) is the Passover site: and during the millennium it will again be the place to congregate for Yahweh's feasts. In this age, however, the Passover may be celebrated anywhere on earth: even in a private home if needs be.** We have the Saviour's guidance on this.

Deu 16:2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

Deu 16:5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee:

Deu 16:6 But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

Joh 4:19-24 "The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

- **The size of the company is unimportant. If even two or three believers are present the Spirit of Yahweh will be there.**

Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

- **The Passover Service itself consists of hymns, prayers, scripture readings and spiritual exhortations of what the Saviour did to save humanity.** Suggested readings are as follows: Exodus chapters 12 and 13, Isaiah 53, John chapters 13 to 19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-34, Matthew chapters 26 and 27. The men present should take turns in reading selected passages. The pastor or elders should lead out, asking Yahweh's blessing on the bread and the wine.
- **The Feet-Washing ceremony described in John 13 should be carried out before the Passover emblems are taken.**

Joh 13:6-10 "Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all."

- **The feet-washing ceremony is a miniature baptism.** It symbolises the washing away of sins and grievances against God and one another which have accumulated during our walk on the dusty road of life. He that is 'washed' (baptised) by immersion doesn't need to be re-baptised: but does need this service performed each Passover to be 'clean every whit.' The men and women should separate for this part of the service: each man washing another man's

feet and each woman washing another woman's feet. Should Christians keep the feet-washing service? The answer is yes we should. The Master's instructions are as follows:

Joh 13:14-15 "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

- **After the feet-washing ceremony the Passover emblems of unleavened bread and wine should be taken.** They represent the Saviour's broken body and shed blood. Leavened bread (bread made with yeast) should not be used; because leaven is a symbol of sin, and the Saviour was sinless - unleavened. See [recipe](#) for making unleavened bread. All new covenant Israelites, that is all true believers in Jesus (**Yeshua**) should eat the bread and drink the wine. **By doing so we symbolically apply the Saviour's blood to the lintel of our souls - the mind.** When a believer partakes of the wine he/she may be sure that just as the blood stream will carry the qualities of the wine to every capillary in the body, so too will the blood of the Saviour reach the very extremities of his body - the church: and bring it life, health, power, beauty and warmth. This is an important truth that all must understand. How true is the old hymn which says - *There is power in the blood of the Lamb!*

John 6:53-56 "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. **Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the**

last day. *For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him."*

1 Corinthians 11:23-30 *"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."

- **After the Passover Service believers should Watch and Pray that they enter not into temptation.**

A fearsome testing time called the '**Hour of Temptation**' is coming upon the world, when everything that can be shaken will be shaken.

Hebrews 12:26-27 *"Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."*

Faith in Yahweh, faith in His son Yeshua and in His Word - the Bible, faith in each other and the family, faith in the church will all

be tested severely. To stand upright at that time of temptation will require total dependence on the Spirit of the Almighty. **The PASSOVER NIGHT is the only night in the year which believers are commanded to observe.**

Great care should be taken to follow this divine instruction. The disciples failed to watch and pray even after the Saviour's repeated warnings. As a result they all forsook him and fled: and the Apostle Peter denied him on three occasions. Had Peter prayed he would not have denied the Master. But we are in even greater danger than those early disciples. Most certainly we are no stronger than them. The **midnight of the world** when every soul will be tested to near breaking point is approaching at speed. It is almost here. If we watch and pray regularly, especially on the **Passover Night** our prospects of standing upright are much better. If we do not watch and pray we will collapse as surely as Peter did. The Passover Night is a night to much observed. This is what the holy commandment says.

Exo 12:42 *It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.*

Yeshua the Saviour loves us with a love far beyond human imagination. He gave his life to redeem us from sin and eternal death. His aim is to present a faultless church to his Father; one that is washed clean of every sin and filled with the Holy Spirit. If you follow his instructions and keep the **Passover Service** at the appointed time and in the appointed way, and continually pray for his presence and power in your life, you will be kept in the **Hour of Temptation**. That is his promise as quoted below.

Rev 3:10 *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

If you plan to observe the Passover Service in your own

home, then make sure you and your company read the following:

- [The Passover Night](#)
- [The Hour of Temptation](#)
- [The Sacred Calendar of the God of Israel](#)
- [The Calendar Chart](#). This gives the sacred dates for several years to come.

"Yahweh bless thee, and keep thee:

Yahweh make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

Yahweh lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them."

(Numbers 6:24-27)

This is my prayer for you for His Name's sake.

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From United News March/April 2004

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Ray Calhoun, 74, of Sandston, Virginia, died unexpectedly Feb. 14, 2004. He retired from the Ford Motor Company and was an Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, two sons and a daughter. Services were held Feb. 17 by Todd Carey, pastor of the Williamsburg, Virginia,

congregation.

Maurice G. Cline, 69, of Gilbert, Arizona, died Oct. 12, 2003, in Mesa, Arizona. He was a member of the Phoenix East congregation.

From Larry Neff, pastor, Denver/Colorado Springs/Loveland, CO:

With sadness we inform you that **Sue Jantzen** lost her battle with lymphoma cancer at 6:35 a.m. Thursday, February 26. Sue set a remarkable example of faith, courage, and perseverance. She rallied amazingly a few times, but went into a more serious decline in the last couple of days. The family appreciates the considerable concern shown, but needs our continued prayers. Sue's youngest daughter is 15, the older children being college age. It has been a long ordeal for them and her husband, Larry.

Ernest Gibson, affectionately known to his friends simply as Gib, passed away Jan. 20, 2004. A longtime member of God's Church, Gib was the last surviving member of the legendary Northwest Mounted Police, the organization that eventually became the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

Gib was 102 years of age. His memorial service was conducted by UCG pastor David Palmer Jan. 25 in Comox, British Columbia. The service, with over 200 in attendance, included a military and RCMP presence, with a full color guard of Mounties, as well as war veterans and Legionnaires.

A memorial service was held in Red Bluff, California, for **Myrna Leonhardt**, 64, on Nov. 2, 2003. The service was conducted by Jim Chapman, pastor of the Red Bluff congregation.

William Marvin "Bill" House, 74, passed away Jan. 28, 2004, in an Aiken, South Carolina, hospital, after a lengthy illness.

Memorial services were conducted on Feb. 1, 2004, in Williston, South Carolina, by Don

Waterhouse, pastor of the Columbia and Florence, South Carolina, and Augusta, Georgia congregations and by George Trent, pastor in the Intercontinental Church of God.

Rose Nikodem, 82, of Oneida, Wisconsin, died Feb. 7, 2004, at home. She was a longtime Church member who attended the Oshkosh, Wisconsin, congregation.

Michael Hanisko, pastor of the Oshkosh congregation, conducted the funeral.

From the **YNCA** Online Newsletter <http://www.ynca.com/>.

Our long-time pianist, **Jacoba Ott**, passed away February 24, 2004, at the age of 90. Her husband, Pieter, and she were married 66 years, having come to America from Holland. He survives along with a son, daughter, several grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Both Jacoba and her husband were longtime baptized members and will be remembered by their continued dedication in proclaiming the word of Yahweh to the world.

The Otts were pleased to attend the 2001 Feast of Tabernacles where she assisted in piano-playing, having kept up that excellent past-time in the years they have resided in their comfortable home in Fairdealing, Missouri. She will be sorely missed and our prayers go out to the family.

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*Night is a good shepherd ... it
 brings home man and beast.
 ~ olde Irish proverb ~
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Andrew M. Prettyman, Andrew was born on Sept. 2, 1920. He died of heart failure at age 83 on Feb. 17, 2004.

Robert Allen Wood, 81, of Greencastle, Indiana, died Feb. 7, 2004, at Hickory Creek at Sunset Nursing Home after an extended illness. Victor Kubik conducted the funeral service.

Prayer Requests

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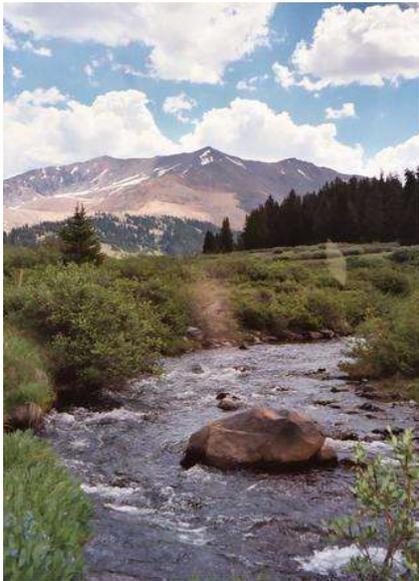
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A friend in Christ,
David W. Lacey

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