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*“the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy”*

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# The Death of Sorrow

As this magazine is hitting mailboxes many of the Sabbath –keeping brethren are preparing to celebrate the Fall High Sabbaths which are documented in the 23rd Chapter of the Book of Leviticus. This editorial is not about whether or not we ought to be keeping those days. It is up to each of us to be fully persuaded as to whether or not to keep those days holy.

While there is debate over whether to keep those days, there is little debate as to the symbolism of those days. The entire focus of Jesus' preaching to the Judahites of His day was His return as King of Kings during the time of the establishment and existence of the Kingdom of God. Many will say that He came to preach salvation and repentance, and that is true as far as it goes. But the goal, the purpose, of Jesus' preaching was the good news (gospel) of the Kingdom of God. A quick study of the verses found in the canonical Gospels containing a reference to the word "gospel" shows that Jesus preached that "good news" about a coming Kingdom. It should be, therefore, no surprise that the High Sabbaths would point His followers to that Kingdom—and that is exactly what they do.

Jesus recognized that mankind chose to live in a rotten world where evil men under the sway of Satan would make life progressively more anti-God as time went on. We know that it is vitally important that we keep the vision that God will rescue humanity while we endure the evil of the world around us. Solomon tells us that *"Where there is no vision the people perish."* The Father and His First Born Son do not desire that any of us should perish. Because of that, They gave us the roadmap of salvation that culminates in the establishment of God's Kingdom so that we could keep that vision before our eyes regularly.

But, what's so great about a Kingdom whose King is Jesus, or Yeshua if you prefer? In order to answer that question, we have to go to the scriptures that

discuss the events leading up to and continuing during the days of the Kingdom. This short article can't begin to completely cover those Kingdom days but it is hoped that one can begin to grasp the wonder of them and then continue the exploration on their own.

One of the horrible things about this world is amount of sorrow that exists. Yes, there is some happiness. But there's an awful degree of sadness also. This is symptomatic of the fact that we took of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good AND Evil before being expelled from the Garden.

But, sorrow is one of the major things that will be eliminated during the Kingdom days. In a prophetic verse speaking of the days when God's Kingdom will be established, we read the following, *"And the ransomed of Jehovah shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy on their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."* Isa 35:10. The statement that sorrow shall "flee away" indicates that sorrow will no longer be found.

There are many implications to sorrow's being put away. To understand that we need only think of the things that bring us sorrow today. One of the largest sorrows of our lives is one that is unavoidable, and a consequence of our bad choice in the Garden. That sorrow is the death of those we love.

A year ago last June I lost my Dad. It is true that I was blessed to have him with me a great many years longer than God indicates that we'd have life. Yet, when he passed a sorrow unlike anything I'd ever known visited me. Logically, I knew it was coming at some point, just as we all know that our parents will go the way of all men. Yet, when it actually happened, the sorrow was overwhelming. Even over a year later I still can't think about Dad without being overcome with the sorrow of grief.

Life will not contain sorrow during the days of the

Kingdom. That is a promise from God. We know from other scriptures that there will be no more death. Indeed, how could it be any other way when one of the greatest sorrows that we experience is the death of someone we love?

By extension, even if we were not told so directly, if there is no more sorrow then there must be no death in the days of the Kingdom. Think about that for a second! The people who live past the end days and into the Kingdom will not know death! Their husbands, wives, children, parents, and friends will not be separated from them by death from then on.

By extension, there will be no more divorce and the sorrow that such brings to the family. Anything of which one can think that causes sorrow will be done away with. What a glorious time that will be!

We know for a fact, because when God says something will be then it is a sure thing, that the nature of animals will be changed. One example from scripture follows, *“Also the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the cub lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.”* Isa 11:6-9.

We know that the idea of a wolf and a lamb living together today is laughable on its face. What about the absurdity of a leopard laying down peacefully with a baby goat? Is that any less laughable? And, would anyone put a breast-feeding baby on the ground near a snakes den? Yet, God promises that not only will sorrow be destroyed but that things that hurt and kill will be ended by the change in the nature of animals as well as people.

We have this promise that sorrow will be put away plainly stated for us. It is found in Rev 21:4: *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nei-*

*ther shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”* It can’t be any clearer than that. Once God has wiped away the tears of sorrow from the events that immediately precede the arrival of Jesus as King of Kings to rule all nations, He then proceeds to eliminate everything that causes pain, suffering and death—all that causes sorrow!

That in itself is glorious! However, other scriptures show that we, His servants, called and chosen, justified and tested, will be there to assist with showing people the Way that causes happiness, the absence of sorrow, in their lives. God will be moving into the next phase of His creation of a family by changing those who are His at the return of the Christ to rule. Although the exact nature of our service at that time, as immortal Sons of God, is not completely clear, it is quite possible that we will be that “still, small voice” that people will hear when they go to the “right or the left,” stating to them “this is the Way; walk in it.”

The fall High Sabbaths portray the last steps in this phase of the plan of God, from the return of the King, to the subjugation of all nations, to the establishment of the Kingdom over all other kingdoms leading to the very end when all men who have ever lived will be raised and given an opportunity to become Sons of God as those who were changed at the return of the Christ were. The symbolism that God left for us to keep His plan in mind is amazing. It is designed to keep us in mind that a better time is coming for all. They give all hope who understand the purpose of those Days.

I look forward to the Day when I will see my Dad again. He never understood or accepted Christ while he breathed. But, he was a good man. When his eyes are opened, he will gladly and joyfully accept the salvation of God, just as nearly every other man, woman and child who have ever lived will do.

Yes, scriptures tell us that they will have to resist the temptations of the Devil as we have had to do. But, they will see, as we do, that the reward of the saved is far better than the reward of those who follow the fallen angel—and will choose life as we did.

-Ed.





# Seven Factors that Influenced the Sabbath in the Early Church (Part 2)

Kelly McDonald

In this edition of The Sabbath Sentinel, we will continue to look at the factors that influenced the Sabbath in the Early Church. In the last edition, we covered two of them: the persecution of Christians and the destruction of Jerusalem. These events removed strong leadership from Christianity and lead to compromise. Other cities, such as Rome, began to claim apostolic authority over all Christendom. In this article, we will look at factors three and four: the Quartodeciman Controversy and anti-Semitism.

The immediate consequence of the second destruction of Jerusalem was confusion as to when Passover should be celebrated. In the 360s AD, Epiphanius wrote that that the quarreling about Passover started during the reign of Hadrian. From the last article, we looked at the significance of Hadrian's reign. Up to that time, there was no confusion about Passover. The majority of Christians celebrated Passover on the 14th of Nissan, as Jesus himself celebrated it in this manner. Epiphanius also wrote that the controversy existed in his day (Epiph, Heres, 70:9).

In approximately 155 AD, a controversy about Passover caused a stir within the Christian world. Polycarp, who was taught and trained by the first Apostles, was still alive. He celebrated Passover on the fourteenth of Nissan. Anicetus was the Bishop of Rome, but he refused to follow the same practice. Polycarp visited Rome to discuss this situation with him. The early church historian Eusebius wrote about this visit.

"At this time, while Anicetus was at the head of the church of Rome, Irenæus relates that Polycarp, who was still alive, was at Rome, and that he had a conference with Anicetus on a question concerning the day of the paschal feast..." (Eusebius, bk 4, 14:1-7).

"For neither could Anicetus persuade Polycarp not to observe what he had always observed with John the disciple of our Lord, and the other apostles with whom he had associated; neither could Polycarp persuade Anicetus to observe it..." (ibid, bk 5, 24:16-17).

The meeting between the two leaders came to a standstill. Polycarp held to the practice of Passover as he received it from the early Apostles. Anicetus decided not to celebrate Passover.

In the 190s AD, this issue came up again between Polycrates, the disciple of Polycarp, and the Bishop of Rome, Victor. The two exchanged letters with each other: "But the bishops of Asia, led by Polycrates, decided to hold to the old custom handed down to them. He himself, in a letter which he addressed to Victor and the church of Rome, set forth in the following words the tradition which had come down to him: 'We observe the exact day; neither adding, nor taking away...I could mention the bishops who were present, whom I summoned at your desire; whose names, should I write them, would constitute a great multitude. And they, beholding my littleness, gave their consent to the letter, knowing that I did not bear my gray hairs in vain, but had always governed my life by the Lord Jesus' " (ibid, bk 5, 24:1-8).

"Thereupon Victor, who presided over the church at Rome, immediately attempted to cut off from the common unity the parishes of all Asia, with the churches that agreed with them, as heterodox; and he wrote letters and declared all the brethren there wholly excommunicate" (ibid, bk 5, 24:9).

Polycrates held firmly to the practice of Passover on the 14th of Nissan. A great multitude of bishops in the Eastern Church sided with him. The Bishop of Rome, Victor, was angered by his letter. He tried to excommunicate all the Eastern Churches for celebrat-

ing Passover in the manner of our Lord. In his work, *Church History*, Eusebius listed Xystus (also called Sixtus I) as the first bishop who refused to keep Passover (ibid, bk 5, 24:14-15). Sixtus ruled from 117-126 AD, which was during the reign of Hadrian.

During this time, the Roman Church celebrated Passover on the Sunday after the 14th of Nissan. They claimed that this practice was necessary because they believed the resurrection of Jesus occurred on Sunday. This issue would persist for hundreds of years. At the Council of Nicea in 325, Constantine ruled that all churches should keep Passover on Sunday (siding with the Roman Church).

How did the Quartodeciman controversy affect the Sabbath? From the position of an annual Sunday celebration to honor the resurrection, the Roman Church demanded that every Sunday be celebrated by Christians in the place of the seventh-day Sabbath.

The fourth factor that influenced the Sabbath in the early Church was anti-Semitism. It was tightly bound up with the previous factors we had reviewed.

By the reign of Hadrian, anti-Semitism was rooted in Roman culture. Some Roman writers called the Jewish people a cursed race. They were accused of following mere superstitions; attacks sometimes specifically targeted the seventh-day Sabbath (For a

few examples, see Jewish Encyclopedia: Seneca, Lucius Annaeus; Tacitus, *Histories*, book 5:4-5; Quintilian *Institutio Oratoria*, bk 3, sec 7:21).

Unfortunately, anti-Semitism infiltrated Christianity. In Hadrian's reign, regional persecutions of Christians occurred. In an attempt to curb these, a man named Aristides, who claimed to be a Christian, made a defense of the faith to Hadrian. In his speech called *The Apology*, he claimed that there were four classes of men: barbarians, Greeks, Jews, and Christians. Moreover, he claimed that Christians were the highest of the four classes and had the most truth. He claimed that the Jewish people worshiped angels and derived their practices from them. Among the practices he derided was the Sabbath. We have a quote from his work below:

"Nevertheless they too erred from true knowledge. And in their imagination they conceive that it is God they serve; whereas by their mode of observance it is to the angels and not to God that their service is rendered:— as when they celebrate Sabbaths..." (*The Apology*, Section 14).

To my knowledge, this is the first historical reference of a Christian attempting to separate himself from the practices held in common with Jewish people. Just after the reign of Hadrian, a number of anti-Semitic teachers spread heresy in the Christian world. Marcion is probably considered the most influential of them. He taught that the God of the Old

## BSA President's Speaking Schedule

The Bible Sabbath Association's President, Kelly McDonald, will be appearing at several locations in September and October.

### Tentative September Schedule

Sep. 1 – Athens, GA  
Sep. 8 – Corinth, MS and Jackson, TN  
Sep. 15 – Murfreesboro, TN  
Sep. 23-26 – Fort Walton Beach  
Sep. 26-Oct. 1 – Jackson, TN

### Tentative October Schedule

Oct. 13 – Corinth, MS and Jackson, TN  
Oct. 20 – Murfreesboro, TN  
Oct. 27 – Cleveland, TN  
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# TIME is the Ally of Deceit

Richard Rives

Many aspects of Traditional Christianity cannot be found in the Bible. They can however be traced directly to the worship of pagan gods which predate Christianity by centuries. How is it that precepts that have nothing to do with Christ and everything to do with pagan sun worship have found their way into our churches? History reveals that there is one very good answer.

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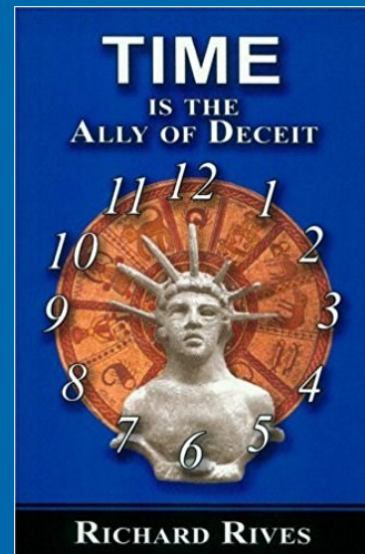
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Testament was a separate God from that of the New Testament. According to Irenaeus, a contemporary of the time, this heretical teacher flourished under the Roman Bishop Anicetus; this is the same Anicetus we reviewed earlier (Adversus Haereses. Book III, Chapter 4, Verse 3). He turned many people to his heresy (Justin, First Apology, Chapter 26).

Marcion taught that: "Since that day is the rest of the God of the Jews, who made the world and rested the seventh day, we therefore fast on that day, that we may not do anything in compliance with the God of the Jews" (Epiphinaus, Haers., Sec. 42, from Bingham, p 1139). He advocated fasting on the Sabbath to dishonor the "God of the Jews". Marcion was declared a heretic by the Roman Church, but some of his teachings were adopted in one way or another. For instance, fasting on the Sabbath became a normal practice for the Roman Church by the 400s AD (Augustine – Letters 36, 82).

Justin the Martyr was another anti-Semitic writer of this time period (150s-160s AD). Justin claimed that the Sabbath was given to the Jewish people on account of their transgressions and hardness of hearts (Dialogue with Trypho, Chapter 18). He claimed that Christians who practiced such things would "probably be saved" (ibid, 47).

The anti-Semitism that developed during the second century increased over time; it specifically targeted the Sabbath. Catholic writers thought they could denigrate the Sabbath by labeling it as Jewish or an antiquated institution. Augustine called people who honored the Sabbath "sons of the bondwoman" (letter 36, chapter 2). Around 600 AD, Pope Gregory called Sabbath keepers preachers of the anti-Christ (Registrum Epistolarum, Book 13, Letter 1). This demeaning attitude towards the Sabbath was to divert people from honoring it.

The Quartodeciman controversy was a power-play by Rome to push weekly Sunday worship on all churches. Anti-Semitism in Roman culture affected Christianity. It was used by Satan to attack the true Sabbath. We will continue our examination of the Sabbath in the early church in a future edition of The Sabbath Sentinel.



*Michael Suned*

### The Sixth Pillar of Wisdom— “Knowledge”

The history of human civilization is the history of human warfare. The story of a family is the story of survival. Each turning point of growth is a process of breaking through self-imposed mental barriers. From world war to regional conflicts, business lawsuits to family quarrels, religious movements to self-development, we all face and experience numerous challenges which force us to have conflict with an enemy we have engaged. Everyone is forced to join the war without their realization and intent, and to try to destroy the enemy without pity. How is it that “No one was born as a bad guy but world is full of fear and fury?” One of the answers is that most people are accustomed to making emotion-based decisions, re-

flecting on knowledge of the moment or are the victim of immediate, unforeseen disasters, literally or figuratively pounding on their doors.

Our society is formed by many communities and each community is established by the combination of many families. The family is the smallest unit in society. In order to have a completely successful society it is required that each family has to learn how to properly use this essential and very powerful tool—“knowledge.” We know from history and our own lives that this extremely desirable and powerful, mysterious, yet essential, element can bring happy endings as well as sad ones. That’s why the statement that “knowledge is power” has been quoted by many great leaders, past and present, to acknowledge the importance of knowledge in our lives and for the successes that we strive to achieve.

Human society is seemingly overjoyed with every new invention. Some try to copy them. Some desire to honor the inventor. Each and every one swim in their mixed feelings, while taking advantage of the great break through that brings a better life.

Our world is full of stories. Some make us laugh and some make us cry. Sometimes we could be lost in understanding the “war” or conflict and trying to figure out which one is correct--just like the lawsuit between Apple and Samsung or the war in Iraq. One thing we know is that each case will be reconciled with a great amount of compensation given to the prevailing parties, sometimes as a scapegoat. We can recall the hardship and deception from the windshield scandal of Ford to the cell phone lawsuit between Apple and Samsung. We can easily see that all throughout human history individuals made no effort to establish first a useable right to these items to share with society and to contribute to the world those materials. This includes information found in many inventions that have been discovered for thousands of years. So why were those materials and information not used to discover the invention earlier than they were?

There is a certain difference between information and knowledge which makes one person’s ability more special than others. The very first person who achieves a required level of understanding saw through the mysticism and was able to illustrate in mathematical or theological terms an explanation to the world so that the rest of the world could understand. That is the one who will have the beautiful title of “inventor” or “pioneer.” Following those inventors’ footsteps attempting improve the invention are those we sometimes identify as followers or copiers. Some even attempt to steal the invention.

There are many ways to come to knowledge, but two are very common. The first one is to use our ability to think





to transform those collected information bits into the knowledge that is needed at the moment. The other is to use a proven piece of knowledge to solve a problem. Our brain observes information continually and collects it intentionally. When we come to a problem or challenge, our brain starts searching all its stored information to try to form a solution to the faced problem or challenge. Either of these two major ways of preparing to solve a challenge requires a significant level of critical thinking which then leads to creative thinking. One of the reasons that people strive to uncover a piece of knowledge to solve a problem is to reach the level of satisfaction that occurs after success. After all, we are intelligent animals and information is available everywhere. Information can be transformed into knowledge once the conditions are satisfied.

For consumers or reviewers, our brain has to evaluate and measure the facts or incidents related to the problem to be solved. Knowledge is an unimaginably huge subject and an absolute challenge for us to achieve. On the other hand, our desire to understand everything has led the people of the world to establish many different ways to measure the elements to which we are exposed. In the past, in western civilization, a discovery was eventually established and published to the world by Catholicism through showing respect and honor to the pope which became a signifying and remarkable event of appreciation to the pope for providing an opportunity to those seeking that knowledge. We probably will never know who those were that had participated because of this giving credit to Pope, which was a traditional event. We are programmed to believe that acceptance of a degree in the current system is a measuring stick for the world to illustrate how much knowledge a person has obtained through Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate degrees.

The result of being exposed to all kinds of marketing across time has a designed purpose. Our brain is very receptive to believing without thinking to look for answers when instead we needed to question what we hear even from those degreed people. We realize that frequently these highly educated people don't have the right answers. Instead someone who doesn't have that type of education, or has very little education, turns out to have the best solution. "No one knows everything" is a common excuse for those who believe that they are the one who should know or be considered as an "Expert" on the matter even though their insight was in error. Over a quarter million people are dying from medical malpractice in the U.S. annually. Educational degrees, which help to identify an individual's knowledge level in some area related to those degrees, don't mean that their advice is good for everything. Accordingly, a person who doesn't have one of those degrees is not necessarily without useful knowledge.

The problem which has been extant with human society is that knowledge is the one of the most difficult things to measure. The desire to effectively measure the level of



knowledge for a person is absolutely related to one invention, but at some level it produces the same problem as any other invention. However, to some degree it is still used to interpret or evaluate one's ability or qualification and is especially common in job hunting. We can single out many individuals who have accomplished significant levels of achievement throughout history but who don't have the level of recognized educational degrees in their field. Moreover, most of them would be considered as "illiterates" or "uneducated." Jesus, a home-schooled boy, became the best salesperson and mentor in the world. Genghis Khan, an orphaned world conqueror, did not have a chance to go to school. Srinivasa Ramanujan was a self-taught math genius. Bill Gates is a no-introduction-necessary Harvard drop out. We can name thousands of people who beat the academic world, showing by their accomplishments that success can come without going down the academic path. Many in the world who had reached incredible levels of achievement didn't have a recognized degree in their field of achievement. These numerous evidences show us that using a degree program as the sole method to evaluate the qualification or ability of leadership is too risky. We have too many sad cases available for us today that help us to analyze from history, modern and postmodern, that almost all of the starting points of human tragedy were triggered by ones who had held higher educational degrees, were highly recognized individuals in their society or community. On the other hand, more than one terrible incident was stopped by someone who didn't have any official degreed education, such as David's conquering of Goliath.

It's dangerous for us to believe that people who have degrees have a higher degree of wisdom than those who don't have degrees. Our society has intentionally pushed us to believe that college degrees can be equivalent to years of vocational experience. Society does this through various avenues such as delivering information that false-

ly equates high income with college degree such as in advertising for Colleges, Institutes and hiring. We know that many graduates of Harvard, Yale, Princeton or other top colleges have an equivalent history of failure, just as much as other lower rated colleges, or even someone who didn't go to college in their life. For some, having that degree enables those who went to college to be able to manipulate standards, twist morals and lie. This is certainly moreso than those who didn't go to college. Some believe this and some do not. Is the college system teaching those wrong habits and moral issues? I don't have an answer for this. I don't feel qualified to analyze this specific controversial point since I don't have any college experience. By the time graduation comes, some come out of college with lower moral standards and the dishonest habits of society. All this tells us one thing; the educational information transferred has a form or concept that is titled as "knowledge" but is not necessarily so.

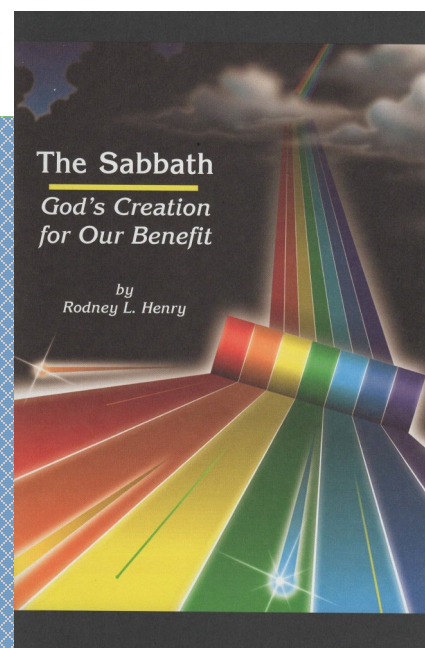
Everyone has a good head capable to receive, process and exchange information, and knowledge. None should neglect acquiring the necessary training or teaching of how to perform knowledge acquisition. The sad fact is that more and more educational processes are ripped out of their natural purpose of developing a mind and have devolved into manipulating or controlling minds.

It shouldn't be our intention to focus on unsolvable, controversial, societal beliefs and thereby make war against each other. We can keep focusing on the negativity and stay negative all the time if we like. Or we can make a positive decision to effectively move towards staying and growing positive. The moment that we make a decision, our brain starts filtering all of the available information to capture useful pieces. It then forms an understanding which helps us to go through the rest of our journey until our goal has either been reached or declined. That having being said, we will be able to see that knowledge is the result of transformed information which has been captured and processed through our brain's mental processes. The ability or inability to handle the value of the knowledge and the consequent decisions will make a person either the same or different from other groups of people. Knowledge is not the first pillar of wisdom as most people think, as the world is pushing or as colleges are promoting. As soon as we realize this we will be able to avoid becoming a slave of the modern educational system, and avoid the waste forgotten from the time of the beginning of life on this planet. Our life has purpose and there are better ways to be happy and be successful. It's not just in pursuing higher education or educational degrees. Knowledge is a transformation of information by the brain. No matter how much information is stored in one's head, if that person doesn't have filtering and the ability to mentally manipulate that information, it will not be as valuable or useable for the knowledge holder or the surrounding people.

Our success is not equal with the education we have received in a school or the certificate of degree that we ob-

tain from human hands. Instead our success is equated with the ability to transform the information to solve the problems that others can't and is confirmed by the results in our lives. Knowledge is power on which you can build a city or destroy a world.

The highest level of skill in controlling and performing this powerful element of wisdom needs to have all previous five pillars solidly understood to provide a safe channel for transforming the information that is collected daily and stored in our brain into knowledge. It requires an individual's thinking ability of transforming information into knowledge and connecting them to form a concept that can be executed or performed—the seventh pillar-action.



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# TENDER HEART'S MINISTRY

*Evangelist John Langat*

Tender Hearts Ministry was founded in October, 2012, by independent Sabbath-keeping & loving brothers and sisters. We are situated in the Kericho County, Kenya, East Africa. We are registered community based ministry to conduct evangelism and orphanage work.

Here are the details of what we do:

1. Street Evangelism
2. Bible studies/Literature Evangelism
3. Orphanage and Christian Counseling:

Our evangelism is from Sundays to Thursdays every week and involves bible studies, literature distribution and follow up, followed by our Sabbath services every Saturday. We give out books like Great Controversy, Ministry of Healing and steps to Christ including National Sunday Law books and general books supporting the biblical Sabbath. Our sermons are Christ centered.



in the right way they should go. So far we have fifteen children at our orphanage home comprising of boys and girls ages 2-13. We are also feeding over fifty other needy children in the community. To sponsor fifteen Children at the orphanage and feed the other fifty Children, per month, costs approximately \$2,024. This covers food, clothes, medical needs and school utilities.



So far we have eight fellowship groups and a newly established independent church in the remote suburb several miles away from our county and we are working hard to erect a wooden church structure.

We believe that Christ's method in evangelism, when applied, leads to success.

Orphanage work also leads the young Children to Christ and establishes them on a sure foundation! This has been our major focus since we started to raise the children, i.e.,



As I wrote, we are also feeding over fifty other needy children in the community but we are unable to accommodate them at our orphanage since we do not have enough space for them all. However, in the future when the lord pro-



vides, we can extend the building and provide housing for them. But for now they are forced to stay in volunteer families home.

We need more bibles, food, finances and children's books donated to our Tender Hearts Ministry even if they are second hand. Street evangelism and literature does not cost us anything except when we travel to another city. We then must pay for gas for our old van. Our own small offerings go to evangelism, also.

We are situated on 2 acres of land with a building and are thinking of expanding it and make better use of that resource in order to accommodate more children. We also have a dependable well of water, vegetable garden and county-piped water to our property.

Our staff and board are very helpful and most of them are volunteers. However, we are only able to pay one staff member out of our five. We are appealing for a sponsor to help pay the other four staff for their basic needs. Our one staff member's salary is \$90 a month.

Our objective is to home school until we are able to have additional acreage to build our own Christian school where we will teach God's Christian principles. So far three of our volunteers are home school teachers.

We have one van that helps us with the local transportation but it is an old model. We need help to buy a good one as soon as possible. A good used van model will cost us \$6,500. We also need a 4x4 wheel drive Toyota to help in collection of food and transportation which will cost us \$5,500. It has been always our prayer that the Lord provides a donor to help us purchase these two important vehicles for the ministry.

### LITERATURE SHARING



### LAND:

The good news we have at the moment (from last November 2017) is that, an elderly family has promised to donate 63 acres of land to our ministry. We are praying that they can quickly reach a unanimous agreement as a family to officially donate the land to us.

So far the land is fertile; we have permission to use it for farming in the mean time. However, we need help to do fencing, and cultivate it so we can plant food crops for food and for sale to sustain the orphanage and the ministry in general. We are therefore appealing to God's people to keep this project in their prayers so that we can smoothly



get this land transferred officially to our ministry.

### TIMBER BUSINESS

The timber business has been a success for our ministry since last year. We buy trees and slit them and sell for wood



and construction. However, for us to make a better profit we need to buy our own three chain saws (Husqvarna) instead of hiring. The three will cost us \$1,800. Most of the income from timbers goes to buy food for the orphanage, pay for gas for our van and our electricity bill. We are therefore requesting help to find a sponsor to donate for this important project.

Our request is for help to support the project until we are able to sustain ourselves. We are very aware that all earthly support will be cut off in the future and so we are, at all levels, trying to put projects in place to have Tender Hearts Ministry fully self-supporting in the near future in order to carry forward the ministry and Christ's gospel.

### FUTURE PROJECTS:

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4. Worship Hall

Please keep us in your prayers after a big rainy flooding season. Unfortunately most of our crops were destroyed due to heavy rains and we won't harvest much this year. Because of this, it is our prayer that the Lord provides for His Children and for the ministry as a whole!

May the lord bless your consideration for our ministry needs. We also need prayers!

Yours Faithfully,

Evangelist Langat (Director, Tender Hearts Ministry)

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# TWO THRONES FOR TWO ERAS

*Ray Daly*

Mat. 3:1-2. *"In those days came John the Baptist preaching...Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

Mat. 6:33. *"But seek you first the kingdom of God and his righteousness!"*

It seems that most Sabbath observing Christians today, feel that the above two mentioned kingdoms are one and the same. They believe that when the Son of Man returns, he will establish the "Kingdom of God" on earth. Which to them "is" the kingdom of heaven. But, are they the same? Think about it. When the scripture uses the word "heaven", it is singular, including only the earth and its atmosphere. However, when it says "kingdom of God," it would have to include the entire universe. The Son of Man is going to reign on earth. But God Almighty will continue to reign from his throne in the far reaches of space. We will begin to see these differences as the Study continues.

Mat. 19:28. *"In the regeneration [at the time of the first resurrection period], when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of his glory!"* Mat. 19:31. *"When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all his Angels with him. Then shall he sit on the throne of his glory!"*

I quoted two verses basically saying the same thing to emphasize the fact that when the Son of Man sits on said throne (the Mercy seat in the Holy of Holies), he will be sitting on a physical seat. But, the Son of God sits on a Spiritual throne in his Temple in the furthest reaches of space. The Son of Man will govern the entire earth, while the Son of God governs the entire universe. The Son of Man is not "God." Yes, he is a son of God, but a basically "Spirit/physical" son. He is not yet "total" Spirit as is his father Shadday. (Gen. 17:1; Ex. 6:3).

We know that Jesus of Mary, was born to become the "sacrificial Lamb." He died, and was resurrected, but,

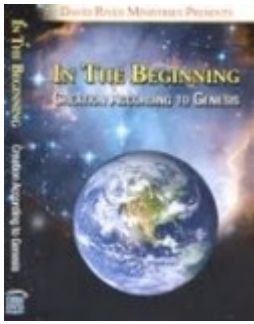
not to total Spirit. He was both Spirit and physical, as shown in Luke 24:39. *"Behold my hands and feet, that it is myself. Handle me and see. For a [total] Spirit has not flesh and bones, as you see me have!"* 1 Cor. 15:38. *"But God gives it [all mankind] a body as it pleases him. To every seed [including the resurrected] his own body."* To those of the "called, chosen, and faithful", who have lived and died, a new body of flesh and bone, with the spirit of man within it. But, in the faithful, the spirit in man, will have been united with the Holy Spirit, meaning that they cannot die again. But, for the unfaithful and unknowing, their "new" body will be flesh and bone, but with just the spirit of man within it.

In Rev. 17:4, we see those making *"War with the Lamb [Son of Man]. And the Lamb shall overcome them. For he is Lord of lords, and King of kings. And they that are with him are called, chosen, and faithful!"* It is after the wars are finished, and proper changes are made within the earth's governmental systems, that the "kingdom of heaven" will begin. Reigning with the Son of Man will be the resurrected saints. It will be their duty during the seventh millennium to "educate all mankind" as it pertains to the right way of life, teaching them of future events, and how it can be that they will be able to become sons of God the Father, or, Shadday.

Let's now move on to the end of the 1000 year reign of the Son of Man, in the time period of the kingdom of heaven. 1 Cor. 15:51-53. *"Behold I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep [die]. But WE shall all be changed. [Speaking of all of those that will be in the first resurrection] In a moment. In the twinkling of an eye. At the LAST TRUMP, for the trump shall sound. And the dead in Christ [the Son of Man/Lamb] shall be raised incorruptible. And WE shall be changed!"*

Keeping in mind that those in the first resurrection period will be the teachers of all mankind during the





## In the Beginning Creation According to Genesis

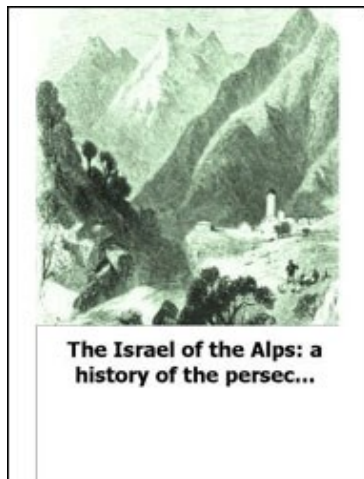
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seventh millenia. Now look at the words above. "The dead in Christ shall be raised." Who are these individuals? Well, they are the second wave of faithful believers. They will be resurrected with "physical bodies, and the Holy Spirit/spirit of man" within them. These (perhaps millions) will become the "teachers" during the eighth millennium. Just as the saints will be the teachers for 1000 years. We know that there will be a minimum of millions for they will be teachers of some (estimated) fifty billion resurrected human beings.

It is likely that during this 8th day millennium, that the "Kingdom of God" will be on earth. Consider the following evidences.

In Rev. 20:1-2, we see where the devil is cast into the "bottomless pit." This is at the beginning of the 7th millennium. He is sealed for 1000 years during the time that those of the first resurrection will be "Sitting on thrones...having judgment given to them". Verse 7 describes the devil and his demons being released from the pit. There is warfare, and the devil and his will be cast into the "ever burning fire" from which their "spirit" essence will rise up into the upper atmosphere from whence it will drift out through the ozone holes at either end of the earth. This is the fulfillment of the "outer darkness" prophecy.

It is at this time, the beginning of the 8th millennium, that "all that have ever lived" since the time of Adam and Eve will be resurrected and go into judgment although said resurrections may not be in the way that most feel. We read in Isa. 65:20. "There shall be no more an infant of days. Nor an old man that has not fulfilled his days [100 more years]. For the child shall die an hundred years old. But the sinner, being an hundred years old shall be accursed!"

I find the above, perhaps telling us, that the 8th millennium will be divided up into resurrection periods of 100 years, so many every century each having 100 years to either accept the message going out to them, or to reject it. For those that accept the message, they likely will receive the Holy Spirit at that time, and become the next teachers in a future work? Those that reject the teachings, will be "thrown into the lake of fire." In turn, the "spirit of man" within them will also ascend with the smoke, and will go out into outer darkness.



Rev. 21:11-12. In these verses, we see the judgment system of the 8th millennium. "And I saw a great white throne, and HIM that sat upon it. From whose FACE the earth and heaven fled away...And I saw the dead [50 billion or so?] stand before GOD! And the books [Scripture?] were opened, and the book of LIFE...!"

Note in the above, it is "GOD" that will be judging, not the Son of Man. In his time of judgment, he will not be as God. Not until the end of the 7th millennium, when those, that will be come as fully Spirit sons of the Father, will "be changed." The point is, that the "kingdom of heaven" will be seen over by the Son of Man. But, the "kingdom of God" will be seen over by "GOD" Himself.

A few closing comments. Rev. 21:1. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth." I find that this new heaven and earth, will be much like the "new" layer of earth, that was placed over the sub surface of the earth, after the water had been moved away. Meaning, said new heaven and earth will be placed over the top of the earth that will be in that day, which in the future will be changed back to its Genesis One conditions.

Rev. 21:2-3. "And I, John, saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem coming down from heaven...And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying. Behold the Tabernacle of God is with men. and he will DWELL with them!" Again, this is showing the kingdom of heaven being under the Son of Man, and the Kingdom of GOD being under The Almighty. These points should at least be considered, when discussing the Kingdom of God.

Even after the above event, we see in V. 8. "But the fearful, unbelieving, murderers, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolators, and all liars, will have their part in the lake of fire...This is the second death."

The following seems to show that the Holy City, will come down during the 8th millennium. This seems to be shown in Rev. 21:27. "And there shall in no wise enter into it, and thing that defiles, works abomination, or makes a lie. Only they that are written in the Lamb's book of life."

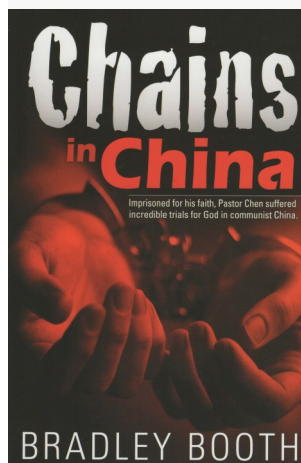
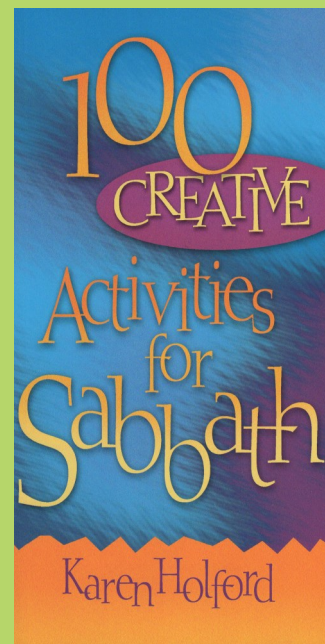
It may be difficult to understand all of the events to take place in the future as it regards the kingdom of heaven, and the Kingdom of God. There is a throne that the Son of Man will sit upon, and a throne that God will sit upon.

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# PROPHECY

*Darl E. Arbogast*

What is prophecy? Is prophecy a guess about the future or is it some future event perhaps with a warning for us or maybe a promise of something good to occur in our future? Will prophecy end with the return of Christ or does it end with the White Throne judgement? Or does prophecy never end?

Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of the Old and New Testament words tell us that prophecy signifies "The speaking forth of the mind and Counsel of God".

Prophecy is mentioned in the gifts chapter, 1 Corinthians 12 of the New Testament then the love chapter is written in 1 Corinthians 13. Prophecy mentioned is a gift given to the body of Christ with the admonition to seek the best gifts and 'yet' I show you a more excellent way.

We can take the implication from that as love being more important perhaps than prophecy.

After the completion of the love chapter the Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 14:3 NKJ – "*But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.*"

The catch is prophecy must be from the mind and counsel of God and not from someone's opinion. Amos 7:14 NKJ "Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah: 'I was no prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet.'"

For me personally I am reminded of these words written in Amos 7:14.

I have been a goat herder and keeper of honey bees and an organic gardener for 50 years without feeling a burden or a calling to go prophesy. I have done some preaching but have not tried to predict the future for God.

In my fifty years as a baptized Christian I have met many would be prophets. I can remember very well how they would open their Bible and expound how the work of God would be shut down in a 45-day period, then the abomination of desolation would be set up. During a 30-day period after the 45 days the Church would flee, then at the end of the 30 days, 1260 days would begin during which time the Church would be in place of safety and upon their completion Christ would return. These people had a countdown to the return of Christ but it did not come from God and Christ's return did not happen.

Where are these prophets today? I can't find any of them, they all seem to be gone and those I have heard about are all dead awaiting the resurrection. These people never saw any of this scenario describing the return of Christ come to pass.

It is important to spot the difference between a prophecy and a





fairy tale. I say all of this knowing full well what happened to Jonah. Jonah was told by God what to do but Jonah didn't want to, so he fled. If the need should arise and God should let me know beyond a shadow of a doubt that He wanted me to go somewhere and warn the people I would go in the blink of an eye.

Sharing a little of what I have learned from Daniel's 70 week prophecy: I think most 7th Day Churches teach their own version. I believe it was God showing them how important the land rest is to Him and the importance of the Jubilee is to Him.

Exodus 23:10 NKJ - 10 "*Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce.*"

Leviticus 25:1 thru 7 is the land Sabbath law and verses 8 thru the rest of the chapter is about Jubilee.

There is no evidence Israel or Judah ever kept the Jubilee year.

While Judah was in captivity their land enjoyed ten land Sabbaths after its being denied for all those previous years.

They had not given back the land to the original owners as ordered to do every 50 years. So, they all lost it for 70 years after which Ezra had to redistribute it over again—however he might have done it.

Jeremiah chapter 52 tells of the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

Not many people look at nor do they consider these things when they talk of the 70 weeks prophecy but they are important to realize.

I cannot offer what it may mean for our future, if it means anything at all. I do however expect these land Sabbaths and Jubilee will be mandatory in the millennium and the time period following the resurrection of Ezekiel chapter 37 and beyond.

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# THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

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In our previous study we looked at the Biblical evidence that the rapture of the church is not going to occur until after the tribulations predicted in Revelation chapters 6-9. Moreover, we noted that the pretribulation rapture doctrine appeals to the desire of our flesh to avoid facing any real difficulties while here on earth.

In Matthew 24:3 (NIV) we find recorded this question asked by Yeshua's disciples: "'Tell us,' they said, 'when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?'" Then from Matthew 24:4 through Matthew 24:31 Yeshua proceeds to answer their question. He declares that there will be wars, famines, and earthquakes in various places. (Matthew 24:6-7).

Do you consider wars, famines, and earthquakes trying circumstances? Would you like to be in a war, a famine, or an earthquake? Yet of these events Yeshua tells us "All these are the beginning of birth pains" (Matthew 24:8 NIV). In other words, the wars, famines, and earthquakes are just the beginning of tribulations. In addition, although Yeshua is here answering the question "what will be the sign of your coming?" up to this point He has made no mention of either the rapture of the church or His second coming.

*"Then they will deliver you over to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name." (Matthew 24:9 NAS). Instead of being*

*raptured out of tribulation, we will be delivered over to tribulation. "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold." (Matthew 24:10-12 NAS).*

In other words, there will be a falling away from the faith, betrayal, hate, false prophets, and unbridled lawlessness. *"But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved." (Matthew 24:13 NAS).* If we are getting raptured off to heaven before all the trouble starts, there would be no need for Yeshua to tell us that we need to endure all the trouble to the end.

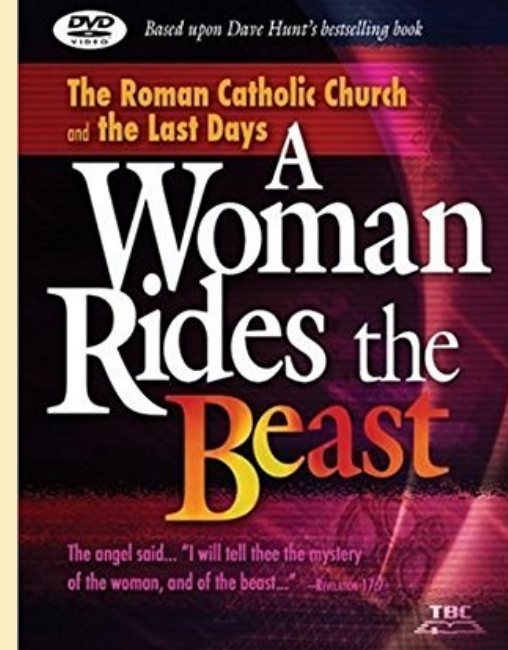
Next in Matthew 24:15 (NAS) Jesus speaks about the "ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet." This is a specific reference to Daniel 9:27. I will quote this verse from both the New American Standard Version and the New International Version. *"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." (NAS). "He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple, he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him." (NIV).*

Please notice that the Hebrew word shabua translated "week" in the New American Standard Version is translated 'seven' in the New International Version. From Young's Concordance (p. 1041) I find this entry for shabua: "A seven, a week." So although this word is typically translated 'week' in

the Bible, it can also be translated 'seven.' The fact is that most Biblical scholars believe that the 'week' or 'seven' in Daniel 9:27 refers to a week or seven of seven years – not to a week or seven of seven days. This is where these scholars come up with the idea that the tribulation period will be seven years long. On this point I believe they may well be correct.

Now please notice this statement in Daniel 9:27: "In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering." If you don't know this, the Jews in Israel plan to rebuild their temple in Jerusalem. When I last read about their preparations roughly five years ago, I learned that they already have all the materials assembled and ready for rebuilding the temple. With modern construction methods and heavy equipment they can probably erect the temple in less than 90 days. Once the Jews rebuild the temple, they will again began "sacrifice and offering" in the temple. Not until the Jews are again sacrificing in their temple will the "man of sin" (the antichrist) who has made a covenant with them come and break his covenant by stopping their "sacrifice and offering." By referring to Daniel 9:27 in Matthew 24:15, Yeshua is telling us that He is not likely to return until the temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt and the "man of sin" breaks his covenant with the Jews in the middle of the 'seven.' Plus the NIV brings out that "on a wing of the temple, he will set up an abomination that causes desolation." Although Bible scholars disagree on exactly what this abomination is, a large number of them believe that this abomination will be either an image of the "man of sin" or an image of the beast of Revelation. In either case setting up an image in the temple in Jerusalem would make a desolation of the worship of Yahweh.

Now am I asserting that Jesus will definitely return after the temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt and the man of sin stops the sacrifice and offering in the temple? No, Jesus wouldn't have told us that He might come at a time when we don't think He is coming if we could know for certain the time of His return.



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***“THE LORD WILL BE KING OVER THE WHOLE EARTH. ON THAT DAY THERE WILL BE ONE LORD, AND HIS NAME THE ONLY NAME.”***

After speaking of the difficulty of the days that immediately follow the setting up of the abomination of desolation in the temple, Jesus declares: *“For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.”* (Matthew 24:21 NAS). Here I believe Jesus is telling us that at this point the Great Tribulation will occur. Jesus Himself calls this time the “great tribulation” and states that there never has been nor ever will be anything like it in world history. Most likely, the events predicted in Revelation chapters 6-9 will happen in this period of time.

Finally, after Yeshua predicts false Christs and false prophets (Matthew 24:23-24), we come to these verses: *“But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And he will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and*

*THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from the one end of the sky to the other.”* (Matthew 24:29-31 NAS – Note: The capitalized words in these verses are NAS capitalization – not my capitalization.) As we noted in our previous study, Jesus is coming back *“after the tribulation of those days.”* (Look again at Matthew 24:29.) Moreover, He is coming back with *“A GREAT TRUMPET”* – the last of the seven trumpets of Revelation.

Before looking at where Yeshua is going at His second coming, please notice these words in Matthew 24:30: *“then all the tribes of the earth will mourn.”* If at this point Yeshua is rapturing all the saints off to heaven, all the tribes of the earth wouldn't be mourning; rather, they would be rejoicing because the meddlesome Christians would no longer be around to attempt to restrain their evil ways. If the believers go off to heaven with Yeshua at this time, the remaining unbelievers could indulge in every sort of wicked behavior without restraint until the time that Yeshua actually does return to set up His kingdom. But the unbelievers aren't rejoicing that the Christians are out of the picture; they're mourning. They would only be mourning if Yeshua is indeed returning to earth at this point and putting an end to their reign of evil.

So where is Jesus going when he returns to planet earth? Please look at Zechariah 14:2-5 (NIV): *“I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the people will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.”* First of all, this passage further explains why all the nations



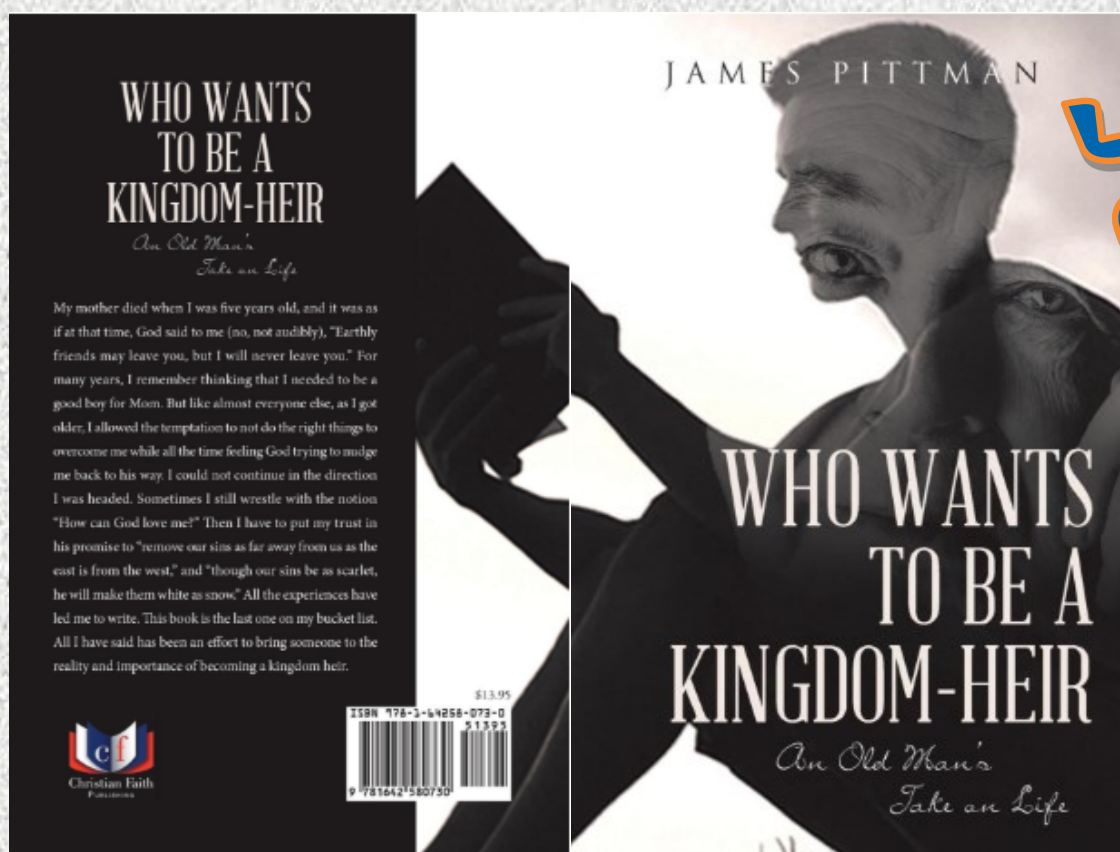
will mourn. In Zechariah 14:2 we see the nations getting victory over the Jews so that they can finally solve “the Jewish problem.”

But right at the moment of the nations’ triumph Jesus comes and fights against them. Moreover, He turns the nations’ victory into a defeat for them and a triumph for His people. Specifically, while He is defeating the nations, He is making a way of escape for the remaining Jews through His mountain valley.

Second and most important, Yeshua returns “and

*all the holy ones with him.”* (Look again at Zechariah 14:5.) Remember the passage in I Thessalonians 4:13-18; recall that we are going to meet Yeshua in the air. But Yeshua isn’t going to heaven. He is going to Jerusalem and He is taking “all the holy ones with him.” At Christ’s second coming, when we meet Him in the air, we will be among “the holy ones with him” who are going to Jerusalem with Him. *“The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.”* (Zechariah 14:9 NIV). *“Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.”* (Revelation 22:20 NIV).

## Who Wants to be a Kingdom-Heir?



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# Letters to the Editor

I read the article 'Wanted: Black Robe Regiment' in the Sabbath Sentinel (July 2018) with great interest. Today Sabbath keepers are vastly outnumbered by Sunday keepers and to turn that around would take a miracle but by believing 'faith can move mountains.' We may not wear a uniform of a regiment but we can join forces like a regiment in the Army of God; we are known by the company we keep.

Recently I sent letters to President Trump, Marsha Blackburn and Bob Corker regarding 'What Caused the Ills we face as a Country'. They have responded but there is a limit to what can be done. They are sympathetic but their hands are tied by our own Constitution. An Amendment to the Constitution would be required to correct the following:

- Wording of our Constitution allows all pagan religions equal status with Christianity.
- We call our nation a Christian nation but our Constitution allows every existing pagan religion on the earth citizenship and to worship here; not only that but what is equally ridiculous is we allow them to participate in our political system, run for political office and write our laws.
- The freedom of religion clause should be amended to say freedom to all Christians and Christian practicing people, God fearing people or words to that affect.
- This Amendment would be a long complicated process and it would not pass.

Writing an Amendment like this is a political and a spiritual combination. Spiritually it would be short circuited because most professing Christians claim Sunday as their Sabbath. Politically no one wants to open a political

can of worms, the Democrats or the Republicans.

—Darl Arbogast

*What you write about overcoming a great obstacle is true. However, the same could have been said for farmers with crude weapons against one of the most formidable military powers on earth in 1776. What is missing is "If God is for us then who can be against us?" That being said, I'm pretty sure that stifling the religious freedom of anyone would not have a desirable effect on the liberty we enjoy. If there is anything Satan would like to destroy it is our ability to worship God in the way that we understand that He wants to be worshipped. That said, the editorial was aimed at the things about which all bible-believing Christians, even Sunday keepers, should be able to agree: sexual perversion, abortion and the fact that liberty in Christ is not freedom to violate God's laws. Unfortunately, many "teachers" have ignored the plain admonitions of God in favor of a paycheck. This problem exists both inside and outside of the churches of God.*

—Ed.

I received the new TSS (July 2018) yesterday. You have a great editorial.

—Ray Daly

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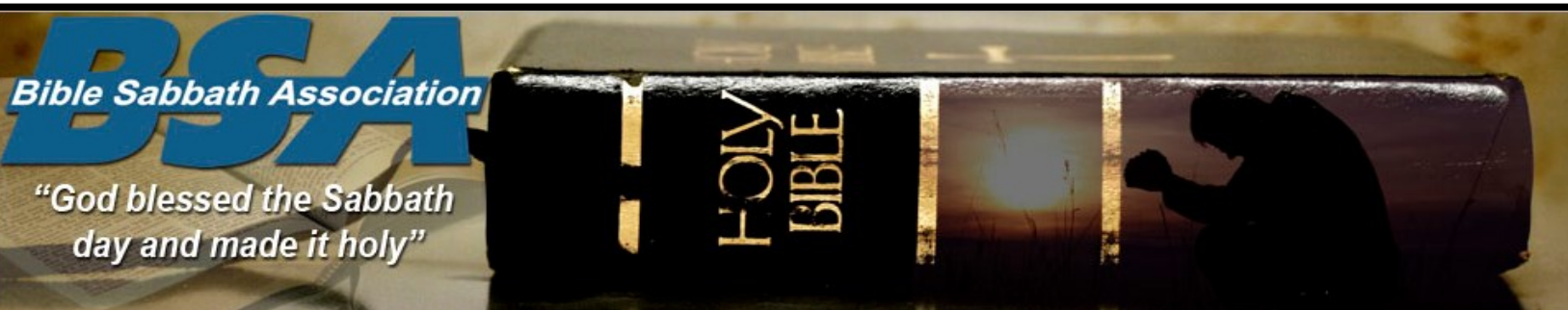
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