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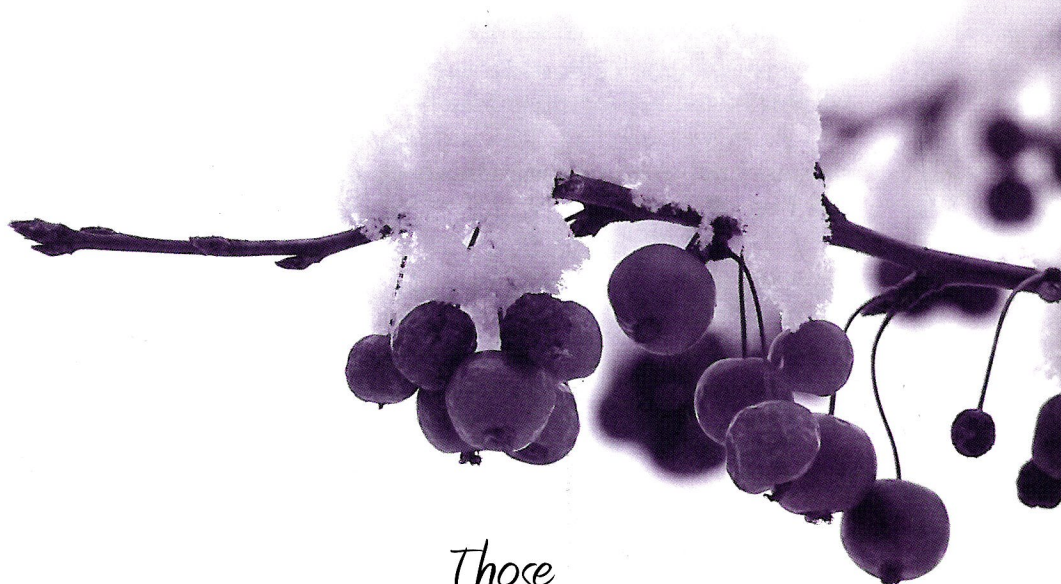
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Faith on the line

A Journal for Those Who Dare



*Those
who are the children of the flesh,
these are not the children of God;
but the children of the
promise
are counted as the
seed.*

Romans 9:8

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Gen.49:10

One of the teachings from proponents of dispensationalism, is the belief that in order for the Messiah (Shiloh) to come, the nation of Israel must be fully restored as it once was in ancient times; when the temple in Jerusalem was fully functional, and Israel was a kingdom.

It is unfortunate that many Christians today are confused in their understanding of the true events that need to take place for Christ to return. The nation of Israel today holds that this prophecy in Genesis 49:10 is yet to be fulfilled. However, most of Christendom can see that it was already fulfilled two thousand years ago when our Messiah came to lead the nation of Israel. Even so, the Christian world accepts the efforts of present-day Israel to re-establish the "the sceptre in Judah" and rebuild the temple with all its sacrifices, as a condition for our Christ to return.

In this issue of Faith on the Line, we are excited to present some in-depth and informative studies from several of our AD evangelists; Brian Neumann will show us precise Biblical evidence regarding the literal and spiritual ramifications of the nation of Israel and the temple of God; Professor Walter Veith will help us take a closer look at the relation between type and anti-type and the "broad foreshadowing of the history of the Christian Church, as it covers the ground trod by ancient Israel." We also have an article by evangelist Mark Woodman, who will take us through an in-depth study of the Feast Days, to show Biblical evidence as to whether or not they are still obligatory to us today.

As we say farewell to 2007, and enter into another new year, may our lives be hid in Christ, that as the spiritual Israel of the promise, we may be grounded more completely in the truth and promises of God in His Word. ■

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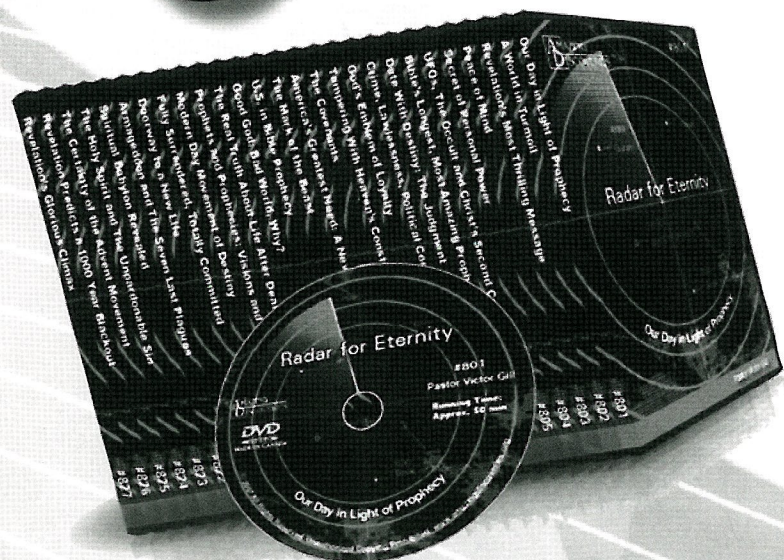
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the Nation of Israel and the Temple of God



by Brian S. Neumann

Two particular teachings can be found at the very core of Christian prophetic interpretation today – the re-establishment of the Nation of Israel (a major confirmation for this is the rebirth of the state of Israel in 1948) and the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. Lately, Bible scholars have begun questioning if evidence to support these teachings can, indeed, be found in the Scriptures. There seems to be a growing consensus among serious students of the Word that these conclusions are based on an incorrect methodology of prophetic interpretation. There are, currently, three primary schools of prophetic thought – the Preterists, Futurists and Historicists.

1. In the 1600's the Jesuit, Luis De Alcasar founded the Preterist School of prophetic interpretation – he explained Revelation by the fall of Jerusalem or by the fall of Pagan Rome in 410 A.D.

Today, preterists take the major prophecies that Historicists have always understood to be in the future and place them in the past. Some extreme preterists place the second coming of Christ as a mystical event that occurred in 70 A.D. and see Nero as the Antichrist. Partial preterists still believe in a future second coming of Christ. Preterism, as opposed to Historicism and Futurism has always been in the minority.

2. In the 1500's, another Jesuit, Francisci Ribera, developed the Futurist School of thought. He taught that the Antichrist would appear somewhere near the end of the Christian dispensation and would appear in a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem – shortly before the return of the Messiah.

Modern futurists take the majority of Revelation (from chapter 4 on), and place it in the future. They also take the last week of the 70 week prophecy of Daniel 9 and place it in the future, after the secret rapture of the Saints – before the 7 year tribulation. They teach that the Antichrist / man of sin / the beast will be an individual (Satan) who will arise during the tribulation period, persecute the Jews, put an end to temple sacrifice – in the rebuilt temple – and will lead the world into a false system of worship and impose upon them the mark of the beast. Jesus will appear at the end of these 7 years (the glorious coming) and will then rescue the world, put an end to evil and usher in the 1000 yrs of peace – the millennium.

Some well known futurists are, Dr. Samuel Roffey Maitland (1700's) – who discovered the teachings of Ribera and published his theology in his own books. James H. Todd, professor of Hebrew at the University of Dublin. John Henry Newman (1800's), an Anglican and leader of the Oxford movement who eventually became a Catholic. Edward Irving (1700's), who pastored the Presbyterian Chalcedonian Chapel in London and was the cofounder of the Society

for the Investigation of Prophecy. John Nelson Darby (1800's), a lawyer, pastor and theologian who wrote more than 53 books on Bible subjects. He became one of the leaders of the English group the 'Plymouth Brethren.' He was one of the major contributors to Evangelical theology and has been called the father of Modern Dispensationalism. More recently, in the 1970's, Hal Lindsey published his best selling book 'The Late Great Planet Earth' which presented the futurist perspective on end-time prophecy. Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins (1900's – 21st Century) are among the leading proponents of futurist theology and have popularised this theology, globally, in their 'Left Behind' books and movies. All their works have been blockbuster successes.

3. The oldest school of thought, Historicism, teaches straightforward, chronological progression by saying that the major prophecies of Daniel and Revelation find fulfillment throughout History – from before Christ, through the Christian era and pointing forward to and finally climaxing at the second coming of Jesus. Historicists also place special emphasis on the ongoing struggle between Christ and Satan within the Christian Faith.

The Historicist approach was practiced by Jewish Old Testament expositors before the time of Christ and they were able to accurately point out the rise of the Grecian empire and Alexander the Great through their study of Daniel 8. Likewise, the magi, in their study of Daniel and other Old Testament prophecies (applying the day year principle of prophetic time), were able to predict the time of the Messiah's coming to this world.

Futurists almost entirely, leap over the last 2000 years of Christian History – from Pagan Rome's demise, the great apostasy, establishment of the Islamic Faith (the prophet Mohamed), the rise and rule of the papal system, the Dark Ages, the Inquisition and the Protestant Reformation. On the

other hand, Historicists respond by saying that this makes no sense. They argue that it seems almost inconceivable that the most momentous eras of Christian and Secular history (nearly 2000 years) have gone by practically unnoticed and unmentioned in Biblical prophecy. All previous eras (until the time of Christ) were chronologically foretold and fulfilled. Suddenly, an almost 2000 year gap is inserted, and, everything that would have been calculated according to the accurately applied day-year principle of prophetic time has been lumped into a fractional time-frame at world's end. The majority of these events are supposed to find their fulfillment just prior to or during the 7-year tribulation period – between the secret rapture and the second glorious return of Christ.

Throughout the Christian era (particularly among Protestants), the historicist method has always been used. The only exception being the last 150-200 years where the methodology has become divided between the Historicist and Futurist views (Preterists making up a small fraction).

Some of the most well known historicists have been: John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Wesley, Sir Isaac Newton, John Calvin (some of history's greatest students of Scripture and leaders of the reformation), John Bunyan, Charles Spurgeon, Richard Baxter, Edward Bishop Elliott, Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones, Richard Bennett and many others.

It is important, before we embark on our study, that we understand the context in which the teachings of a re-established nation of Israel and a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem are couched. Clearly, from what has already been stated, these doctrines form a vital part of futurist thought. It is believed that the nation of Israel, in a literal sense, through the bloodline of Abraham, are still God's chosen people. They will, during the 7 year tribulation, after the rapture of faithful Christians, play a vital role in final events and will return to

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the Lord once again. Part of this process will involve the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem and the reintroduction of the sacrificial system to be terminated by the Antichrist (Satan) when, in the middle of the 7 years tribulation (Daniel 9:27), he sets himself up as God and sits in the temple of God (2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4). They will then realize their error in rejecting the Messiah, will accept Him and become a major part and great witness to prepare other people for Christ when He returns with His saints at the end of the tribulation period.

The question must be asked, in relation to the study which we are conducting, is there any biblical evidence that shows us whether the concepts of the nation of Israel and the temple of God should be taken literally or spiritually? The answer is, emphatically, yes!

A study into the full ramifications of the modern secret rapture doctrine and all its connected teaching could fill an entire book. But, in the study we will conduct here, we will at least be able to take a critical look at what the Word of God reveals concerning these two major issues under question.

The Nation of Israel

One of the major flaws in the Nation of Israel doctrine is the literalizing of that which is, in a primary sense, meant to be spiritual. Two thousand years ago, when the Christ came to this world, the Jews were expecting a Messiah who would free them from the Romans and re-establish the Kingdom of Israel. After the death of Christ, on the third day, the disciples were lamenting their loss. Luke records: 'But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since

these things were done (Luke 24:21).

Again, just before Christ's ascension: 'When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the nation of Israel? (Acts 1:6)

The issue is little different today. Once again, this time the vast majority of the evangelical Christian world, are looking for the literal restoration of the nation of Israel.

In order to understand the whole concept of the nation of Israel, it is of critical importance to go back to the origins of the name and the primary role that Israel was to play in furthering the cause of God in this world. It all began with God's promise to Abraham and the name that He gave to Jacob, which would finally become the name for the whole nation chosen of God.

The book of Genesis recalls Jacob's nighttime ordeal with the Lord at the river Jabok as he desperately tries to make things right and receive the blessing of the Lord before his meeting with his brother Esau, whom he had deceived into selling him his birthright. Following is the record of that account:

'And he said [the Lord] let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said [Jacob], I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, what is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed' (Genesis 32:26-28).

The victory referred to in the above text was not a physical victory over God – this would be impossible. The name Israel was given to Jacob to signify his spiritual victory over his past life of deception. In this sense he pre-

vailed with God (had power). It signified his spiritual birth as a new man, a prince of God. The name 'Jacob' means deceiver or crook. The name 'Israel' means prince of God.

The nation of Israel, which grew out of these early beginnings, was called to be a spiritual people. Their primary purpose for existence was to keep alive the truth about God and to prepare the way for the Messiah that was to come. The nation of Israel, in their existence as a nation, in the religious system they practiced, and in their very name, prefigured the Messiah, Jesus Christ, that was to come. In Him, the nation of Israel, a spiritual nation, found its complete fulfillment. Their dispensation looked forward to this fulfillment in Christ and now, in the Christian dispensation and under the new covenant (really a ratification of the original), we look back to the fulfillment of our spiritual calling in the person of Jesus Christ.

As we look at the Biblical evidences that follow we will see how wonderfully this truth is revealed in God's plan for His chosen people. In Exodus we read about the words that God commanded Moses to speak to Pharaoh:

'And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel [is] my son, [even] my firstborn: And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, [even] thy firstborn' (Exodus 4:22, 23).

Of course, it is immediately noticed that the names the Father uses to refer to His son, Jesus Christ, are used with reference to the nation of Israel – the physical seed of Abraham. Take note of the other examples that follow:

'Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen,

and planted it' (Psalms 80:8).

'But thou, Israel, [art] my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend' (Isaiah 41:8).

'For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me' (Isaiah 45:4).

'When Israel [was] a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt' (Hosea 11:1).

When we read about Christ in the gospels and carefully examine the testimony of the New Testament authors, we discover how consistently the spiritual purpose of the nation of Israel is fulfilled in Jesus Christ and is continued in the Christian Church. The above references to the nation of Israel are, indeed, prophetic statements to the Messiah that was to come. We find a prime example of these prophetic fulfillments in the gospel of Matthew.

'And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son' (Matthew 2:14, 15).

This was the fulfillment of the prophecy made by Hosea in Hosea chapter 11:1. This event in the life of Christ was prefigured in the experience of



the Nation of Israel and now fulfilled in Christ. Some incredible examples of this can be found throughout the gospel of Matthew and in the other gospels too:

Genesis 45:5 – Joseph dreams and goes to Egypt to preserve his family.

Matthew 2:13 – Another Joseph dreams and goes to Egypt to preserve his family.

Exodus 4:22 – Israel leaves Egypt and God calls it 'my son.'

Matthew 2:15 – Jesus returns from Egypt and God says, 'I have called my son.'

Exodus 14:22 – Israel is baptized unto Moses in the Red Sea (1 Cor 10:22).

Matthew 3:15-17 – Jesus baptized to fulfill ALL righteousness.

Numbers 14:33 – After coming through the Red Sea Israel wanders in the wilderness for 40 yrs.

Matthew 4:1,2 – After Jesus' baptism He is led into the wilderness for 40 days.

Deuteronomy – At the end of the 40 yrs Moses writes the book of Deuteronomy.

Matthew 4:1-11 – After 40 days in the wilderness, Jesus is tempted and resists Satan by quoting three scriptures – all from Deuteronomy.

Psalms 80:8 – God calls the nation of Israel a vine that He brought out of Egypt.

John 15:1 – Jesus declares: 'I am the true vine.'

In the Old Testament the name Israel is applied to one man signifying his victory over sin. In the New Testament Jesus becomes the one man who overcame ALL sin. In Matthew 12:16-19 Jesus quotes Isaiah (Isa 42:1-3) and applies it to Himself (see Isa 41:8 – reference to 'my servant'). Exodus 4:22 speaks about the nation of Israel as God's firstborn. In Colossians, Paul speaks of Christ the firstborn. Isaiah 41:8 calls Israel the 'seed of Abraham.' Galatians 3:16 says that the 'seed' does not refer to 'many' but to 'one . . . which is Christ.' Jesus is the essence of Israel, for in Him the calling of Israel is truly fulfilled.

The calling of ancient Israel is fulfilled in Christ and the Christian Church, God's 'new nation,' continues to fulfill that spiritual calling of Israel the nation, as it looks back to its confirmation in the birth, life, work, death, resurrection, ascension and in its recognition of the present ministry of Christ our high priest and King.

Exodus 19:6 – The nation of Israel is called a 'kingdom of priests . . . a holy nation.'

1 Peter 2:9 – The Christian Church is called ' . . . a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people.' ■

Brian Neumann

Part two of this article will be continued in the Spring issue of Faith on the Line.

NEWS FLASH 'Mom' and 'Dad' Banished By California

World Net Daily, Oct. 13, 2007

Schwarzenegger signs law outlawing terms perceived as negative to 'gays'

Mom and Dad" as well as "husband and wife" effectively have been banned from California schools under a bill signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who with his signature also ordered public schools to allow boys to use girls restrooms and locker rooms, and vice versa, if they choose.

"We are shocked and appalled that the governor has blatantly attacked traditional family values in California," said Karen England, executive director of Capitol Resource Institute.

"With this decision, Gov. Schwarzenegger has told parents that their values are irrelevant. Many parents will have no choice but to pull their children out of the public schools that have now become sexualized indoctrination centers."

"Arnold Schwarzenegger has delivered young children into the hands of those who will introduce them to alternative sexual lifestyles," said Randy Thomasson, president of Campaign for Children and Families, which worked to defeat the plans. "This means children as young as five years old will be mentally molested in school classrooms."

"Shame on Schwarzenegger and the Democrat politicians for ensuring that every California school becomes a homosexual-bisexual-transsexual indoctrination center," he said.

Analysts have warned that schools across the nation will be impacted by the decision, since textbook publishers must cater to their largest purchaser, which often is California, and they will be unlikely to go to the expense of having a separate edition for other states.

The bills signed by Schwarzenegger include SB777, which bans anything in public schools that could be interpreted as negative toward homosexuality, bisexuality and other alternative lifestyle choices.

There are no similar protections for students with traditional or conservative lifestyles and beliefs, however.

"SB 777 will result in reverse discrimination against students with religious and traditional family values," said Meredith Turney, legislative liaison for Capitol Resource Institute. "These students have lost their voice as the direct result of Gov. Schwarzenegger's unbelievable decision. The terms 'mom and dad' or 'husband and wife' could promote discrimination against homosexuals if a same-sex couple is not also featured."

"Parents want the assurance that when their children go to school they will learn the fundamentals of reading, writing and arithmetic – not social indoctrination regarding alternative sexual lifestyles. Now that SB777 is law, schools will in fact become indoctrination centers for sexual experimentation," she said.

England told WND that the law is not a list of banned words, including "mom" and "dad." But she said the require-

ment is that the law bans discriminatory bias.

"Having 'mom' and 'dad' promotes a discriminatory bias. You have to either get rid of 'mom' and 'dad' or include everything when talking about [parental issues]," she said. "They [promoters of sexual alternative lifestyles] do consider that discriminatory."

Also signed was AB394, which targets parents and teachers for such indoctrination through "anti-harassment" training, CCF said.

Schwarzenegger had vetoed almost identical provisions a year ago, saying existing state law already provided for penalties for discrimination.

"We had hoped that the governor would once again veto this outrageous legislation but he obviously decided to side with the out-of-touch extremists that control the legislature. This law does not reflect the true values of the average Californian," said England. "True leadership means standing up for what is true and right."

Thomasson said SB777 prohibits any "instruction" or school-sponsored "activity" that "promotes a discriminatory bias" against "gender" – the bill's definition includes cross-dressing and sex changes – as well as "sexual orientation."

"Because no textbook or instruction in California public schools currently disparages transsexuality, bisexuality, or homosexuality, the practical effect of SB777 will be to require positive portrayals of these sexual lifestyles at every government-operated school," CCF noted.

Offenders will face the wrath of the state Department of Education, up to and including lawsuits.

CCF noted that now on a banned list will be any text, reference or teaching aid that portrays marriage as only between a man and woman, materials that say people are born male or female (and not in between), sources that fail to include a variety of transsexual, bisexual and homosexual historical figures, and sex education materials that fail to offer the option of sex changes.

Further, homecoming kings now can be either male or female – as can homecoming queens, and students, whether male or female, must be allowed to use the restroom and locker room corresponding to the sex with which they choose to identify.

AB394 promotes the same issues through state-funded publications, postings, curricula and handouts to students, parents and teachers.

It also creates the circumstances where a parent who says marriage is only for a man and a woman in the presence of a lesbian teacher could be convicted of "harassment," and a student who believes people are born either male or female could be

reported as a "harasser" by a male teacher who wears women's clothes, CCF said.

Thomasson said Schwarzenegger also signed AB14, which prohibits state funding for any program that does not support a range of alternative sexual practices, including state-funded social services run by churches.

Affected will be day cares, preschool or after-school programs, food and housing programs, senior services, anti-gang efforts, jobs programs and others.

Thomasson said it also forces every hospital in California – even private, religious hospitals – to adopt policies in support of transsexuality, bisexuality, and homosexuality and opens up nonprofit organizations to lawsuits if they exclude members that engage in homosexual, bisexual, or transsexual conduct.

"It's the height of intolerance to punish individuals, organizations, businesses, and churches that have moral standards on sexual conduct and sexual lifestyles," said Thomasson, in response to the signing of AB14. "This is another insensitive law that violates people's moral boundaries."

The vitriol over the issue rose to new levels in its latest campaign.

As WND reported, a board member for the homosexual advocacy group Equality California verbally attacked and threatened CRI for its opposition to the bill earlier.

The board member sent an e-mail and video to CRI threatening the group would be buried if it continued efforts opposing the homosexual advocacy.

"The shocking hate mail we received shows that those behind this legislation do not promote true tolerance," said England.

"Only politically correct speech will be tolerated. Those with religious or traditional moral beliefs will not be allowed to express their opinions in public schools."

She also cited an informational document published by the Gay-Straight Alliance Network and the Transgender Law Center that already is lobbying for special treatment in the school system.

"If you want to use a restroom that matches your gender identity ... you should be allowed to do so," it advises. "Whenever students are divided up into boys and girls, you should be allowed to join the group or participate in the program that matches your gender identity as much as possible."

Further, the groups advise, "If you change your name to one that better matches your gender identity, a school needs to use that name to refer to you." The advocacy group also warns schools against bringing parents into any such discussion with students.

WND has documented a number of earlier cases in which educators, including leaders in California, have taken it upon themselves to promote a homosexual lifestyle to children under their charge.

WND reported California Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, under whose supervision hundreds

of thousands of children are being educated, has used his state position and taxpayer-funded stationery to praise a "gay" pride event used in the past to expose children to sexually explicit activities.

That drew vehement objections from several educators, including Priscilla Schreiber, the president of the Grossmont Unified High School District governing board.

"I am outraged that a person in this high-ranking elected position would advocate an event where diversity is not just being celebrated but where pornography and indecent exposure is being perpetrated on the young and innocent children of our communities," she said. ■

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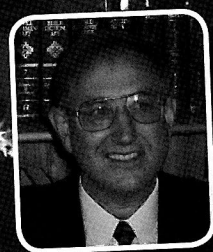
EUROPEAN COUNCIL WARNS ABOUT CREATIONISM

(Friday Church News Notes,

Oct. 19, 2007, www.wayoflife.org - fbns@wayoflife.org)

On October 4 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe passed a resolution entitled "The Dangers of Creationism in Education," urging governments to "firmly oppose" creationism ("Europe's Resolution on Creationism Indicative of Secularized Society," Christian Post, Oct. 10, 2007). The resolution warned that creationism is promoted by religious extremists who want "to impose religious dogma" on children. In fact, it is the secular humanists that are imposing their religious dogma on children every day in the public school systems. Evolution is not a science; it is a faith. To say that our complex universe is the product of an explosion combined with mere chance is the blindest sort of faith. The resolution stated: "... the Parliamentary Assembly is worried about the possible ill-effects of the spread of creationist ideas within our education systems and about the consequences for our democracies. If we are not careful, creationism could become a threat to human rights which are a key concern of the Council of Europe." They did not give any examples of creationists that are trying to overthrow democracy or that have threatened human rights. This is a non-existent boogeyman invented for the purpose of making people afraid of Bible-believing Christians. ■

Israel and the Church



by Walter Veith

Part One

The whole history of Israel is typical of that of the church. Both are delivered from Egypt, both are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, both are led through the desert, both are sustained by the bread of heaven, both journey towards rest. The typical; foreshadowed the journey of the antitypical. There is also a second application in which there is even a closer association between type and antitype, where the history of the remnant is foreshadowed by the history of Israel. In this article, we will only look at the first aspect of the broad foreshadowing of the history of the Christian Church as it covers the ground trod by ancient Israel.

1 Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

The purpose of Israel was to restore knowledge of the divine and to point the way to the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world. Satan has warred against this task from the beginning. Israel failed dismally in presenting the Lamb of God to the world. On the contrary, they crucified Him. They were constantly led into idolatry and when determined to stay faithful to God, they were led to bigotry, appropriating to themselves alone the redemption of God as embodied in the exclusivity of Israel. The history of God's people from the very beginning is a history of enmity. The promise of the Messiah that was to be heralded to the world was already given in Genesis.

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy

head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

God called for universal reformation but He knew that the road would be stained by the blood of the lamb and the blood of the saints. The history of the true people of God was to be one of the cross. Faith in the Messiah is not a crutch, but a cross which may even require of us the ultimate sacrifice, but God does not forget His people and the blood of His saints is precious to Him. While there is yet time, we should herald His coming and warn the world of the impending judgment. God is not slack concerning His promises, but long suffering, not wishing that any should perish.

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Psa 13:2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

Psa 94:3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

Psa 94:4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

Isa 6:11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate.

The murmuring and idolatry of Israel also foreshadowed the idolatry that would creep into the Christian Church. In the desert Israel worshiped the golden calf. No sooner were

Moses and Joshua gone, then Israel slipped into idolatry. Even in their day they had to be brought back by stern words.

Exo 32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

Exo 32:2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

Exo 32:3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

Exo 32:4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Exo 32:21 And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

Exo 32:31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

Exo 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

Exo 32:33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

Exo 32:34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

Exo 32:35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

It is almost incomprehensible that this great apostasy was undertaken in the very presence of the most magnificent display of Divine power ever witnessed by man. The cloud covered Mount Sinai veiling the Glory of God. Aaron himself had been on the Mount with Moses and yet he was party to the great apostasy of Israel. Is it possible that we could be repeating the history of this act without even being aware of it? Regarding this apostasy we read in the spirit of prophecy:

"From this record we may learn how little dependence can be placed in men who trust in men, and do not make God their reliance. Those who are living in these last days are in the greatest danger of placing their confidence in men rather than in the true and living God. The Lord has given instruction that the history of the apostasy of Israel is now to be presented, because men who in the past have had great light have become self-sufficient, and are looking to men, trusting in human leaders, who

are themselves practising evil. Men who ought to stand as firm as a rock to principle are treading in the same path that the Israelites followed. "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." This is the snare that has come into our ranks. There are wrong sentiments that have to be met. There are men who are acting the part of Aaron at the very time when every soul should be working to seal the law among God's disciples. They are building up the very things that God has specified should not be built up." {RH, February 4, 1909 par. 8}

"A great deal of time and labor and anxiety are required to counterwork the ingenuity of satanic agencies that are pressing their way among those who are ready to accept wrong philosophy, to cause confusion and division. Every jot of influence is needed to discern the great evils of Satan's devisings, and to keep souls from being drawn into the net of the modern Aarons who are saying, "These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." {RH, February 4, 1909 par. 9}

"Long before, the Lord could have told Moses what was taking place. He could have revealed that Aaron could not be depended upon. But for wise and holy purposes He permitted the evil to develop. He suffered this shameful representation to come to its height. Then when the leading men had done all that it was in their power to do, He sent Moses down to punish the transgressors. The Lord sees what is in the hearts of men. At times He permits evils to take place that He may prevent still greater evils that would appear unless He permitted the designs hidden in human hearts to work out. {RH, February 4, 1909 par. 10}

"Mark God's words to Moses concerning this apostasy. They "have corrupted themselves," He said: "they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them." Every man is tempted when he is drawn aside by his own lusts." {RH, February 4, 1909 par. 11}

"The fact that Aaron had been blessed and honored so far above the people was what made his sin so heinous. It was Aaron, "the saint of the Lord," that had made the idol and announced the feast. It was he who had been appointed spokesman for Moses, and concerning whom God himself had testified, "I know that he can speak well," who had failed to check the idolaters in their heaven-daring purpose. He by whom God had wrought in bringing judgments both upon the Egyptians and upon their gods, had heard, unmoved, the proclamation. "These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." It was he who had been with Moses in the mount, and had there beheld the glory of the Lord, and who had seen that in the manifestation of that glory there was nothing of which an image could be made,--it was he who had changed that glory into the similitude of an ox. He to whom

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The Feasts and Festivals of the Sanctuary

by Mark Woodman

Should we still keep them today?

Probably since just after the ascension of Christ, the debate has continued about whether Christians should keep the festivals and feasts of the Bible. Today is no different—many people still feel it is necessary to keep them, while others feel it is not necessary. Some say that these festivals and feast days had a special significance to the Israel of the Old Testament, why should they then not have a similar special significance to the Israel of the end time? It is my hope that through this study, light will be shed on this subject and the reader will gain a deeper insight into how these special sabbath days fit into modern Christianity.

There were 7 festivals of the Sanctuary in the Old Testament. As you can see from the graphic on the right, the festivals included the Passover feast, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Feast of Weeks, Trumpets, the Day of Atonement and the feast of Tabernacles. These 7 ceremonial festivals were held on specific days, and the cycle was repeated every year.

As this document is discussing the necessity of keeping these festivals today, I am not going to discuss each one of these festivals at length; but rather look at how they fit into Old Testament times, how they relate to the New Testament and look further towards the present to see how we should relate to them today.

When looking into the Bible, it is clear how the Lord gives His people many examples of 'type' and 'antitype'. Allow me to explain what is meant by 'type' and 'antitype'.

In Genesis we read the story of Noah. The Bible states the following (all texts are taken from the King James Version – KJV): The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence... And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me... and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ... And all flesh died that moved upon the earth... and every man... and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. Gen 6:11 - 7:23

God's judgment on humanity through Noah's flood is a 'type' of God's judgment on humanity at the end of time. Noah's flood is the 'type'—Jesus' return and judgment at the end of time is the 'antitype'. Let's see what the Bible says about the 'antitype' judgment: But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying

and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be... Mat 24:37-42

Luke says: For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day... And as it was in the

days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man... Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. Luke 17:26-31

As you can see from the example on the next page, of Noah's flood, the Lord gives mankind a 'type' to explain the larger future 'antitype' Judgment that is waiting on humanity. As Luke explains, even Sodom and Gomorrah is a 'type' which can be used as an example of the antitypical Day of Judgment.

One could say that these Old Testament examples are a sort of 'shadow of things to come'.

Let's look at another example of 'type' and 'antitype'—the Exodus from Egypt, which happened when Moses and Aaron confronted the Pharaoh and commanded him to let the Israelites go. Exodus 5:1 - 9:27 "And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go... And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest (Hebrew shabath, or keep the Sabbath) from their burdens... And Pharaoh commanded the same day... Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labor therein... Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh... For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth."

This movement of God's people is possibly the greatest event in the Old Testament. Here are a couple of interesting facts about this incredible event, which we often just gloss over when we read our Bibles. Exodus 12:37 states: "And the children of Israel journeyed... about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children." This figure is only that of the head of the family. Families of the time had 5 members on average, so if you calculate it out, it means there were over 3 million

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people that moved out of Egypt with their cattle, sheep, goats, geese etc, into the desert.

If one were to take least possible scenarios, and estimate that a family of 5, including children, the carts with the luggage and the livestock would take up an area of 25 sq meters (5m x 5m), then Israel would have stretched over a total area of 15,000 sq km! This means that, if the front line of the group, as they walked was 50km wide, then the group would have stretched 300km back! Without taking the livestock into account, the people alone would have consumed over 4.5 million litres of water per day! What about the manna? If on average, each person only ate 0.5kg (in total) of manna per day, there would have had to be over 1,500 tons of manna needed every day!

The Exodus of Israel from Egypt (which is the 'type') was a mammoth task, but the Lord was true to His word and He called Israel out of Egypt in order to take them to the Promised Land. It is interesting to note that the substantiating argument for the release of the Israelites revolved around the Sabbath. Pharaoh was not letting Israel 'rest' as God commanded them

to do, so God called His people to 'come out of Egypt', which was a land governed by Satanic religions and pagan ideologies.

Revelation 18 speaks of another

exodus, except that this time it is a spiritual exodus and not necessarily a physical one. "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven... And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird... And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues... Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her." Revelation 18:1 - 8

At the end of time, the Lord calls His people to 'come out of Babylon'. The Bible describes Babylon as a place that "...is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Just like with the first Exodus ('type'), the second one in Revelation 18 ('antitype') is also a call to come away from Satanic religions and pagan ideologies. This clear 'type' and 'antitype' is made even clearer when one hears the warning of final plagues, and in a different passage, the actual falling of these plagues. Not only this, but, just as it was with the first Israel, the main substantiating argument and core issue is the authority of the 7th day Sabbath. We see this in Rev 14:9 where the warning to hu-

manity about receiving the 'Mark of the Beast', is highlighted. From various Bible studies it is clear that the Mark of the Beast is the seal or stamp of authority of the Antichrist beast—the Papacy in Rome. His 'mark' or 'seal' of authority supercedes the authoritative 'seal' of God, which is the Sabbath commandment in the heart of God's law. By their own words the Bible prophecies were fulfilled when Rome stated: "The authority of the church could therefore not be bound to the authority of the Scriptures, because the church had changed... the Sabbath into Sunday, not by command of Christ, but by its own authority." (Canon and Tradition, pg 263) and "We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday". (The Convert's Catechism of Catholic doctrine (1957, P 50).

In Revelation 18, the Lord is telling His people to have nothing to do with a system that claims to have greater authority than God—a system that puts a false Sabbath in the place of the true Sabbath, thereby covering up the day that proves the authority of God. This is exactly the same as with the Pharaoh in Moses' day, who claimed greater authority than God, by ignoring the Sabbath commandment.

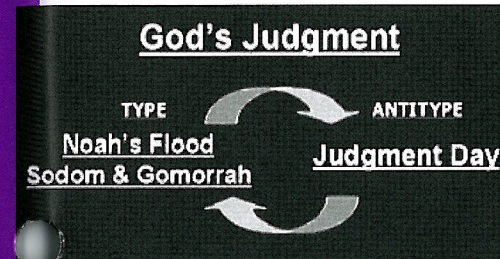
The perfect parallels between Noah's flood (and Sodom and Gomorrah) and Judgment Day, as well as the Exodus in Moses' day and the spiritual exodus at the end time, show how the Lord reveals future events to us by giving us actual historic examples so that the greater antitypical event can not be misunderstood. As I stated earlier, the 'type' in these examples is sort of a 'shadow' of what is lying ahead.

Let us now go back to the Sanctuary and look again at the feasts and festivals.

The sabbath days (sabbath with a small 's' denoting a special day, feast or festival), as were fulfilled in Moses' day, were contained in what was known as the Ceremonial Law. When one looked into the Sanctuary, it was important to note that there were 2 laws in the Most Holy—the 10 Commandments, written in stone by the finger of God and placed inside the Ark of the Covenant, and the Ceremonial Law, written by Moses on a parchment, skin or paper and placed outside the Ark. Deuteronomy 31:24-26 shows that this second law was attached to the side of the ark: "... when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, [...] Moses commanded the Levites, [...], saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant... that it may be there for a witness against thee. This Ceremonial Law contained all the rules of the Sanctuary, and laid out in full detail the requirements of the special sabbath feast days.

The first law—the 10 Commandments—was written by God in stone, signifying that the precepts which it contained would stand eternally. The second law—the Ceremonial Law—was written by man (Moses) on a parchment, signifying that the precepts it contained would be temporary. The sacrificial system, as instituted in the Garden of Eden, was fully operational

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in Moses' day, and the Lord gave Moses greater knowledge about many other areas of Israel's responsibility towards God. This information was written into the Ceremonial Law, and the temporariness of this second Law meant that it would fall away somewhere in the future. This becomes key to our discussion.

Has this Law fallen away, and if so where and when? If it has, have the festivals gone with it, or are there some aspects we should still be fulfilling today? We will have to look at both the historic events after Moses' time and the Word of God, in order to confirm what transpired concerning this second Law which contained the feasts and festivals of the Sanctuary.

The first feast day of the year was the Passover. On this day, a lamb was to be offered to God, but there were specific facets that were to be considered during this festival. Remembering, as with the examples given above, this feast day was possibly a 'shadow' of a future event.

Exodus 12:3-47 explains about this special sabbath feast. ... In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them ... a lamb... without blemish, a male of the first year. 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... it is the LORD's passover... thou shalt not carry forth aught of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

There are some specific aspects we need to look at here before we move on.

1. The Passover was a memorial to the final events before the Exodus, when the angel of death 'passed over' Israel.
2. On the 10th day (Nisan 10) the people of Israel had to take a perfect lamb into their home and let it stay in the home with them.
3. 4 days later, on the 14th day (Nisan 14), the family had to kill the lamb in the evening.
4. They then had to put the blood of the lamb on the side posts and lintel of the door of the home where the lamb was going to be eaten.
5. That night they had to offer the lamb as a burnt offering, and roast the lamb in bitter herbs and eat it with unleavened bread.
6. They had to eat all of the meat and were not allowed to take any out of the house.
7. Lastly, while they were preparing or eating it, they were not

allowed to break a single bone of the lamb.

The Lord never does anything without a reason, so if they were not allowed to break any bones of the lamb, there must have been a reason for it. The same goes for the Lord telling Israel to take the lamb into their homes on the 10th day and then killing it four days later. This Passover feast was the 'type'. Amazingly, four days before His death on the cross, the Sanhedrin met and decided to condemn Jesus to death. (This was Nisan 10). By their evil intentions, they had set Jesus aside at the same time as the Passover lamb was being set aside. 4 days later (Nisan 14) Jesus was crucified. Mark 15:34 and 37 explains that... at the ninth hour Jesus cried... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. The ninth hour is 3pm, and every year the Passover lamb was offered, at 3pm!

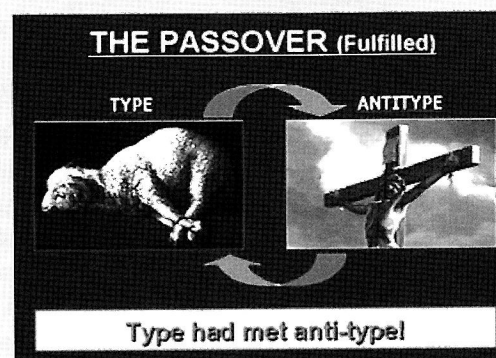
While the priests were preparing the Passover lamb in the Sanctuary—as they had since the time of Moses—Christ was being put to death on a cross outside the city. As they were putting the Passover lamb to death, they were putting the true Lamb of God to death. Sadly they didn't recognize their own prophecies.

Incredibly, just as with the Passover lamb, none of Jesus' bones were broken. Not only that, they pierced him with a spear, just as the Passover lamb was always pierced with a spit to roast it.

Type had met antitype. Just as John the Baptist had prophesied in John 1:29, Jesus Christ became the Lamb that bears the sins of the world, just as the Passover lamb bore the sins of the sinner. The Passover offering of the lamb was a 'shadow' of the true offering of the Lamb.

The Passover lamb's sacrifice, which was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, is a perfect example of what Jesus is explaining in Matthew 5:17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. Jesus came to earth to live out the requirements of the Sanctuary to its fullest potential. Hebrews 10:10 states that ... "we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all..." Considering this text from Hebrews, were Jesus followers expected to keep the festival of the Passover lamb after Jesus crucifixion?

Remember for a moment that many people who accepted Christ after His resurrection were gentiles, and would therefore have had no idea about the Ceremonial feasts and festivals, and even less about the Passover sacrifice. Was it necessary for them, and the Jews who had accepted Christ, to fulfill the Passover festival after Christ's death? The answer to that lies in the events that surrounded Jesus' death on the cross. Let's see what the Bible says happened as He died.



Mark 15:37-38 states: "And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." With Jesus' death, the antitypical Passover sacrifice was fulfilled. From that moment on, the literal sacrifice of a lamb on Nisan 14 would no longer be necessary—in fact the Lord would make sure that the sacrifice would not take place any longer. As Jesus breathed out His last breath outside the city, there was absolute chaos inside the temple. There was an earthquake and the curtain separating the Holy and the Most Holy was torn in two—from top to bottom. Mat 27:50-51 gives more detail: "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split."

The veil was a mighty curtain—it was about 6 meters high and as thick as a man's hand. No human being would be able to tear such an enormous piece of cloth, and the tearing of the veil from top to bottom indicates that it was the Lord who tore it. For the first time, the Lord exposed the Most Holy Place which contained the Ark of the Covenant. Until that moment, the Lord had been present in the Most Holy of the earthly Sanctuary, in the form of the light of the Shekinah Glory. This was the light that was above the Ark and between the covering cherubs. Sin is not able to withstand the presence of God, and anyone carrying unconfessed sin that was exposed to the presence of God in the Most Holy, would immediately be killed. The role of the temple veil was to protect God's people, as it separated the Holy from the Most Holy, keeping sinful people from being exposed to the presence of God.

As Jesus died the Lord tore the veil open exposing the Holy of Holies. Had this happened in the past, everyone in the temple would have perished, as the Shekinah Glory would have destroyed sin and the sinners. If you take into account that Jesus died at the same time as the Passover sacrifice was taking place, it is an obvious realization that the chaos which was caused by the earthquake and the tearing of the veil, would not have allowed the priest to complete all aspects of the sacrifice successfully.

Jesus fulfilled the Passover prophecy that said not a single bone should be broken, and He also fulfilled the requirement of having been pierced just as the Passover lamb would have been pierced. It is clear that at that moment in the world's history, the focus moved from the sacrificial system of the Old Testament Sanctuary, to Jesus. The Lord destroyed the temple at the time Jesus died, making sure that no further sacrifices could take place. Jesus became the antitypical fulfillment of these prophecies.

This document has so far shown that Jesus fulfilled the Passover sacrifice, but what about the other feasts and festivals? Well, quite simply, Jesus fulfilled those as well. Allow me to explain.

Due to the Holy of Holies being exposed, the functional-

ity of the temple had been destroyed and the feasts could no longer be maintained as was required by God. According to the Ceremonial Law, the day after Passover, Nisan 15, was to be the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the day after that, Nisan 16, was the festival of First Fruits. After the ensuing chaos of the Passover sacrifice, none of these ceremonial feasts could take place.

Quite simply, as the Jews had not recognized that the prophecies pointed towards Jesus becoming the fulfillment of the Sanctuary, they would have continued sacrificing animals as they had done for so many centuries. The Lord therefore destroyed the functionality of the temple to force the Jews to stop sacrificing animals.

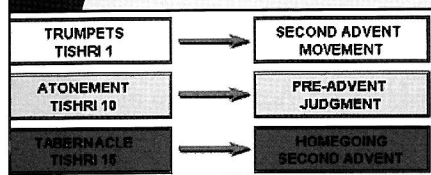
With Jesus' death on the cross, the sacrificial system, with all its feasts and festivals came to an end. This is explained beautifully in Colossians 2:13-17. This passage explains that the Ceremonial Law was nailed to the cross—i.e. with Jesus' crucifixion it was made null and void. For this reason, people can no longer judge God's people if they do not keep the holy days and sabbath days of the Ceremonial Law. Let's read this passage together: Jesus sacrifice on the cross was ... "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

If one takes the time to study a theme like we have in this document, with the help of the Bible, it becomes very clear. The feasts, festivals and sacrifices as laid out in the Old Testament, were a shadow of things to come. These ceremonies were the 'type' and Jesus fulfilled them as the 'antitype'. As you can see from the graphic above, through Jesus death, burial and resurrection, the first three festivals were fulfilled.

Regarding the festival of the Unleavened Bread, leaven (yeast) in bread is used in the Bible as a symbol for sin. Unleavened bread was therefore the bread that was without yeast. Jesus says: "... I am the bread of life..." [John 6:35], so the unleavened bread symbolised Jesus Christ who was without sin. Nisan 16 was the feast of First Fruits, and this pointed towards Jesus' resurrection, who along with those who were raised from the dead when Jesus died (Mat 27:52-53), proved God's Word to be true about the resurrection of the righteous. After these three, came the Feast of Weeks, which was a 'shadow' of the real event which happened when the Holy Spirit was poured

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FIRST FRUITS NISAN 16	RESURRECTION
FEAST OF WEEKS SIVAN 6	PENTECOST HARVEST OF SOULS

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out at Pentecost. There were seven festival days in total, and the last three ceremonial feast days—Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles—

point towards 1843, 1844 and the Day of Judgment respectively.

Trumpets in the Bible are used to symbolize loud warnings or cries that have to do with Judgment. This was fulfilled when William Miller warned the world about the coming of the Lord in 1843. Based on the 2300 day prophecy, he predicted the world would end as Dan 8:14 says, “then shall the sanctuary be cleansed”. When this date did not materialize, it was realized that they had miscalculated the BC/AD switch, as they realized there was no ‘0’ year. The dates were then recalculated, and it was realized that this prophecy pointed towards 1844, not 1843. Again the message of Judgment went to the world. When this date also did not materialize, most followers of the message fell away, but a few remained and through diligent study, they were lead to recognize that the prophecy points towards the heavenly Sanctuary, where Jesus is our High Priest in the Tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man—Hebrews 8:1-2. William Miller got the date right but the event wrong. The Day of Atonement was not pointing towards anything on earth, but rather to the cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary in 1844. The last ceremonial feast—the feast of Tabernacles—points towards Jesus return, when He comes to fetch His children.

Looking at the ceremonial feast days, one can immediately see that they point to events which stretch from the crucifixion right through to Jesus’ return at the end of time. Every year Israel would go through the seven ceremonial feasts. Year after year they would complete the cycle, fulfilling the ‘typical’ feasts which were pointing to events that would take place at different times through out the entire Christian era. The Jewish year was the ‘type’ and the entire Christian era was the ‘antitype’.

The graphic above shows the entire layout quite clearly, and how these special ceremonial sabbath days fit together in the bigger picture.

When I consider the events around Jesus’ crucifixion, I realize more and more that, from the human perspective, there was huge ‘risk’ involved in Jesus’ antitypical fulfillment of the Sanctuary. Jesus had to put an end to both the physical Sanctuary and the sacrificial system, while at the same time get His people to make a paradigm shift. No longer were they to rely on physical ceremonies, but rather become spiritually focused, connecting with God through the spiritual Sanctuary, allowing Jesus to become their High Priest and Intercessor. It would have been an impossible task for any human being to do, but Jesus made this change successfully, and then in His wisdom, sent the Holy Spirit to help mankind make the required paradigm shift. The Holy Spirit today still guides mankind through the spiritual Sanctuary. He convicts us of sin, and leads us to repentance, showing us that we need to accept the Sacrifice

and grace of Jesus Christ as the sole mechanism by which we can be saved. The Holy Spirit also leads us towards the spiritual Most Holy Place, urging us to live a truly Christian life, where the world can see the effects of the law and the grace of God on our lives.

The question we were asking at the beginning of this document was: The Feasts and Festivals of the Sanctuary—should we still keep them today?

The answer I believe has become quite clear. In the Ceremonial Law, the Lord laid out a system of worship for the people of the Old Testament—it was a depiction of the Plan of Salvation. Through Jesus’ death, burial, resurrection and ministry, He personally became the fulfillment of the Old Testament Sanctuary feasts and festivals. Today we see how a year in the Jewish calendar depicted the period from Jesus’ crucifixion through to His return. Each special sabbath feast, as explained in the Ceremonial Law, pointed to a specific event somewhere in the Christian era, but as Colossians 2:13-17 explains, the Ceremonial Law, which laid out the requirements of the physical Sanctuary of the Old Testament, was made null and void when Jesus was nailed to the cross.

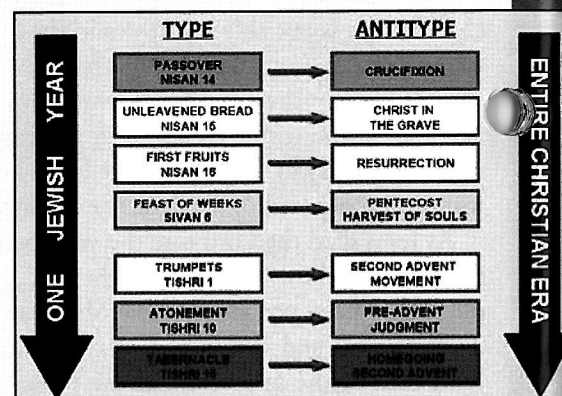
Jesus has not only become the fulfillment of the Sanctuary’s feasts and festivals, but He also is the antitypical fulfillment of the other aspects of the Sanctuary as well.

In answer to our initial question, if we were to keep the feasts of the Old Testament today, then we might as well go back to the sacrificial system. We might as well also look to rebuild the temple, close up the Most Holy with a veil again and look for a High Priest here on earth who can perform the functions of the Sanctuary.

By keeping the feasts and festivals of the Old Testament, it is obvious that we reject Jesus Christ as our Saviour. In fact, we reject Him as “... the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world” (John 1:29), and we reject Him as our High Priest, intercessor and advocate in heaven.

Six of the seven festivals of the Old Testament Sanctuary have been fulfilled. There is one last festival that needs to be fulfilled—the ‘Feast of Tabernacles’, which points to the day of Jesus’ return. All aspects of the Sanctuary have been fulfilled, and this is the final event for which we are currently waiting. May we draw closer to God, as we pray daily that we may be found worthy on the day the Lord decides to become the fulfillment of His last ceremonial sabbath. ■

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BALTIMORE — Pope Benedict XVI will make his first visit to the United States as pontiff next year, and plans to visit the White House, ground zero and speak at the United Nations, Archbishop Pietro Sambi told the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Monday.

Benedict will travel to Washington and New York from April 15-20, speak at the United Nations on April 18 and visit ground zero on the final day of his trip.

The pope will visit the site of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York to show “solidarity with those who have died, with their families and with all those who wish an end of violence and in the search of peace,” said Sambi, the Vatican’s ambassador to the U.S.

The visit will take place on the third anniversary of Benedict’s election to succeed Pope John Paul II, who died in April 2005.

An official welcome reception for Benedict will be held at the White House on April 16, Sambi said. The pontiff will celebrate two public Masses, first at the new National Stadium in Washington on April 17, and again at Yankee Stadium on April 20.

He will also hold meetings with priests, Catholic university presidents, diocesan educators and young people.

“The pope will not travel much, but he will address himself to the people of the United States and the whole Catholic Church,” Sambi said. ■

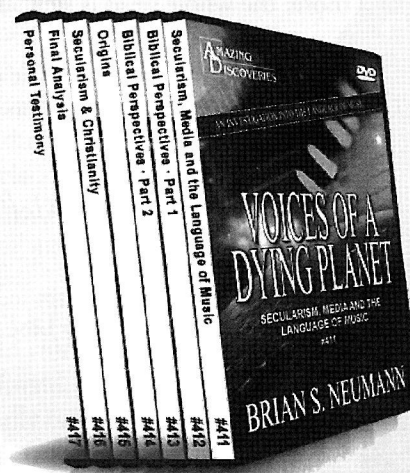
NEWS NOTES

MODERN LANGUAGE BIBLES HAVE NOT INCREASED BIBLICAL LITERACY

(Friday Church News Notes,
Oct. 19, 2007, www.wayoflife.org - fbns@wayoflife.org)

A river of new “easy to read” Bibles has poured from the presses over the past 50 years and yet biblical literacy has diminished dramatically during this time. A recent article observed: “According to estimates, never have so many Bibles been published and distributed, yet never has biblical literacy been so low. (Americans know the names of the four Beatles better than the four Gospels and more about the ingredients of a Big Mac than the Ten Commandments.) Gone are the days when Scripture—namely the King James Version—supplied a common vocabulary for daily speech, public morality and national literature. Today, hundreds of colorful translations and editions feed the market (a \$600 million business, some say)...” (“Bible Would Still Be Life Guide Today If People Actually Read It,” The Tennessean, Oct. 6, 2007). The multiplication of “easy to read” Bibles has been accompanied by the rise of the “seeker friendly” church philosophy, but the result has been a decrease in church attendance and Bible reading. When the old “antiquated” King James Bible was the standard and when the churches were “old-fashioned” and conservative in their approach to evangelism and worship, the effect on society was much greater. “Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein” (Jeremiah 6:16). ■

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God had committed the government of the people in the absence of Moses, was found sanctioning their rebellion. "The Lord was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him." But in answer to the earnest intercession of Moses, his life was spared: and in penitence and humiliation for his great sin, he was restored to the favor of God." {RH, February 4, 1909 par. 12}

"If Aaron had had courage to stand for the right, irrespective of consequences, he could have prevented that apostasy. If he had unswervingly maintained his own allegiance to God, if he had cited the people to the perils of Sinai, and had reminded them of their solemn covenant with God to obey his law, the evil would have been checked. But his compliance with the desires of the people, and the calm assurance with which he proceeded to carry out their plans, emboldened them to go to greater lengths in sin than had before entered their minds." {RH, February 4, 1909 par. 13}

"Of all the sins that God will punish, none are more grievous in His sight than those that encourage others to do evil. God would have his servants prove their loyalty by faithfully rebuking transgression, however painful the act may be. Those who are honored with a divine commission, are not to be weak, pliant time-servers. They are not to aim at self-exaltation, or to shun disagreeable duties, but are to perform God's work with unswerving fidelity." {RH, February 4, 1909 par. 14}

The Bible is a wonderful record of Israel's actions and God's dealings with them. Did they learn from their apostasy? It seems that mankind never learns and in spite of their experiences, the Biblical record shows that they apostatised again and again, determined to be worse than their predecessors. The Bible records tells us:

Jdg 10:6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

2 Ki 17:10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

2 Ki 17:11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger:

2 Ki 17:12 For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

The Prophets of Israel lamented the deplorable condition of Israel and fearlessly proclaimed the oracles of God.

Jer 2:11 Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

Jer 2:12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD.

Jer 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Did Israel heed the admonition of the Prophets? No, in fact they arrogantly opposed them, inducing Jeremiah to say:

Jer 44:15 Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

Jer 44:16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.

Jer 44:17 But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

Isa 1:4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

Isa 1:5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

Amo 5:26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. ■

Walter Veith

Part Two of this article will be continued in the Spring issue of Faith on the Line.



by Dr. Rudy Davis, ND, MT.

Victory... Just Days Away

Have you ever struggled with a sin that constantly overtakes you bringing you face to face with your own inability to overcome? Do you ever feel like you could never make it to heaven? Does it ever seem like you are the only one in a pit and there is no way out?

I know the way out. This is not something I heard somewhere or took from someone else's life but comes directly from my own personal experience.

Prayer in the morning and evening may keep you on the edge of believing but it will not give you power to overcome sin. That kind of prayer life is the pattern of people who keep falling into the same sin over and over again, I know, I've been there. I'd pray to God and ask Him to help me overcome but it never seemed to work, He just didn't seem to hear me.

If what you have been doing in your life has not given you the victory over sin that you have been looking for, then there needs to be a change. Someone once said, "In order to get the results you have never had, you have to do the things you have never done."

In order to help people to get well, I do not tell them to quit all the bad things but instead, I get them to add to their life the good things they have not been doing. This principle applies to overcoming every defiling habit, action and thought.

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21

How important is it that we overcome every sin?

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

Revelation 3:21

"If we do not overcome, we lose the crown; and if we lose the crown, we lose everything." {Bible Echo January 1, 1893}

What would you do to secure eternal life my friend; what is it worth to you? Do you really believe that it is there for you or is it just a fanciful dream that you

hope
may one day come
true? If you are serious
about overcoming sin, try this.

First: "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden" Get away from your usual daily life and go to Jesus. For instance, take a whole week and set it aside for Him and you to have time together, ...alone. Rent a cottage or shut off the phone, get rid of the TV and radio not to mention the newspapers. You will actually need very little food and the kind of food you will need should be very light and easy to digest. You must try to have a clear mind as much as possible.

Second: Pray meaningfully. Not the usual "save the children, etc." For example, open up your Bible to the book of Psalms, and read until you find something that seems to relate to your personal life then talk to God about it like you would to your very best friend (this method of prayer knows no bounds and has no time limits). Listen for that still small voice that unveils your true inner self to the eye of your conscience.

Third: Along with your Bible, take a book such as "The Desire of Ages" and study the chapters that have to do with the personal life of Jesus from childhood to Calvary. Mark well the character traits in Jesus that you love the most. You may find that they are the character traits that are the weakest in yourself and ones that you would like to develop.

Fourth: A book on Bible promises can come in handy. Memorize passages from the Scriptures that have wonderful promises for people

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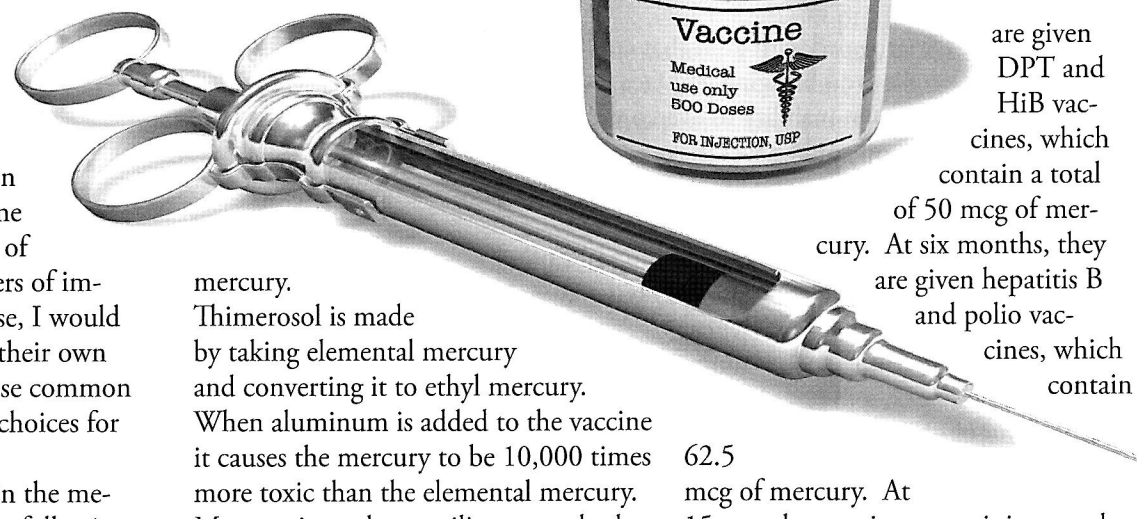
by Connie Kiefluk

have you had your flu shot?

A recent conversation with a lady whose son went into convulsions after receiving a vaccination many years ago, inspired me to make our readers aware of some of the possible dangers of immunization. If nothing else, I would encourage each one to do their own research so that they can use common sense and make informed choices for their families.

We see and hear a lot in the media this time of the year the following statement - "Have you had your flu shot!" These vaccinations were originally marketed to the elderly and those with weakened immune systems, but today they are being marketed to everyone. These vaccines are prepared from the fluids of chicken embryos that are inoculated with the specific type of influenza virus that health officials believe are the most prevalent. Sources indicate that their effectiveness in preventing influenza ranges from 30 to 40%, probably because of the fact that by the time the vaccine is finally administered, the influenza virus has already changed to a form completely unaffected by the vaccine. According to government statistics and testimonies by Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the original polio vaccine, more polio has been caused in the past four decades by the live vaccine than by the naturally-occurring polio virus.

Flu shots can contain anything from formaldehyde, thimerosal (mercury), aluminum, dangerous microorganisms, and ethylene glycol. One of the most toxic materials found on this earth is radioactive plutonium, the second is



mercury.

Thimerosal is made by taking elemental mercury and converting it to ethyl mercury. When aluminum is added to the vaccine it causes the mercury to be 10,000 times more toxic than the elemental mercury. Mercury is used to sterilize not only the flu vaccines but many other vaccinations.

Formaldehyde is used in vaccines as a disinfectant and preservative. It is a colorless, toxic water-soluble gas also used in embalming fluid. Evidence suggests that those who receive the flu shot could be contagious for weeks, since they have the live flu virus in their bodies, and could potentially spread germs to the general public. It would appear then, that one of the best ways to avoid the flu is to stay away from people who have recently received a flu shot as well as those people that have it.

A pet owner recently told me that his dog has cancer. He was told that many of the cancers in pet dogs and cats is the result of the many vaccinations that pets receive today. A recent report indicated that the number one killer disease of young children is cancer (in particular leukemia) - could this also be a result of the many vaccines they receive?

"On the day of birth, babies are commonly given a hepatitis B vaccine, which contains 12 micrograms (mcg) of mercury. At four months of age, they

are given DPT and HiB vaccines, which contain a total of 50 mcg of mercury. At six months, they are given hepatitis B and polio vaccines, which contain

62.5 mcg of mercury. At 15 months, vaccines containing another 50 mcg of mercury are given. Since the blood-brain barrier is not completely developed in infants, the brain and spinal cord take a tremendous beating". (1)

The above indicates the amount of mercury only, but what about all the other things commonly found in vaccines. On his Website, www.mercola.com, Dr. Josephon Mercola lists (in alphabetical order) the following fillers found in vaccines (in addition to the viral and bacterial RNA or DNA): "Aluminum hydroxide; aluminum phosphate; ammonium sulfate, amphotericin B; animal tissues - pig blood, horse blood, rabbit brain, dog kidney, monkey kidney, chick embryo, chicken egg, duck egg; calf (bovine) serum; betapropiolactone; fetal bovine serum; formaldehyde; formalin; gelatin; glycerol; human diploid cells (originating from human aborted fetal tissue); hydrolyzed gelatin; monosodium glutamate (MSG); neomycin; neomycin sulfate; phenol red indicator; phenoxyethanol (antifreeze); potassium diphosphate; potassium monophosphate; ploymyxin B; polysorbate 20; polysorbate 80; procin (pig

pancreatic hydrolysate of casein; residual MRC5 proteins; sorbitol; sucrose; thimerosal (mercury); tri-(n)butylphosphate; VERO cells: a continuous line of monkey kidney cells; and washed red-blood cells from sheep". Ibid 392

You will find that all vaccines contain substances deemed unclean and unfit for human consumption as per the health laws contained in the Bible. In addition, many of these poisons attack the immune system and weaken it, rather than enabling the bodily defenses to ward off the diseases. Our God given natural immune system is actually a self-healing system - we need to give this system the best chance to work in our favor! Following the natural laws of health will be our biggest protector against many of these diseases.

On July 10, 2006, Health Canada approved the vaccine Gardasil, supposedly the first and only vaccine designed to prevent cervical, vulvar and vaginal cancers, as well as pre-cancerous lesions at these sites and genital warts caused by human papilloma virus types, 11, 16 and 18. One hundred thousand doses of the vaccine have been distributed across the country since they became available in pharmacies. This followed a recommendation in January by the Canadian National Advisory Committee on Immunization that all females between the ages of nine and 13 be vaccinated and that women between the ages of 14 and 26 also be vaccinated, even if they are already sexually active.

There seems to be a real push to get this vaccination out but at the same time, a real lack of any scientific evidence to support it. There isn't any spectacular epidemic happening (as could be the case with a polio or whooping cough epidemic). Could it be possible that, like many times prior, the pharmaceutical company has launched another money-making venture?

"Most people are unaware that the word 'pharmaceutical' is derived from the Greek work 'pharakeia', which means magic, sorcery, and witchcraft. The symbols of the pharmaceutical companies are extremely meaningful. For example, the winged staff with a serpent wrapped around a pole is the ancient magic wand of the pagan god Hermes...Pharmaceutical companies use their drugs, vaccines, spells and potions to contaminate the blood of an unsuspecting public". (3)

Space does not permit to elaborate on all the potentially life-threatening results of vaccinations. They cause an imbalance in humoral and cellular immunity and violate the body's God-given way of handling disease through the mucous membranes and white blood cells. Vaccines are powerful drugs. Immunity is something we receive naturally, not from a vaccine. The choice is yours. ■

- 1) "Eating Alive II" by Dr. Jonn Matsen, ND
- 2) Ibid
- 3) "Danger Lurking in Flu Shots!" by Greg Ciola

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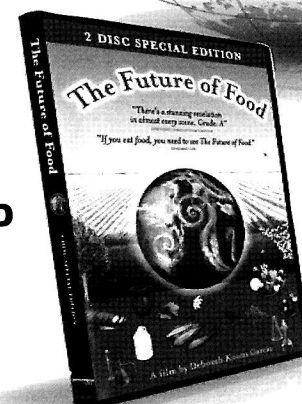
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like us, such as Micah 7:18,19; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:8-11, 17,18. You can walk in nature while you are putting these promises to memory.

Fifth: Take along instrumentals of your favorite hymns (not your favorite Christian songs) and play them when you feel tired. Eat, sleep and breathe Jesus; let no one interrupt this communion with our Lord because your life is dependant upon it.

Your time with our Saviour is to be spent focusing on His perfection (not your sin) and this is what will change you from a weak failing Christian to a channel of light and strength for the glory of God because the Bible says so (2 Corinthians 3:18).

REMEMBER, THE ONLY WAY TO OVERCOME
IS TO KEEP THE PERFECTION OF JESUS
BEFORE YOU

"Beware of procrastination. Do not put off the work of forsaking your sins and seeking purity of heart through Jesus. Here is where thousands upon thousands have erred to their eternal loss. I will not here dwell upon the shortness and uncertainty of life; but there is a terrible danger--a danger not sufficiently understood--in delaying to yield to the pleading voice of God's Holy Spirit, in choosing to live in sin; for such this delay really is. Sin, however small it may be esteemed, can be indulged in only at the peril of infinite loss. What we do not overcome, will overcome us and work out our destruction." {Steps to Christ page 32. paragraph 2}

We all have an innate desire for the things which we do not have; this is how we are made. I believe that God gave us this desire that when we beheld the beauty of His character,

we would desire to be like Him and thus grow in grace. But as with many other things, the Devil has perverted this attribute by redirecting our focus away from beneficence to selfishness, causing us to desire what our neighbor has, instead of supplying his needs with the things we have been given.

Since we naturally have a desire for the things which we do not have, it is extremely important that we focus on the beauty of the character of Jesus so that His perfect holiness becomes our only desire.

If it seems impossible for you to spend days with Jesus, then the below listed questions may help.

Do you ever have long weekends? Do you have time off at Christmas? Do you take a vacation each year? If you had to go to the hospital for emergency surgery would you take the time off to do that? A close friend dies; would you take time to go to the funeral? Eternal life is many times more important than any of these.

"For those who fight the good fight of faith, there is reserved a crown of glory, a palm of victory, an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away. Let the determination of every soul be, 'I must run the race; I must overcome.'" {Bible Echo, January 1, 1893}

THE POWER TO OVERCOME SIN IS AS CLOSE AS THE
NEXT LONG WEEKEND

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God bless all of you!

C.S.

THANKFUL FOR YOUR SITE

Dear AD,

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God bless,

G.R.

WHO IS THE FALSE PROPHET?

Dear Dr. Veith,

I was watching your video "The Man Behind The Mask" on Google videos. If the Pope is the anti-Christ, who is the "false prophet"? I always expected the Pope to be the false prophet working with a political ruler who would be perhaps a New Age type Anti-Christ.

Your information about the Jesuits and secret societies is interesting and very plausible. Is your denominational affiliation Seventh Day Adventist?

Thank you,

L.B.

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Dear AD,

I really enjoy all the lectures and seminars of Prof. Walter J. Veith. They are highly informative and I've learned a lot from them. The amount of research work that goes into his seminars is just amazing. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless him and his ministry.

R.H.

WHERE IS GOD?

I don't believe in God or man's interpretation of the bible. All I see is "death and destruction". If there was a God, He should 'FIX THE WORLD NOW'. The good book is a 'FRAUD'. So tell me, whose side is God on if He really does exist? I do not belong to any group or religion, so 'where' is this God you all talk of? No 'new world order' and no God of any kind for me. Reply if you want to. All the best...

G.

BEST LECTURE

Dear AD,

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O.K.

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M.M.

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A.I.

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Of Thy suffering, Lord
I pray, fill me up,
That I may follow Thee.
Oh, let me drink Thy cup.

L.R.

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