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## Articles

### A Little Here and A Little There by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

I have no idea how many times I have read my Bible from cover to cover, since I bought my first Bible when I was in third grade. Recently two different people have pointed out scriptures which I clearly don't think I ever saw before. Yes, I read them many times, but I never saw them before. I am sure that not just me, but others have read right over these same scriptures and probably many others and for some reason they just never registered.

#### **Rachel and Deborah (This section written by Dwight Fleming.)**

When Jacob went to find his uncle. He came to a well where the sheep were watered. Rachel, Jacob's cousin, appeared on the scene. This is very important to understand about Rachel which is not revealed in the KJV. Notice: "While he [Jacob] was still speaking with them [the other shepherds], Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a **shepherd**" (Genesis 29:9 NIV). Jacob's uncle Laban had two daughters and no sons. Rachel was doing a man's job and deserved the same respect as any man worth his salt. She was a leader under her father's authority and guidance. She did whatever she had to do to support the family business. No wonder Jacob fell in love with her. Here was a woman every bit his equal.

The reason that I found the scripture on Rachel being of great importance for us today is because often a church may have mostly women there in attendance and few men. At times, there are only a handful of women and just the minister there for a church service. The minister may be compelled to do it all: opening prayer, lead song service, give announcements, fulfill prayer requests, give a sermon, and more song leading and finally end with a closing prayer if the guy has not fainted by then.

In such circumstances, if no other men are present to help with the speaking duties, would God forbid any woman who desired to help with the speaking responsibilities? The example of Rachel should provide some light in this area of church protocol. When Laban had no sons, his daughters took on a son's responsibility. Makes perfect sense even today.

Another example found in the Bible is Deborah. Deborah is another good example of how women are very capable of serving in a leadership capacity. It was very sad to hear at church one time the minister state that the "spiritual condition of the men at that time was so low that God had to choose a woman." This was a back-handed insult toward women which caused me to write a critique of that sermon afterwards which was not well accepted, nor any apology given for his attitude. Because Deborah was a female judge over Israel, Barak is considered weak and a "wimp" because he asked Deborah to go with him.

Here is the hypocrisy in that thinking: If Deborah had been a male judge over Israel, then Barak would not have been considered weak. Why the double standard in their thinking by some ministers? "Would John Wayne or General Schwarzkopf have to wait for a woman to tell them what to do?" This was met with laughter which I did not find funny at all. Yes, indeed they would! What general or commander, even John Wayne, would go into battle without obtaining as much intelligence about the enemy as possible? Only a complete idiot.

Just as with Rachel, a vital point is overlooked about Deborah. "Now, Deborah, a PROPHET, . . ." (Judges 4:4 NIV). So, Deborah was chosen to be a Judge over Israel at that time not because "all the men were so spiritually low that God had to choose a woman" (what nonsense!), but because she had the gift of prophecy which made her a PROPHET. This gift gave her insight which would be necessary for judging. When Barak asked Deborah to go with him, it wasn't because he was a "wimp." Rather, like any good general, Deborah was a kind of "Intelligence Officer" which would be able to give him good intelligence about the enemy. Would John Wayne or General Schwarzkopf listen to a woman? You bet! Anyone who could provide them with good intelligence would gain their ear. Forget the gender bias. **(End Quote by Dwight Fleming.)**

#### **Rachel and Deborah**

In the King James Version one of the meanings of "Kept" (H7462) is "Shepherd". So, Rachel was a shepherdess.

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- **Gen 29:9** And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them. (KJV)
- **Gen 29:9** He is yet speaking with them, and Rachel has come with the flock which her father has, for she [is] shepherdess; (LSV)
- **Gen 29:9** He is yet speaking with them, and Rachel hath come with the flock which her father hath, for she is shepherdess; (YLT)
- **Gen 29:9** While he was still speaking to them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. (Darby)

For Deborah the King James Version flat out says it like it is:

- **Jdg 4:4** And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. (KJV)

God has no gender bias so why do men? To go along with this, Dianne D. McDonnell wrote a great article in regard to the Apostle Junia and how men tried to cover it up by changing her name to a male name that never existed at that time in history. The name of the article is called “Junia, a Woman Apostle” and was printed in Issue #7 of this newsletter.

#### **Titles**

Darwin was doing some research for a different article when he ran across these scriptures:

**Job 32:21-22 (KJV)** Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. For I know not to give flattering titles; *in so doing* my maker would soon take me away.

Sounds like a serious matter to flatter people with titles and yet we have this going on all around us. Janitors don't want to be called Janitors; they want to be called Maintenance Engineers. Sales Clerks are no longer Sales Clerks they are now Associates as if to make them look like they own part of the company when even if they have a few shares actually have no say. Some ministers insist on being called Mister rather than to use their first name to address them.

This can also be talking about fairness and justice. For example, when you believe a man with a criminal record should be treated better than the police officers who are trying to get him under control while he is in the commission of a crime. I won't mention any names, but we all know this is going on all over now. Instead of putting the criminal in jail they now want to get rid of the police. When you make a criminal into the good guy and let him get away with hurting people and property with no consequences you are being a respecter of persons. Both the criminal and the police officer should always be held to the same standards. There should not be one law for known criminals and another for those who hardly ever break the law.

Sometimes it is perfectly okay to use a title, such as in the case of someone you don't know at all and yet you want to get their attention. In that case you could address them as Mister or Miss which would show respect as opposed to disrespect.

The following articles come to mind on this particular subject: “Is Calling Someone “Mister” Christian?” by Nathaniel Burson, printed in Issue #2 and “Respect or Respect of Persons?” by John W. Ritenbaugh, printed in Issue #41.

#### **Dinosaurs**

One of my favorite subjects' dinosaurs. Darwin also found this scripture while he was doing research for another article. The scripture is:

- **Job 40:15 (KJV)** Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.

So, did you catch it? What the scripture is saying is that God made the dinosaurs on the same day He made man.

- **Job 40:15** Now behold, behemoth, That I made with you: He eats grass as an ox. (LSV)

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- **Job 40:15** Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. (Webster)
- **Job 40:15** Lo, I pray thee, Behemoth, that I made with thee: Grass as an ox he eateth. (YLT)
- **Job 40:15** See now the behemoth, which I made with thee: he eateth grass as an ox. (Darby)
- **Job 40:15** Behold behemoth whom I made with thee, he eateth grass like an ox. (DRB)

In other words what is being said is that the dinosaurs were made on the same day as man. So, on the sixth day God created dinosaurs and Adam and Eve.

I know, the story goes that the dinosaurs lived long before man lived, and God destroyed that part of His plan which helps man reconcile the Bible with Evolution. Why do we even need to reconcile the false narrative of Evolution with the Bible account. When will we understand that Scientists skew actual science in order to promote the false narrative of Evolution?

When will we all believe what God said when He said:

- [Exo 20:11](#) For *in* six days the LORD **made heaven** and **earth**, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- [Exo 31:17](#) It *is* a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD **made heaven** and **earth**, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

God Himself said He made heaven and earth and all that is in them in the first six days, and He rested on the seventh day. There is no gap between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 that allows for dinosaurs to have lived millions or billions of years before God created the Earth. The verses say He made Heaven and Earth in six days. Why are you believing Scientists over God? And do you honestly believe that Evolution needs to be reconciled with the Bible? Evolution teaches the earth is millions or billions of years old and God says “NO” it was all created in Six days and then He rested on the Seventh Day. If you believe God can resurrect you then why don’t you believe Him when he tells you about the creation and how long it took Him to make it?

The book of Job is one of the oldest books in the Bible. No one seems to know exactly when it was written. Most scholars believe Job lived shortly after the flood but were things in place shortly after the flood for Job to have the wealth that he had? I don’t know but I would say it is more likely that Job lived before the flood sometime and dinosaurs were an everyday part of his life.

If God would talk to us about behemoths and leviathans we would be confused because we haven’t seen them. Job never argued the point when God brought it up. Job knew exactly what God was talking about.

Many people believe these were elephants or hippopotamuses. Some even say they are elephants with big bellies. The problem is that the Bible describes the behemoth, and it doesn’t have a small tail like those mentioned here.

[Job 40:15](#) Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.

[Job 40:16](#) Lo now, his strength *is* in his loins, and his force *is* in the navel of his belly.

[Job 40:17](#) He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

[Job 40:18](#) His bones *are as* strong pieces of brass; his bones *are* like bars of iron.

[Job 40:19](#) He *is* the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach *unto him*.

[Job 40:20](#) Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

[Job 40:21](#) He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

[Job 40:22](#) The shady trees cover him *with* their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

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**Job 40:23** Behold, he drinketh up a river, *and* hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

**Job 40:24** He taketh it with his eyes: *his* nose pierceth through snares.

The behemoth is most likely a sauropod dinosaur such as diplodocus or brachiosaurus—dinosaurs with long necks and *gigantic* tails. And God says they were made on the sixth day with man. Why do people continue to call God a liar? Evolution is the one that takes millions and billions of years, but God said he did it all in six days and then rested. Take God at His word for He does not lie.

Many ancient caves have images of dinosaurs on them. Notice the tail like a cedar.



### **Noah's Ark**

While this article was but a thought in my mind, along comes James Steinle with one of the best videos in regard to Noah's Ark and a young earth. The video is one hour and twenty minutes long and is excellent. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRoQL7W5jg8>

The evidence is everywhere for dinosaurs to live at the same time as man and for God to have created the heavens and the earth and everything in them in only six days. Believe God, not man's made-up fairy tales.

David Rives comes to mind, so I will end with a quote from him: "Truly...the heavens declare the glory of God."

## **Some Things to Consider as a Possibility**

**by James Steinle (Swanville, Minnesota)**

Ever wonder how even the very elect could, if possible, be deceived by false Christs (Messiahs) and false prophets which will show great signs and wonders (Matthew 24:24)? Most of the elect base their world and society views on basic conservative teachings from the Scriptures. So, if the elect might if possible be deceived by false Messiahs (or, a false Messiah), does it not make sense that a false messiah (and false prophets) would come across as very conservative sounding also in order to deceive?

In the middle of the Scriptures is Psalm 118, preceded by the shortest Psalm 117 (2 verses) praising YHWH [the LORD] for his mercy, then followed by the longest Psalm 119 praising and instructing YHWH's people to keep his testimonies and laws. In Psalm 118 in verses 8 and 9 it instructs us, "It is better to trust in YHWH (the LORD) than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in YHWH (the LORD) than to put confidence in princes." Princes are very high in man's governments and can become the top ruler or authority.

**So, in that regard consider this:**

Revelation 13:1 "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and

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ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 3 And I saw **one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed**: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? [An insert is needed here: Exodus 34:14 “For thou shalt worship **no** other god [mighty one]: for YHWH [the LORD], whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:”] (continuing Rev.13:5) “And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [again Exo. 34:14 do not worship], whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.”

Have we ever wondered how someone could receive a deadly head wound and yet live? Technology is making great strides, but...? Do we realize the wound in Revelation 13 does not have to be a *literal wound*? Might it be a political wound of a head of state?

And on that note, here is a 12-minute video that covers a possibility that the elect should consider:

<https://www.brighteon.com/6225e81f-723d-4d44-95c7-66fb8a941962>

**Happy New Year...!**  
**by John Jewell (London, England)**

**That’s what most of the British people were wishing each other as the chimes of Big Ben rang throughout London** and resounded from the loudspeakers of radios and television sets throughout the rest of the western world as their citizens likewise wished each other a Happy New Year or however it is in their local language. Bonne Annee, I think, in French! Throughout the United Kingdom parties were being held, fireworks let off in celebration. And, I suppose, the usual competition for best firework display between Sydney in Australia and London. I enjoy firework displays. In past years I’ve had the opportunity of organizing firework displays which helped to make a church convention a little more special. But as an expression of hope that a new year will be a really happy one, I feel they lack somewhat.

Do you remember much about this past year of 2010? It was a year of earthquakes, including one very big one in Chile in May. It was a year of destructive hurricanes, a year of floods, a year of drought, of violent weather conditions, of massive snow falls, of terrorism. Who now remembers the violent eruption of that volcano in Iceland which shut down virtually the entire air transport system of the planet! One event that we, in Britain, have ever before us is the “no-win” situation in Afghanistan – it is also an ever present and continuing tragedy for many families of both Britain and the United States. A time of trouble has come upon the planet and especially so for both our nations, which we are bringing on ourselves through our total rejection of God and His word, as a result of which He will reject us nationally.

**The last few weeks of 2010 saw particularly heavy snow falls which had the effect of generating yet another strangulation of the airlines of Britain**, adding to that caused earlier by the airborne volcanic dust, 2010 was not a good year. And it wasn’t just the airlines! The heavy snowfalls brought the transport systems of Britain to a standstill. Then, in addition to the onslaught from the adverse weather conditions we have experienced a virtual meltdown of the financial and monetary systems of Britain, the United States and much of western Europe with one or two notable exceptions, of which one is Germany.

The near collapse of these monetary systems has brought in its wake a considerable loss in the value of houses and land, a very uneasy situation regarding interest rates in international exchange rates. In Europe and especially Britain severe unemployment is looming because of uncontrolled immigration from the eastern European nations, members of the EU. This has been aggravated through 2010 by illegal immigration from the east and from the African nations. which, because of European Human Rights legislation, is very difficult to correct and control. To add to this witches brew we have to consider China and India. Both these nations are very active in their drive to corner the world markets in almost

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everything! And markets in especially Britain and the United States. Our two nations seem to be the prime targets. Europe less so! Germany and France, the driving force of the EU, still have a mass production of cars and trucks. Both nations still make trains and ships.

**When Britain needs some new trains, it has to go to Germany or France for them.** If Britain needs new passenger ships it has to go to Germany or France for them. Or, if their order books are completely full, we might just be able to get them from Italy. The United States is in exactly the same position as Britain. We have lost count of the number of ships leaving China every day just to supply Walmart in the U.S. And at the same time the unemployment rate in both the US and Britain continues to rise. Happy New Year is what everyone was saying to each other in Britain, and presumably the US also, late on the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December as everyone prepared for the New Year celebrations, 12 months ago. But it wasn't a happy year and we have learned nothing. Both our nations have successfully exported our manufacturing industry and with it a major source of income and work. We have behaved as the bible says, like a silly dove!

**But fireworks displays went ahead on Friday evening in most parts of the western world.** Although we didn't see it, it certainly took place in London! And, no doubt, most people in Britain and in the United States, were saying “Happy New Year” to each other as the bonfires were lit, the fireworks ignited rendering their displays to a lot of oos and aahhs and giving pleasure to the TV audiences throughout Britain and Europe. Were you among those wishing others “Happy New Year”? We generally say, “thank you and we hope you have a happy and prosperous year.”

We somewhat doubt that it will happen, but at least we can express the wish and desire. And so here we are, Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January as I write. We prepare articles and radio scripts roughly three days ahead of time as it does take that time to edit, correct, print the Newsletter, and get it into the post, and it takes time to record the broadcasts, and to get them to the radio stations, and up on to the internet for our radio station, radio4living. This can be easily accessed by going to our web site, whatnextmedia.com. Breaking news is for the national broadcasters as they serve the population. We focus upon analysis, evaluation and the direction that events are leading us and the nation as a whole.

**Editor's Note: As far as we can see, John Jewell's website is no longer online. Laura Lee**

So, as I said a moment ago, here we are, Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Just under two days ago the late BBC news reported an earthquake in, once again, Chile. This was a 7.1 magnitude earthquake which was centered just off the coast on the central coastal region of Chile on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January. The epicenter being about 385 miles south of Santiago. So far there have been no reports of serious damage or injuries. And there has been no tsunami alert. However, with the experience of the 8.8 earthquake a year ago, tens of thousands of people, approximately 50,000 fled from the coast for higher ground. Last year's quake resulted in the deaths of 400 people and the destruction of 200,000 homes. Not exactly a Happy New Year! Either last year or this!

**Although just a minor tremor we have just had an earthquake of 3.7 in northeast England.** This follows one a couple of weeks earlier in Cumbria in the northwest. No damage was experienced, but it's a warning to Britain that we are not immune!

This, the first month of the happy new year has seen widespread floods in Australia. The floods, at latest report, are said to be up to 30 feet deep and covering an area of Queensland in northeastern Australia equivalent to the size of France and Germany combined. These areas of Queensland could remain submerged for a considerable time, this being the worst flooding for 50 years and affecting over 200,000 people. Some cities, such as Rockhampton and Gracemere are so ravaged by the flood that military planes are now flying supplies into the towns. It is also reported that Gracemere is actually slowly sinking beneath the swollen rivers.

**Reuters reports that these floods may disrupt the movement of grain for weeks.** This could have the effect of limiting exports of grain to other nations which need those supplies. TV news reported that there is also an impact on the harvest of fruit including grapes. This will have an impact on the production of wine. This will have a further effect on the world demand for these products, thus sending up the price. There is also an impact on coal and sugar production. Queensland actually produces half of the world's coking coal which is needed in steel manufacturing.

Although more than 20 towns in Queensland have been cut off or flooded, very few deaths, thankfully, have been

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reported. Regarding the town of Rockhampton, it is now reported as being completely stranded. Three Australian Defense Force helicopters are all there are, at the moment, to provide the city's only lifeline for food and medical supplies. This is not a happy new year for Queensland, or for Australia. Just to round off the bad news we have to report that the United States Department of Agriculture forecasts for 2011 severe drought and famine for most of Africa, India, Asia, and Russia resulting in reduced output of wheat and rice. For the people of Haiti it is not a happy new year! It is an awful continuation of the destruction emanating from the powerful earthquake of a year ago. There has been little clearance of debris let alone any reconstruction. And there is virtually no law and order! A BBC reporter recently interviewed some of the people and found how little hope they have, with over 1 million still living under tents and plastic sheets.

**One might wonder whenever will there be some good news!** When will there be a really happy new year? On present experience and looking back at the history of mankind there isn't going to be one. But that isn't the end. There is to be a new world! Jesus Christ is going to return, and the government of God will run this planet, which mankind has proven himself incapable of doing. Only with the spirit of God within him is it going to be possible. And then, as the bible says, no one will hurt or destroy anyone else or anything. No one will teach the waging of war ever again. The inhabitants of this planet will learn the right way to live life. All human beings, whoever they are, will live in peace and harmony. The children will play in the streets in complete safety. No more implements of war! Any around at Christ's return will be made into agricultural implements. Finally, even the environment will be at one with God and become healthy and productive. Every new year will be happy, prosperous, and productive as mankind learns to live life in accordance with God's way and with His spirit.

**Editor's Note: And in 2022, mankind still hasn't learned too much. It just keeps getting worse and worse. Laura Lee**

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## **A Warning from the Past**

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A war on free speech is being waged. Targeting anyone who speaks out or questions Leaders in power is becoming increasingly dangerous. As sinister actions on the part of elected officials in Washington are becoming more obvious, there is a real danger for anyone who holds leaders accountable for their abuse of power.

The key to keeping the American people at bay is to instill fear for what is openly expressed. What people are saying and doing is being used against them. Washington is Big Brother. Out of control government is now dictating what people can and cannot do. The Constitution and Bill of Rights are considered irrelevant documents.

### **More than Just the Death of a Lone Individual**

What happened on November 8, 1965, is a date in which what one lone individual knew, led to her death. It is a chilling reminder of what happens to someone when coming too close to the truth. What happened may have occurred almost six decades ago, but when looking at the dangers now presented for those who are willing to speak out against the egregious abuse of the office to which leaders in Washington have been elected, what someone says and does comes with great risks.

The death of 52-year-old Dorothy Kilgallen, a TV star and well-known journalist in the 1950s and 60s is a warning to the nation today of what happens when a person is viewed as an enemy of the state. Her death is a chilling reminder of how a person is targeted for what they not only know, but the actions they are willing to take in order for the knowledge to be known.

At the time of Kilgallen's death she was writing about whether there was a sinister plot to cover up who killed President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. Kilgallen let it be known just before her death that she had information that would "bust the case wide open," and vowed she would "crack the case." She was the only reporter who had a private interview with Jack Ruby. After the interview, Kilgallen said she was about to "blow the case sky high."

Kilgallen was the most powerful and influential reporter of her time. She had many enemies since she was exposing secret government documents before their official release and exposed celebrity scandals.

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In 1964 Kilgallen gave hints of what she knew about the assassination in her column which appeared in 200 newspapers across the country but never revealed what she knew in detail. She was known for taking copious notes but what was written during the Ruby interview is not known to this day. She was found dead in her home on November 8, 1965 just before she planned to reveal who was involved in the assassination of the president.

**The Complete Loss of Freedom is Coming**

Most Americans are not familiar with who Dorothy Kilgallen was. She was not only the most influential and powerful woman of her time as a journalist but a TV star who appeared on the popular show “What’s My Line?”

Kilgallen was considered a national security threat due to what she knew and was about to expose. She became an enemy of the state and had to be eliminated. How many conservative radio talk show hosts and journalists today are considered a national security threat an enemy of the state and will eventually be eliminated?

Pointing out political corruption and what Washington does not want the American people to know is presenting a clear and present danger. Tech giants such as Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Google and Amazon have become government watchdogs. The mainstream media has become the mouthpiece for Washington. Anyone who says and does anything that is not politically correct is now labeled an extremist, someone who causes dissension and a purveyor of hate speech.

The bible describes a time in the near future when any form of non-concurrence will have dire consequences. It is known as the beast system and described in Revelation 13 and 17. It will be iron fisted tyrannical rule and beyond what Hitler, Stalin and Chairman Mao were able to carry out.

Revelation 13:4- “... who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

The American people will either try to stop the coming oppression and fail or will fear to challenge it due to its massive size and overwhelming capability to crush anyone who challenges it.

According to Merriam Webster’s College Dictionary tenth edition: Beast- “A contemptable person (or people); something formidably difficult to control or deal with.”

The return of Jesus Christ as described in Revelation 19 will destroy the coming beast system. First, however, hard, and painful lessons will have to be learned by the coming leaders who will show total disregard towards anyone who doesn’t abide by its dictates and the American people enslaved by it will come to realize their enslavement is due to disobedience to God.

## **Profile of a Victim**

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Although battered women may exhibit some of the characteristics in the list below, the one element that is shared by all victims is **FEAR!** A woman is more likely to be killed when she tries to leave than at any other time. The abuser may also threaten to hurt or kill family members or friends who try to help the victim.

Besides living in fear for her own safety and that of her family, a battered woman fears being homeless and unable to provide for her children, as well as threats by the abuser to kidnap or gain custody of the children.

Many women do try to stand up to the abuser and try everything they can think of to stop the violence, but nothing works. Many women leave, while others leave and then go back. Some women choose to put up with the abuse because they believe there’s nothing better for them, while others erroneously believe it is better for their children to have an abusive father than no father at all.

After long periods of trauma and repeated abuse, some women develop “post-traumatic stress disorder.” This is not a mental disorder but is characterized by significant changes in the way a person thinks, acts, and behaves. The victim believes she is helpless and lacks the power to change the situation. They may experience flashbacks or nightmares about past abuses and may develop unhealthy coping skills to avoid anything that reminds them of the abuse.

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Victims of domestic violence do not necessarily exhibit all of the following characteristics and may be from all social and educational backgrounds.

- Low self-esteem
- Traditional family values (submission, preservation of family, nurturing personality, keep the peace mentality)
- Believes divorce is wrong
- Accepts responsibility for abuser's actions
- Exhibits codependent behavior toward abuser
- Pins her self-worth and self-esteem on perceptions of abuser
- Knows she is not being treated right, but does not confront the issue
- Easily intimidated by the abuser
- Feels trapped due to economics
- Thinks no one will believe her
- Fearful of retaliation by abuser
- Lacks healthy boundaries
- Usually puts others first and her needs last
- May have grown up in dysfunctional family
- Fears abandonment and loneliness
- Believes the abuse is all her fault
- Maintains hope that the abuser will change
- Feels responsible for holding the family together
- Believes no one will be able to help her
- Feels guilty for telling anyone

**Are you abused?**

Does he . . .

- Criticize you for little things?
- Become angry easily?
- Constantly accuse you of being unfaithful?
- Keep track of all your time?
- Discourage your friendships with family and friends?
- Prevent you from working or attending school?
- Control all the family finances and force you to beg for spending money, and then account for all you spend?
- Humiliate you in front of others?
- Destroy personal property or sentimental items?
- Hit, punch, slap, kick, or bite you or the children?

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- Use or threaten to use a weapon against you?
- Force you to have sex against your will?
- Blame you for anything that goes wrong
- Disregard your feelings and distort what you say
- Accuse you of actions and emotions which he has actually exhibited.
- Undermine your role as a parent in front of your children
- Minimize your perceptions and force his opinions on you
- Demand that you keep your mouth shut about family business
- Lie to pastor, friends, and counselors about your situation
- Threaten to turn the children against you or get custody of them
- Tape record your conversations or keep a calendar of your "sins" to use against you later
- Coerce you to do something illegal or questionable
- Give you that certain "look" that instills fear

If any of the above characterizes your relationship, please seek help immediately. Do not let fear immobilize you so much that you fail to take action. **Don't ever forget that you have a choice!**

**You are a child of the King!**  
**Redeemed and called by His name**  
**You are a child of the King**  
**Precious in the sight of the Lord!**

## **Other Items**

### **Are All Christians Hypocrites?** **(Copyright) by Curtis Dahlgren (Stephenson, Michigan)**

**"If we expect others to rescue our nation for us, as we go about our daily lives as mere observers to what is transpiring, or close our eyes and ears to current events, we will lose the struggle." – Mark Levin, "American Marxism"**

THE LEFT HATES AMERICA. Because it is still "too Christian" for their taste. My topic this week came from a Facebook post by a personal friend of mine who calls herself "spiritual" but thinks most of us are hypocrites. She posted a reply to a Laura Schlesinger comment on her radio show:

Dear Dr. Laura: Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's Law. I have learned a great deal from your show and try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind them that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination .... End of debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some other elements of God's Laws and how to follow them.

1. Leviticus 25:44 states that I may possess slaves, both male and female, provided they are purchased from neighboring nations. A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexicans, but not Canadians. Can you clarify? Why can't I own Canadians?

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2. I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her? . . .

I know you have studied these things extensively and thus enjoy considerable expertise in such matters, so I'm confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging. Your adoring fan, James M Kauffman, Ed.D. Professor Emeritus, Dept. Of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education University of Virginia

I sense a bit of sarcasm there from Mr. Emeritus. These are the kind of professors who gave us Joe Biden and now want to stir up a race war through Critical Race Theory in the schools. My reply, in part was:

You are joking, right? The founder of the U. of Virginia, Thomas Jefferson, was a believer. In the last days mockers shall come. And they have. You are assuming the good professor knows how to translate the Hebrew into English. I misplaced my 4-version Parallel Bible, but when Moses wrote Exodus, the Hebrew word for slave had a different connotation than it did in 1860. If a poor Hebrew family was struggling to provide for all of its children and a rich family could provide work for some, that was a good thing. The word "sell" was probably a mistranslation. It was simply a contract. The Israelites had come out of an Egyptian culture that was really CRUEL. The Lord was establishing a "new paradigm" and HAD to get it right. If the aim was a little off at the outset, it would have gone further and further off target as the years went by. Thus, the state of Israel and their cousins today are the most advanced nations in the world, which is a blessing to the world.

In modern English, the word "slave" in Exodus should be "indentured apprentice." I'm searching for the other word too. Monica Lewinsky was "working" in the Clinton White House as an unpaid (???). Congressmen have these young kids working in their offices all the time. It's a way for the kid to build up a resume. Read the book of Romans by Paul if you think God has "changed." "INTERN" is the word I was looking for. Blame the translators in 1500s England for the word "slave."

My friend said, "**Curtis Dahlgren** you're not getting the point. Everyone who claims to be "a Christian" picks and chooses what the bible tells them. NOBODY can follow the 'rules' of the bible. This is why I identify as 'spiritual.' I don't like hypocrites." It's true we've all fallen short. That's obvious, but I replied:

I don't pick and choose because the Mosaic "rules" were written for that time, not ours. Exodus is history. Spiritual is okay, but we are all being judged yet. As for the sacrifices, they were a temporary addition because people had defied the Law, but the Big 10 Commands have not been rewritten. Someone said, "All generalities are wrong, including this one." Accusing "everyone" who claims to be a Christian of picking and choosing what the Bible tells them is a gross generality. Professor emeritus my butt!! Just a typical academic.

I hope on a beautiful day such as this, we are still friends, Nikki.

**P.S.** In the final chapter of Levin's book, he says people often ask him, "What can we do?" He says they are implying that there's nothing they can do:

**"If we are to rally to the defense of our own liberty, then each of us, in our own roles and ways, must become personally involved as citizen activists, in our own fate and the fate of our country."**

**PPS:** ENOUGH SAID?

## **Holy Days 2022**

**Passover – April 16, 2022 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)**

**Unleavened Bread – April 16-22, 2022**

**Pentecost – June 5, 2022**

**Trumpets - September 26, 2022**

**Atonement – October 5, 2022**

**Tabernacles – October 10-16, 2022**

**Last Great Day – October 17, 2022**