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Articles
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Jacob's Ladder in Egypt (Prophecy)
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In a previous article, I discussed how God uses mountains for communication and revelation to His people. Jesus, at times, went up on a mountain to pray or to deliver a sermon. God spoke the ten commandments and entered into a covenant with the children of Israel at Mount Sinai as famously portrayed in the 1956 movie, "The Ten Commandments."

But before God met with the children of Israel on Mount Sinai after the Exodus, He met with Abraham on another mountain-top located in Canaan just east of Bethel as I discussed previously. Many years later, Abraham's grandson, Jacob, also had an encounter with God at this same mountain while traveling to Padan-Aram to find a wife from his kinfolk. As you know, he camped at this mountain for the night and had a dream of a "ladder" that reached to heaven.

The Hebrew word translated as "ladder" is only found in Genesis 28:12. It can also be translated as "staircase," which some translations prefer to use. As I pointed out in a previous article, this mountain was east of ancient Bethel which is near the modern city of Ramallah today. It is located in the West Bank area and is now occupied by the Jewish settlement, Psagot. If you use the link below, there is a picture of this mountain (scroll down) and a brief history of the settlement.

<http://www.decolonizing.ps/site/introduction/>

Notice that this mountain has "**stair-steps.**" Did the stair-step feature of this mountain influence Jacob's dream of a staircase? This staircase allowed **access** to God's throne in heaven. Angels were ascending and descending on this staircase. The only other place in the Bible where we read about "angels ascending and descending" is when Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I tell you, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man" (John 1:51).

This was a reference by Jesus to the staircase of Jacob's dream. Why did Jesus liken Himself to a staircase? We all know the answer. It is only by Jesus that we have **access** to the Father and His throne. "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6). Jesus is our Staircase!

Likewise, Jacob was so awed by the staircase in his dream and the **stair-steps** of the mountain in front of him that he declared it must be the **house of God**. He then named the little village that was there, "Bethel" which means "God's house." Jacob continued on his journey and about twenty years later returned to this same mountain. God had richly blessed him with a large family consisting of 12 sons and one daughter. Several chapters of Genesis are devoted to the story of Jacob. Of his 12 sons, Jacob had a favorite. Jacob loved Rachel and her firstborn son, Joseph, became Jacob's favorite. Starting in Genesis 37, we learn the important role that Joseph would play in God's plan for Israel (Jacob) and his progeny.

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As Jacob's favorite son, Joseph no doubt heard his father's stories of how God appeared to him many years before at the **mountain with stair-steps**. The family had moved farther south from Bethel to Hebron. Yet, when Joseph was 17, Jacob sent him north to look for his brothers who were tending their flocks of sheep. He took the road north to Shechem which would have taken him by this stair-step mountain. But no encounter with God occurred there for Joseph. Joseph found his brothers at Dothan who were so jealous of Joseph that they plotted to be rid of that "dreamer." We all know what happened next.

Joseph was sold into Egypt as a slave. He was falsely accused and thrown into jail. This allowed him to have contact with servants of the king of Egypt who also had been jailed. Joseph interpreted their dreams, and his interpretation came to pass as he said. One servant was restored to the king's service which eventually became Joseph's "get-out-of jail" card. Two years later, Pharaoh had a disturbing dream which no one could explain.

By now, Joseph was 30 years old and ready to fulfill God's plan for his life. He gave Pharaoh the answers by God's grace and was promoted to the highest office in Egypt under Pharaoh. A seven-year famine was coming, and Joseph had a plan as we have read many times in Genesis. This famine would not only allow Joseph to be re-united with his family but caused many nations to turn to Egypt for grain to survive the famine just as Joseph's own family had done.

Besides the record found in the Bible, are there any records or monuments found in Egypt that may collaborate the story of Joseph? Yes, there are. Ron Wyatt, among others, believed that Joseph was the famous Imhotep found in Egyptian history. Imhotep is best known for building the **Step Pyramid** at Saqqara, Egypt which is near the ancient city of Memphis. If Joseph really was Imhotep, then why would he have built the Step Pyramid? Was it just a resting place for a dead Pharaoh? Or is that what it later became?

At the same location of the Step Pyramid are found eleven large pits. Ron Wyatt proposed that they were used to store grain which is very possible. Travelers from all over the ancient world came here during the famine to purchase grain from Egypt. There must have been a steady **flow** of pilgrims seeking the blessings of God's grace in order to sustain their lives. As they approached Saqqara, what monument or image would they have first seen in the distance? They would have seen the shape of a **mountain with steps**. This mountain with steps would have been a symbol of the true God. The God of Joseph. Study these prophecies from Isaiah 19:

"Behold, the Lord rides on a swift cloud. He is coming to Egypt. The idols of Egypt will tremble before Him, and the hearts of the Egyptians will melt within them" (verse one).

"In that day there will be an **altar** to the Eternal in the **center** of the land of Egypt, and a **pillar** to the Eternal near her border. It will be a **sign** and a **witness** to the Eternal of Hosts in the land of Egypt. When they cry out to the Eternal because of their oppressors, He will send them a savior and defender to rescue them. The Eternal will make Himself known to Egypt, and on that day, Egypt will acknowledge the Eternal. They will worship with sacrifices and offerings. They will make vows to the Eternal and will fulfill them (verses 19-21).

If God is the same today as yesterday, then do we see a pattern from history that will be repeated in the future?

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the **mountain** of the Lord's **house** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall **flow** unto it" (Isaiah 2:2).

Just as it occurred in Egypt during the days of Joseph, it will also occur again during the reign of Christ when all nations will flow unto Jerusalem: "And many people will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the **mountain** of the Lord, to the **house** of the God of Jacob. For He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths'" (Isaiah 2:3).

I have also included links to two short videos that provide interesting information on the Step Pyramid and evidence for Imhotep being Joseph.

<https://youtu.be/brMc05IOIFg> Inventor of the First Pyramid (4-minute video)

<https://youtu.be/bGV7zp0hzIM> Joseph is Imhotep (11-minute video)

This legendary Imhotep was also used by Hollywood for their 1932, 1999, and 2001 movies of "The Mummy."

The Mainstream Media Needs to be Put Out of its Misery **(Copyright) by Richard Markland (London, Ohio)**

The American people have access to an exorbitant amount of information, yet most are unaware of what's taking place in the country and the world. The majority of Americans are either mentally malnourished when it comes to being well informed or mentally overweight as a result of filling their minds with unfiltered junk.

People willfully choose what they believe is worth knowing. Most Americans are making the wrong choices. What takes place on reality shows, in sports, music, movies, weekly sitcoms and the latest gossip about the lives of celebrities is the focus of far too many conversations. Americans are not a people with vision and the needed awareness of where the country is headed.

It was recently reported on the Glen Beck program that the favorability shown towards the mainstream media in a poll has sunk to an all-time low approval rating of 29 percent. It's on par with the credibility granted to used car salesmen and politicians. It's actually surprisingly high considering the tragic way news is reported.

Where's the beef, the substance and quality of news content that the American people can sink their teeth into? Instead of being informed and educated, Americans are served a daily portion of half-baked tabloid trivia that's only worthy of being published in the National Enquirer and Weekly World "rag sheets" sold at checkout stands at Supermarkets.

Mentally Overdosing on the Pandemic

Americans have tuned out because they are turned off by network coverage of what can be justifiably stated is the most hated topic presented by the mainstream media. Information reported by the media is equivalent to the American people being injected with a mind-altering drug. The nation is suffering from a terminal case of information overload. Minds are being turned into mush. Brains are being blenderized from a broken record of mindless statistics, trivial updates, and repetitive reports on the availability of vaccines and vaccinations. Interviews with so-called experts repeat what other so-called experts have already said. What's reported has no shock value and is meaningless because the pandemic is sliced, diced, minced and rinsed to the extreme because what's reported is rehashed diatribe. The American people are spoon-fed information that is an insult to the intelligence of an elementary school child.

The Dumbing Down of the American People

Walter Cronkite, Chet Huntley, David Brinkley and John Chancellor, veteran newscasters from the 1960s and 70s, would be appalled by the tragic state of the media today for entertaining, not educating. The mainstream media is an expanded version of Inside Edition, Access Hollywood, Entertainment Tonight and TMZ News of people has replaced the reporting of newsworthy events in the U.S. and other countries.

Will Tiger Woods ever play golf again after his automobile accident? Lady Ga Ga's pet bulldogs could have been anyone's Rover or Fi-Fi, so the public needs to know. Is Brittany Spear's father the "old meany" he's accused of being, and who wouldn't want to hear about the birthday celebration of a 100-year-old female employee of McDonald's on national news? What impact do such stories have on our lives? None whatsoever! Today's reporters offer narratives based on personal opinions without redeeming value instead of reporting news on events of real significance.

Who is to Blame?

The American people have no one to blame but themselves for why the major networks are able to get by with its criminal behavior. There is no public backlash, no consolidated effective outcry, and no demand for change. Because the mainstream media is deeply entrenched it presents dangers for anyone who is conservative, but a safe haven for liberals.

The lawlessness of the media is able to thrive because it's not held to account by the American people. Because it's lawless it doesn't care how it's perceived. It is well financed and politically motivated with an agenda that is biased, bigoted and godless.

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The major news networks accommodate sexual perversion by issuing reports in which people who are “different” face discrimination. It promotes racism by reporting that police are equivalent to thugs and are constantly targeting black communities. Conservatives are portrayed as white supremacists or extremists and anyone questioning the 2020 election is considered a danger to society.

The State of the Media Today

Isaiah 3:9- “... They display their sin like the people of Sodom and don't even hide it.”

Isaiah 5:20- “Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness, that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”

Zephaniah 3:5- “... the wicked knows no shame.”

The media is playing a dominant role in the decline of society, but the American people do not realize how much its dominance is dictating the direction the country is taking.

The Only Solution

Thankfully the day is coming when not only the mainstream media will be a thing of the past, but so will every evil facing society and the world. Isaiah 65:17- “For, behold, I create a new heaven and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered nor come to mind.”

**The commencement address
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“Welcome to the real world.” — someone once said

EVER SINCE THE FIRST DAY YOU ENTERED 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN, you have been given the impression that you are the world's Hope for the Future. HA! You guys have been told that you are the most intelligent, the best-educated — the most highly evolved — generation in American history. WHAT A CROCK!

What would your teachers know about American history? They've never heard of such a thing. You guys wouldn't even be able to pass an eighth-grade graduation test from a one-room country school in the 1880s! Half of your teachers wouldn't be able to pass a urine test.

A funny thing happened to me on the way to this commencement. I ran into an old buddy, and we stopped at the University Avenue Tap to read the speech my secretary had prepared for me. We laughed so hard we were rolling on the floor. The bartender, O'Houlihan, said, “Why don't you write your own speech?” It was such a novel idea that we bought a couple of rounds for the house. While O'Houlihan was looking for a pad of paper, we had everybody singing old tunes from the 1950's (you know, “Don't know much about history; don't know much about geography” — like so on and so forth).

Sorry I was a little late for the ceremony, but O'Houlihan never did find a pad of paper, so I'll just have to wing it.

THE FIRST THING I WANT TO SAY IS THAT YOU ARE NOT THE “MOST HIGHLY EVOLVED” GENERATION IN HISTORY! You are the first generation in history to be missing 1/3 of your classmates — because of abortion. You are missing half of the classmates you started high school with because they never graduated. BEING “ABOVE AVERAGE” IN A CLASS SUCH AS THIS ONE ISN'T SAYING MUCH!

You have been taught — every day since day care started — that the most important thing is to blend in — not to STAND OUT. People who stand out are “extremists”! YOU'RE MAAAAN — STREAMERS! Well, I have news for you:

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The people who built this country didn't just "go with the flow." The people who built this country didn't just "ride the wave." Lewis and Clark had to row upstream. The pioneers not only had to go uphill but they had to go against the prevailing westerly wind. They had to go against the grain. The concept of "self-esteem" had never occurred to them.

Even the Mayflower and the Santa Maria had to go against the prevailing westerly wind. They used it to their own advantage. It required a few tacks and turns, but they got to their destinations because they weren't just "middle-of-the-roaders."

This country was founded by people who didn't "fit in"! The Puritans weren't "**popular**" in Europe. They weren't just "blowin' in the wind" like thistle seeds. They got to their **destination**. Look that word up sometime (it has something to do with **destiny**).

The sons of the Pilgrims climbed the Appalachians and the Rockies and the Sierras. Some of them didn't make it. The Oregon Trail didn't have any counseling clinics, but some of the Pioneers made it all the way north to Alaska. Their conscience was their compass.

They weren't watching Entertainment Tonight or American Idolatry. They were busy enough without those things. It was called SURVIVAL.

Raise your hands if your teachers ever told you anything about Donner Pass or Jeremiah Johnson or Sutter Creek. Helloooo? Is anyone out there? I don't see any hands out there.

Raise your hands if anyone out there can explain the difference between a compound sentence and a complex sentence AND explain when to use WHOM instead of WHO. Hellooooooooooooo?

The kids out there in flyover country in the 1880s all could have raised their hands — *and they were taught how to read, write, and do arithmetic by teen-aged school marms!* If those teachers were here right now, 2/3 of you would get paddled for not paying attention to the speaker. You're listening to hip-hop on your music thingies.

Your mothers are beaming with pride today, even though you wouldn't be able to pass a blood test.

"GREAT SCHOOLS" my butt. WHAT A CROCK!

The only reason you guys turned out the way you did is because of lawyers. If you guys "feel threatened" or even "sense anger," you go hire a lawyer. The principal is the one who ends up in jail these days, not the juvenile delinquents.

By the way, do you know the difference between a lawyer and a dead skunk in "the middle of the road"? The skunk has skid marks in front of it.

We're not allowed to teach you right and wrong anymore. If we threw an eraser at you, you'd call the cops AND a lawyer! If this speech is too boring for you, just call the cops. Have your lawyer call my lawyer.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life, and it may be your last chance to hear an adult tell you the truth. Welcome to the real world, and lotsa luck.

I apologize to the Real World out there for the way you guys turned out,

LORD, HELP US ALL!

AND JUST FOR THE RECORD, THAT WAS A GRADUATION PRAYER. A-MEN.

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Uncle Tom

by Richard Frates (Easley, South Carolina)

Racism is in the heart; the skin is innocent white or black: Black Leaders and Politicians, wake up and embrace - that - obvious and truthful statement. Another revelation: Racism is a two-way street named: Self-righteous, arrogance, pride, and resentment; full of accusers traveling one way. Have black leaders ever considered and shared with their followers: Race or skin color may Not be the reason why others do not like or trust you or seldom visit your neighborhoods? Never, if blacks have faults it's because of others.

Possibly, it may be because, black leaders and the NAACP, justify and excuse black criminals, guaranteeing Uninviting, Isolated and Democratic Voting Black Communities. Resulting in: Others can't walk safely in black neighborhoods. And the always complaining, accusing and unthankful attitude of leaders in the NAACP and black politicians. And the Insane Willingness - of blacks to riot, attack, beat or even kill white people when a black criminal they do not know is perceived as being mistreated by police. That is Dangerous Blatant Black Racism. Sadly, when blacks riot: Black leaders Excuse and even applaud them, instead of calling on them to Repent; and Respect their Neighbors, the property of Others and Police.

White people: Do not think of killing blacks when a white person is killed by blacks, policemen or not; and that happens 10 times more often. Blacks expressing an insane love for black criminals is racist: Since twice as many white and non-black criminals are killed by police each year; and black leaders care nothing about them. Who are the real racists? Why do 95% of blacks vote democrat? Because, desperate for love, the deceptive devils: Pander to every false and insane accusation of loudmouth black leaders. Hate for: White people and America, flows out of their mouths like an endless polluted river. And, democratic - Party Leaders, eagerly drink it up undiluted.

Black Leaders Let the Dead rest in Peace: Then you may experience Peace. Black Racist - Dig up the graves of white and black people, and then use history as a pretext and justification to hate America and white people living today? They Love to Hate!

Because of black leaders, media, liberal educators, and pandering politicians: Most blacks today are racist, and proud of it. That is why they call blacks who are not racist and do not hate white people or feel they are victims of America "Uncle Tom or not black enough." Thank God for Uncle Toms, blacks who are not black enough and most white people. If blacks behaved the way, they do - thousands of black lives would be saved and most blacks who are in jail would be free. That's a fact!

Uncle Tom's and blacks who are not black enough are the only blacks who are free to obey God: Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus replied 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself'. And Philippians 2:3 "In humility consider others better than yourself." Tragically today, most blacks have learned to consider themselves better than others and victims of others instead. Blacks believing white people are racist and black people are not: Is black racism; and an endless pursuit of hate. That insane attitude infects the NAACP and most black leaders today.

Blacks have been educated by black leaders, the democratic party, the NAACP, and educators that white people hate them because they are black. That is ridiculous: The best thing about most blacks today is the color of their skin, because the color of their character has been corrupted with victim psychology. Resulting in hate for the - Victimizers. The charge of "racial profiling" only applies to white people, so it is false; and is racist profiling all white people.

Many blacks have accepted the insane mantra, promoted by deceitful black leaders defending and justifying black criminals: Black innocent criminal or not - White guilty innocent or not. That dangerous attitude has been planted in the hearts of many blacks. And is the reason why during riots, they have beaten and killed white people they do not know, to avenge the mistreatment of a black criminal they do not know. That type of behavior is inspired by racist black leaders: Innocent blood is on their hands. Why are universities teaching: Blacks can't be racist? That is diabolical. Racism: One's attitude regarding others is planted in the heart not the skin, stupid.

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Big mouth black leaders turn police into criminals and criminals into victims; if they perceive that their, darling black criminals, are not treated like delicate kittens. Blacks considering themselves victims of white people and America is: Black Racism. Assuming people don't like you because you are black is: Black Racist Paranoia; and a pretext to justify hating white people.

Media Demons Promote Hate: A young black man attacks a policeman with his fist and is shot and killed. Media reports “Young unarmed black shot and killed by police” deliberately leaving out what led up to the shooting. A faithful to the truth report would read: Young black attacks police with his fist and is shot and killed. Last year a black racist killed 5 white police officers in Dallas: The Damned New York Times, Called the murders “Pay Back”. That is reckless reporting; and will inspire black criminals to resist arrest and kill white people. Innocent blood is on their hands.

To some Black Leaders today: Everything white, including historical monuments, is racist: Have they gone racially insane? That is extreme black racism, an endless pursuit of hate. The madness of black grave diggers, digging up past history, instead of learning the, good and bad, of history, can never be appeased. They love to hate; and will use history, black criminals, fried chicken, bananas and the sun and moon, as a - pretext of offence - to justify their racist hate.

Blacks use our Un-Civil Rights Laws as a Black Attack License. Since the stupid law allow rewards based on race and condemnation based on race. Rodney King receive 6 million from the court; yet the white police who were found innocent in the arrest were jailed? Repeal Civil Rights for blacks only law: And rewrite the law as Equal Rights Law. That forbids rewards based on race or prosecution based on race. During the LA riots black racists beat and killed many - white people - yet none were accused of violating the civil rights of white people, why?

Our Un-Civil Rights Laws were written to: Pander for black votes and appease loudmouth whining black racist leaders. Black racist leaders were looking for a way to condemn people based on race and receive preference based on race and pandering lawmakers gave it to them. Black Attack License: With, white race, as the target, written into law. By writing the foolish, Civil-Rights for Blacks Only law: Lawmakers have - Effectively outlawed Equal Rights.

Victim Psychology: Many racist blacks love playing the victim; it justifies their hate. Blacks have been taught by media, the NAACP and educators, to self-identify as victims of white people. A dangerous black racist culture is being promoted, by infecting many with the hate filled: Victim of white people Mindset. Accepting that you are victims of others, because of your race is racism. America has a racist problem, and it is Black.

The Racism Cure: “In humility consider others better than yourself” Not yourself a victim of others, Philippians 2:3. God bless: Blacks who do Not Judged people by race; that some call “Not black enough” and “Uncle Tom.”

Feast Sites

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Here is an update on the Feast and the rooms at the Beach Retreat and Lodge at South Lake Tahoe.

Urgent Request for anyone potentially interested in booking either a “Lake View” room, “Beach Front” room, or one of the “Suite” rooms for our upcoming Feast of Tabernacles at South Lake Tahoe?

Currently, the upgrade rooms from our original block have booked out, HOWEVER, we may be able to Add More of the Upgraded rooms to our block “IF” needed?

If you are considering attending with us, but still are not certain, that is perfectly fine, as you can book and still cancel up to 48 hours prior to check-in without charge or penalty. However, it is advisable to book your room now to ensure availability. If you have not yet done so but think you might want to come, go ahead and book now because there is no obligation if you cancel.

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Please let me know as soon as possible, as we will be asking our booking agent to make any needed adjustments by this Thursday afternoon, so the upgraded rooms can be made available for booking this weekend. There are still regular Garden View rooms currently available.

*As a reminder, our Discounted rates, when using our Group Code **FEAST** (all CAPS) ...*

\$129 Garden

\$149 Lake-view

\$169 Beachfront

There are 3 options for Suites...

King Parlor Suite - similar to our One King guest room however it has a smaller living room area with a balcony attached right off of the bedroom. Group rate **\$229**

Two-Bedroom Suite - it has One King bedroom and another bedroom with Two Queens however there is still just one bathroom. Group rate **\$309**

Honeymoon Suite - One King bedroom with sitting area and larger bathroom. Group rate **\$329**

There is no guarantee that the upgrade rooms will still be available, but we need to know if there is interest so we can make the request.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or need the booking information.

Looking forward to our wonderful fellowship during the Feast!

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FIRST DAY OF FEAST OF TABERNACLES:

Location and Time of Services

Services will be held at the RecPlex, 1501 Branson Hills Parkway, Branson, MO. The first Holy Day, Monday, October 10, 2022, services will start at 11:00 a.m. Potluck will follow services. A Feast schedule will be handed out on the first day.

How many FOTs are left in this era? Indications are: not many. Stay the course.

We look forward to seeing everyone there. If there are any questions, feel free to let us know.

Safe travels
Yahweh Bless
Gary Miller

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Letters

Letter from Curtis Dahlgren (September 17, 2022)

Thanks for the posting.

Prayer Requests

Prayer Request (September 18, 2022)

Ken O'Hare - Please Pray for the family of Ken O'Hare who died on Sunday, September 18, 2022. He is survived by his wife Robin. Ken died at the age of 63 after a battle with cancer.

Iron Sharpening Iron

(Agree or Disagree with Something Printed)

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

In regard to: Was Our Savior Created?

Article by James Steinle

Comments by James Steinle (Swanville, Minnesota)

Laura, I appreciate your input on my thoughts and article, Was Our Savior Created? I certainly do not intend that my current understanding is to be a doctrine that everyone should believe; but some thoughts to consider as a possibility. When our Savior comes and hopefully resurrects us, He will certainly correct what is needed to be corrected in us; and we I would hope, will say, "Yes Sir, I stand corrected! Thank You!"

One thing I understand a little differently than likely most, is something you mentioned about Revelation 1:11, which in the KJV says, "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea." Most believe the Alpha and Omega here refers to the Savior. It is my current understanding the first part of this verse was added in sometime in the past as many Greek manuscripts do not include "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and". For example, see:

<https://www.kjvtoday.com/book-of-revelation/> (Talks about the various translations difficulties in Rev. including 1:11) and also <https://www.biblebookprofiler.com/the-forgery-of-revelation-1-8-11.html#forgeryrev1-11>

In Rev. 1:1 it shows the main original revelator is the Father. Verse 4 talks about a Being in Heaven which is mentioned as "him" and "his Throne", which would be referencing the Father as verse 5 says in referencing who was also greeting them included, "and from Jesus Christ...". Verse 8 says,

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In regard to: Was Our Savior Created?

Article by James Steinle
Comments by Darwin & Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Laura writes:

I hate to mark all over what someone else has written, so James Steinle’s “Iron Sharpening Iron” appears before this in its entirety. In this copy you will find our comments to what he has written.

James writes:

Laura, I appreciate your input on my thoughts and article, Was Our Savior Created? I certainly do not intend that my current understanding is to be a doctrine that everyone should believe; but some thoughts to consider as a possibility. When our Savior comes and hopefully resurrects us, He will certainly correct what is needed to be corrected in us; and we I would hope, will say, “Yes Sir, I stand corrected! Thank You!”

Laura writes:

God gave us His Holy Spirit and the Bible to guide us into all truth. The thing is that when we study, we have to get rid of our belief system and read what the Bible actually says. If you do that you will understand more truth. If you are looking for coded messages as some are, you are going down the wrong path. Also, if you believe that everything that pops into your mind comes from only God, you would be wrong. Satan is the prince of the air. Satan pelts our thoughts with misinformation 24/7 if we let him. When the two witnesses come on the scene, they will be teaching us truth also. Let’s hope we all listen to what they tell us.

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One thing I understand a little differently than likely most, is something you mentioned about Revelation 1:11, which in the KJV says, “Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.” Most believe the Alpha and Omega here refers to the Savior. It is my current understanding the first part of this verse was added in sometime in the past as many Greek manuscripts do not include “Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and”. For example, see:

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Laura writes:

Actually, I did not reference Revelation 1:11 to you in my comments to your article. Revelation 1:11 was mentioned in a quote I gave from *the Albert Barnes Commentary*: So apparently Albert Barnes does not realize the first part of that verse was not in most or all early manuscripts. I actually did not know that myself until you brought it to my attention.

King James Version

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Codex Sinaiticus

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Adam Clarke

I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and - This whole clause is wanting in ABC, thirty-one others; some editions; the Syriac, Coptic, Ethiopic, Armenian, Slavonic, Vulgate, Arethas, Andreas, and Primasius. Griesbach has left it out of the text.

Jamieson-Fausset-Brown

I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and — The oldest manuscripts, omit all of this clause (in Rev. 1:11).

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Rev 1:3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Rev 1:8 **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending**, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

I think where the confusion comes in is the word “God”. God the Father and Jesus Christ are both God. So, in the verses in question it could well read as follows:

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God (**Christ**) gave unto him (**John**), to shew unto his (**Christ’s**) servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he (**Christ**) sent and signified *it* by his (**Christ’s**) angel unto his (**Christ’s**) servant John:

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Rev 1:8 I (Christ) am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord (Christ), which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty (Christ).

Remember the Book of Revelation is the Revelation of Christ and about Christ. Because you seem to believe that God the Father is telling John what to say about Christ you have a whole different perspective on this, one which is clearly wrong if you look at this closer. Christ is the one telling John what to say in regard to Christ and the end times. Sheds a whole new light on things.

Rev. 1:17-19 is John revealing what Christ told him to say in regard to Christ. Revelation is the Revelation of Christ as revealed by John.

Rev 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

Rev 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Rev 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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Darwin & Laura write:

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Rev 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21:1-7 is talking about Jesus Christ and God the Father. Verses 2-4, God here is probably the Father. In verse

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5 Christ is the “he” that sat upon the throne. The second “he” in verse 5 is again referring to Christ because: “and he said unto me (John) write”. See again Rev. 1:1.

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In verse 6 ‘and he (has to be Christ) said unto me (John is writing), it is done. I am Alpha and Omega”, (this has to be Christ because the “I am” comes right after the phrase, “and he (Christ) said unto me.” (John is writing it down.)

We get a better understanding of scripture when we read verses in context of other verses and put in the names of the people who are speaking, as below in verses 5 to 7.

Rev 21:5 And he (**Christ**) that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I (**Christ**) make all things new. And he (**Christ**) said unto me (**John**), Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Rev 21:6 And he (**Christ**) said unto me (**John**), It is done. I (**Christ**) am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I (**Christ**) will give unto him (**People**) that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Rev 21:7 He (**Christ still talking**) that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I (**Christ still talking**) will be his (**People’s**) God, and he (**People**) shall be my (**Christ’s**) son.

Why or how? See Isaiah 9:6:

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

So, is Christ God? Yes or No, you answer. Is God the Father God? Yes or No, you answer.

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Laura writes:

Thank you, James, for the compliment. We sincerely do hope that we are encouraging people to study, reveal what they have learned and love others all at the same time. Of course, we do not believe in regard to you on this subject. James has sent many items here for publication that we do agree with him on, but this is just not one of them.

For those who do not have enough information in regard to this subject, I would like to provide some other verses here, because even though we did not agree with James’s article, we pulled some very fine nuggets from scripture to back up what we say. Things we had not thought of before.

It is hard to separate God and Christ because they are One: **Joh 10:30** I and the Father are one.' And **Joh 17:22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

In other words, God and Christ are one and they also want us all to be one with them. So, the term God is a blanket term which can be used for either one of them or both of them together.

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Isa 44:1 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: **Isa 44:2** Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen. **Isa 44:3** For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: **Isa 44:4** And they shall spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water courses. **Isa 44:5** One shall say, I *am* the LORD'S; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the LORD, and surname *himself* by the name of Israel. **Isa 44:6** Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is no God*.

Look at verse 44:6 closely, because it is another one of those verses that appears to be talking about two different people as Rev. 1:1 appeared to James Steinle.

Isa 44:6 Thus saith the LORD (**Christ**) the King of Israel (**Christ**), and his (**Israel's**) redeemer the LORD of hosts (**Christ**); I (**Christ**) *am* the first, and I (**Christ**) *am* the last; and beside me (**Christ**) *there is no God* (**Christ**).

Remember God and Christ are one in purpose. They are on the same page.

Isa 48:12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last.

This is Christ again declaring He is the first and the last.

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Rev 22:13 I *am* Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Christ was the God of the Old Testament: **1Co 10:4** And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Christ created all things: **Rev 4:11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Christ had the same Glory as His Father before he became a man as he again regained after He was resurrected. **Joh 17:5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Here is the crux of the matter. It would be no big deal for a created being or a regular human being to die for our sins. The only one who could die for our sins would be God. Christ volunteered to die for our sins and what he gave up to become a man was the glory or eternal life he had before. He gave up everything He had to become one of us and die for our sins. Only God could redeem us from sin.

Christ is called God Almighty here: **Rev 16:14** For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Read Rev. 16:14 in context of the scriptures around it and you will see God Almighty here is Christ.

Here is another example of Christ being called God Almighty:

Rev 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous

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are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. **(Talking about Christ.)**

Christ has many roles and names: **Isa 9:6** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Then the last one: **1Co 15:24** Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Before you get all excited in believing that Christ has fully turned over everything to the Father, read Revelation Chapters 21 and 22 in their entirety and you will find they rule together once the new heavens and the new earth are completed.

(The Old King James Bible was used throughout unless otherwise stated.)

Announcements

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- Service in the Spirit
- Questions and Answers

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Become like a Baby – to Enter God’s Kingdom

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Where is the Real Mount Sinai?

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Where is the real Mount Sinai? That question has inspired nearly as much historical and geographical searching as the hunt for the Ark of the Covenant. A new movie is coming out in October by Tim Mahoney which will present various arguments for the location of Mount Sinai. Many Christians over the years have traveled to the traditional location in the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt. Others, as inspired by the late Ron Wyatt, believe Mount Sinai is located in Saudi Arabia. There are other possibilities that the film will mention. If you are interested in seeing the film, "Journey to Mount Sinai," on October 17-18, go to patternsofevidence.com or just click on the link below.

<https://patternsofevidence.com/2022/09/02/two-new-patterns-of-evidence-films/>

Prophecy

Prophetic Proclamation of Doom

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1 hour video of what appears to be *watershed news of biblical importance* to mankind at the end of (human government) trying to do things their own way! News as reported by those now in power in *their own words*..the new King Charles III (what he said on Nov.1, 2021 as Prince Charles), the pope (a new worldwide religion now in effect called chrislam and an Austrian power man who may bring it all together politically). To me, this appears to tie a lot of prophecy into what is right now happening on earth for a one world government. A MUST WATCH in my opinion! Well put together and well researched!

<https://thecogmi.org/video/prophetic.htm>

Other Items

(Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

Take the Quiz!

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Five Quick Questions about the New Testament

Finish the following sentences by choosing the correct biblical answer. If you get all five questions right, you win a free lunch with Avram and Ruti Yehoshua!

1. The Apostle Paul states in Romans that our faith in Jesus Christ,
 - a. nullifies Mosaic Law.
 - b. teaches us to be weary of the legalistic Jews.
 - c. establishes Mosaic Law.
 - d. entitles you to a free, slightly used and dilapidated Strong's Concordance.
2. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans, 'For we know that the Law' (of Moses),
 - a. has been done away with in Christ.
 - b. only applies to the Jews.
 - c. is spiritual.
 - d. was a Jewish plot to enslave the world with legalistic rules and regulations.

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3. Jesus warned His Apostles about the coming Tribulation of Jerusalem, which would take place in 70 AD (40 years after His death and resurrection), and He told them to pray that they would not have to flee from Jerusalem in either winter or,
 - a. on Christmas day because Jesus loves to hear the little children singing Christmas carols.
 - b. on Easter Sunday because that would interfere with all the sunrise church services held in His honor, and He loves to see the little children roll the painted Easter eggs and eat the chocolate Easter bunnies.
 - c. on the 7th day Sabbath because He knew it was a day of special holiness and rest and not in-tended for flight or anxiety.
 - d. on the 5th day of the 4th Jewish month when the moon is in the constellation Aquarius and aligns itself with Jupiter. On this day it would be extremely difficult to flee from Jerusalem as the gravitational pull from Neptune causes tremendous stress to the leg muscles, resulting in decreased ability to run or to flee from danger.

4. In *Revelation*, considered by most theologians to be written more than 60 years *after* the resurrection (about 96 AD), the Apostle John wrote that the “patience of the saints” consists of faith in Jesus,
 - a. and nothing else!
 - b. and memorizing the Sermon on the Mount.
 - c. and keeping the Commandments of God.
 - d. and taking the pastor out to lunch after Sunday service even if his message caused half the congregation to fall asleep.

5. Jesus said that anyone who broke the least of the commandments of Moses and taught others to do so,
 - a. would be one of His followers because their righteousness would exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees who were hypocrites.
 - b. would be blessed with spiritual discernment and wisdom from God.
 - c. would be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven, which didn’t begin until after the resurrection.
 - d. would be given two 15% discounted flight tickets to Rome to eat breakfast with the Pope on Easter Sunday, consisting of the Pope’s favorite breakfast—ham and eggs, and chocolate coated marshmallow Easter bunnies.

Editor’s Note: No cheating. Take this test and send your answers to us. We will print the answers in two weeks along with the majority of answers chosen. We sincerely hope everyone has a few minutes to engage in this. (Laura Lee)

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Everyone! Have a Great Feast!