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1Co 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

Pancakes in Russia

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Will Russia ever attack America? This has been a driving fear of U.S. policy since Russia obtained an atomic bomb in 1949. The nuclear arms race was on. With the development of the hydrogen bomb and delivery vehicles, such as, Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs), destruction of all life upon the earth became a frightening reality.

To counter a nuclear threat from the Soviet Union, the U.S. developed a Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) policy which means that if Russia were to launch a first attack, the U.S. would have the means to launch a counter nuclear attack. It was hoped that if any enemy first struck the United States with nuclear arms, we would be able to launch nuclear-armed missiles against that enemy. This would act as a deterrent for anyone wanting to start a nuclear war against us.

This was a "MAD" concept alright. There would be no winners, only survivors, if you were lucky enough to not only survive the initial blast but also the radio-active fallout. As a consequence, the U.S. built missile silos around the country which could survive a nuclear blast and then allow the launching of a counter-strike.

With the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, and certain arms limitation agreements in place, the threat of nuclear annihilation had eased somewhat until Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Tensions between Russia and the U.S. are once again mounting, reviving fears of nuclear war. To bring this reality home, please watch the two short videos on our building of missile silos and the day-to-day business of being ready for nuclear war. We can't ignore this constant threat. Obviously, the Bible offers a better hope for mankind.

But we need to realize the spiritual battle that is taking place. A nuclear threat of destruction is only one part of it. The Russians fear us as much as we fear them. The Soviet era is over with its agenda of spreading communism. At present, it seems that we have greater enemies inside of our country than outside. The real enemy is the **deception** or **false belief** that is affecting our trust of others. Yes, we have to be cautious and not naive. But let's not hate a nation simply because we may have inaccurate perceptions of that nation. We then fall into the snare of Satan rather than the grace of God (See 2 Timothy 2:25-26).

Sharing a meal with someone helps to break down barriers (See Revelation 3:20). I will relate a memorable meal that I had in Russia. It was breakfast time at the hotel in Moscow. I was wondering what they would serve our tour group this particular morning. Out came the servers with platters of pancakes. "Great!" I thought. I love pancakes. "Where's the maple syrup," I asked someone. To my surprise, they brought out bowls of sour cream to put on our pancakes. "Are they kidding?" No. One male Russian server exclaimed, "This is what makes us Russians big and strong."

I couldn't argue with him about that. He was huge. But I'm not a fan of sour cream on my pancakes. To my relief, there were some bowls of strawberry jam already on the table. The Russian people are wonderful people. They have the same hopes and dreams that we have here in the United States. It is a shame that our two countries have to be adversaries.

After watching the two short videos on nuclear warfare, consider watching this Russian movie that came out in Russia. It was released on November 30, 2017. It portrays a 16th century legend about an invasion by the Mongol army that took place in the 13th century. Batu Khan is the grandson of Genghis Khan. The great Khan does not bow his knees to anyone. This movie doesn't just portray a fictional historical battle, but it also depicts a powerful spiritual battle which is

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why I am recommending it.

When the odds are against you and the enemy far outnumbers you, what will you do? Do you surrender to the horde? Do you run and hide? The day is coming when we may have to face these questions. How will we then respond? Read 2 Timothy 2:1-15. This movie will impact your emotions and hopefully give you courage to face any challenge. I won't give any more details about the movie other than to watch for the **pancakes**.

Here are the video links:

Building Missile Silos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A91ZUeoBzVY>

Guarding America's Missile Silos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42yejbS6OXM>

Russian Movie, "Furious" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTlxfNsBAAA&pp=sAQB>

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"The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us with sighs that cannot be uttered." – Paul

Never mind, for the moment, why my opinions are so "opinionated," or whether I have my own 'skeletons.' "The world is full of fools," someone once said, "and he who would not see it should live alone and smash his mirror." The question really is, who's the biggest hypocrite?

The people who don't want to hear pessimistic warnings are the first ones who want to know if there's a traffic cop ahead (they may even have their own radar detector). When someone flashes his headlights at you, do you immediately accuse him of INTOLERANCE? Do you accuse him of being a "hypocrite"? Of course not.

Paradoxically, the people who say that public servants "are ALL alike," and "they're ALL crooks" are the same people who want politicians to micromanage our local affairs and personal lives more and more from far-off Washington DC.

The people who were first in line to promote the sexual "revolution" of the 60's and 70's are the same people who are now acting like fascists and "thought police" on selected issues.

The people who have always condemned our "Euro-centric" Western-Civ now want America to be 'more like Europe' in many matters, including morality, socialism, and gas prices.

The people who call the wolf ENDANGERED are the same people who call an unborn child UNWANTED (they weep crocodile tears over crocodiles, but not dead cops).

The people who call "barbaric" the painless execution of a cruel murderer are the same people who think that the dismemberment of an unborn baby is of the realm of "Progressivism."

The people who are always crying "Separation of church and state," are the same people who try to impose the agenda of THEIR religion in the name of "Mother Nature."

The people who complain when a politician mentions God's name are the same people who lobby for "Deep Ecology" in the name of THEIR god, Mother Earth, "the Great Mother of the gods."

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The same people who favor billions of dollars spent on light rail, etc. (public transportation) are the same people who won't even let their kids ride home on the public-school bus, circling the school with minivans.

The same people who demand more money for public schools send their kids to private schools.

The people who screamed about "book burners" are the same people who want to ban "Huckleberry Finn" and any book, even slightly critical of Darwinism.

The people who send others to "sensitivity classes" are the same people who wouldn't hesitate to tell a college student, "When are you going to quit believing that crap your parents teach you?"

The people who want "federal aid" for anti-Christian "art" are the same people who think a kid drawing a picture of Christ in a public school is guilty of "hatred" or "harassment."

The people who lampoon Ozzie and Harriet and the "Norman Rockwell America" as turn-back-the-clock clichés are the same people who now want to "keep it country" and "tear down all the dams."

The people who used the "RIGHT TO PRIVACY" to institutionalize abortion are the same people who claim OSHA has the right to inspect your home if you work out of your home!

The same people who teach that the human spirit and human nature are basically good are the same people who teach that Man is nothing but an animal and is free to behave like an animal.

The people who used to ridicule a marriage license as "nothing more than a piece of paper" are the same ones who now hail it as the Holy Grail for gays! Any attempt to define sin now equates with "hatred."

The very same people who had a habit of saying "Stay out of my bedroom" are now trying to impose external rules on private organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Christian schools and camps.

Webster says that one of the definitions of the word "bull" is "a ludicrous or self-contradictory statement." And yet the progressives are prime examples of cognitive dissonance and intellectual dyslexia.

The only thing these people are consistent about is that they are selective as to which of the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution they approve.

When they speak of "tolerance," what they really mean to say is, "YOU must tolerate US – OR ELSE!" So, who are the biggest hypocrites, and why does the Silent Majority bow to all their (2 percent) wishes?

America, no more bull; please phone home!

PS That was my first column (9-09-03). A friend of a friend read it and said, "This guy hates everybody, doesn't he?" I had only written one column, and I was a "hater" already. I admit I'm a "hater" though; I just hate it when people miss the point!

PPS: I hope you can take two seconds to share this one.

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SUCCESS KEYS



TRUST

"Trust in Yahweh with all your heart...in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." (Prv: 3:5)

"Delight yourself also in Yahweh; and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to Yahweh; trust also in Him; and He WILL bring it to pass." (Psa. 37:4,5)

THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT; NOT WHAT YOU DON'T WANT:

"...as he thinketh in his heart so is he..." (Prv.23: 7)

SUCCESS OR FAILURE:

"The line between failure and success is so fine that we... are often on the line and do not know it. How many a man has thrown up his hands at a time when a little more effort, a little more patience would have achieved success. A little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious *SUCCESS*." (Elbert Hubbard 1856 - 1915)

"Triumph often is nearest when defeat seems inescapable." (B. C. Forbes 1880 - 1954)

"Many of life's failures are men who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." (Thomas Edison 1847 - 1941)

A DREAM IS....

"A Dream is just a Dream until you write it down. Only then does it become a goal." (*Three Feet from Gold*, S. Lechter-G. Reid; p. 55)

DREAMS THAT NEVER WERE:

"Some men see things as they are and ask, "Why?" I dream dreams that never were and ask, "Why not?" (George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

COURAGE:

"Courage is fear holding on a minute longer." (George S. Patton, 1885 - 1945)

"The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide." (Henry W. Longfellow, 1807-1882)

QUITTERS NEVER WIN; WINNERS NEVER QUIT:

"*NEVER* ever, ever, ever, ever, quit!" (Winston Churchill, 1874-1965)

"Most inventors try a few things and quit. *I NEVER QUIT* until I get it exactly the way I want it." (Thomas Edison, 1847-1941)

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Endure to the End of What?

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No matter how old we are, everything we have experienced in life, every right or wrong decision, has contributed to the experiences that have shaped who we are at this very moment. As much as we would like, we cannot change or eliminate a bad decision that might have set us on a heart-breaking path. We can only look forward, ask for, and accept the forgiveness, mercy, and love of [God](#).

When I recall the struggles I have faced in life, I sometimes cannot help but consider God's Word, which teaches us to endure. For instance, in [II Thessalonians 1:4](#), the apostle Paul writes, "[W]e ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your [patience](#) and [faith](#) in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure." The word "endure" here is *anechōmai* (*Strong's* #0430), defined as "to bear with, to hold oneself erect and firm, to sustain."

Paul provides a bit more detail about this quality of endurance in I Corinthians 13, as he explains the characteristics of love. He writes in verses 6-7 that love "does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." In verse 7, he uses a more descriptive word for

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“endures,” *hypomenō* (*Strong’s* #5278). It means “to take patiently, to suffer, not to recede or flee, to persevere under misfortunes and trials.”

For comparison’s sake, *The Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines the English word *endure* as “to remain firm under suffering or misfortune without yielding; to put up with something trying or painful; to bear without discomposure or flinching.”

“He Who Endures to the End”

In [Matthew 24:12-13](#), Jesus adds another component to this idea of enduring: “And because lawlessness will abound, the **love of many will grow cold**. But he who *endures to the end* shall be saved” (emphasis ours throughout).

Jesus uses the same word for “endure” in verse 13, *hypomenō*, as Paul did, but we need to consider the word “end” in this verse. When we hear how this is phrased, our mind might be inclined to think of enduring to the end of God’s Plan or the end of the age.

However, here, Jesus uses a word different from what we might expect. “End” in verse 13 is *telos* (*Strong’s* #5056), meaning “termination, the limit at which a thing ceases to be.” Greek experts tell us that *telos* always speaks of the end of some act or state, but *not* of the end of a period of time. So, Jesus appears to be speaking of enduring to the end of an event, perhaps some significant occurrence that signals the onset of total lawlessness.

Jesus warns us of the need to endure hard or challenging events. In a broader sense, He could be referring to the end of the daily challenges life presents. In this way, *telos* would apply to something like the end of a job or a graduation at the end of one’s schooling. Maybe it could refer to the heart-breaking end of a relationship or the end of a loved one’s life. It could apply to the end of any number of difficult trials we face each day.

Admittedly, Jesus’ statement causes most people to think of the end of the age, which presents an end that seems a long way off, but there is a problem with thinking this way. Considering an end to be far in the future can lead to complacency, causing us to lose a sense of urgency in growing and making the changes we desperately need to make to our way of life as we grow into God’s image.

We need to be highly confident in the fact that God is always working with us to provide tests and challenges every day so that we can work toward becoming more godly than we are now (see [Philippians 2:12-13](#)). But it takes time and many different experiences to begin to see life from a completely different perspective, as God sees it.

In [Romans 8:18](#), Paul speaks of these types of circumstances. Such hard experiences provide a window for us to begin to understand the concept of suffering. He writes, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” Paul speaks of suffering as if we should expect it to occur, perhaps frequently, which begs the question, “Where is God when His children are suffering?”

This point stays with me. Consider Jacob’s and Joseph’s experiences as examples of the suffering Paul mentioned in [Romans 8:18](#). God is never far away, but the patriarchs suffered for long stretches of their lives before their ordeals were resolved. Their stories impressed upon me the necessity of developing a much deeper level of patience while working through these processes.

“All Things Work Together for Good”

Paul continues his teaching in [Romans 8:28](#), “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” The wording of this promise makes a difference. It is not a promise to everyone but specifically to God’s people.

With this in mind, we need to reflect on all the experiences we, as God’s elect, have gone through in our lives. The trials that we suffered probably felt like punishment or curses. We may have believed it was just what we deserved. We naturally think this way because we tend to consider these experiences in the immediate timeframe in which they occur.

Consider the pattern of experiences Joseph endured. As the favorite child of his father, he felt special, blessed, his father’s beloved son. Then his whole world came crashing down as his brothers showed their contempt for him by

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throwing him into a pit. Then, he felt hopeful when they pulled him out until he discovered that they had sold him into slavery.

The significant events of this young man’s life—lasting from the time he was about 17 until Pharaoh promoted him at around age 30—must have made him feel pulled in every direction emotionally. He probably thought he was indeed cursed. Where was his God?

Jacob expressed this same emotion when his sons explained that Egypt’s ruler required his son, Benjamin, to be brought to him. Notice his reply in [Genesis 42:36](#):

And Jacob their father said to them, “You have bereaved me: Joseph is no more, Simeon is no more, and you want to take Benjamin. All these things are against me.”

It seems Jacob had forgotten the promise God made to him in [Genesis 28:15](#):

Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.

God’s promise seems so positive and certain. So, was He with Jacob during his life of trials? When Joseph suffered his severe ups and downs, was God very far off?

Being human as they were, we understand why Jacob would claim, “All these things are against me.” It appeared to him on the surface that his life had become a curse. But it was a lie he told himself because he lacked perspective. God always backs what Paul writes in [Romans 8:28](#). We need to comprehend and trust the full extent and magnitude of what is contained in the words “all things work together for good to those who love God.” He is involved in every facet of our lives, down to the finest details, every day of our lives.

“All Things” Means All Things

It is imperative for our growth that we make it our goal to navigate mindfully the obstacles we face every minute, every hour, of our day. What is important is not just enduring but *what we are doing while enduring*. We should be working to make good and sound decisions, avoiding things like [gossip](#), bad attitudes, and behaving with emotionally charged, knee-jerk reactions resulting from a lack of [self-control](#). We need to be asking God constantly to help us always treat others with love and [kindness](#). In short, we must conduct ourselves through each event in the same manner that Christ would.

It is helpful to put ourselves in Jacob’s or Joseph’s place as he went through his trials. Would we see those events as a blessing, something to rejoice over, or as a curse, some form of horrible punishment?

From my own experiences, I can personally relate to Jacob’s and Joseph’s emotions. When I went through my recent trial and came to realize my daughters might never live with me again, I was crushed. I could not understand where my Defender was. Where was God? How could He allow this to happen?

But I can remember thinking about God’s sovereignty over “all things.” Since He is in control, if His will had been that it was best for my girls to remain with me, then that is exactly what would have happened. Then it hit me. If He determined that for the time being—for whatever reason that He had not revealed to me at the time—that my daughters should not live with me, then no matter how hard I fought, I would not get them back.

“All things” were pointing to that being God’s determination. What I have had to keep working on every day is understanding that the last page of this story has not been written. During these types of emotional experiences, we need to apply Paul’s encouraging statement that all things work for good to the person whom God has called and has accepted in love the relationship He so graciously offers.

But this truth is hard to recognize when in the heat of a fiery trial.

God begins working and shaping events in our lives long before we even realize it. While those events will sometimes cause major emotional reactions, both suffering and [joy](#), He always plans them intending us to develop a deeper

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understanding of what it means to live as He does.

So, during such a trial, do we step back and open our eyes to [see God](#) active in our lives, accepting that our present sufferings are part of the “all things work together for good” in our lives? Do we have faith that God is deeply involved and accept what He has determined is good for us and our loved ones?

Frankly, it is hard to accept. Through my trials, God has shown me that it is what the faith He has given me is for: to accept His will above my own and know that He is working in my life and my daughters’ lives for our good. After all, He loves me more than I can ever love my daughters.

Taking the Long View

What can be hard for us to understand is that God works His plan in years, decades, and centuries, assuring that “all things work together.” Every person’s life impacts the lives of others, and the effects ripple outward, much like the waves across the surface of a pond.

Ultimately, for those whom God has called to join His Family, everything that happens in their lives has a purpose that, in its final outcome, is for their ultimate benefit. God’s providence is involved in the everyday trials of life. His will impacts every area of our lives, everything from [peace](#) and contentment to the sacrifices and struggles we face. But it takes time.

How long did it take for “all things to work together for good” for Abraham and Sarah to have a son? How long did it take for those in the wilderness to enter the Promised Land? How long did His people have to wait for the Messiah? The Bible provides us with examples of God’s long-term plans and His working out of events in people’s lives that affect others’ lives, sometimes decades or even centuries later. Is our loving and faithful God not capable of doing the same in our lives?

Improving character is not an easy thing to accomplish. It takes challenging experiences, along with joyful, happy experiences, and then more turmoil, to shape our decision-making and leadership abilities. When it comes to God’s sovereignty over the lives of His children, there is no such thing as a coincidence. God is there and involved, creating and maneuvering circumstances for our good and the good of others.

So, every situation in our lives comes with God’s approval. Whatever happens to us, God has either allowed it or caused it to occur. [Jesus Christ](#) tells us that walking the narrow path is difficult ([Matthew 7:13-14](#)). Seeking the [Kingdom of God](#) and freeing ourselves from the world’s clutches require many sacrifices.

The Story Is Still Being Written

While putting the final touches on this message, I became aware of a developing situation affecting my daughters, requiring my immediate attention. I needed to move back home as soon as possible, but I had just signed a one-year lease in another city. In addition, I would need to move to a specific school district, but due to a shortage of houses, this was proving impossible.

But after only five weeks from the time I became aware of the situation, I moved into a house within the boundaries of my younger daughter’s school district. After three and a half years of minimal contact, both my daughters were there to help me unpack in my new home.

It is almost unbelievable to see how God is showing me that “all things” are still being worked out according to His will. If you doubt God’s ability to change your life in the twinkling of an eye, consider this story of one man’s life and try to apply it to yours.

We can have absolute confidence, trust, faith, that whatever we are facing today, our Father and His Son are right there with us and will never leave us ([Hebrews 13:5-6](#)). Faith is a major factor in enduring, and we need to apply it constantly to the end.

However, there is another primary ingredient needed to endure every minute of every hour of every day of every trial we face: “[P]ray without ceasing, in everything [all things] give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” ([1 Thessalonians 5:17-18](#)).

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Clearly, the last page of my story has not yet been written. Nor has the last page of your story, your trial, your life, been written either. This is why we can never give up; we have not yet reached “the end.” We must keep fighting and stay patient. Remain close to God and close to the brethren. Keep doing the work to endure to the end of all things.

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Four Opportunities for African Outreach

Most of us can’t visit Africa in person, but we can get to know and help our brethren in Zambia and Kenya (and experience God’s rich blessings in return). We can help them all year round, but especially with the autumn holy days and Feast approaching, we may have extra Festival tithes and offerings available. Support for any of these ministries need not compete with support for any other.

Zambia - Bibles for Brethren

Obed Mambwe and Kasuba Manad, who have previously appealed for Bibles, are both lay elders who support themselves by farming, and they provide food for many local orphans. Although they live in the same province about 90 km apart (in different districts) they had not known of each other previously, but this newsletter provided an introduction for them. They have each served large fellowships for many years and share the Gospel within their communities at every opportunity. They are both very zealous for God’s Word and dedicated to helping others and sharing the Good News with them. They have been active in ministry outreach for many years. They were both SDA Sabbath keepers for many years, but are very excited to learn more truths, especially about the Holy Days, which the SDA has lost knowledge of.

Few of the adult brethren in their fellowships have ever owned a Bible, and few of the children have even seen a children’s Bible. For only \$10 each you can buy either a Bible in Bemba language or a children’s Bible in English. Each Bible will enrich the lives of the owner, their family, friends and neighbors. (World Help and Zambia Bible Society only provide Bibles for mainstream Christians. NGOs have many donors, but lay elders have none). Even \$5 would purchase a pack of pencils or crayons or a ream of paper for schooling and Bible learning activities.

Obed travels about 3.5 km to the Christian bookstore in Kawambwa. Manad travels about 12 miles to the Christian bookstore in Nchelenge. Both stores carry plenty of Bemba Bibles and will order a batch of children’s Bibles from ZBS in Lusaka with a prepayment (these take about a week to arrive). Manad’s bookstore is closed on Sabbath because the owner is a Sabbath keeper (SDA). Both Obed and Manad provide copies of receipts and also photos of people with their new Bibles.

Donating is easy, and there is no fee on World Remit with a debit card. (Transaction fees are about 10% with a credit card, which charges an additional \$5 per transaction, plus ‘cash advance interest.’) Downloading the World Remit app is much easier than using Western Union’s or Money Gram’s web-based services (\$1.99 fee per transaction, even with a credit card). Occasionally World Remit is unavailable, so Western Union is a good second choice, because Money Gram may deny transactions and deactivate accounts.

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Kenya - Bibles and Fellowship Tabernacles

We are already familiar with Kenya Hands of Hope, which provides for many widows, widowers and orphans. This year we were able to repair Sengera House and rebuild Getionko's fellowship hall. These Feast sites, both located in Kisii County, especially need quite a few sleeping mats (mattresses), blankets, food and towels (which can roll up for a pillow). Mosquito nets and other items are always useful to keep out malaria-carrying mosquitoes. Thus far, the boys and the girls have had to sleep on a bare floor and share only a few blankets during the Feast.

Although Bill Goff purchases Bibles whenever he can, many of our brethren still don't own one, because government corruption and persecution have hampered our efforts.

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Reuben Kibet Koech is a rural farmer in Kericho County, Kenya (about 90 km from Kisii Town). He provides for many local orphans; the school is adjacent to his farm. To purchase Bibles with any funds received, he travels about 50 km to the Bethany Christian bookstore in Kericho. He was able to obtain Bibles in Kalenjin language for most of the adults in his fellowship, and children's Bibles for English for the orphans he sponsors and for those in his fellowship. However, his fellowship is growing, and there are many youths who also need Bibles.

The Kericho fellowship also needs a meeting place for Sabbaths, Holy Days and Feasts. The pavilion, or tabernacle, will be on his property; Reuben and the brethren will do all the work themselves. They were given support posts, but they also need funds for beams and rafters. For now the floor will be grass or mulch, but they will also need side walls. Many of the brethren and orphans have Western or even Biblical names.

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According to Obed, Manad, Reuben and Bill, all the brethren, orphans and widows are very thankful whenever they receive any assistance, and they pray daily for the donors. They are all very zealous and faithful followers of Christ. Any donation to these four worthy causes is an investment in the future (in God's children) and is also a treasure in heaven. Wherever our treasure is, our heart will be there also. These brethren are treasures to God.

There are at least 1,000 Bible references about helping the poor, widow, fatherless and stranger. Most of them mention curses for neglect (especially exploitation), but blessings for helping them. None of us have much to share, but God blesses us in many ways for doing what we can whenever we have the opportunity.

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Bibles for Brethren

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Very few people in any African nation have ever owned a Bible. Just \$10 buys one in the Bemba language, plus a pen or pencil. When these faithful elders receive funds, they purchase Bibles at the local bookstore and distribute them. It's about 4 km away for Obed and 12 for Manad.

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Feast of Tabernacles - mattresses, blankets and food

Our brethren in western Kenya walk many miles to Sengera or Getionko in Kisii County to attend each of the three annual Feasts, but they can't bring much food with them and often go hungry despite feasting on spiritual food. Also, the children sleep in the boys' and girls' dorms on the floor with only a few blankets and no mattresses or pillows. They need so many things, but anything you can do to help them would be greatly appreciated. The widows, widowers and orphans pray every day for the donors who relieve their hardships.

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Fellowship Tabernacle

Reuben is a farmer in rural Kericho County, two counties northeast of Kisii County (about 90 km apart) in western Kenya. It's too far for the believers there to walk to Kisii for the Feast, and none can afford a taxi. They observe the Sabbath in small groups, but they need a place to gather and fellowship, especially for the three annual Feasts. Reuben and his sons are eager to build one; timber and cement aren't expensive, but nobody has any funds to contribute. Until recently, few even had a Bible. \$10 isn't much in the USA, but it's a princely sum there. Also, sales tax is 16%. Please donate what you can to this worthy endeavor.

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Deported!

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How Sue's Deportation Affected Our Views About the Current Immigration Crisis



Shortly after our marriage in Dallas, TX in 1976, we were surprised when American immigration officials informed my wife, Susan, who is Canadian, that she would have to return to her home country. She was deported.

Being naïve about immigration laws, I had assumed that being married to an American citizen would make it an easy and simple matter for her to obtain permanent resident status. We were both surprised when she was told she would have to return to Canada and apply for permanent residence through the American consulate in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

This totally disrupted our plans to live in Texas, but we did not complain or protest. We adjusted our plans and decided we would go to Canada for the summer and while Sue was getting her green card processed, I would work. But as Gomer Pyle would say, "Surprise! Surprise!" We drove to Canada only to discover that Canada also had immigration laws.

They would not allow me to work without applying for permanent residence. So, I applied for permanent residence in Canada. This was challenging to my faith for I had never felt a call to Canada nor ever experienced any desire to live there.

The situation was exacerbated when Canadian officials informed me that because of custom regulations and tariffs, I could only keep my car in Canada for three weeks. So, I drove across the border and sold my Dodge R/T for much less than it was worth and asked my new mother-in-law to drive across the border and pick me up. These immigration laws were really disrupting our lives.

Did we complain? Did we protest? No! It did not even cross our minds to complain or protest. We had both been raised that a part of our Christian testimony is to be law-abiding citizens. Peter wrote of this to first-century believers and exhorted them,

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Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by Him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good (I Peter 2:13-14).

Of course, when human laws contradict God’s laws, we are not to submit to such laws, as we clearly see in passages such as Acts 5:29. We, however, had no biblical or common sense reason for not believing that the immigration laws we were encountering had been put in place for the good of both American and Canadian citizens.

Although our lives were disrupted, our faith in God told us that God was at work behind the scenes and this proved to be true. Our time in Canada proved to be a very significant time for us and many others.

We were in Canada for eight years and during this time we planted a new congregation, a Christian academy, and a Bible school. We also began our overseas travels with ministry outreaches to India and Africa. Sue’s father, two brothers, and many others came to Christ during this time.

Sue received her green card, and we returned to the U.S. in 1984 and have been busy for the past 40 years teaching, writing books, creating teaching materials, and travelling to many nations with the Good News of His plan for all mankind (Psalm 67:1-2). We live in Grapevine, TX and believe that our best and most fruitful years are still ahead.

Out of our experience with deportation and after traveling to many nations, I am now convinced that America’s immigration laws are neither oppressive or unfair. It is for this reason that I have no empathy for people who are openly flouting immigration laws whether in América, Canada, Mexico, or any country.

Nations need secure borders for the same reason our homes need secure locks on our windows and doors. We live in a world that is filled with evil and if your home is not secure, someone will take advantage of your neglect and cause you harm. The same is true of nations and their borders.

Yes, I have compassion for those vulnerable people, many of them children, who have been exploited by drug cartels and coyotes. But the open defiance of immigration laws should not be tolerated. The Bible exhorts us to have compassion on the poor and needy, but also strongly condemns lawlessness.

This is why a blanket amnesty must never be issued to illegals. This would only affirm them in their lawlessness and be a slap in the face to the many thousands who are patiently waiting in line to come in legally, but now those who came in illegally are moved to the front of the line.

In Revelation 21 John saw a vision of the heavenly city--the New Jerusalem. It had walls and gates and in vs. 27 he says, *But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.* If this heavenly city has walls to regulate who can and cannot enter, how much more our earthly cities and nations.

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History has Clearly Spoken: Mamdani's Vision for NYC and America will Destroy the Economy

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The election of Zohran Mamdani as the Democrat nominee for mayor of New York City, has set off a firestorm of controversy. Although he calls himself a "Social Democrat," his statements carry a ring of Marxism. For example, he has called for eliminating private property ownership, and in its place, implementing government-run housing for everyone. He has also called for a government-run chain of grocery stores. These and other statements have led to many, including Donald Trump, to warn that he is a communist.

Winston Churchill said, "Those who do not learned from history are doomed to repeat it." If he is to push forward with his proposals, Mamdani and his supporters will have to ignore the long history of socialism's failures. In fact, everywhere socialism/communism has been tried, it has utterly failed, including right here on American soil.

Before the old Soviet Union, Cuba, and Venezuela, the Pilgrims, who established Plymouth Colony in New England in the fall of 1620, at first attempted a socialist/communist style of living. They disbanded it, however, when it became obvious that their community could not survive with such a system.

Socialism Forced on Them

The Pilgrim's journey to America was funded by a group of venture capitalists who provided the ship and supplies for their journey to the New World. In return, the Pilgrims agreed to live communally with no private property until the debt was paid. Everyone would receive the same compensation for their work, with everything above their basic necessities going into a common fund to be used to pay their creditors.

In other words, there was no inequality. Income produced by farming, fishing, and fur trading would be spread around and evenly divided among members of the community. There was only one economic class of people in this system.

William Bradford, who served as governor of Plymouth for many years, told of the challenges of this socialist system and how it almost destroyed their community (Hyatt, *1726: The Year that Defined America*, 23-26). Drawn from Bradford's account, here are four important lessons that Mamdani would do well to learn.

Lesson #1

Socialism Destroys Initiative and Innovation

Under this socialist system, everyone received the same compensation for their work. No matter how hard or how little they worked, all received the same income. With no reward tied to their labor, initiative was destroyed, and everyone put forth their least effort.

Why work and dream when you are trapped in a socialist system that mandates equality of outcome for everyone? This socialist system destroyed initiative, innovation, and entrepreneurship, and almost destroyed the Pilgrim community.

Lesson #2

Socialism Fosters Irresponsibility

Young men, Bradford said, resented getting paid the same as older men when they did so much more of the work. As a result, they tended to slouch and slack since they knew they would receive the same no matter how hard they worked.

Knowing they would receive the same no matter how hard or how little they worked, the women often refused to go to the fields to work, complaining of sickness and headaches. To have compelled them to go, Bradford said, would have been considered tyranny and oppression.

With no individual reward tied to their labor, everyone gave their least effort. Irresponsibility became obvious throughout the community, and many became gripped with a sense of hopelessness.

Lesson #3

Socialism Extinguishes Hope and Generates Strife

This socialist system led to a widespread sense of hopelessness. With everyone locked into a closed economic system, there was nothing individuals or families could do to improve their personal lot. Feeling caught in a trap, bickering and strife began to emerge.

The older men, Bradford said, felt they deserved more honor and recompense because of their age and resented getting paid the same as the youngsters in their midst. The young men, on the other hand, resented getting paid the same as the older men when they often did more of the work.

This sense of hopelessness and the ensuing strife drained energy and discouraged innovative thinking and led to very serious complications for the community.

Lesson #4

Socialism is Incompatible with Human Nature

Bradford believed that socialism did not work because it runs counter to human nature as created by God. In Scripture, God rewards individuals for their labor and good works. Capitalism works because it is compatible with the reality of human nature and the world in which we live.

I will never forget visiting eastern Europe shortly after the fall of the Soviet Empire. I was struck by the grey, drab environment. Even the buildings seemed so plain, flat and lackluster. Communism had obviously extinguished the fires of creativity and innovation.

To Survive, They Had to Change

When it became obvious that lack and perhaps starvation would be their lot, Bradford and the leaders of the colony decided to make a change. After much prayer and discussion, they dispensed with that part of the agreement with their

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creditors that required them to live communally until their debt was paid. In its place, they implemented a free entrepreneurial system that included private ownership of property (Hyatt, *1726: The Year that Defined America*, 23-26).

They Experience the Blessing of Free Enterprise

According to Bradford, they divided the land around them, allotting to each family a certain portion that would be theirs to work and use for their own needs. Bradford said there was an immediate change. The young men began to work much harder because they now knew they would eat the fruit of their own labors.

There were no more complaints from the older men for the same reason. And now the women were seen going into the fields to work, taking the children with them, because they knew they and their family would personally benefit.

Instead of lacking food, each family now grew more food than they needed, and they began to trade with one another for furnishings, clothes and other goods. They also had enough excess to trade with the Natives for furs and other items. In short, the colony began to prosper when they got rid of their socialist form of government and implemented a free, entrepreneurial system. Of their experience with socialism, Bradford wrote,

This community [socialism] was found to breed much confusion and discontent and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and comfort . . . and showed the vanity of that conceit of Plato's, and applauded by some of later times, that the taking away of property and bringing in community into a commonwealth would make them happy and flourishing; as if they were wiser than God (Hyatt, *1726: The Year that Defined America*, 23-26).

Compassionate Capitalism

Once they embraced a free entrepreneurial system, the Pilgrims had no poor in their midst because they were both an innovative and a compassionate people. As Christians of the Reformation, they sought to live out the words of Jesus to “love your neighbor as yourself” and they generously assisted those who suffered loss through sickness or death.

Theirs was a voluntary charity rooted in the teachings of Jesus, not something imposed by a centralized, authoritarian government. Capitalism, undergirded by a vibrant Christianity, is what made America the most powerful and prosperous nation in human history and is the key to her future prosperity.

The lessons from history are clear about socialism. They serve as a flashing red light warning anyone moving in that direction to STOP now! If, therefore, we desire the best for the greatest number of people, then we must reject Mamdani's vision of a government-mandated socialist system for New York City and America.

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Daniel 2:21 says that God "removes kings and raises up kings." Psalm 75:7 says, "God is the Judge: He puts down one and exalts another." In Isaiah 45:13, God said of King Cyrus of Persia, "I have raised him up." Donald J. Trump was raised up as President of the United States for a specific purpose, which the American church needs to understand.

Trump was raised up, not to save America, but to give the American church a window of opportunity to awaken from its spiritual doldrums and be the instrument of God for cultural change. Unlike his predecessors, who targeted Bible-believing Christians for harassment and persecution, Trump has boldly voiced his respect for the Bible and his support for Christians of all denominations.

We must remember, however, that politicians can change policies and laws but only God can change hearts. If hearts are not changed, then culture will not be changed. If culture is not changed, then we could immediately be thrust back into an even worse anti-Christian political climate at the next election.

The church must, therefore, awaken and seize this opportune moment that is presented to us by the Trump administration. It was a sleeping church that allowed our nation to be taken by radical extremists. Only an awakened church can save America now and I believe this is her moment to arise.

In John 9:4, Jesus said, *I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day. The night is coming when no man can work.* Jesus recognized that culturally and politically it was an opportune moment that He must maximize. He realized that changes were coming that would make it difficult or impossible to accomplish what must be done now.

I believe this is the situation for the American church with the Trump administration. A window of opportunity has been given to us, and we must make the most of it. We must seize the moment. We cannot go on with church as usual.

We can no longer be preoccupied with being "liked" by contemporary culture. A church that seeks to be "liked" by the culture can never be the "salt" and "light" that Jesus called us to be in Matthew 5:14. Only an awakened church can bring about the cultural change that will guarantee a free and stable country for the next generation.

I am reminded of the 19th century visitor to America who sought for her greatness in her great commercial centers, her educational institutions, and her halls of government. Then he visited the churches of America. It was during the Second

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Great Awakening and everything fell into place for him, and he wrote,

Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good; and if America ever ceases to be good America will cease to be great (Hyatt, *Pilgrims and Patriots – Second Edition*, 177).

The American church must awaken and seize this opportune moment that has been given to her. Only an Awakened church, ushering in another Great Awakening, will save America from the malevolent spiritual forces that are seeking to destroy her.

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Jesus and James

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Dear Friends and Brethren,

While most people who have an interest in the subject, even if they are not nor claim to be converts to Christianity, believe that Jesus Christ actually existed as a human being in the early first century (A.D.), some few claim otherwise. Yet, there's much evidence, even from various extra-biblical sources attesting to his existence and certain facts relating to what is recorded in Scripture about him.

Our faith in Christ rests primarily on the Bible, which we believe to be the word of God. But it is of interest what we can learn from other historical records, not only about Jesus, but others associated with him, particularly his half-brother, James.

For the Sabbath of July 19, 2025, I have edited and re-posted the sermon titled "[Jesus and James](#)," which relates information about what some historical records outside of the Bible tell us about Jesus, his disciples, and how they were viewed and treated by the world in the early years of the Christian era. Also, closely related is information concerning especially James, who became a prominent leader in the early Church, and who was eventually martyred.

Interestingly, among the available evidence regarding Jesus and James is an ossuary box recently discovered believed to have been used to entomb the bones of James. I hope you will find the facts presented in this message interesting and edifying.

In Christian love,
Rod Reynolds

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Was Peter the First Pope?

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Dear Friends and Brethren,

Last Sabbath I posted a sermon that I had edited titled "[Jesus and James](#)." However, after posting the sermon and sending it out, I realized I had neglected to include a link to the sermon in the newsletter. It's not difficult to find any article or sermon posted on our website as we have a searchable index listing them, and also an archive page that includes a number of sermons from previous years, most of which have not been edited. As explained in a previous post I have been working on editing them to make them more listenable and hopefully more effective in accomplishing our goal of proclaiming the gospel and making the true teachings of the Bible more clear and understandable to a confused and deceived world.

I decided to correct my omission for the convenience of anyone interested with this notice and add some additional comments on the subject of the apostles, and James in particular. The Catholic Church claims that there is a line of succession from the Apostle Peter, supposedly the first "Pope," to the current occupant of that office. This claim is false partly because there is no evidence either from Scripture or any authentic historical source that Peter was ever the Pastor of the church in Rome, much less the first "Pope."

James, however, the brother of Jesus, made the final decision at the conference in Acts 15 where the discussion involved a controversy about the circumcision of adult male converts who were Gentiles (Acts 15:19). *Unger's Bible Handbook* notes, "By A.D. 44 James was a leader in Jerusalem (Acts 12:17), heading up the first church council (Acts 15:13, 19; Gal 2:1, 9-10) and overseeing the Jewish church there (cf. Gal. 2:12)" (p. 783). And further, "As leader of the Jerusalem church James was overseer of Jewish believers everywhere, since these came annually to the great feasts held in the capital city (cf. Acts 2:5-11) from every part of the Roman Empire" (p. 784). If Peter was the first "Pope," as alleged, why was it not he but James who supervised the conference in Acts and made the final decision? This is just one of the indications that James was presiding leader of the New Testament Church under its Chief Apostle, Jesus Christ (Hebrews 3:1), during most of the early decades of its existence, although there were certainly other "pillars" of the Church which included men such as Peter and John as well as others. The Church of God is "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone" (Ephesians 2:20).

Peter's role was overseeing the preaching of the gospel to the "circumcision" (Israel), as Paul's was of overseeing the effort to take the gospel to the Gentiles (Galatians 2:7-8). Eusebius quotes Clement of Alexandria, stating, "For they say that Peter and James and John after the ascension of our Saviour, as if also preferred by our Lord, strove not after honor, but chose James the Just bishop of Jerusalem" (Church History, 2.1.3). This James is identified in the context as the one referred to by Paul as "James the Lord's brother" (Galatians 1:19).

"It is clear that at least by the time of the events recorded in Acts 12, he [James] was the leader of the Jerusalem church, which is further confirmed in Acts 15 and Galatians 2. Others conferred, but James concluded. Others evangelized or acted as apostles or missionaries, but James authorized. It was James who wrote the encyclical letter to the Gentile Christians according to Acts 15, and it was James who wrote the encyclical letter to Jewish Christians that we call the letter of James in the New Testament. James stood at the center of things; missions and messengers went out from him and came back and reported to him" (*The Brother of Jesus*, Hershel Shanks and Ben Witherington III, p. 124).

Unger's needs to be corrected in what is stated above, however. There was no "Jewish church" among Christians in Jerusalem. Nor was he merely the "overseer of Jewish believers everywhere." The Church in Jerusalem (not Rome) was recognized as the headquarters of the entire Christian (not Jewish) Church of God, until well into the second century.

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When a controversy arose at Antioch regarding physical circumcision of male converts to the faith, a conference of Church leaders convened in Jerusalem to consider the matter (Acts 15:1-6). And Christians, including Gentile converts, kept the feasts of God wherever they were, but when possible, no doubt some at least went to Jerusalem for the annual feasts (I Corinthians 5:8; Acts 20:16).

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In regard to:
King of the World: Republicans, Democrats Stop:
Article by Richard Frates
Comments by Denver Braugler (Muncie, Indiana)

We need a President like Ronald Reagan — not a king.

«We in America have learned bitter lessons from two world wars: It is better to be here [in Europe] ready to protect the peace, than to take blind shelter across the sea, rushing to respond only after freedom is lost. We’ve learned that isolationism never was and never will be an acceptable response to tyrannical governments with an expansionist intent.»

—Ronald Reagan, June 06, 1984.

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«Today, we speak to all in Eastern Europe who are separated from neighbors and loved ones by an ugly iron curtain. And to every person trapped in tyranny, whether in the Ukraine, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, or Vietnam, we send our love and support and tell them they are not alone. Our message must be: Your struggle is our struggle, your dream is our dream, and someday, you too will be free.»

—Ronald Reagan, July 19, 1983.

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«Today, a struggle that began in Ukraine 70 years ago is taking place throughout the Soviet empire... All captive nations deserve and require our special support. For those seeking to enjoy humanity’s birthright of liberty, independence, and justice, we serve as guardians of their dream.»

—Ronald Reagan, July 17, 1987.

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The USA guaranteed security for Ukraine. It is a shame to America for having broken these promises. The USA benefits from Ukraine's military might. Ukraine is a strong and reliable partner. Not one Ukrainian should have to live under Russian oppression. Russia is destroying itself too and will be defeated. Ukraine should have retained its 1,900 strategic warheads, 176 intercontinental ballistic missiles, and 44 strategic bombers that it held in 1991 and never believed the security assurances from the untrustworthy United States. Ukraine must rearm with nuclear weapons in order to provide for its own security.

Editor's Note:

We do not listen to video links or read print material that is linked to items we print, so we may or may not agree with those links. We only look at print material that is sent to us for print. Not sure I agree with all that is printed here, but I will let Richard Frates respond to this item. Laura Lee

In regard to: Proof of a Sivan 6 Pentecost

Article by Laura Lee
Comments by Denver Braughler (Muncie, Indiana)

Denver writes:

The logic is implicit in the instruction to count.

Laura Lee Responds:

Whose logic is implicit, Yours or the Bibles?

Denver writes:

If the count begins from the sixteenth day of the first month, then the command would be to celebrate on the sixth day of the third month. But there's no such instruction.

Laura Lee Responds:

The Bible shows that the law was given on Sivan 6 which is Pentecost, see Exodus 19.

Joshua 5:11 shows they were eating the produce of the land on the day after Passover and that could not happen if they didn't do the wave sheaf on the 16th of Nisan.

Jos 5:11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day.

Historically the wave sheaf was done on Nisan 16, see Josephus and Alfred Edersheim. When you start the count on Nisan 16 it will always end on Sivan 6 as the Hebrew Calendar shows.

Also in Leviticus 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. In Joshua 5:11 it does show the wave sheaf was done on Nisan 16 or they could not eat the produce of the land.

The word Sabbath in Lev. 23:11 means any Sabbath, look it up. It can mean a weekly sabbath or an annual sabbath.

Also, Passover is an annual Sabbath as clearly stated in Leviticus:

Lev 23:4 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

Lev 23:5 In the fourteenth *day* of the first month at *even is* the LORD'S passover. Lev 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

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It clearly says these are the feasts of the Lord, holy convocations. Passover the meal is at even on the fourteenth day of the month. At even means the end of the day. In other words as the fourteenth is turning into the fifteenth. And on the fifteenth day is the feast of unleavened bread. Passover and Unleavened Bread are the same feast, with the exact same start time. See Ezekiel 45:21

Denver writes:

Counting is absolutely necessary because the starting and ending dates are variable.

Laura Lee Responds:

Where in scripture does it tell us the starting and ending dates of the count to Pentecost are variable. I have never seen that in scripture, so tell us where that information can be found.

Denver writes:

The morrow after the shabbat is always a yom rishon [first day] of a week. After seven complete weeks, the next day is another yom rishon, not a fixed date.

Laura Lee Responds:

Where in scripture does it say that every time it says morrow it is talking about Sunday?

Right here in Joshua 5:11 it says morrow after the Passover which would be Nisan 16 no matter what day of the week it falls on.

Jos 5:11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day.

And again here in **Num_33:3** And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the **fifteenth** day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians. (The Passover Meal was the evening before they left Rameses on the fifteenth.)

Even on the calendar we use today, if it is a Wednesday we say tomorrow... But in this case we are now talking about Thursday. The word morrow just means the next day, whatever day of the week that may be at the time. It does not mean Sunday every time you say “morrow” or “tomorrow”. Even Strong’s concordance says the “morrow” just means the next day whatever day that may be.

Denver writes:

Thus, both cutting the initial wave sheaf which commences eating the new grain and the celebration Shavuot [weeks] concluding the spring harvest occur on a yom rishon.

Laura Lee Responds:

Again, where is that in the Bible? If you want to teach, then use scriptures to prove your points.

Denver writes:

The seven weeks are seven ordinary weeks, each ending with a shabbat. This is how the Tzedukim and Karaites determine the date.

Laura Lee Responds:

The Tzedukim is just another sect of the Sadducees. The Sadducees did not believe in a resurrection and without a resurrection we are all lost forever. They also did not believe in angels or spirits. Christ is a spirit and if they did not believe spirits exist then again, we are lost because Christ is a spirit, God the Father is a spirit and without the existence of those two spirits to resurrect us, we are lost. Following the Sadducees in anything is like following Pagans and worshipping as they do.

As far as the Karaites, they didn’t even exist until the 8th or 9th century. They didn’t even exist at the time of Christ and to my knowledge they are not even mentioned in scripture.

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Instead of following men why don't you read and study what scripture says. It really is not that hard if you truly want to follow Christ.

The doctrine of an early 14 Passover is a false doctrine. The doctrine of counting from the day after the weekly sabbath is also a false doctrine. And teaching people that Passover is not an annual Holy Day is also a false doctrine. Read your Bibles.

In regard to: Countdown to WW III
Article by Dwight Fleming
Comments by Denver Braughler (Muncie, Indiana)

World War 3 has been underway for several years.
Putin has been putting everything into attacking Ukraine.
He can “step it up” a notch only by having a lull to average it out.

Production rates of drones and decoys have been vastly increased. But Ukraine has been countering with its own increased defenses.

Emperor Putin already inflicts more harm on his own country than Ukraine (or UK) ever can.

Ukraine and Israel maintain operational security by not telling the US their plans. It's entirely true that the USA didn't know what was coming.

Telling a US official would mean that the Kremlin would be warned by a high-ranking traitor. Secrecy has been the key to major successes.

No, no one in the US is endangered by Ukraine defending itself from attack. Scott Ritter is a hack and just too ignorant to realize that the third best military in the world can achieve such objectives without US or UK help.

Do you think that Ritter has spent time in Ukraine to know anything about it? He just has a wild imagination. President Zelenskyy isn't suicidal and doesn't risk nuclear war.

NATO is stronger now by every objective measure: more member nations, greater population, increasing military enlistments, increasing materiel production, new physical fortifications, substantially larger budgets (except Spain), and most of all, unity of purpose: to counteract the delusional ambitions of a madman in Moscow.

With the inevitable inclusion of Ukraine (one of the most effective and experienced militaries in the world in modern warfare), NATO will have unmatched ability to defend its members.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to the strong people of Ukraine — courageous citizens, selfless volunteers, brave soldiers, and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Their unwavering determination and ultimate sacrifices have contributed significantly to the global fight for freedom from tyranny and saving planet Earth from the murderous rampage of a deranged dictator and the juggernaut that is World War 3.

(During his visit to the US Congress in December 2022, President Zelenskyy's brought a message of unity and gratitude, emphasizing the importance of standing *together* against tyranny.

Ukrainians have been delivering the lion's share in this partnership — and Americans are safer and American lives have been saved.)

Make Rossiya small again.

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Holy Days 2025

Passover – April 13, 2025 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 13-19, 2025

Pentecost – June 2, 2025

Trumpets – September 23, 2025

Atonement – October 2, 2025

Tabernacles –October 7, 2025, to October 13, 2025

Last Great Day – October 14, 2025

Notes