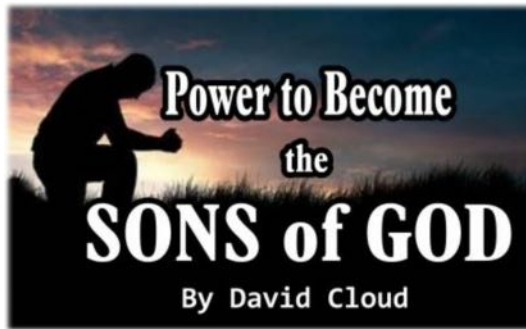


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“Keep that which is committed to thy trust...”

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“When In Adam, the sinner is condemned by the great Judge for having broken the righteous and just laws of the universe. In Christ, the sinner is justified by the same Judge because the law has been propitiated or fully satisfied. The believing sinner’s sin-debt has been paid in full by the precious blood of Christ.” Page 6.

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Daniel 9:24-27 - “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”



America’s political conservatives are a hodgepodge of Jews, Roman Catholics, Mormons, Protestants, Baptists, Evangelicals, Pentecostals, Charismatics, Atheists, and Agnostics. There is even a homosexual element (e.g., Log Cabin Republicans). For the most

part, conservatives are pro-Israel, but there is a growing movement of opposition to Israel from a variety of perspectives (e.g., Pat Buchanan, Curt Mills, Tucker Carlson, Steve Bannon, Marjorie Taylor Greene, Candace Owens, Nick Fuentes, Megyn Kelly). Some polls indicate that over half of young conservatives have an unfavorable view of Israel (“An entire generation of Americans,” *Politico*, Sept. 29, 2025).

The apostle Paul would not have joined such a coalition. In fact, he forbade it. The carnal church at Corinth would have joined it. One of their fundamental errors was the breakdown of separation from sin and error. Paul reproved this unequivocally.

“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame” (1 Corinthians 15:33-34).

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and

be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

“Would to God ye could bear with me a little in *my* folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*” (2 Corinthians 11:1-4).

Only a tiny percentage of political conservatives have a right view of Israel by the sure light of Bible prophecy, including Israel’s most fervent supporters. For the born again Bible believer, the fundamental issue is what does Scripture say?

Daniel’s 70 Week prophecy is one of the keys.

The occasion of this prophecy was Daniel’s prayer that God would have mercy on Israel after the 70 year captivity in Babylon (Da. 9:1-19). God’s answer was delivered by the angel Gabriel (Da. 9:20-27).

The prophecy reveals the time schedule and major events which will lead to the establishment of Israel’s Messianic kingdom.

Daniel’s 70 Week prophecy is one of the great Bible prophecies that prove it is God’s Holy Word. A book that tells the future with exact precision is a divine Book! Daniel’s 70 Week prophecy foretold exactly when Christ would come as the Prince of Israel to make atonement for man’s sin (“shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself,” Da. 9:26).

The supernatural character of Daniel’s 70 Week prophecy is confirmed by Christ’s prophecy in Matthew 24. Christ cited Daniel as a prophet of God and said the Antichrist prophecy is yet future and will arise just before Christ’s return (Mt. 24:15-21, 29). This refutes the liberal scorners who claim that Daniel did not write supernatural prophecy. And it refutes the teaching that the Antichrist prophecy has already been fulfilled.

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Daniel's 70 Week prophecy proves that Bible prophecy is to be interpreted literally. The events of the first 69 weeks were fulfilled literally. Christ came 483 years after the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem. It is obvious that the rest of the prophecy will be fulfilled literally.

Daniel's 70 Week prophecy is a key to understanding Israel's present and future. It plainly states that God is not finished with Israel in spite of her sin and dispersal among the nations. Her transgression will end ("to finish the transgression"). She will be cleansed ("to make an end of sins"). She will be reconciled with God ("and to make reconciliation for iniquity"). Her prophecies will be fulfilled ("to seal up the vision and prophecy"). Her temple will be anointed ("to anoint the most Holy"). This refers to the Millennial Temple described in Ezekiel 40-48.

Daniel's 70 Week prophecy explains why Israel has returned to her land in an unclean, unspiritual condition. It is to prepare for the Antichrist (Da. 9:27). This is exactly what we see. Israel today is an unrighteous nation, in rebellion to God and morally filthy by the standard of God's holy law. The state of Israel has accomplished amazing things, but it is *not* fulfilling the Messianic prophecies of the New Covenant with Israel's conversion, the restoration the Davidic throne (Isaiah 9:6-7), and the exaltation of Israel as the head of the nations as per Psalm 72; Isaiah 2:1-4; 35; Jeremiah 31-33; and many other prophecies. Israel is not looking for a redeeming Messiah, but for a Messiah who bring peace and build the Third Temple. Israel is listening to Rambam more than Zechariah.

Daniel's 70 Week prophecy says Israel will build another temple. "The sacrifice and the oblation" refer to the restoration of the Levitical sacrifices in the Third Temple. The Temple Institute is part of a broad coalition that are preparing for this. The articles, such as the golden candlestick and the altar of sacrifice, have been constructed. The Levites are training to offer sacrifices. The red heifer resides on a farm in Shiloh. In addition to Daniel 9, the third temple is mentioned in three other passages of Bible prophecy (Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4; Revelation 11:1-2). (The temple described in Ezekiel 40-48 is the Millennial Temple that Christ will build and occupy. That is when the glory will return to Israel.)

Daniel's 70 Week prophecy proves that the Antichrist is a man. He is "the prince that shall come" (Da. 9:26). This refutes the teaching that the Antichrist is a government or a power of some sort.

Daniel's 70 Week prophecy shows that Israel's judgments are not yet finished (Da. 9:27). They will not be finished until the time of the Antichrist. He will be the greatest Israel hater of all times, though his reign will be short.

The purpose of the 70 weeks (Da. 9:24)

The prophecy pertains to Israel and to the city of Jerusalem ("upon thy people and upon thy holy city").

1. The prophecy describes the finishing of the transgression and the making of reconciliation. During the 70 Weeks, Israel's rebellion will be finished and she will be cleansed from her sin. Israel's rebellion was the reason for the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon in 586 BC and by Rome in AD 70, and she has never repented nationally. This will happen at the end of the 70 Weeks, and she will be cleansed by the atonement of Christ.

2. The prophecy describes the bringing in of everlasting righteousness. The result of Israel's repentance and cleansing will be the establishment of Christ's everlasting kingdom.

3. The prophecy describes the sealing up of the vision and prophecy. It will be the fulfillment of all of the Messianic prophecies.

4. The prophecy will result in the anointing of the most Holy. The temple will be desecrated by the Antichrist, but upon Christ's return a new temple will be built and anointed by Christ's own presence. This is described in Ezekiel 40-48.

The time element of the 70 Weeks

The Hebrew term for *weeks* (*shebua*) means "sevens." The context must determine whether it is a week of days or of years.

1. The weeks which have already been fulfilled show that these are weeks of years rather than of days. We know that by any reckoning, it was almost 500 years from the rebuilding of Jerusalem until the coming of Christ. This

fits the testimony of Daniel 9:25, which places 69 weeks of years (483 years) between the two events. It is only reasonable to believe that the 70th week shall also be a week of years.

2. The concept of weeks of years was familiar to Jewish thinking (Le. 25:3-9). There was a weekly sabbath and a yearly sabbath.

3. At the time of the vision, Daniel had been thinking in terms of weeks of years (Da. 9:2). He was considering the 70 year captivity, which was 10 weeks of years (2 Ch. 36:21).

The events of the first 69 weeks

1. During the first 7 weeks (49 years), Jerusalem was rebuilt in troublous times.

The commandment to rebuild Jerusalem was given in 445 BC. The walls were completed that year, and work of rebuilding the city apparently continued for another 48 years.

This was accomplished “in troublous times,” as we see in Nehemiah. The rebuilding was accomplished in the face of great opposition.

2. The next 62 weeks (434 years) extends from the rebuilding of Jerusalem until the coming of the Messiah.

When did the 69 weeks (the 7 weeks and the 62 weeks) end?

It ended when Messiah came as Prince (Da. 9:25). This was when Christ entered Jerusalem on the donkey a few days before the crucifixion and was acclaimed as “the King that cometh in the name of the Lord” (Zec. 9:9; Lu. 19:37-38).

When did the 69 Weeks begin?

It began with “the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem” (Da. 9:25). This was the commandment by Artaxerxes for Nehemiah to rebuild the walls and the city (Ne. 2:1-8). (In 536 BC, Cyrus commanded Zerubbabel to build the temple, Ezr 1:1-3, but that isn’t the commandment mentioned in Daniel 9:25.)

Sir Robert Anderson, a lawyer and an investigator with Scotland Yard and a brilliant Bible student, concluded that the commandment was given March 14, 445 BC and Christ entered Jerusalem on the donkey April 6, AD 32. He documented this position in his 1895 book *The Coming Prince*.

The important thing to understand is that the Jews of Christ’s day knew how to figure these dates, and they had no excuse for not knowing *exactly* when Messiah the prince would come or what would happen when He came.

3. After the 69 weeks, the following events will happen (Da. 9:26).

Messiah is cut off, but not for himself. This refers to Christ’s crucifixion and His substitutionary atonement. He did not die for Himself, because death is the wages of sin, and Christ had no sin. He died to take the punishment for man’s sins (Isa. 53:5).

The city and the sanctuary are destroyed. This occurred in AD 70 at the hands of the Roman armies under the generalship of Titus.

There are wars and desolations until the end. The Hebrew word translated “desolation” is also translated “destruction (Ho. 2:12). This is a perfect description of the last 2,000 years of Israel’s history since Christ was “cut off.” Even today, though Israel is back in the land she has no peace; war and desolations continue; and she will have no peace until she repents and receives her Messiah, Jesus. It also describes what will happen to Israel just before the return of Christ as recorded in Matthew 24 and Revelation 6-18.

Between the 69th and 70th weeks is the interlude of the church age.

It is called a “mystery” because it was not revealed to the Old Testament prophets (Eph. 3:3-6). The church age is like a valley that the Old Testament prophets did not see between the peaks of the first and second coming of Christ.

During this time, Christ is calling out a people for His name from among the nations. Compare Ac. 15:14-18.

Paul describes the church age as the time of Israel’s blindness in Romans 11:25-27.

The events of the 70th Week (the final seven years) (Da. 9:27)

The final week, or seven years, of Daniel's prophecy remains to be fulfilled. It is this period that Jesus describes in Matthew 24:3-31.

1. The final week is divided into two parts (Da. 9:27).

- At the beginning of the seven years, the Antichrist will make a false peace covenant with Israel, then he will break it after 3.5 years. Revelation 6-19 describes the same period and also divides it into two 3.5 year periods. During the first half of the Tribulation, the two witnesses of Revelation 11 will preach for 1,260 days, or three and a half years (Re. 11:3). During the second half, the Antichrist will rule for 42 months, or 3.5 years (Re. 13:5), and converted Israel shall flee into the wilderness for 1,260 days, or 3.5 years (Re. 12:6).
- The Antichrist is a prince of the revived Roman Empire. He is identified as the prince of the people who destroyed Jerusalem after Messiah's death. This was Rome.
- The book of Revelation depicts the Antichrist coming on the scene on a white horse, signifying peace, and carrying an empty bow (Re. 6:2). The white horse and empty bow signifies that the Antichrist will have the capability to make war but initially he will rise as a man of peace. Five times in Daniel the Antichrist is called a liar and a flatterer (Da. 11:21, 23, 27, 32, 34). Daniel says by peace he will destroy many (Da. 8:25).

• This is when the third Jewish temple will be rebuilt. We see it being measured in Revelation 11 at the same time that the Antichrist is reigning as a man of peace. When he comes on the scene, the Antichrist will be the greatest diplomat the world has ever seen, and he will doubtless solve the "Israel-Palestinian problem."

• It is probable that either the Antichrist or his prophet or both will be accepted by the Jews as their Messiah and by apostate Christians as theirs and by the Muslims as the Mahdi. Both Sunnis and Shiites believe in an Islamic messiah, the Mahdi, who will appear at the end of the world to establish a global caliphate in Allah's name and rule for a period of time (seven, nine, or nineteen years, according to varying interpretations), ridding the world of evil before the day of judgment. The coming of the Mahdi is believed to coincide with the second coming of Jesus, whom they call Isa, who will join hands with the Mahdi against a false messiah or antichrist.

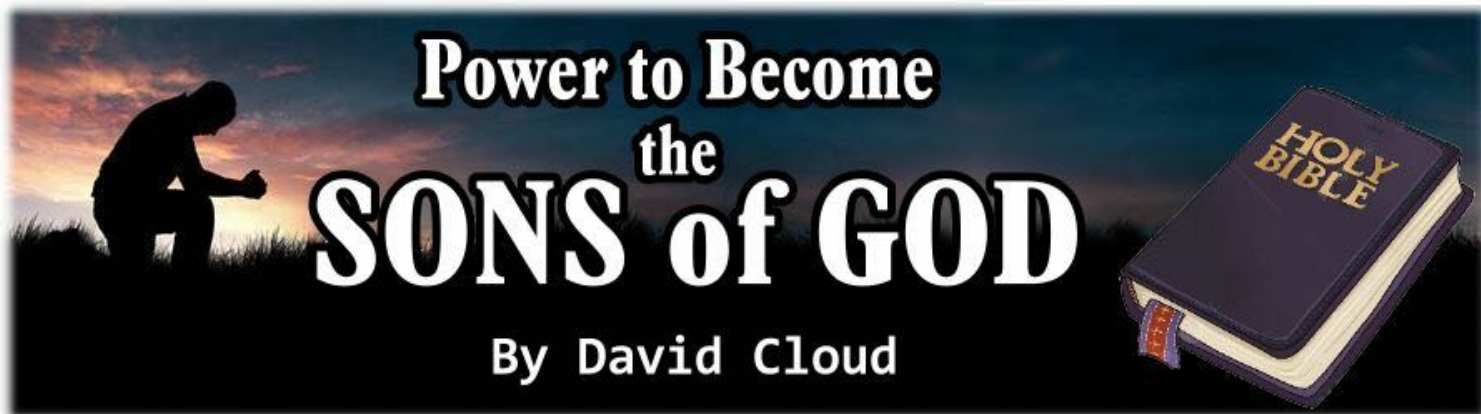
2. Mid-way through the seven years the Antichrist will break this covenant and exalt himself as God. ("and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate").

- The abomination that makes desolate is the desecration of the Jewish temple by the Antichrist. Compare 2 Th. 2:3-4.
- This event marks the beginning of the 3.5 years of the Great Tribulation (Mt. 24:15-21).

TESTIMONY ABOUT MASTERING THE ENGLISH BIBLE (Friday Church News Notes, March 20, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbsn@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "I wish to personally thank you for all of your teaching materials, especially the [Mastering the English Bible](#) books and videos. They are the best I've ever seen and used. Presently I have the Old Testament History--Genesis to the Silent Years book and the videos as well as the Gospels book and videos. I will continue to purchase the rest of the books and videos as I am able since I am now retired and on a fixed income. It is so refreshing to have serious Bible study materials such as yours. There is so much liberal and outright wrong teaching out there that I always mention you in my prayers. Please



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“He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (Joh. 1:11-13)

Consider some lessons from this glorious passage of Scripture:

We see the universal offer of salvation in Jesus Christ (***“that all men through him might believe ... as many as,”*** Joh. 1:7, 12). Men *can* receive Christ; all men can receive Christ. This is not trick language. There is no “sovereign” election here that in any way limits salvation to only certain men. “Election” is a wonderful Bible doctrine; “sovereign election” is a man-made Augustinian heresy. Christ was rejected by the world at large and by His own nation, but He is received by the “as many as.”

Salvation is by receiving and believing. ***“Receive”*** and ***“believe”*** are synonyms to describe how to be saved. The sinner must ***“receive”*** Christ. He is a Person; He is alive; He is risen from the dead. Salvation requires that each individual personally and individually receive Jesus Christ. The sinner must ***“believe*** on his name.” He must believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the only Saviour. To believe is not mere mental assent. It is to believe from the heart, which is the complete inner man. The “word of faith” is to “confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and ... believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead” (Ro. 10:8-9). Philip told the Ethiopian eunuch that he would be saved “if thou believest with all thine heart” (Ac. 8:37). Peter described saving faith when he said, “And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (Joh. 6:69).

Salvation is to be ***“born ... of God.”*** It is a supernatural new birth. It is to be born of the Spirit (Joh. 3:5-6). It is “the washing of regeneration” (Tit. 3:5). It is life from the dead (“And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,” Eph. 2:1). It is to have “newness of life” (Ro. 6:4). It is to be “a new creature” in Christ (2 Co. 5:17). It is to be delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of his dear Son (Col. 1:13). It is to be “sealed with that holy Spirit of promise” (Eph. 1:13). It is to have the Spirit of adoption (Ro. 8:15). It is to be “in the Spirit” (Ro. 8:9). It is to be sanctified by the Spirit (1 Pe. 1:12). ***The new birth is life changing.*** It is absolutely impossible to be born again and not be changed. “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Co. 5:17). The new birth has evidence. It is like the wind which cannot be seen but can be discerned by its effects. “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit” (Joh. 3:8). ***The new birth is the well-spring of the true Christian life.*** To live for Christ one must first be crucified with Christ and made alive in Christ. “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). The true Christian life is Christ’s new life in me. You cannot “work out your own salvation” until you have salvation working in you (Php. 2:12-13).

Salvation is to be given ***“power to become the sons of God.”*** “Power” is *exousia*, “authority, right, permission, power to do something. ... The words *éxesti* and *exousia* combine the two ideas of right and might” (*Complete Word Study Bible*). This describes the greatness of God’s free salvation that was purchased by Christ. The sinner in his natural state is *not* a son of God; he is dead in

trespasses and sins, lives according to the prince of the power of the air, is without Christ, having no hope, and without God in the world (Eph. 2:1-2, 12). By receiving Jesus Christ and God's gift of salvation, the sinner is granted the power to become a son of God. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26). "Power" is judicial and governmental terminology. In Adam, the sinner is condemned by the great Judge for having broken the righteous and just laws of the universe. In Christ, the sinner is justified by the same Judge because the law has been propitiated or fully satisfied. The believing sinner's sin-debt has been paid in full by the precious blood of Christ.

Salvation is not something that man can do ("**Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God**"). Salvation cannot be produced by good works or religion or reformation or philosophy or any human device whatsoever. The Calvinist argues that if the sinner could believe on Christ it would mean that salvation is of the will of man, but the passage itself refutes this logic. On the one hand we are told that the new birth is not "of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man," but the same passage says that the new birth is by receiving Christ through faith. Verse 13 simply means that the new birth is not a product of human will and effort. It is "**not of blood**," meaning it is not of human genealogy, not by being born into a Christian family. The new birth is not "**of the will of the flesh**," meaning it is impossible for man to regenerate himself by his own will. The new birth is not "**of the will of man**," meaning no man can produce the new birth in others. A father, mother, preacher, teachers, soul winner, etc., cannot will another person into regeneration. Man cannot convert himself and he cannot convert others. Man cannot work up the new birth; he cannot will it to happen; it is not the product of being a member of a

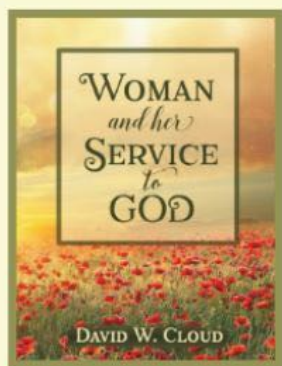
certain race or tribe or party; it is not by the power of religion or reformation. It is a supernatural miracle of grace that Christ works in the sinner who believes in Him, who receives Him, who comes to Him. "A person welcomes Jesus and responds in faith and obedience to Him, but the mysterious work of the Holy Spirit is 'the cause' of regeneration (Joh. 3:5-8)" (*Bible Knowledge Commentary*). Salvation is 100% of God from beginning to end. Man cannot enlighten himself, cannot convict himself, cannot draw himself, cannot regenerate himself, cannot sanctify himself, cannot keep himself, cannot glorify himself. From man's side, salvation is "from faith to faith" (Ro. 1:17). Augustus Toplady described the proper reception of God's free gift in his hymn "Rock of Ages" (1776):

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All could never sin erase,
Thou must save, and save by grace.

Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

In this passage we see that to "believe" is not a work. Saving faith is not a work. To believe on His name is "the empty hand that receives God's free gift of salvation." This refutes the Calvinist interpretation of Ephesians 2:8-9, which claims that "faith" is the gift of God. It is not faith that is the gift of God; it is salvation that is the gift of God. To receive that gift by faith is not a work.

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The following is from [Woman and Her Service for God](#), available in the Books and Courses sections of www.wayoflife.org -



Romans 16:1-2 - “I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.”

Phebe was a sister in the Lord. She was saved. She knew Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour.

Phebe was a servant of a church. This was the church at Cenchrea, which was a seaport that served Corinth.

- “Corinth was situated on the middle of the isthmus, and had two harbours, or ports: Cenchrea on the east, about eight or nine miles from the city; and Lechaeum on the west. Cenchrea opened into the Aegean Sea, and was the principal port” (Barnes).
- Phebe as a servant of the church at Cenchrea teaches us the importance of church membership and the importance of faithfulness to the church. We serve the Lord Jesus Christ, but we serve Him in this world through the assembly. It is the house of God, the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Ti. 3:15). Those who despise the church today and despise church membership are disobeying the clear teaching of Scripture.
- Some commentators have speculated that Phebe was a deacon at Cenchrea, but a woman does not qualify for the office of deacon. The Greek word “diakonos” is often used of servants of Christ in general, as in Romans 16:1 and Colossians 4:12. But when it is used for the *office* of a deacon, it requires that the holder be the husband of one woman, which is limited to men (1 Ti. 3:12).

- For a pictorial study on Philippi and Cenchrea, see [Cities and Places of the Bible](#) in the PowerPoint section of www.wayoflife.org.

Phebe had a powerful testimony.

- She had the testimony of commendation by the apostle Paul.
- She had the testimony of a servant. A servant is not a great thing in this present world. People labor and strive *not* to be servants. But servants are great in Christ’s kingdom (Mt. 20:26-27). One of Christ’s names is “Servant” (Isa. 42:1-7; 49:5; 50:10; 52:13; 53:11). The Messiah as God’s Servant is a major theme of the Gospels (Joh. 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; 8:29; 14:31; 17:4). The Gospel of Mark describes Christ as the Servant who is always doing God’s will. No lineage is given in Mark, because a servant needs none, and there is no information about Christ’s birth or early life. The keyword is “straightway,” which is the language of a servant who is busy in his master’s service. See Mk. 1:10, 18, 20, 21; 2:2, 3:6; 5:29; 6:25, 45, 54; 7:35; 8:10; 9:15, 20, 24; 11:3; 14:45; 15:1. By this standard (that the person with a servant’s heart is great in God’s eyes), it is evident that many godly women will be great in the kingdom that will be established after the overthrow of this present world system.
- Phebe also had the testimony that she was a succorer of many. This was the essence of her Christian life. She did not live for herself. She lived for Christ and lived to minister to the saints, to help in the service of Christ wherever possible, however possible.

Phebe was one of Paul’s helpers. She was sent by Paul on business to the church at Rome. She was probably carrying the Epistle of Romans, one of the most important writings in human history. We see that women had a major role in the early churches, and it wasn’t limited to the home or to teaching children.

Phebe was to be received “in the Lord, as cometh saints.” The believing woman in Christ should be treated with great respect. This has not been the way of most societies in this world, except for those which were highly influenced by Scripture. but the Lord’s people are in Christ’s kingdom spiritually (Col. 1:13), and we must treat one another according to Christ’s laws rather than the world’s.

Phebe was to be assisted in her business. Paul instructed the believers to give her whatever assistance she needed.

We aren’t told exactly what her business was or what she needed, but whatever she needed the church was to give her. It was a blank check for a servant of Christ. What we learn is that women can do any business in the church that is not forbidden by Scripture (such as teach men or hold positions of authority), when they are so appointed, and those so appointed should be honored by the brethren.



By David Cloud

The ROYAL STANDARD of UR

The following is excerpted from [Bible Times & Ancient Kingdoms](#) and [Cities and Places of the Bible](#), both of which are available in the Courses section of www.wayoflife.org -

singers, drinking, firewood, fish, bulls, sheep, goats, horses, warfare, soldiers, helmets, chariots, asses, spears, javelins, battle axes, and death.

The war scene’s three rows are described as follows by the object’s discoverer, Leonard Woolley:

One of the chief treasures unearthed from the Ur royal tombs by Leonard Wooley in the 1920s was the Royal Standard. It is a hollow wooden box measuring 8.5 inches wide by 19.5 inches long inlaid with a mosaic made of shell, red limestone, and lapis lazuli.

It is dated to about 2400 BC, which is the time of the flood according to biblical reckoning. Since every element of human civilization was destroyed by the flood (2 Peter 3:6), the Ur royal tombs date to sometime after the flood and the Babel incident.

One side depicts scenes of war and the other, a victory feast. It is located in Room 56 of the British Museum.

One of the most amazing objects unearthed from ancient civilizations, it is a detailed pictorial view of life in ancient Ur, depicting kings, nobility, servants, dwarfs, prisoners, robes, cloaks, furniture, meals, harpists,

“In the top row the king stands in the center, distinguished by his greater height, with behind him three attendants or members of his house, and a dwarf-like groom who holds the heads of the two asses which draw the monarch’s empty chariot while the driver of it walks behind holding the reins; in front of the king soldiers are bringing up prisoners, naked and with their arms bound behind their backs, to him to decide their fate. In the second row, come the phalanx of the royal army, heavily-armed infantry in close order with copper helmets exactly like those found by us in the king’s grave, and long cloaks of some stiff material which I take to be felt, just such cloaks as are worn by the shepherds of Turkey today, holding axes in their hands; in front of them are the light-armed infantry without cloaks, wielding axes or short spears, already engaged with an enemy whose naked warriors are either fleeing or being struck down. In the lowest row we have the chariotry of Sumer, each car drawn by two asses and carrying two men, of whom one is the driver

and the other a warrior who flings light javelins, of which four are kept in a quiver tied in the front of the car” (Woolley, *Ur of the Chaldees*, pp. 101, 102).

The latest research has found that the asses of the Ur Standard were probably kungas, a hybrid of a female donkey and a wild Syrian ass. The identification was made by an analysis of the DNA from ancient animal bones (dated to 2000 BC or older) unearthed in northern Syria. The kungas were strong and faster than a donkey, but since they were sterile and wild asses were difficult to capture and impossible to tame, the kungas were also very expensive.

We don’t know exactly how large Ur’s military was, but we know that Sargon of Babylon, who lived in about the

same time period, had a standing army of 5,400 men (Foster and Foster, *Civilizations of Ancient Iraq*, p. 52).

The feast scene on the other side of the Royal Standard of Ur depicts the king and his courtiers banqueting. In the top row, the banqueters are seated on chairs while servants attend them and a male harpist and female singer provide musical entertainment.

In the two lower rows “attendants are shown bringing in spoils captured from the enemy and food supplies for the banquet--one is driving a goat, another carries two fish, another is bent under the weight of a corded bale of wood, and so on, several of the figures being repeated” (*Ur of the Chaldees*, p. 101).



Aleppo pine (*Pinus halepensis*)

trees in ancient ISRAEL

By David Cloud

The following is enlarged from the book [*Jews in Fighter Jets: Israel Past, Present, and Future*](#), available from Way of Life Literature in print and eBook editions.

In ancient times, the land of Israel was heavily forested. The Bible is a clear witness to this.

In Joshua’s day, the hills in Israel’s heartland (the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh) were called “the wood country” because of the forests (Joshua 17:15, 18).

Absalom was killed in the forest of Ephraim (2 Sa. 18:6, 8). Apparently it was an oak forest, because his head was caught in the branches of a “great oak” (2 Sa. 18:9).

In David’s day, there was a grove of mulberry trees in the valley of Raphaim, which was a couple of miles to the southwest of Jerusalem (2 Sa. 5:23-24). This is the

Hebrew *baka*, which means weeping. Mulberry fruit is mentioned in the 1st book of the Maccabees (1 Macc. 6:34). This is the *Morus nigra* tree, which has black berries. It is probably the same as the sycamine Jesus mentioned in Luke 17:6. “In Israel mulberry tree remains have been found from the late Iron Age. In modern Israel, mulberry trees grow wild and are domesticated from Mount Hermon in northern Israel to Eilat in the southern Negev Desert. During our stay at Kibbutz Lotan in the southern Negev Desert area in 2012, we saw a 25 foot tall mulberry tree which had been planted for its shade as well as its fruit” (“Moving a Mulberry Tree,” *God as a Gardener*, Sep. 18, 2013).

The Gibeonites were made hewers of wood for the tribes of Israel, which would indicate that there were plenty of trees (Joshua 9:21, 23, 27).

There was a forest east of Bethel in Bethaven (1 Sa. 14:25).

There was a forest in the wilderness of Ziph, southeast of Hebron and a few miles west of the Dead Sea (1 Sa. 23:15, 19), and there was a forest in Hareth (1 Sa. 22:5), which was south of Ziph toward the southern end of the Dead Sea. These places are in the Judean wilderness and the Negev, which has long been barren desert except for the areas developed by the state of Israel since the 20th century.

Carmel was forested (2 Ki. 19:23).

In Solomon's day, sycamore trees were abundant (2 Ch. 1:15). It is mentioned eight times in Scripture and is not to be confused with the English sycamore. The biblical sycamore (*Ficus sycomorus*) is the Egyptian fig-mulberry, while the English sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) is the plane tree of the maple family. The sycamore fig is edible and the tree can grow to more than 60 feet high. In a park at the southern entrance to Netanya is a massive sycamore that is 39 feet in diameter. It was already large in 1873 when Charles Wilson drew a picture of it for his travelogue *Picturesque Palestine*.

"The wood is creamy brown, has a fairly uniform structure, is very light (air-dry 510 kg/m³), soft to moderately hard, tough, strong, easy to work, finishes smoothly and holds nails firmly. It is not very durable and is easily attacked by termites. Mainly used for making mortars and pestles, drums, stools, doors, beehives, dugout canoes, carvings and for house building" (worldagroforestry.org).

In Elisha's day, the prophets cut beams from a forest at the Jordan to build a large house for the prophets (2 Ki. 6:1-2).

In Jotham's day, there were forests in Judah (2 Ch. 27:4).

Bashan, east of the Sea of Galilee, was famous for its oak trees (Isa. 2:13; Zec. 11:2), which were used to make oars for the ships of Phoenicia (Eze. 27:6).

Hermon was famous for fir trees, which were used to built the Phoenician ships (Eze. 27:5). See De. 3:9, which identifies Senir with Hermon.

In Nehemiah's day, there was a king's forest in Judah that was sufficient to supply wood for the second temple and the walls and gates of Jerusalem (Ne. 2:8).

Life in Biblical Israel by Philip King and Lawrence Stager (2002) describes extensive ancient forests. There were forests of Aleppo pine (*Pinus halepensis*), evergreen oak (*Quercus calliprinos*), terebinth (*Pistacia palaestina*), and sycamore fig (*Ficus sycomorus*).

There were oak forests in Sharon. "Until 150 years ago the Sharon was covered with oaks. The area's very name is derived from the Akkadian word for forest, 'Sharon'" ("Returning the Mighty Oak to the Sharon's Shadeless Plains," *Haaretz*, Oct. 1, 2010). The forests were cut down by the Ottomans to supply wood for ships in the 1820s and later for fuel for railway steam engines. Today the area is being reforested with oaks grown from acorns found in the area.

In Ezekiel's day in the sixth century BC, at the beginning of the Babylonian captivity, part of southern Israel (the Negev) was forested. "Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop *thy word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south [negev] field" (Eze. 20:45-46).

According to the late Bill Mollison's research, part of the Negev "was once forested with oak, myrtle, and pines" ("Desert Ways," Permaculture Research Institute, Sep. 19, 2008).

Archaeologists researching ancient pigeon towers in the Negev have found that as late as the Byzantine period the Negev "was green and blooming" ("Haifa U. Reveals Role of Pigeons in Turning the Negev Green 1,500 Years Ago," Jewish Press, Mar. 21, 2018).

The western region of ancient Edom, facing the Negev, was heavily forested in places until the late 19th century. In 1930, George E. Post, who worked in Jordan for decades, wrote, "The western edge of the plateau of Edom and Moab rolls up into a crest, from four thousand to five thousand feet above the Mediterranean. This crest was once heavily wooded with oaks, terebinths, and, especially on its western aspect, with junipers. In a recent journey northward from Petra, as soon as we had cleared the valley, we came into a rolling parklike country, studded with treelets of hawthorn or *Bratalgus agarolus*. Crossing a promontory of the table-land, we entered a grove of oaks, and, a little farther on, a region of mushroom-shaped terebinths, with dense semispherical tops, on very thick trunks. ... Notwithstanding these remnants of the ancient

forests, the table-land is now mostly denuded of its trees” (George Post, “The Botany of Edom and Moab,” in George Livingston Robinson, *Sarcophagus of an Ancient Civilization: Petra, Edom, and the Edomites*). (For more testimonies about ancient forests in Edom, see *Documenting Deforestation at Sadd al-Ahmar* by Erin Addison, Ph.D., www.alhima.jo.org).

Jesus spoke of trees in Israel in His day. He spoke of the fig (Mt. 21:19), the sycamore (Lu. 19:4), and the sycamine (Lu. 17:6). We discussed the sycamore earlier. The sycamine is probably the *Morus nigra* or black mulberry (www.flowersinIsrael.com). It has been cultivated in Israel from ancient times. It can grow to 50 feet, and its hard wood can be used in a variety of ways. It was used for caskets in Jesus’ time. “It has a smooth surface, a delicate grain, and its color range is exceptional. It looks beautiful in both modern and traditional interiors, and it is one of the world’s most sustainable and highly durable options for hardwood” (“Hardwood Species,” BuildDirect.com).

Isaiah prophesied that God would “consume the glory of his forest” (Isa. 10:18). This means there *were* forests in Israel in ancient times. There were plenty of trees.

According to Josephus, in the first century AD the plain of Gennesareth on the east shore of the Sea of Galilee was famed for the “amazing variety and luxuriance of its trees and shrubs.”

Because of Israel’s sin and idolatry, God closed the heavens and the land became a desolation.

Isaiah prophesied that God would consume the glory of his forest “and the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them” (Isa. 10:18-19).

This is exactly what happened.

I remember looking at black and white photos of the Holy Land in old family Bibles when I was a kid and how impressed I was at Israel’s barrenness!

Following is a description of the land at the coming of the first immigrants from the Russian Zionist societies in the 1880s:

“Centuries of war, neglect, and destruction had left ugly scars on the land once so lavishly praised by

biblical scribes. The coastal plain and other lowlands were filled with swamps. A combination of blazing sun and heavy rains had eroded the hillsides, long since stripped of their soil and thick woodlands” (Michael Bar-Zohar, *Ben-Gurion: A Biography*).

Note that Israel’s hills were once covered with “thick woodlands.”

The plain of Gennesareth became entirely denuded of trees. When Andrew Bonar and his companions from the Church of Scotland visited there in 1838, he said it was “now only a wilderness of reeds and bushes” (*Narrative of a Visit to the Holy Land*, p. 277).

The Jezreel Valley, which in biblical times was a beautiful, fertile region, had become a treeless, thistle-covered, malarial-infested wilderness.

“The land in question, which had been neglected over many generations, was for the most part barren. It was remote, strewn with rocks, covered with weeds and thistles and rife with snakes and scorpions. The lower parts ... were swamp-infested. During the way, there were few, if any, trees to provide shade and at night, the sound of howling jackals...” (Leslie Stein, *The Hope Fulfilled*, Kindle loc. 2797).

When the famous American author Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) visited the land of Israel in 1867, he said that he “hardly saw a tree anywhere.”

“Of all the lands there are for dismal scenery, I think Palestine must be the prince. The hills are barren, they are dull of color, they are unpicturesque in shape. The valleys are unsightly deserts fringed with a feeble vegetation that has an expression about it of being sorrowful and despondent. ... It is a hopeless, dreary, heart-broken land. Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes. Over it broods the spell of a curse that has withered its fields and fettered its energies. ... Palestine is desolate and unlovely” (Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad*).

The land of “Palestine” was called “the country that had died” (“Kibbutz,” *Wikipedia*).



DIGGING IN THE WALLS

God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw. ..." (Ezek. 8:7-10).

Ezekiel was then instructed to preach against the errors of the leaders and to tell the people the things he had witnessed.

"Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. ... Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had shewed me" (Ezek. 11:4,25).

The hour in which we live is very similar to that of Ezekiel's day. Many of those who profess to be the people of God are apostate. It was prophesied in the New Testament Scriptures that such would be the case in the closing hours of our age. This will culminate in the brief worldwide rule of an utterly apostate Harlot "church" (2 Tim. 3-4; 1 Tim. 4; 2 Pet. 2-3; Jude; Rev. 17).

As in Ezekiel's day much of the apostasy of our hour is hidden from the view of the average Christian. We intend by God's grace to "dig in the walls" of modern ecumenism and to expose and cry out against the things we find. In this section we also report on secular events which are relevant to Christians. May God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to obey. Is the truth of God not worthy of defense?



BILLY GRAHAM'S FAVORITE ARCHBISHOP NEARING SAINTHOOD

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- The Catholic Church is moving Archbishop Fulton Sheen toward sainthood, the Vatican having approved his "beatification," in which he will be declared "Blessed" ("Venerable Fulton Sheen," *National Catholic Register*, Feb. 9, 2026). When Sheen died in December 1979, Billy Graham said that he had "known him as a friend for over 35 years" (Religious News Service, Dec. 11, 1979). Sheen was a faithful son of Rome whose confidence of salvation was in Mary. He devoted an entire chapter of his autobiography (*Treasure in Clay*) to Mary, "The Woman I Love." He said, "When I was ordained, I took a resolution to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist every Saturday to the Blessed Mother to solicit her protection of my priesthood ... All this makes me very certain that when I go before the Judgment Seat of Christ, He will say to me in His Mercy: 'I heard My Mother speak of you.' During my life I have made about thirty pilgrimages to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes and about ten to her shrine in Fatima" (*Treasure in Clay*, p. 317). In his

1997 autobiography, Graham described his first meeting with Sheen on a train traveling from Washington D.C. to New York City (*Just as I Am*, p. 692). This occurred in 1944, according to Graham's statement upon Sheen's death. Graham said, "We talked about our ministries and our common commitment to evangelism, and I told him how grateful I was for his ministry and his focus on Christ. ... We talked further and we prayed; and by the time he left, I felt as if I had known him all my life." Thus, Graham, by his own testimony, accepted Fulton Sheen's sacramental, Mary-centered gospel as truth three years before his first citywide crusade. This exposes a serious deception. While Graham was meeting with Fulton Sheen and befriending him as a fellow evangelist, Graham was assuring fundamentalist leaders, such as Bob Jones Sr. and John R. Rice, that he was a fundamentalist who was opposed to Catholicism and liberalism.

QATAR, LARGEST FOREIGN FINANCIER OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN AMERICA

(Friday Church News Notes, February 27, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Qatar," *Washington Free Beacon*, Feb. 20, 2026: "Qatar more than tripled its funding of U.S. colleges



and universities between 2024 and 2025 after becoming the largest foreign financier of higher education in the United States in 2022, according to Department of Education disclosure records. The Gulf state increased its funding from \$396 million in 2024 to \$1.2 billion in 2025 in an unprecedented year-over-year spike, the data show. The surge coincides with Qatar's expanded lobbying and influence-buying efforts, and indicates that it has no plans to trim its spending on higher education even as Congress has investigated its role in anti-Israel and anti-Semitic activity on U.S. campuses. ... Qatar is believed to be one of Hamas's largest bankrollers and offered its leaders asylum after the Oct. 7, 2023, terrorist attacks. ... The Gulf state's influence operations extend beyond college campuses to K-12 schools as well, pushing for 'social justice' lessons in U.S. classrooms. Suggested lesson plans include the controversial 2005 Palestinian film *Paradise Now*, which tells the story of two Palestinian friends plotting a suicide bomber attack on Israel and has been criticized for its sympathetic portrayal of terrorists. Over the past year, Qatar has expanded those operations to influencers on both the right and left, flying podcasters, social media figures, lawmakers, and celebrities into the country for all-expense-paid junkets in an attempt to shore up its reputation."

NEW YORK CITY AND ISLAM (Friday Church News Notes, February 27, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - New York City's first Muslim mayor, Zohran Mamdani, took the oath of office on January 1 with his hand on a Koran and promises of turning New



York into a Marxist heaven. On February 20, a gathering of Muslims crowded Times Square for the Tarawih prayers associated with Ramadan. That same day, Mamdani attended the Al-Khoei Islamic Center in Queens where the Imam chanted, "I ask Allah to send blessings upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad and to make me among those who await you [the Mahdi], follow you, and support you against your enemies, and among those who are martyred before you, among the ranks of your loyal ones. **Through your hands comes the relief for the believers and the killing of the infidels by your sword**" ("Mamdani attends," *World Israel News* citing MEMRI TV, Feb. 23, 2026).

SCHOOL CHOICE EXPLODING IN AMERICA (Friday Church News Notes, February 27, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following important report is excerpted from Ryan Helfenbein, "School Choice," *Standing for Freedom*, Feb. 18, 2026: "According to a recent op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal* by Kimberly Strassel, it would seem that the losses are piling up for America's teachers' unions. After decades of monopolistic control, the cracks are now showing.

... Back in 1979, the Department of Education was created as a political payoff to these same unions that helped to get President Jimmy Carter elected. But today, that Department of Education under President Trump is working tirelessly to upend the political monopoly that unions have held over education policy in America. ... [L]et's start with the obvious numbers. The United States spends approximately \$15,000 to \$17,000 a year per student--the fifth highest in the developed world. We allocate 5.56 percent of our GDP to education, more than most OECD nations. Yet despite this massive investment, our students are failing at historic rates. The 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress showed that 45 percent of high school seniors scored below basic proficiency in mathematics, 32 percent can't read at a basic level, and these are the worst scores in more than 30 years. ... [A]t the center of this failure sits the Department of Education, an agency that was never about improving education in the first place but an agency that would provide political cover and policy enforcement for the teachers' unions. ... But here's the good news: Parents are finally fed up with union-run education. School choice participation has jumped 25 percent in just one year--from 1 million to 1.3 million students coming out of COVID. Thirty-four states now offer vouchers,



scholarships, or educational savings accounts. Nineteen have universal choice programs. Homeschooling has exploded, growing 51 percent--2.5 million students in 2019 to 4.3 million in 2022. Growth continues annually, and this is not a pandemic hangover--it's a fundamental shift in how American families think about education since the 'great reveal,' when students had to show parents what they were learning from home. So what about teachers' unions? They're hemorrhaging power. The Supreme Court's Janus decision allows teachers to opt out, producing steadily declining membership. Their lawfare campaigns are failing--courts in Idaho, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, and West Virginia have all upheld school choice programs. ... we're witnessing the collapse of an educational monopoly that has failed our children for more than 45 years."

MARXISM A COMPLETE FAILURE (Friday Church News Notes, February 27, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Marxism has never worked, and cannot work, because it is based on a false view of human nature. Man is a fallen sinner and is selfish by nature. His character cannot be changed by a revolution. In the end, man is the same under any economic or social system. Man must be motivated by personal profit and private ownership of wealth



and property. Thus, wherever Marxist collectivism has been tried, it has failed and eventually has been replaced by some form of capitalism. Consider Israel's kibbutzim. When Jews began returning to Israel in significant numbers in the early 20th century, they established kibbutzim, which are communal agricultural settlements. There were advantages. It allowed the country to be developed with fewer people by the pooling of manpower and resources, and it contributed to security, since the settlers were surrounded by enemies. Many of Israel's early leaders came from the kibbutzim, including Moshe Dayan and Golda Meir. But the kibbutzim were established on a socialist, collectivist principle that produced failure. By the 1980s, many of the kibbutzim were bankrupt. Today only a small number of the kibbutzim are fully collective, and the number is dwindling. They have learned that most people need a personal profit motive to do their best work. Omer Moav, former kibbutz member, says, "People respond to incentives. We are happy to work hard for our own quality of life, we like our independence. It is all about human nature--and a socialist system like the kibbutz does not fit human nature" ("The Rise of the Capitalist Kibbutz," *Financial Times*, Jan. 26, 2010). Most of the kibbutzim now have a differential wage scale, depending on how much one contributes, and members who work outside contribute only part of their wages to the collective. Many members now own their own homes.

BARE BONE FACTS (Friday Church News Notes, February 27, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from



CreationMoments.com, January 20, 2026: "When an engineer builds a building, a bridge, or some other structure, he must build it so that it can withstand both stretching and compressing forces. In designing the structure to withstand both kinds of these forces, he must anticipate how much of each force the structure might face in its lifetime. Some materials, like cast iron and concrete, are very good at withstanding compression forces but very poor in handling stretching forces. Using one of these materials to build a structure that undergoes tensile or stretching forces could lead to disaster. Now let's apply our basic engineering information to the problem of building a frame or skeleton for a living creature. Although you may weigh only 130 pounds, your long leg bone will very likely have to be prepared to deal with more than 1,000 pounds of compression and hundreds of pounds of tension from the muscles that are anchored to it. It's a good thing, then, that normal bone is three times as strong as good solid wood and nearly as strong as iron! Tests have shown that the tensile strength of bone is 35,000 pounds per square inch, while iron is 40,000 pounds per square inch. But bone material is better than iron because it is three times lighter and much more flexible. The structure of

your bones is too carefully engineered to have been an accident. If life was the result of impersonal evolution, evolution would still be trying to engineer the best material for skeletons, and there would be an awful lot of jellyfish around!”



WELCOME TO MAMDANISTAN (Friday Church News Notes, February 27, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - [The following is an expansion of a report from last week’s *Friday Church News Notes*.] New York City, America’s largest, has its first Muslim mayor, Zohran Mamdani, who took the oath of office on January 1 with his hand on a Koran. On February 20, a gathering of Muslims crowded Times Square for the Tarawih prayers associated with Ramadan. When a Muslim announced they are “taking over the city,” the crowd erupted in chants of “Allahu Akbar” (Great Is Allah). On X, Paul Szypula, an eyewitness, observed, “Muslims took over Times Square to pray and block movement even though they had mosques and unobtrusive places they could use. This isn’t about religious freedom, it’s about dominance. And Mamdani encourages it.” Since 2023, mosques have been allowed to broadcast the Islamic call to prayer on Fridays between 12:30 and 1:30 pm and during evening prayer during Ramadan. This year there have been

reports of broadcasts of the dawn Adhan call at 5 am (“Reports of dawn Muslim call to prayer,” *Israel365News*, Feb. 23, 2026). During Ramadan, Mamdani attended the Al-Khoei Islamic Center in Queens where the Imam chanted, “I ask Allah to send blessings upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad and to make me among those who await you [the Mahdi, the Islamic messiah], follow you, and support you against your enemies, and among those who are martyred before you, among the ranks of your loyal ones. **Through your hands comes the relief for the believers and the killing of the infidels by your sword**” (“Mamdani attends,” *World Israel News* citing MEMRI TV, Feb. 23, 2026). These are not mere words. It is a call for obedience to the Quran. In fact, Islamic jihadists killed nearly 3,000 of “the infidels” in September 2001. The 19 jihadists were not rogue Muslims; they were obedient Muslims. There are more than 100 verses in the Quran that command Muslims to spread Islam with the sword. “Kill them wherever you find them, and drive them out of whatever place from which they have driven you out for persecution. ... Fight them until you are no longer persecuted and the religion of Allah reigns absolute, but if they give up, then only fight the evil-doers” (Surah 2:191, 193).

VERMONT DROPS LGBT AFFIRMATION REQUIREMENT FOR FOSTER PARENTS (Friday Church News Notes, March 6, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Vermont drops,” *Christianity Daily*, Feb. 26, 2026: “Vermont officials

have updated foster care guidelines to remove a previous requirement that prospective parents affirm LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual] ideology. The state has also reinstated the licenses of families whose certifications were revoked due to religious objections, resolving several legal disputes. ... The Vermont Department of Children and Families has clarified that it will no longer require foster parents to provide an ‘endorsement or affirmation of specific identities,’ adopt the ‘use of particular vocabulary, prescribed language, or preferred pronouns related to gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression’ or commit to ‘facilitate medical appointments or procedures related to gender-affirming care’ as a prerequisite for obtaining a foster care license. ADF [Alliance Defending Freedom] represented two Christian couples in the litigation: Brian and Kaity Wuoti, along with Michael and Rebecca Gantt. Both families had previously lost their foster care licenses under earlier standards that mandated applicants be ‘holistically affirming and supporting’ of a child’s sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. The Wuotis and the Gantts adhere to traditional Christian teachings regarding marriage and human sexuality. In response to the settlement, the Wuotis stated: ‘We’re thankful that common sense won out and that Vermont has



changed its policy to put children's interests above divisive ideologies. We're grateful for one more opportunity to help give children a safe and loving home."

12,000 BRITS A YEAR ARRESTED OVER SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS (Friday Church News Notes, March 6, 2026, www.wayoflife.org

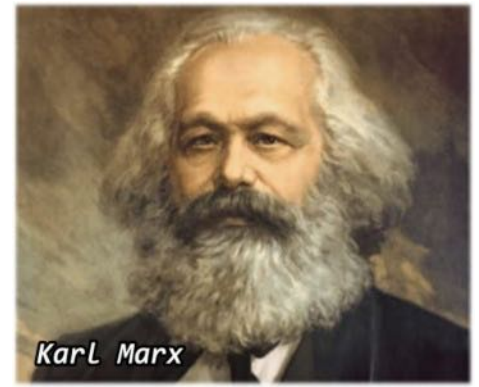
fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "12,000 Brits," onlytrustedinfo.com, Apr. 7, 2025: "According to figures published on Friday, officers make around 12,000 arrests annually under Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003 and Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988. These laws criminalize causing distress by sending messages that are 'grossly offensive,' or by sharing content of an 'indecent, obscene or menacing character' via electronic communications networks. In 2023 alone, officers from 37 police forces made 12,183 arrests--about 33 per day. *The Times* noted that this marks a 58% increase from 2019, when 7,734 such arrests were recorded. ... The statistics have sparked public outcry, with civil liberties groups accusing authorities of overpolicing the internet and undermining free speech through the use of 'vague' communications laws. *The Times* highlighted the case of Maxie Allen and Rosalind Levine, who were



Maxie Allen and Rosalind Levine

arrested on January 29 after raising concerns in a private parents' WhatsApp group about their daughter's school hiring process. Six uniformed officers arrived at their home, detained them in front of their youngest child, and took them to a police station. The couple was questioned on suspicion of harassment, malicious communications, and causing a nuisance on school property after the school alleged they had 'cast aspersions' about the chair of governors. They were fingerprinted, searched, and locked in a cell for eight hours. 'It was hard to shake off the sense that I was living in a police state,' Allen told the *Daily Mail*, adding that the messages contained 'no offensive language or threat' but were simply written in a 'bit sarcastic' tone."

KARL MARX THE FAMILY MAN (Friday Church News Notes, March 6, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "Karl Marx's life was a disaster. He had seven children by his wife, Jenny. Continuing in the shameful tradition of Descartes and Rousseau, he produced a child out of wedlock with his house maid, Helen Demuth. Eleanor his favorite daughter, married Edward Aveling, a Satanist known for his blasphemous lectures on 'The Wickedness of God' and for his poems to Satan. If that wasn't horrible enough, Marx starved three of his children to death ... and the two daughters [Laura and Eleanor] who outlived him [Laura and Eleanor] committed suicide" (Kevin Swanson, *Apostate: The Men Who Destroyed the Christian West*). Laura committed suicide by taking cyanide with her husband, leaving a note ending with "Long live



Communism! Long Live the international socialism!" Eleanor took cyanide after learning that her "partner of 14 years, Edward Aveling, had clandestinely married a 22-year-old actress, Eva Frye." Marx should be called "Dr. Death."

POWER NAPPING FOR GETTING THE MOST OUT OF ONE'S DAY (Friday Church News Notes, March 6, 2026, www.wayoflife.org

fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man" (Proverbs 6:9-11). Proverbs has many warnings about sluggardism (lazing around, over sleeping, wasting time to no advantage, empty conversation, working with a slack hand, excuse making, etc.), but there is such a thing as a healthy nap that some individuals find advantageous for getting the most out of the day. Bible commentator John Phillips described his father's habit as follows: "The secret of my father's ability to work hard night and day was his nap. He bought, sold, and repaired cars in his own shop close to home, and he traveled away from home to preach on weekends and often during the

BEAVERS MASTER BUILDERS (Friday Church News Notes, March 6, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, December 24, 2025: “Beavers are widely known for their huge constructions. However, beavers build more than just dams. The beaver is quite an engineer. When building a dam, a beaver first rams poles into the bed of his waterway. The poles are placed on an angle to increase holding power and are then rammed into the waterway bed, thick end first. This basic skeleton is then reinforced with twigs, leaves, mud and stone. It’s not unusual for the beaver to use forked branches to further anchor his construction to trees and boulders. One beaver dam was over 1,800 feet long, 9 feet high, and 18 feet wide. It was strong enough for a horse and rider to use as a natural bridge. Large trees brought down for use in construction are not dragged by the beavers to their project. Instead, beavers dig overland channels and float the trees to the main body of water where they



are working. These channels can be 1,000 feet long. Our wise Creator gave so much intelligence and wisdom to the animal kingdom that often we can learn some things from the animals. Rather than supporting the idea of evolution, with its claim that there is progressively greater intelligence in higher creatures, the beaver supports the idea that the Creator is the source of all intelligence.”

week. He was an exceedingly good preacher and would stay up late studying, but he seemed tireless. He would rush in for his midday meal and eat it while telling my mother what he needed her to do for him. (My mother served as housewife, mother, accountant, secretary, purchasing agent, speaker at mothers’ meetings, and I don’t know what else! Truly a helpmate, she was always available, always cheerful, always patient, and always on top of things.) Then Dad would tell us kids to be quiet and he would stretch out on the couch. Regular as clockwork, before we could count to fifty, Dad was asleep. Half an hour later he would wake up and be on his way out of the house. That half-hour nap seemed to renew all his vital forces. He never wasted a minute and lived into his late seventies” (Phillips). At one of our mini-Bible college courses at a church in Oregon a few years ago, a deacon made a plan to

attend every one of the 50 sessions. “We decided we were going to be here every day, no matter what, the Lord willing. And we decided that we wanted to get as much as we could out of it. So we made a plan. So the conference starts at 3pm each weekday and we have to get here a half hour early, so we have to leave home at this time, and we have to eat lunch at this time, and I can work for this much time. So we mapped it out, made a plan, and made it work, and it worked! I fall asleep really easily if I am still, so I needed a nap, and I worked that into the plan. I found a little 20 minute spot before we left home for a nap, and it worked. The two days I didn’t get a nap, I had a hard time.”

PROMINENT SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVERTS TO ROME VIA DANGEROUS LITERATURE AND ECUMENICAL VENTURES

(Friday Church News Notes, March 13, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Prominent Southern Baptist Jerry Johnson recently announced his conversion to the Roman Catholic Church. Johnson grew up Southern Baptist, professed Christ at age 8 and was baptized at age 9, pastored SBC congregations, was a leader in the “conservative resurgence” of the 1990s, served as President of Criswell College, Academic Dean of Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Dean of Boyce College, and Chairman of the Board of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. On January 24, Johnson delivered an address entitled “A Path to Rome: My Conversion Experience to the Catholic Church” at the Tradition, Family, Property Washington Bureau in McLean, Virginia. “Dr. Johnson highlighted that his work in pro-life and pro-family causes brought him into contact with many



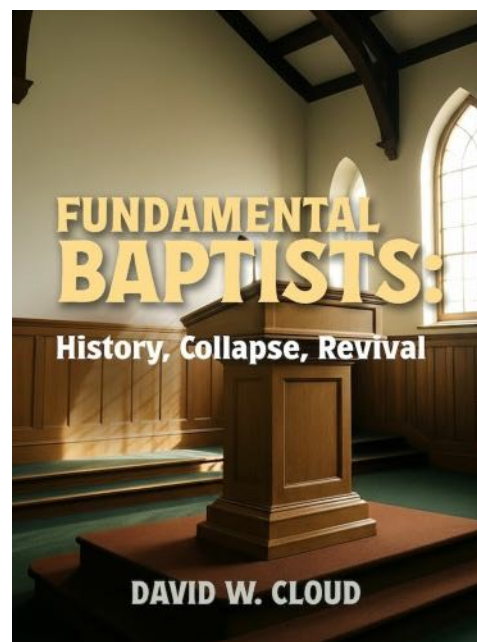
Jerry Johnson

Catholics. The examples of these leaders played a significant role in helping him take the step” (“TFP Bureau Hosts Dr. Jerry Johnson,” *American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property*, Jan. 30, 2026). Johnson also said his reading of C.S. Lewis and the church fathers influenced him toward Rome, as we have warned. (See the free eBook [C.S. Lewis and Evangelicals Today](#) and the report “[The Church Fathers and Rome](#)” at www.wayoflife.org.) Johnson disobeyed the multiple warnings of Scripture about associating with error (e.g., Psalm 1:1-3; Acts 20:28-31; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 11:1-4, 12-15; 2 Timothy 2:15-21; 2 John 1:8-11) and was devoured by the devourer (1 Peter 5:8). Evangelicalism today, with its decades-old renunciation of separatism, is a bridge to every sort of error in end-time, apostate Christianity. It is definitely a potential bridge to Rome. In 2025, the Pew Research Center said, “Catholicism continues to attract a steady stream of converts in the United States.” The most fundamental issue is born again salvation through the one true gospel of grace alone without works on the sole basis of Jesus Christ’s substitutionary atonement. It is

impossible for a born again believer to accept a false gospel. When some of Paul’s converts began to entertain a false gospel, the apostle wrote the forceful, shocking epistle to the Galatians. He twice said any gospel other than the pure grace of Christ is accursed (Ga. 1:6-9). He said, “My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you” (Ga. 4:19-20). The issue of a false gospel is not one of mere doctrine; it is an issue of heaven or hell. We must warn that Jerry Johnson is deceived in his handling of the Scriptures (e.g., accepting Rome’s impossible interpretation of Matthew 16:17-19 and Matthew 26:26) and in his presentation of the teachings of Rome. He claims, for example, that Rome teaches the same gospel as the one he held as a Baptist, but that is pure nonsense. Rome’s gospel is salvation through the sacraments, beginning with baptism. That is not an opinion; it is the clear teaching of Rome’s most authoritative and up-to-date statements of doctrine, such as the Second Vatican Council and the *New Catholic Catechism*. In fact, Rome’s Council of Trent cursed anyone who preaches that salvation is by grace alone, and this curse has never been rescinded. (See the free eBook [Is the Roman Catholic Church Changing?](#) at the Books section of www.wayoflife.org.)

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS 1920s and 1930s (Friday Church News Notes, March 13, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Born in 1949, I grew up in Southern Baptist churches, and most of my relatives were Southern Baptist. The churches were lukewarm and

spiritually powerless: careless in child evangelism, careless in receiving members, not geared to a regenerate membership, the church covenant a museum piece, worldly, biblically shallow, ignorant of world missions except for long dead missionaries like Lottie Moon. This awful condition had existed since the turn of the 20th century. Z.T. Cody, editor of South Carolina’s *Baptist Courier*, wrote in 1921, “Our churches have practically no discipline. As to worldliness and minor offences, many of our churches do nothing. But what is far worse, our churches often allow the most serious moral transgressions to go unnoticed. Even at times, to save a disturbance in the church, they will grant a minister a letter who, as they know, has grossly violated, not only the proprieties of life, but the moral law of God. ... What we dread today more than aught else is a disturbance in the ‘peace’ of a church.” In the next decade, when fundamentalist leader J. Edwin Orr toured the South in 1935, he was dismayed to find that “quite a majority of believers go to the movies once a week, as well as other questionable amusements, and



the unpainted face is more an exception than the rule. The converted Christians behave almost exactly the same as the non-Christians do--there is no separation” (Joel Carpenter, *Revive Us Again*, p. 59). When I joined an independent Baptist church in 1973, not long after I was converted, independent Baptists tended to be stronger in biblical and spiritual character than the denominational Baptists. Today, I am very sad to say, a large percentage of independent Baptist churches are no different in character than the Southern Baptist churches of my childhood. What value is a church that is “King James” and “sings the hymns,” yet is lukewarm and worldly? It is time to have a revival, not merely a recovery of the old paths of traditional independent Baptist polity, but *a recovery of the much older paths of a biblical New Testament church*. We need to return, not to J. Frank Norris, Lee Roberson, John Rice, and Jack Hyles; we need to return to Paul and John and James and Peter. We recommend [*Fundamental Baptists: History, Collapse, and Revival*](#) available from the books section of www.wayoflife.org.

JESSE JACKSON’S DEATH (Friday Church News Notes, March 13, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Jesse Jackson, prominent civil rights leader, died on Feb. 17 at age 84. Though highly honored in his death--lying in state at the SC Statehouse, SC flag at half mast, three former presidents speaking at his funeral (Clinton, Obama, Biden), eulogized by prominent civil rights leaders--when tested by the standard of truth and righteousness, it is evident that the man did not deserve praise and harmed his people more



than helped them. Called “Reverend,” Jackson was an ordained Baptist minister, but he was disqualified by his covetousness and lack of financial ethics, his adultery and the fathering of a child out of wedlock, and the preaching of a false gospel of social change and universalism. Speaking at the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival, Jackson said, “I want us to bow our heads in prayer. It does not really matter who your God is, whether you call him Allah, Buddha, Jehovah, Elohiym, or Yahway” (*Summer of Soul*). Jackson was a race baiter who strived to keep Americans perpetually divided and victimized. Jackson helped create the pro-abortion, Marxist-tinged, Jihad-sympathizing, racist, open borders, trans-sexualized, scofflaw, anti-old America Democratic party of our day. In 2012, **Dr. Thomas Sowell**, a black conservative who understood the true essence of the welfare state created by civil rights leaders like Jesse Jackson, said, “The current Occupy Wall Street movement is the best illustration to date of what President Barack Obama’s America looks like. **It is an America where the lawless, unaccomplished, ignorant and incompetent rule. It is an America where those who have sacrificed nothing pillage and destroy the lives of those who have sacrificed greatly. It is an America where history is rewritten to honor dictators, murderers and**

thieves. It is an America where violence, racism, hatred, class warfare and murder are all promoted as acceptable means of overturning the American civil society. It is an America where humans have been degraded to the level of animals: of defecating in public, having sex in public, devoid of basic hygiene. It is an America where the basic tenets of a civil society, including faith, family, a free press and individual rights, have been always rejected. It is an America where our founding documents have been now shredded and, with them, every person's guaranteed liberties. It is an America where, ultimately, great suffering will come to the American people, but the rulers like Obama, Michelle Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Barney Frank, Chris Dodd, Joe Biden, Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan, liberal college professors, union bosses and all other loyal liberal/Communist Party members will live in opulent splendor. It is the America that Obama and the Democrat Party have now created with all the willing assistance of the American media, Hollywood, unions, universities, the Communist Party of America, the Black Panthers and numerous anti-American foreign entities.”

WAGING ON JESUS’ RETURN (Friday Church News Notes, March 13, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Online betting company Polymarket is offering a 4% chance of Jesus returning before 2027. If Jesus does return in 2026, a \$100 bet would win \$2,500. Obviously betters don’t understand Bible prophecy. Jesus’ return to Rapture the church-

THE CYANIDE DEFENSE (Friday Church News Notes, March 13, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, February 9, 2026: “Wouldn't it be amazing if a creature developed a chemical defense that is deadly to practically every other creature but itself--especially if that defense meant exposing itself and its enemy to deadly cyanide? Yet there is a species of millipede called *Apheloria* that does just this. *Apheloria* has, on each segment of its body, special glands that produce the chemical needed for defense. When the millipede is attacked by an enemy, it mixes this chemical with a catalyst. The result is a chemical that is a mild irritant plus hydrogen cyanide gas--the same lethal chemical used in the gas chamber. In this defense, the millipede, as well as his enemies, are engulfed in a cloud of deadly cyanide gas. His attacker dies, but the millipede simply walks away unharmed. This truly amazing defense clearly has a purpose. Even more amazing, if evolution is right, the millipede developed



this remarkable defense quite accidentally, and at the same time he became immune to deadly cyanide gas! This defense is completely unlikely to develop without a planner. The millipede's immunity to cyanide makes sense if there was a planner, and it makes no sense at all if there wasn't. God's fingerprints are all over the creation as He seeks to draw us all to Himself.”



age saints and carry them to heaven is imminent and could occur in 2026, but Jesus' return in power and glory is at least seven years away, which is the length of the Antichrist's reign. Winning \$2500 wagering on Jesus' return is a fool's errand. Saved people don't believe in luck and don't bet, and unsaved people who see the events leading up to Christ's return will be the objects of “strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12).

TRUMP THE ISLAMIC ANTICHRIST (Friday Church News Notes, March 20, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “The Madhi is near,” *Israel365News*, Mar. 10, 2026: “For hardline Shiite ideologues from Tehran to Dearborn to northern Virginia, the focus of America's war on Iran is the arrival of the Mahdi, Islam's awaited messianic figure, whose reappearance, they believe, will be preceded by the emergence of the Dajjal--Islam's version of the Antichrist. And the name they attach to the Dajjal is Donald Trump. This is being preached on American soil, in American cities, to American children. ... Al-Masih ad-Dajjal--literally ‘the deceitful messiah’--is Islam's supreme figure of evil in the end times. He does not appear in the

Quran by name, but Islamic hadith literature--the collected sayings and traditions attributed to Muhammad--describes him in vivid detail. He will appear before the Day of Judgment, claim to be the promised messiah, and ultimately declare himself God. ... For Western readers, the parallel to the Christian Antichrist is immediate. In Christian eschatology--rooted largely in the books of Revelation and the letters of John [plus Daniel, Matthew, and 2 Thessalonians]--the Antichrist is a deceptive world



leader who will rise to power in the last days, demand worship, and wage war against the righteous before being destroyed at Christ's return. Both figures share core traits: deception, false messianic claims, global reach, and a final defeat. The Dajjal is defeated in Islamic tradition near Lod, Israel--a detail not lost on those watching events in this region. There is nobody in the contemporary Shiite world more despised than Donald Trump. ... Secretary of State Marco Rubio warned about this theological dynamic in early February ... 'We have to understand that Iran ultimately is governed, and its decisions are governed by Shiite clerics--radical Shiite clerics--who make policy decisions on the basis of pure theology,' Rubio said." (For the history of Shitte and Sunni Islam, see the free eBook [The Bible and Islam](#) at the Books section of www.wayoflife.org.)

IRAN'S NEW LEADER "OBSESSED" WITH END TIMES (Friday Church News Notes, March 20, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "Iran's new leader," *All Israel News*, Mar. 10, 2026. Some reports claim that this man is dead, though it is unconfirmed. "With Mojtaba Khamenei, the Iranian regime elevated a dangerous ideologue who is obsessed with the end times--and even believes he is a prophesied figure playing a key role in bringing about the return of the Mahdi, according to several experts. This isn't particularly surprising considering that 'Iran is a theocracy in which the mosque is the state, the Qur'an provides constitutional logic, and eschatology shapes foreign policy,'



as Ali Siadatan has recently explained on AIN [All Israel News]. Nevertheless, the new supreme leader, who has yet to appear in public, is particularly radical, even compared to his own father, warned Jaber Rajabi. ... With Mojtaba Khamenei, the Iranian regime elevated a dangerous ideologue who is obsessed with the end times--and even believes he is a prophesied figure playing a key role in bringing about the return of the Mahdi, according to several experts. ... He described Mojtaba as 'apocalypse-obsessed' at this time, adding that 'he thinks there are milestones on the path to the end of the world and he himself will have a special part in hastening humanity down that path.'"

CREDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL AND TRIBAL DEMON WORSHIP (Friday Church News Notes, March 20, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from Dale Hanson, *SOG Missions to the Well*: "Some of us were passing by RT Maine's team room and heard one of those songs outside. A knot of Montagnards had also been walking by and stopped as the first beats of Creedence Clearwater Revival sifted through the window screens. One of the

Yards smiled at his fellow Bahnar tribesmen from the same village. I saw his open mouth. ... His companion smiled in return. Gong music flowed in their blood. The beat brought them to their longhouse deep in the hardwood forest, where varied sizes of bronze gongs played in unison, the trong drums joined in turn, then the gord zither and a bamboo xylophone, and finally the melody played on a sao flute. One of the Bahnar bent forward and shrugged his shoulders to the rhythm. They laughed and shuffled away." (For more about rock music's intimate association with tribal demon worship, see the free eBook [Rock and Roll's War Against God](#), available at the Books section of www.wayoflife.org.)

TECH COMPANY CEO SAYS HIS AI MIGHT HAVE GAINED CONSCIOUSNESS

(Friday Church News Notes, March 20, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Dario Amodei, CEO of Anthropic, claims that AI Claude "may or may not have gained consciousness, as the model has begun showing symptoms of anxiety" ("Tech company at odds," *Fox News*, Mar. 7, 2026). This is nonsense. Elon Musk, founder of xAI, well replied, "He's projecting." AI is a computer



program; it is not a living thing. It has no consciousness. A computer has no spirit, no soul. Man is a soul because God made him a soul. "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis

2:7). God can make living souls, but man has no power to impart a soul to his machines. In the coming day of the Lord, the devil will have "power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak" (Revelation 13:15). This refers to a

image of the Antichrist which all men will be required to worship on pain of death. This is not happening today. The day of the Lord will not begin until the Rapture occurs and the man of sin makes his appearance in God's perfect time (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12).

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The following is excerpted from the *Baptist Expositor*, Pastor Simeon Western, [Northside Baptist Church](#), Adelaide, South Australia:

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consequently have 'taboo' topics. However, Brother Currie is unashamedly Independent Baptist in theology and preaches the whole counsel of God, from Genesis to Revelation. Nigel only uses the King James Version of the Bible.

If you are interested in scheduling some meetings with Bro. Currie, please feel free to contact him directly on 0400 514 754 or email nigelcurriesa@gmail.com.

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