

A scenic view of a lake framed by lush green foliage. The water is calm with gentle ripples, and the surrounding trees and bushes are vibrant green. The text "The Advocate of Truth" is centered over the lake in a dark, serif font.

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A Guide to Prayer for Anger and God's Forgiveness - Ephesians 4:31-32

Father, You have taken my sins and put them far away from me, as if I had never sinned, for the sake of Jesus, my Redeemer. Yet still I fall victim to anger, wrath, and malice toward others, despite Your loving example. I live in a world full of anger, and I find forgiving difficult. In times of violent emotions, help me remember Your unending forgiveness and treat others with the kindness and compassion that You show to me every day of my life.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.



*This year's Lord Supper Date
is April 4, 2023 after Sundown*

The Timeline of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus by Alfonso Telesca

Dear reader, this article is to be accompanied by the timeline chart of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Its purpose is to show when the Lord actually died and resurrected according to the Scriptures and not man. The timeline of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ can only be determined by knowing the beginning and ending of days. According to the Bible. This is sunset to sunset (For more information, please see the church study tract "The Beginning and Ending of God's Day"). We begin with the verses in John 12:1-8 where Jesus was at a supper in Bethany and there Mary anointed the Lord in preparation for his burial. Jesus Himself stated this and prophesied of His impending death. This was stated to have occurred six days before the Passover and this is where our timeline begins on the 9th day of the month Abib. We continue to see the next day where Jesus enters into Jerusalem and is received with palms as a triumphant king (John 12:12). This 10th day of Abib also coincided with the 10th day of preparation where the Passover lamb was to be set aside by Israel in Exodus 12:1-6. He and His disciples proceed to return to Bethany and then back to Jerusalem several times. Then He finally returns to Jerusalem and instructs His disciples to make preparations for the Passover on the 13th day of Abib (Matthew 26:17-20). They take the Passover as all Israelites did on the 14th day of Abib at sunset, but this night is different; here He also institutes the Lord's Supper along with the foot washing. That night, after partaking of these institutions, they departed to the Mount of Olives and in the garden of Gethsemane He is arrested by the temple guards after being betrayed by Judas. He is placed on trial by the Sanhedrin, taken to Pontius Pilate to also be tried in hopes of an execution. He is also transferred to Herod for a trial of sorts and then back to Pilate. He is then beaten, mocked and condemned to death through crucifixion by Pilate, under the influence of the Jewish leadership. All these

events occur during the dark part and into the light portion of the 14th day of Abib. The crucifixion occurs between the 3rd and 6th hours (around 9 AM-12 PM). Around the 6th hour the sky becomes unusually dark until the 9th hour (3 PM) when Jesus cries with a loud voice and dies (Matthew 27:45-50). He had to be buried before the evening or beginning of the 15th day of Abib because it was the first day of the unleavened bread, a high Sabbath day (Exodus 12:14-16) and not the 7th day Sabbath as some believe (see John chapter 18 & 19). He is placed in the tomb before sunset at the end of the 14th day of Abib and the countdown begins in order to fulfill the sign of the Prophet Jonah, 3 days and 3 nights in the heart of the earth (see Matthew 12:39-40). If we count 3 whole nights and 3 whole days on this chart, we can see clearly that He resurrected at the end of the 7th day Sabbath (the 17th day of Abib) and not Sunday as so many believe. We begin to read in Matthew 28:1-6 that at the end of the 7th day Sabbath as it began to transition toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb and He was already risen. It was not yet Sunday, but the end of the Sabbath day. We can read in Mark 16 and see that there were actually several visits to the tomb subsequent to the initial one and these all show to have happened in the evening and later the light part of Sunday. By this time Jesus had long been risen. He even appears to the women, and then His disciples many times as the resurrected Christ. We have proof in the Word of God that celebrations such as palm Sunday and Easter are not according to what actually occurred. We also have historical proof that these are all man made celebrations. We must always remember to celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper at the time indicated by the Lord and that He instructed this as a yearly memorial, "...this do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). *chart on following page*

Chart of the Death and Resurrection of Christ--the Month of Abib

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9th		10th		11th		12th
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Supper with Lazarus in Bethany 6 days before passover (His anointment) John 12:1-8.	Jesus enter/leave Jerusalem John 12:12. Day to set apart passover lamb. Exodus 12:1-6.	Fig tree is cursed (leaving Bethany) Mark 11:12-14.	Fig tree d (leaving Jerusalem) Mark 11:1
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**John 19:14-18, 30-42 His death and burial occurred during the High Sabbath prepara*

<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>	<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>
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16th		17th		18th		19th
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NIGHT/DAY 2 IN THE TOMB.	NIGHT/DAY 3 IN THE TOMB. <i>WOMEN VISIT @END OF THE SABBATH & HE IS RISEN Mt. 28:1-6.</i> <i>SIGN OF JONAH 3 DAYS & 3 NIGHTS. Mat.12:39-40.</i>	The tomb is still empty early on Sunday when women visit again. Already risen HE appears 3 times. Mark 16:9-15. **	5th day of unleavened Exodus 1
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***John 20:1, 17-19. (SUN) @ even Mary M. visits an empty tomb. Jesus appears. tells*

	<u>TUE.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THU.</u>
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	13th		14th		15th	
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ried up n) 9-21.	Jesus hides John 12:36. Preparation for Passover (light part of the day) Mat. 26:17-20.	Passover/Lord's Supper/Arrested @night/Tried/ Beaten /Crucified between 3rd HR (9AM)/ 6th HR (12PM)/ died by the 9th HR (3PM). <i>*Buried before even.</i>	NIGHT/DAY 1 IN THE TOMB. High Sabbath Holy Convocation, 1st day of the unleavened bread. Exodus 12:16.
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tion, prior to the 15th day.

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	20th		21st		22nd	
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f the ed bread. 2:15.	Last day in Tents. Deut. 16:7-8 (Abib 15th - 20th)	High Sabbath Holy Convocation, 7th day of the unleavened bread. Exodus 12:18.	
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her not to touch him. presents firstfruits to the Father, appears to the brethren.



An Encounter with God!

by Carlo Rasmussen (deceased)

The Scriptures reveal to us many encounters between God and His people. We are reminded in the Holy Writings that these encounters are examples for us today from which to learn. Therefore we should not make the same mistakes through our unbelief: I Corinthians 10:6. Many of the recorded incidents took place with the children of Israel during the time of their traveling and wandering in the wilderness. Through these trying years there are some profound events which occurred between the Lord and an unbelieving people. One of these incidents took place just after the children of Israel were turned back from entering the promised land of Canaan.

Previous to this the record shows how the Lord, through many miracles, brought Israel out of Egyptian slavery. How the Lord provided for their every need while in the wilderness, even when Israel became gainsaying and disobedient. Through the Red Sea they came and were provided with necessary food and drink. The shoes of their feet did not wear. The many accounts outside of the Scriptures reveal how hard it was for Israel during their wandering in the wilderness. The main reason for their many problems, however, was due to their own unbelief. Had they maintained a proper attitude and believed completely that the Lord could do exactly as He had promised them, their journey would certainly have been a much easier one to the promised land. At Sinai they were given the Ten Commandments along with God's other ceremonial laws and ordinances. At that very mountain Israel provoked the Lord through idolatry. From Sinai they were led by the cloud at day and the pillar of fire at night onward to the border of the promised land. Because of their display of unbelief, including through the ten false reports of the spies, Israel was turned back again into the wilder-

ness to wander for forty years. God said that the complete adult generation, except Joshua and Caleb, would not enter the promised land: Numbers 14:30-32. Now Israel was faced with something they did not expect, which only came about through their unbelief.

Beginning in Numbers 16:1 we read of a particular incident wherein the Lord again was provoked through dissention among the ranks of Israel. We learn of Korah, Dathan, Abiram and On, who rose up before Moses with "...two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly...men of renown" (verse 2). These men and their congregation challenged Moses and Aaron by saying, "...Ye take too much upon you...wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?" (verse 3). Upon hearing these words Moses fell on his face, then spoke to Korah and his men saying that "...to morrow the LORD will shew who are his..." (verse 5). Moses went on to instruct these men to take censers and put fire and incense therein on the following day. Moses further stated to Korah how the Lord had separated the sons of Levi to do service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister (serve) unto them. Besides all this Korah and his men now sought the priesthood also. Therefore Moses explained to them that they were really against the Lord Himself. Two of the company, Dathan and Abiram, would not meet with Moses and Aaron. These two further complained that Moses failed to bring them all not "...into a land that floweth with milk and honey..." (verse 14). To these words Moses became very wroth. Once again Korah and his company were given the same instructions for the next day.

When the next day arrived Korah gathered all the congregation against Moses and Aaron at the door of the

tabernacle. At that time the glory of the Lord appeared and the Lord waxed hot and told Moses and Aaron to "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment" (verse 21). After Moses and Aaron pleaded for the lives of the company, the Lord commanded the congregation to remove themselves from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, which they did. Moses then made this statement to prove he was sent of God to do all these works for Israel. Moses commanded that if these men lived a normal life and died the common death of all men, the Lord did not send him. However if the earth should open up and "swallow" up these men, then let all Israel know and understand that these men "provoked the Lord." Upon ending his words the earth opened up and "...swallowed them up, and their houses,..." (verse 32). They perished from among the congregation. The other 250 men that offered incense were consumed by a fire which came out "from the Lord." It may seem strange to the reader that the very next day the children of Israel were already murmuring against Moses and Aaron because of the incident with Korah and his company. Due to this continued complaining 14,700 more of Israel died the following day after Korah and his men were destroyed.

As was styled earlier, these examples have been recorded for our learning and admonition. It is for us to examine ourselves to determine if we are found murmuring against the Lord. Through a sincere and contrite heart the Lord will surely reveal it to us if we are in error and want to know the truth. One may ask why the Lord does not display this same wrath today as was done among Israel in the wilderness. The reason is the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is our Advocate today, like as Moses was an advocate for the children of Israel. Jesus will intercede for us if we look to Him with a sincere and humble heart. We can not begin to number the times Jesus has interceded for our shortcomings at the right hand of the Father in heaven, for in the flesh we are no different than those of Israel. Here is the very reason why we must put on Christ daily in our race that we run. This is Christ in you the hope of glory.

In due time the wrath of God will fall upon the wicked of this earth. Like as the rest of Israel were removed away from Korah and his men before they were destroyed, so the Saints of God will be removed to the "Sea of Glass" before God's Wrath, the "Seven Last Plagues" fall upon this earth.

Today God's people are in a type of wilderness. The world, as it is today is not righteous, therefore it remains only a place of wandering for the children of God. True salvation today is an individual experience. Though we may assemble and worship in a united "body" each Sabbath Day, each person is a type of tabernacle in himself. The individual is responsible for his own body and how he conducts himself. In this way we are in a sense isolated and must come and follow the Lord Jesus Christ on our own. As each of us studies the Scriptures in sincerity we come to realize that God has already proven Himself to us. It is now for us to prove ourselves unto God.

Today the child of God may partially view the Sea of Glass, which we know to be the New Jerusalem, through the pages of the Bible. However, because we are in this fleshly "tabernacle" we may not enter therein. It is for us to continue on in faithful living for the Lord through the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ as outlined in the Bible. If we continue in His will -- if we strive to think on things good and pleasing, and keep from complaining, we will soon find ourselves among that special congregation in the New Jerusalem when Jesus comes again. What about you? When our Lord "appears" will you be found Faithful? May God bless you to understand these thoughts.



BIBLE TRIVIA

*"Multiple choice, choose the best answer for each question"
Answers to game on page 19*

1. Daniel was cast into a den of lions because he (did not worship the golden image; prayed; could not interpret the king's dream). Daniel 6:10-16
2. (Tubal-cain; Jubal; Jubal) was the first man to handle the harp and organ. Genesis 4:21
3. Paul is first mentioned in connection with (the Damascus road; the stoning of Stephen; Pentecost). Acts 7:58,59
4. Simon Peter was brought to Jesus by (James; John; Andrew). John 1:40-42
5. Peter quoted from the book of (Jonah; Isaiah; Joel) on the Day of Pentecost. Acts 2:16
6. Jonathan hid in a (thicket; well; cave) when he learned that Absalom sought to kill him. II Samuel 17:18-20
7. (Joash; David; Josiah) was a boy king when Hilkiah found the lost book of the law while the Temple was being repaired. II Kings 22:1-8
8. The Ethiopian eunuch was reading the book of (Isaiah; Jeremiah; Psalms) when Philip joined himself to the chariot. Acts 8:26-29
9. The lame man asked Peter and John for (healing; alms; food). Acts 3:3
10. The Ishmaelites went to (Egypt; Gilead; Dothan) for their spices, balm and myrrh. Genesis 37:25
11. When Peter was freed from prison, he went first to (a prayer meeting; the Temple to worship; see Jesus). Acts 12:12
12. (John the Baptist; Moses and Elijah; Abraham) appeared with Christ at His transfiguration. Mark 9:4

"Absent From The Body"

By David DeLong

In II Corinthians 5, verses 6-9, we read: "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him." Many Christian denominations use this text to try to prove that as soon as you die your soul goes out of your body to be present with the Lord. We realize that this belief is not true. From many other passages of Scripture we learn that the soul and body of a man sleep in the grave until the resurrection.

Here being absent from the body is a figure of speech that the Apostle Paul used to show that some day, when the resurrection takes place, we shall discard this mortal body for a new body. I Corinthians 15:51-53: "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

If being absent from the body meant that one's spirit (not referring to the breath of life) or soul left the body, we would have a severe problem trying to understand I Corinthians 5:1-5. Here, the Apostle Paul was admonishing the brethren for allowing fornication to be among their members. We read: "It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though

I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." We know that the Apostle Paul did not mean that his spirit had left his body to be present with the brethren when judgment would be given to the sinning brother. That would have been an occultic belief called astral projection whereby some people believe that they can leave their bodies and travel to other places. Paul, again, was using a figure of speech to demonstrate that his decision concerning the sinning brother was the same as the Corinthians' should be in judging the man.

In Colossians chapter 2, verse 5, we are given the same type of figure of speech by Paul. This verse reads: "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ." Again, the Apostle Paul did not mean that his spirit had left his body to be beholding the Colossian brethren's order. He was simply stating that he knew of their good order and their faith in Christ and was rejoicing with the Church over these circumstances.

We must be careful to not let a passage of Scripture which seems difficult to understand rule our thinking. We must never let the tradition of men over rule the teachings of the Bible. As Colossians 2:8 warns us: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." May we always let all the passages of Scripture on a subject bring us to a balanced understanding of God's Word. God bless you as you study His Word.

egeiró, eg-i'-ro

by Ben DeLong

The Greek word that is translated as “raised” in the New Testament has a depth of meaning that is often overlooked. Let’s take an example in Romans:

"But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that **raised** up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was **raised** again for our justification." [Romans 4:24-25]

Digging into the translation of this word from the Greek, we find the following reference in Strong’s:

1453. **egeiró**, eg-i’-ro; prob. akin to the base of 58 (through the idea of collecting one’s faculties); to waken (trans. or intr.), i.e. Rouse (lit. from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death; or fig., from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, nonexistence) — awake, lift (up), raise (again, up), rear up, (a-)rise (again, up), stand, take up.

In translating this word into English, some of the meaning gets lost. In modern English, the word raise means to elevate, to move vertically (i.e. He raised his hand high into the air.) But the Greek word that it is translated from, (eg-i’-ro), has a different meaning. It means to wake or rouse from sleep. Today, we would say, “I woke up this morning”; but in ancient Greek, they would say, “I raised up this morning”. Raised, translated in the verses from Romans from the Greek (eg-i’-ro), means woke.

This word, (eg-i’-ro), appears many more times in the New Testament. Each time it is translated raise, rise, or risen. Some examples of this are: John 5:21, John 12:1, Romans 8:11, II Corinthians 1:9, II Corinthians 4:14, and I Peter 1:21. In addition, the section of I Corinthians 15 that gives us much detail into God’s plan for the

Resurrection uses the word (eg-i’-ro) 13 times. To look at one specific passage:

"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is **raised** in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is **raised** in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is **raised** in power: It is sown a natural body; it is **raised** a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." [I Corinthians 15:42-44]

These are all (eg-i’-ro), not meaning “to rise” (as in ascending) but “to wake”.

The definition of (eg-i’-ro) sheds much light on our understanding of what happens to us when we die. In John 11, Jesus gives his disciples the following analogy:

"These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead." [John 11:11-14]

The disciples thought Jesus was talking about normal sleep. But Jesus was using the word sleep to describe the state that Lazarus was in. He was dead.

Later in this story, we can see the teaching that Jesus had given His followers repeated back through the words of Martha.

"Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even

now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" [John 11:21-26]

Jesus taught them that death was a sleep and even though they may die, they would wake (eg-i' -ro) from that sleep at the resurrection. Martha clung to this hope. We, as believers in Christ, can too.

ONLY ONE

by Fabien Harford

*Only one Son - but God Him gave
That you and I should be saved.*

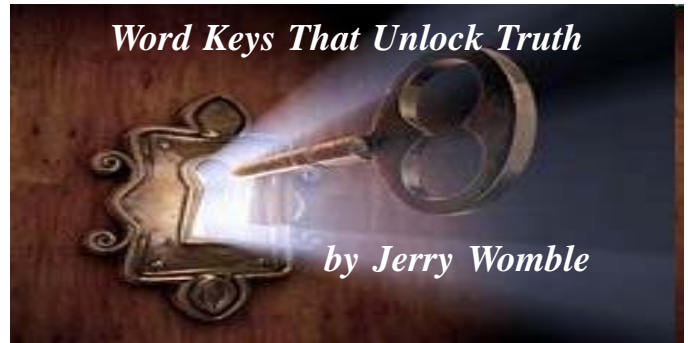
*Are you going to accept so great and rich a gift?
Or live as you like and hope it is right?*

*Only one life, 'twas given to you,
Whenever you die, it might be over for you,
If you took not the gift that was given to you,
So He can plead your cause -
and you, and you, and you.*

*Only one city that has strong foundations,
Trust not in those here that are on sinking sands.
Danger lies in these - in every street corner,
Only one city really has an anchor.*

*Only one way - there's simply none other.
Who taught it me? none but my Mother.
Come let us walk it - my friend and brother,
Let us brighten our own little corner.*

*Only one truth makes music of our Savior.
His life's blood has bought our surrender.
Don't let Satan your soul to hinder
For Jesus our Savior is the Great Conqueror.*



Iniquity and transgression: Both are sin so then what is the difference between the two types of sin?

Iniquity is a sin being passed down from one generation to another while transgression is a sin one does himself while passing time on this earth.

The first text that naturally comes to mind when we think of iniquity is what God says in the second commandment. That the sin of worshiping false gods is a sin of iniquity when it is passed down from one generation to another. It is following a sin that is passed down from our forefathers and refusing to change that tradition or custom even when we know we should. Each generation has the opportunity to break that chain but refuses to do it.

The first time we see the iniquity sin mentioned in the Bible is with the Amorites in Gen. 15. Yes, not even with God's people but with another nation. God is telling Abraham (Abram at that time) that his descendants would be taken in Egypt for 400 years, then they would return to their home land. This would be after the fourth generation of iniquity was finished on the Amorites.

Transgression is further defined as an unfaithful or treacherous act against God or man. In I Sam 24:11 David is saying to Saul that he could have killed him but that "...there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee..." Even as Saul wanted to kill David, David still had respect to Saul because he was once God's anointed.

We have an example in Proverbs that is called a transgression and it is that no one should steal from his father or mother. This sin is a personal act conceived in his own heart and followed through with his own actions.

We need to always look back at the previous generation and be determined not to follow any corrupt way of life that we may see there, iniquity. We also need the same determination to be careful not to let transgression enter into our own life.



Be still and know that I am God.
Psalm 46:10

As Almighty God called out our father Abraham from his people to go to a place which he would afterward receive for an inheritance, he saw the land, but for a while he didn't live there. His sons with their generations lived there, after rigorous labor with the Egyptians; and God saw their toil and labour. He sent Moses and Aaron to be their judges and get them out of Egypt so they could inherit the promised land, which was the land of Canaan that was promised to Abraham for his obedience. "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran" (Genesis 12:1-4).

After he came out of his country to pursue his inheritance there was a famine in the land where he dwelt, so he went down into Egypt to sojourn there; but Pharaoh the king of Egypt saw his wife to be a beauty as his princes commended. "And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman

was taken into Pharaoh's house. And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels. And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife. And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way. And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had" (Genesis 12:14-20).

We see here that even though Abram said of Sarai, she was his sister and not his wife, Almighty God allowed that to happen because He knew that man's heart is deceitful and desperately wicked; they only look on the outer appearance or the physical, and not at the heart or the spiritual perspective of things. Most people don't like instruction; they prefer destruction. Nevertheless Pharaoh sent them away with more speed than he entreated them because he realized who is Almighty God, and that He definitely takes great care of His people. "I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens,

and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?...Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away...Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over" (Isaiah 51:12-13; 7-11; 21-23).

As we be still and know who is God, we would have seen although Pharaoh entreated Abram well because of his wife, Pharaoh and his household were very much plagued for his wrongdoing. The Psalmist quoted: "O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen. He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth. He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance: When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it. When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people; He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes; Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm" (Psalm 105:6-

15).

As we continue to study the wholesome words of Almighty God, Abraham and Sarah went and sojourned in Gerar. "And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine. Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid. Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife. And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and women-servants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife. And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reprov'd. So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children. For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of

the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife" (Genesis 20:2-18).

As the Psalmist said, "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm", that the people of Gerar could not do any harm unto Abraham and his wife. Also we see here that Almighty God will give a recompense of reward unto anyone who touches His anointed. Also Abimelech knew the ways of God, yet he lusted after the woman, and so we see the recompense of reward that was given to Abimelech and his people. Many will say, in the days of old, men had more than one wife, but as we study the Scriptures, we would see the various contentions that transpired. Almighty God did not intend it to be so: "...Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so" (Matthew 19:4-8).

In the book of Ezekiel we see that as the children of Israel were always wanting to do their own things and walking lackadaisical in the sight of Almighty God, thus He cast judgments upon them. "And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to enquire of the LORD, and sat before me. Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying, Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye come to enquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you. Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers: And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I am the LORD your God; In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands: Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his

eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt. Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out. Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness. But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statues of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols: I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God. Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth. I

lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries; Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live; And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD" (Ezekiel 20:1-26).

In this dispensation we must understand and take note that since Almighty God is the same God, yesterday, today, and forevermore, thus we must not think that we will escape from His great hands. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth to me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye

have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him" (Hebrews 10:22-38).

As we continue to be still and know who is Almighty God, He opened the Red Sea and allowed the children of Israel to walk on dry land. In the Book of Exodus, as the children of Israel were between the Red Sea and the wilderness, the Egyptians thought that they could come and bring them back into Egypt, but the Almighty had a better plan for His people. "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so. And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon. And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will

shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them" (Exodus 14:1-28).

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Part 15 - LIFE AND CONDITIONS DURING THE MILLENNIUM

Question: Who will reign with Christ during His kingdom?

Answer: "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years...Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4-6).

Question: What throne will Christ reign from?

Answer: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory,

and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory" (Matthew 25:31).

Question: Who will be in this throne with Christ?

Answer: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne" (Revelation 3:21).

Question: Over what will the saints be given power?

Answer: "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father" (Revelation 2:26-27).

Question: When Christ reigns what will be His possession?

Answer: "I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psalm 2:7-8).

Question: What will Christ strike through in the day of this wrath?

Answer: "The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath" (Psalm 110:5).

Question: Among whom will He judge, and what will He do to the heads (leaders) of many nations?

Answer: "He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries" (Verse 6).

Question: To whom shall the saints be sent?

Answer: "And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them (the saints) unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall de-

clare my glory among the Gentiles" (Isaiah 66:19).

Question: Among whom will God's name be great?

Answer: "For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts" (Malachi 1:11).

Question: Among whom will God set His glory?

Answer: "And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them" (Ezekiel 39:21).

Question: Before whom will the Lord be sanctified?

Answer: "Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob" (Ezekiel 28:25).

Question: When shall the heathen know the Lord?

Answer: "And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you (Israel) before their eyes" (Ezekiel 36:23).

Question: What time is the day of the Lord called?

Answer: "For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen" (Ezekiel 30:3).

NOTE: Israel has had her time, we are now in the time of the Gentiles or nations, but the day of the Lord (the millennium) is for those, the heathen, who have never seen nor heard the fame and glory of the Lord. Over those people the saints shall reign with Christ.

Question: During Christ's reign will babies die in infancy? How old will mortals live to be?

Answer: "There shall be no more thence (from that time on) an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed" (Isaiah 65:20).

Question: What will the mortals do?

Answer: "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them" (Verse 21).

NOTE: The rulers or saints of the millennial age are not the ones who shall build houses and plant vineyards. This will be done by those who are being ruled.

Question: Will they be able to keep their property?

Answer: "They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands" (Verse 22).

Question: Will children be born during this time to the mortals? Will they be brought forth for trouble?

Answer: "They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them" (Verse 23).

NOTE: The Saints will not bear children as they will be equal to the angels who neither marry nor are given in marriage.

Question: Will God hear them when they pray?

Answer: "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Verse 24).

Question: What will be the condition in the animal kingdom?

Answer: "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain (kingdom of this earth), saith the LORD" (Verse 25).

Question: Why will they not hurt nor destroy?

Answer: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

Question: Will man make war during this time?

Answer: "And he (Christ) shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Micah 4:3).

Question: What will the inhabitants of the earth do?

Answer: "But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it" (Verse 4).

Question: What will they do every week and every month?

Answer: "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon (beginning of month) to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 66:23).

Question: What yearly test will be upon the heathen?


Answer: "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD

will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zechariah 14:16-19).

Question: Will Israel be counted one of the nations that must be judged or reigned over during the millennium?

Answer: "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Matthew 19:28).

NOTE: Be sure to study the lesson on, "Israel in the Millennium."



BIBLE TRIVIA
Answers to game on page 8

- 1. *prayed* 2. *Jubal* 3. *the stoning of Stephen*
- 4. *Andrew* 5. *Joel* 6. *well* 7. *Josiah*
- 8. *Isaiah* 9. *alms* 10. *Gilead*
- 11. *a prayer meeting* 12. *Moses and Elijah*



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LESSON I

CHRIST TRANSFIGURED

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:1-10.

Golden Text: Mark 9:7.

"And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him."

1. Whom did Jesus take with Him up into a high mountain? Mark 9:2 (first part).
2. What happened to Jesus at this time? Mark 9:2-3.
3. Who appeared talking with Jesus? Mark 9:4.
4. What suggestion did Peter make? Mark 9:5.
5. Why did Peter make this suggestion? Mark 9:6.
6. What did a voice from heaven say? Mark 9:7.
7. When the disciples looked around, Whom did they see? Mark 9:8.
8. With what did Jesus charge them? Mark 9:9.

LESSON II

THE DEAF AND THE DUMB SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:14-29.

Golden Text: Mark 9:29.

"And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

1. Whom did Jesus see around about the disciples at this time? Mark 9:14.
2. How did the multitude receive Jesus? Mark 9:15.
3. What did He ask the scribes? Mark 9:16.

4. How did one of the multitude answer? Mark 9:17-18.
5. What did Jesus say, and what happened? Mark 9:19-20.
6. What question did Jesus ask the boy's father, and what was his answer? Mark 9:21-22.
7. How did the father show his belief in Jesus? Mark 9:24.
8. Describe the casting out of the spirit. Mark 9:25-27.
9. What question did the disciples ask Jesus, and what was His answer? Mark 9:28-29.

LESSON III

JESUS RIDES INTO JERUSALEM

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-19.

Golden Text: Mark 11:9 (last part).

"...Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord".

1. When Jesus came close to Jerusalem, why did He send two of His disciples into the village? Mark 11:1-3.
2. Did the two disciples do as Jesus told them? Mark 11:4-6.
3. How did Jesus enter Jerusalem? Mark 11:7-8.
4. What did the people say? Mark 11:9-10.
5. What did He do in the temple after He entered Jerusalem? Mark 11:15-17.
6. When the scribes and chief priests hear what Jesus said in the temple, what did they plan to do and why? Mark 11:18.
7. What did Jesus do in the evening? Mark 11:19.

NOTE: Please read also Matthew 21:1-16 where you can find this same story.

LESSON IV

THE LESSON OF FORGIVENESS

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:23-35.

Golden Text: Matthew 18:27.

"Then the Lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt."

1. What is this parable about in Matthew 18:23?
2. What was the amount of the man's debt? Matthew 18:24.
3. When the man could not pay, what penalty was assigned him? Matthew 18:25.
4. Upon the servant's promise to pay, what did his Lord do? Matthew 18:26-27.
5. How much appreciation did this servant show for the compassion shown him when he had the chance to do good also? Matthew 18:28-30.
6. How did word reach this lord of what he had done? Matthew 18:31.
7. After his lord had called him, what did he ask him? Mathew 18:32-33.
8. Will the heavenly Father also punish those who do not forgive others? Matthew 18:35.

NOTE: Are we sure that we are always as ready to forgive our fellowman as our Lord is to forgive us?

**Bible Riddle - I am a thunderstorm
I have speed - An angel's face is liken to me
I am shot from God - What am I?
Answer on page 23**



See if you can "capture" the following Bible animals for your zoo, by learning their identity. Some you will recognize easily; others you may have to search for. The clues given will aid you.

1. An animal whose skin was used to cover the tabernacle. Clue - Look in Exodus 26:7-14.
2. An animal of great importance in Bible times: on occasion it was given power to speak: one of them carried Jesus while he was in Jerusalem. Clues - Search in Numbers 22:22-23 and Matthew 21:1-11.
3. This animal was part of the design used to help build the throne of King Solomon. Clue - Search in I Kings 10:18-20.
4. This animal laps water when it drinks: ran wild in Jerusalem's streets: was kind to a poor sick beggar, and its name is mentioned somewhere in the first eight verses of Psalm 59. Clues - Judges 7:3-7; Luke 16:19-21..
5. This rather large animal furnished clothing for John the Baptist, and carried Isaac's bride: Job owned many of them. Clues - Search in Genesis 24:61-67; Job 1:1-10.

Answers, What Do You Know About The Bible, pg. 23

- Books: 1.Amos 2.Paul 3.Philemon 4.Luke and Acts 5.Genesis 6. Revelation 7. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John 8.Acts 9. Ruth and Esther 10.Acts
- Who is it: 1.Moses 2.Joseph of Arimathea 3.Elijah 4.Nehemiah 5.Elijah 6.Moses 7.Jacob 8. Joseph 9. Moses 10. Esau
- The Family of Jesus: 1.True 2.False, foster father 3.False, they only went there for census 4.True 5.True 6.True 7.True 8.True



Johnny's room was having a contest. The teacher wanted to find out who could add the fastest. She sent three boys to the blackboard. Johnny was one of them.

"I will give you a problem," the teacher said. "You will write the answer on the blackboard. The one who puts the answer down last will have to sit down. Then someone else will take his place. The last one at the board will win the contest."

The teacher read the problem. Quick as a wink Johnny put the answer on the board. Jerry was almost as fast. Tom was the slowest. He took his seat. Polly took his place at the board.

Polly could add very fast. Johnny knew he would really have to work fast to win, with Polly at the board. But soon both Jerry and Polly had taken their seats, and two more had come up. Johnny was still up.

The teacher gave them another problem. Johnny worked it quickly. He was still first. And then as the teacher told Billy to take his seat Johnny noticed something. The answer was twenty-three, but he had put twenty-five. His five looked so much like a three that no one had noticed the mistake.

Johnny stopped. He laid down his chalk. He had made a mistake even if no one had seen it. He raised his hand. "I had the wrong answer," he said. "I wrote twenty-five."

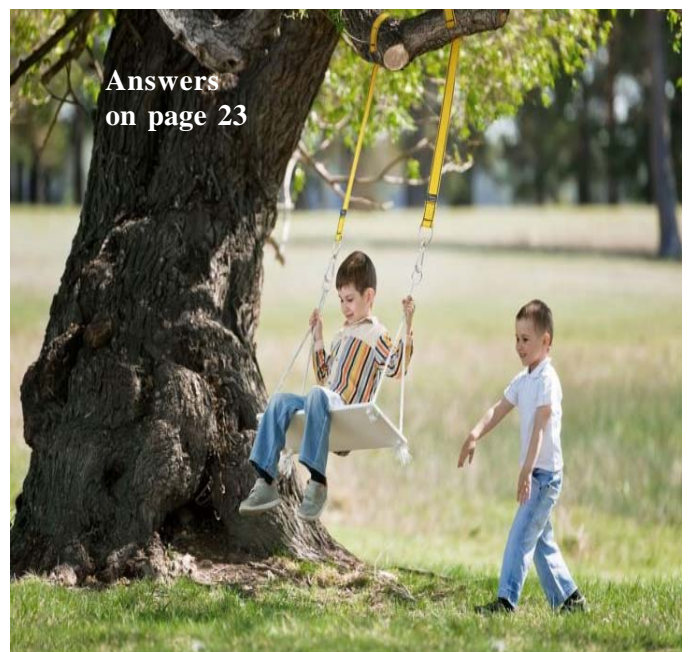
"It looked like twenty-three," said the teacher. "But it was not," Johnny said. "I should take my seat instead of Billy."

"You have done well today," the teacher said. "You can add very fast. That is good. But it is better to be honest than to be able to add fast. You could have cheated, but you did not. That is better than winning the contest."

And as Johnny sat down, he felt good because he had done the right thing.

TREES

1. *What kind of tree did Zacchaeus climb to see Jesus?*
2. *What trees gave the name to a famous hill overlooking Jerusalem?*
3. *Absalom was caught by the hair in this tree.*
4. *Under what tree did Elijah sit?*
5. *The ark was made of this wood.*
6. *Christ caused this tree to wither away.*
7. *The exiled Jews hung their harps on these trees.*
8. *Branches of this tree were carried in a triumphal procession.*
9. *This tree became king of the trees in the fable in Judges.*
10. *What tree was in the midst of the Garden of Eden?*



WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE?

**Taken from "New Bible Quizzes"
By J. Vernon Jacobs**

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

1. Which book was written by a herdsman?
2. Which apostle wrote the most books?
3. Which book was written about a runaway slave?
4. Which books were written by a physician?
5. Which book tells stories of the beginning of things?
6. Which book tells about the end of things?
7. Which books tell about the life of Jesus?
8. Which book tells the story of the founding of the Church?
9. Which books were written about women?
10. Which book tells what to do to be saved?

WHO IS IT?

1. A man who was told to take the shoes off his feet, for he was standing on holy ground?
2. A good man who asked Pilate for the body of Jesus?
3. A prophet who caused a great drought in Israel?
4. A man who was a king's cupbearer?
5. A prophet who was taken up in a whirlwind?
6. A man who broke two tables of stone?
7. A man whose wages were changed ten times?

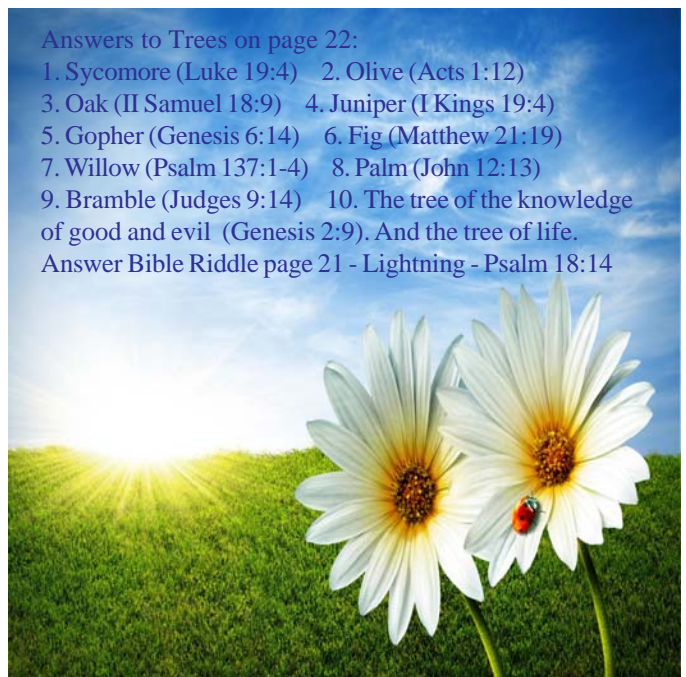
8. A boy who wore a coat of many colors?
9. A man who saw a burning bush?
10. A man who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage?

**THE FAMILY OF JESUS
("True" and "False" Quiz)**

1. His mother's name was Mary.
2. His father's name was Joseph.
3. The family lived in Bethlehem.
4. Joseph was a carpenter.
5. Jesus spent His infancy in Egypt.
6. Jesus was popular among those who knew Him.
7. Jesus had an understanding beyond His years.
8. Very early in life Jesus felt an urge to be about His heavenly Father's business.

Answers to Trees on page 22:

1. Sycamore (Luke 19:4) 2. Olive (Acts 1:12)
 3. Oak (II Samuel 18:9) 4. Juniper (I Kings 19:4)
 5. Gopher (Genesis 6:14) 6. Fig (Matthew 21:19)
 7. Willow (Psalm 137:1-4) 8. Palm (John 12:13)
 9. Bramble (Judges 9:14) 10. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:9). And the tree of life.
- Answer Bible Riddle page 21 - Lightning - Psalm 18:14



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God Wants Us

By David DeLong

God wants us in His family,
He says so in His Book;
He paid the price, that did suffice,
To let us off the hook.

For sin had hooked us all, my friend,
Had pierced our very heart;
And Jesus died, was crucified,
To give us a new start.

Death is but the wage of sin,
So, someone had to die;
The Lord in grace, took our place,
And we still wonder why.

But God is love the Bible says,
So that's the reason why;
His Son He gave, for us to save,
When unto Him we cry.

