



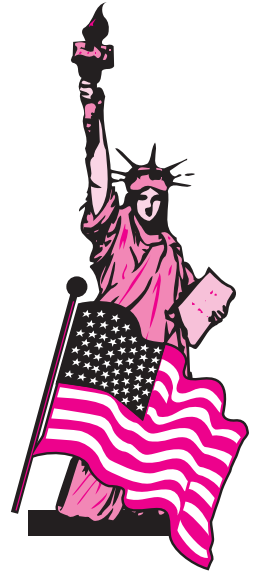
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"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

Mark 1:3

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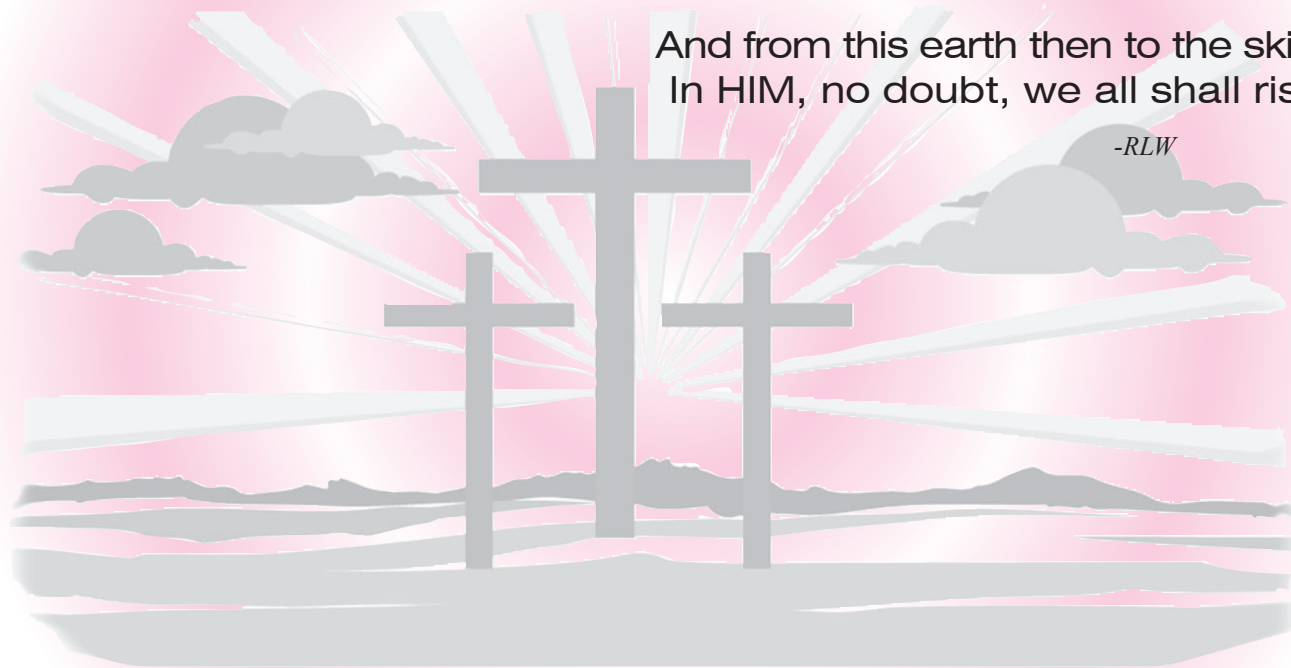
In HIM We All Shall Rise!

To the grave 'tis dust to dust,
But in this life we do not trust.

Never is a dirge we sing,
Before the grave in Christ we cling.

And from this earth then to the skies,
In HIM, no doubt, we all shall rise.

-RLW



Dear *The Voice in the Wilderness* reader:

Together we celebrate Victory in our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May our lives reflect His Glorious Power, Promise and Provision to a lost world.

Amen.



MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU



Dear Friends:

Words cannot express the deep appreciation for those who so generously give to The Voice in the Wilderness for the support of this missionary outreach. A huge "Thank You" to those who have given to help with the work in India. Our partners in Virginia put us over the top to complete the church construction project in India. From NC to TN to VA, so many have made this vision possible. Thanks, Bro. Steele, for your special effort.

Please take note of the envelope in this edition of *The Voice in the Wilderness*. **I need your help this month! Don't delay.** Right now, before you forget, return the envelope

with the following:

1. 100 signatures from your church, family, and friends for the "Redress of Grievances." (See pages 3&4 of this issue.)
2. Your "Resurrection Gift" for The Voice in the Wilderness ministry. The printing ministry and Venezuela project needs your help.
3. See the back page for the children's Bible project and APM needs.

Any way you can respond this month will be deeply appreciated. From January through Spring is always a critical time financially. Your prayers are so very important. Happy Trails!



For Christ and Souls,
RLW

P.S.- If you would like to enclose last month's Enlistment Form for World-Wide Missions in this month's envelope that would be appreciated as well.

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A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES

(Please read this as if YOU wrote it!)

Increasingly, the America that I grew up with and the America intended by the founders is being destroyed. Foundations critical to our nations very existence is under aggressive, open and blatant attack. Our problems range from the corruption of run away, out of control government, to "sell us out" big corporations, treasonous liberal media and TV networks, the infamous ACLU, the cesspool of Hollywood, bloody-handed abortionists, the redefining of marriage, those claiming to defend against terrorism, yet

coddling illegal aliens, leaving U. S. borders vulnerable, opponents of prayer, the Bible, Ten Commandments, "One Nation Under God", "In God We Trust", and a host of diabolically driven liberal agendas. The enemy is within like a terminal scourge, eating away at the heart of this great country.

I am a grass roots, law abiding citizen of the United States. I am an American; not an African American, not a Irish American, not a Muslim American, not even a Native American - I AM AN AMERICAN. And, along with my signature, there are thousands of others who want returned to us the land of the

Free, the Home of the Brave, and One Nation Under God (Not Allah or some global-warming, new age god but the God of the Holy Bible).

WE WANT OUR STARS AND STRIPES, RED WHITE AND BLUE AMERICA BACK! "But if the watchman see the sword come and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned. . . his blood will I require at the watchman's hand." Please stand with us to bring America back to the once great nation it was and can still be.

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GOSPEL ABC'S

A ccept the Bible's written assessment: "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:10

A dmit man's attitude: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

A cknowledge your own aversion: "For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son..." Romans 5:10

"... **B** y one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12

"**B** ut what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith which we preach;..." Romans 10:8

"**B** elievest thou this?"

C onfess with thy mouth...

C all in Faith...

C ommit your heart, your all... Romans 10:9, 13

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner and Jesus died on the cross, shedding His blood and rose from the grave for me. Forgive me of my sins and thank you for salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen."

A Redress of Grievances

Please stand for America and our godly Heritage by actively participating. We need your help in obtaining 100 signatures of agreement with the preceeding Redress of Grievances. Once your list has been signed by 100 individuals, please mail to our Asheville Office **by May 15, 2007**, at which time, we will mail all forms received to our Congress, President, and Corporate Heads. *(Please have all Signers include their Name, City & State - you may make a copy of this page for signature purposes).*

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Sermon of the Month

JUDGE NOTHING BEFORE THE TIME UNTIL THE LORD COME. - I CORINTHIANS 4:5

“Why do Preachers Change?” **Dr. Ron Comfort**

First of all is the matter of adopted convictions. Many times a person is reared in a Christian home, attends a Christian school and a Christian college, and hears convictions verbalized but never do they become his own. As long as Demas was around Paul, he conformed to Paul's convictions, but his love for the world ultimately led him to forsake both Paul and the “convictions.”

Secondly, there is the matter of pragmatism. Many young men graduate from college with a legitimate desire to be used of God. They read books, attend seminars, and become enamored with preachers who have built large ministries. These young men fall prey to the philosophy that if they have strict standards they will never achieve the “successful ministry.” So in order to build a work of notoriety and achieve their “success” they abandon standards that one time they verbalized.

Then there is the matter of an extreme imbalance. Through the years I have observed many men who were extremely judgmental. Everyone had to cross their “t’s” and dot their “i’s” exactly right or be labeled as “new evangelicals.” I have watched many of these men swing the pendulum ultimately taking a position one hundred eighty degrees the opposite of their original persuasion. The older I get the less judgmental I am. Paul cautions in I Corinthians 4:5, “Judge

nothing before the time until the Lord come.” No one has to stand before the judgment seat of Ron Comfort; they must stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. It is there that motives will be made manifest. It is there that we will be revealed as we really are.

Fourthly, I have seen preachers change when their children become teenagers. It is relatively easy to dictate to elementary children their standards of dress and conduct. However, that task becomes far more difficult when those same children become teens who live under the shadow of peer pressure. It is then that parents tire of the continual hassle of trying to get their children to observe the standards that were unquestioned just a few years before. It is then that parents begin to listen to the immature reasoning of their children in order to keep peace at home. No doubt it was far easier for Eli to get Hophni and Phinehas to comply as children. However, when they were older God brought judgment on Eli's house because his sons “made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.” Several years ago I was with a young preacher in his early thirties who told me that he was preparing to write a book dealing with the home and child rearing. I counseled him that he would be wise to wait until his children were older and he had gained credibility evidenced in their character and godliness.

Another reason that change often occurs is when a leader inherits a position that he did nothing to earn. My advice to any preacher who

wants his son to be his successor is that he let his son go out on his own for a while and establish a ministry by which he can test his mettle. When a person inherits something that he did not earn, he will give it up just as easily. Men who have been in the ministry for years and the power of God has been evidenced on their lives have had to fight battles. A person's character is revealed in how he responds to testings.

I perceive a basic insecurity among young men who inherit a position without having to pay a price somewhat akin to that which the predecessor paid. Many times that young man in his subconscious mind wonders, “Could I have accomplished this on my own?” Insecurity will on occasion create a desire to change that which is inherited to “personalize” the ministry. It is my personal feeling that a great mistake is made when we place a young man in a position of leadership that he has not earned.

Finally, I have seen men who have built their ministries on strong, Bible-based conviction come to the end of their ministry and like Hezekiah, they want peace in their generation not considering the generation to come. It is very easy for an older preacher to become battle-weary and to want to conclude his ministry in peace. One of the constant motivations of my ministry is, “It is not how I started the race that is important, but how I end the race.” The reward is not reckoned until the race is run.



NEWS BITS

FROM HERE AND THERE

DICTATORS ON PARADE-

The 2/11/07 issue of *Parade* featured an article on “The World’s 10 Worst Dictators.” This will give *The Voice in the Wilderness* readers a look at the violent and troubled world into which the Gospel must go. David Wallechinsky wrote: “There are more than 70 countries ruled by dictators who exercise arbitrary authority over their citizens and who cannot be removed from power through legal means. These tyrants suppress the freedoms of speech and religion, and the right to a fair trial. Some also commit torture, execute opponents and starve their own people. *PARADE*’s annual list is drawn in part on report from Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, Reporters Without Borders and the U. S. State Department. Notably, there are two leaders who did not make this year’s list: Saparmurat Niyazov of Turkmenistan, No. 8 last year, died in December; and Fidel Castro, No. 15, relinquished power in Cuba to his brother Raul on July 31.” Here is the list of men from 1-10, their country, their ranking from last year and brief description of what they have done. Omar Al-Bashir is the dictator of the Sudan. Because of his followers having murdered over 200,000 people the last 4 years, he has been ranked no. 1 last year as well as this year. Kim Jong-Il, who was also ranked no. 2 last year, has been in power for over 10 years. You may remember that he

was the leader of North Korea who tested a nuclear bomb. It is stated that the people of North Korea are “more shut off from the world than those of any other nation.” The next is the Ayatollah Khamenei of Iran. Although Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is the president of the country, Sayyid Ali Khamenei and the 12-man Guardian Council control all of the countries foreign and domestic decisions. The Ayatollah was ranked no. 9 last year. Number 4 this year has jumped up 2 spots from 6. Hu Jintao of China has allowed many human-rights abuses to continue in his country. The U. S. State Department has listed 22 areas, which include torture, forced abortions, forced labor, detention of religious groups, government corruption and restrictions on speech and the media, as areas in which China needs to improve. King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia is no. 5 on this year’s list. He also has come up 2 places from no. 7 last year. In his country, it is illegal for a citizen to practice any other religion but Islam. The children are taught in schools to be anti-Christian and anti-Semitic. The U. S. State Department said that last year Saudi Arabia was one of the top 8 offenders of religious freedom. Then Shwe of Burma has fallen down from 3rd to 6th place. This man loves to keep secrets. The people of his country are still waiting for a new constitution that was promised to them 17 years ago. Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe has also fallen 3 places

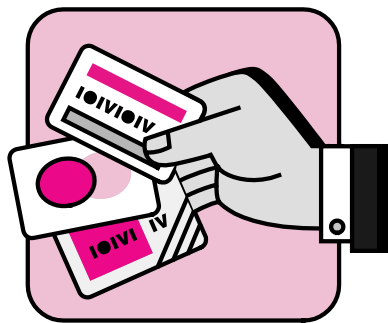
to no. 7. The life expectancy in Zimbabwe is 37 for men and 34 for women (the shortest life expectancy in the world). The country also boasts of the greatest percentage of orphans and the worst annual inflation rate. In 2002, Mugabe allowed an election and won, after the leading opponent was arrested for treason. No. 8 has also fallen 3 places. Islam Karimov has been president of Uzbekistan during and after the collapse of the Soviet Union. He remains in power by using media censorship and fake elections. Muammar Al-Qaddafi has come up 2 places to no. 9. In power since he was 27, Qaddafi has ruled Libya for 38 years. Because he went 6 months without funding terrorism, President Bush removed Libya from a list of state sponsors of terrorism. And to round out the top 10 is Bashar Al-Assad of Syria. The most unlikely of the dictators, Assad was called home from London, where he was doing postgraduate work in ophthalmology, to be trained by his father to run the country. His administration has been implicated in the assassination in Lebanon. This is why he has come up from 16 last year to 10 this year. Numbers 11-20 are as follows: Teodoro Obiang Nguema of Equatorial Guinea, King Mswati III of Swaziland, Isayas Afewerki of Eritrea, Aleksandr Lukashenko of Belarus, Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, Choummaly Sayasone of Laos, Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia,

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Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Paul Biya of Cameroon, and Vladimir Putin of Russia.

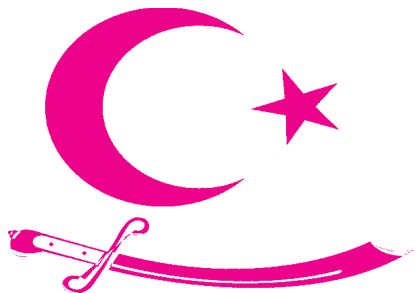
SHOW ME THE WAY- The Mexican government is planning to issue 200,000 GPS (Global Positioning System) for those who want to enter the United States illegally. A Mexican university, which is developing the locators, would give them to the immigrants once they have registered their intentions with the Mexican government. The devices, which would be monitored by U. S. and Mexican border agents, would be activated if a person got lost during his excursion into the United States. Jaime Obregon, migrant coordination for the state of Puebla, said, "There are lots of people looking to cross and we are working with the U. S. authorities to make sure they do not die on the way." *GPS World Feb. 2007* {Editor: Dear Mr. Bush: When will we protect our border, deal with illegal aliens and stop pandering to countries that blatantly violate U. S. law?}



CREDIT CARDS FOR ALL-

Bank of America has begun a new program that will issue credit cards to illegal immigrants. This "pilot program" is now operational at 51 Los Angeles, CA, branches. If it is successful there, the bank will turn it into a nationwide policy by 2008. The applicants for the card will not need to have a Social Security number or proof of legal residency. Federal www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org

laws prohibit the encouragement of illegal aliens to come across the borders. Russ Knocke, spokesman for Homeland Security, said, "At face value the program seems to be problematic. It seems to be lending itself to possibilities of perpetrating identity theft or creating more risk for money laundering." *JudicialWatch.org 2/16/07*



REWRITING HISTORY AGAIN-

The Washington Times (2/5/07) tells us that, contrary to popular opinion, Rep. Keith Ellison (D, Minn.) is not the first Muslim to serve in Congress. In fact, the first was elected in 1799 and served periodically till 1834. According to Christian historian David Barton, John Randolph of Virginia was the first Muslim to represent his constituency in the House of Representatives. Mr. Barton also said that there "were numerous Muslims living in America" at that time. He continues on to tell us that "during the founding era, like today, there was great concern over the possibility of a Muslim being elected to Congress. That concern was heightened by the fact that at that time, like now, America was involved in a war on terror against Islamic terrorists." That war, called the Barbary Powers War, lasted during the presidencies of George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison. By the way, Mr. Randolph was converted from Islam to Christianity by Francis Scott Key.

BYE-BYE- A number of officials who served during the Clinton administration have forsaken their former boss and his wife. They are working for other Democratic rivals for the 2008 ticket. Abner Mikva, former White House counsel, is working with Barack Obama. "I knew Obama before I went to the White House. I have a high regard for Hillary. I think Barack will be a better candidate and has a better chance of winning," said Mr. Mikva. Other Clintonistas are backing Christopher Dodd, Joe Biden and John Edwards. *NewsMax.com 2/5/07*



Nuggets of Gold

- God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- Some minds are like concrete—thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- God's answers are wiser than our prayers.
- "We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking only to learn that it is God shaking them." – Charles West
- Begin to weave and God will give you the thread.
- The winds of God are always blowing, but you must set the sails.
- "How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Christ enter in."- Oscar Wilde
- "God gave us memories that we might have roses in December." –Sir James Barrie
- "All that is not eternal . . . is out of date."- C. S. Lewis
- "To train a man mentally without training him spiritually is to make him a menace to society." –President Theodore Roosevelt

"The First and The Last"

Will and Testament

Celebrating the Risen Christ

You have been summonsed for the reading of the WILL. The document is here, the declarations are made, and now the choice is yours. So say ye? The Testator has spoken – so say ye?

The Book I hold in my hand is divided into the Old and New Testaments. In the final book of the New Testament, Chapter 22, verses 13 and 17, these two phrases are recorded.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. And whosoever will, let him take...

Some sixty-plus major prophecies were fulfilled by this Testator. Prophecies that could in no way be affected by man. The chance of a man fulfilling just eight of these prophecies would be one in ten to the power of 17, that's "1" with seventeen zeros. Ten to the power of 17 equals the number of silver dollars that it would take to cover the state of Texas two-feet deep. Now mark one of those silver dollars, stir the whole mass all over the state, blindfold someone, and tell them to pick up one silver dollar, trying to find the one you marked. What chance would that man have of getting the silver dollar you marked? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing just eight of these prophecies and having one man fulfill them all. The only way the prophecies could become true is by the revelation of an all-knowing God,

given by inspiration to the writers.

Now consider 48 prophecies. That would be one in ten to the power of 157. How about 61 major prophecies? These prophecies alone prove Jesus is who He says He is.

From the ultimate divine high court to the courts of man's honest scrutiny, "The First" and "The Last" Testament has been examined, cross-examined, and re-examined. The finding is irrefutable validity and authenticity.

Students of Hebrew scriptures and Israeli researchers at Hebrew University with powerful computer programs have found that "within the great Messianic prophetic passages, God has hidden at equally spaced intervals in the Hebrew text the incredible message 'Yeshua is My Name.'" Yacov Rambsel and Grant Jeffrey have written extensively about this research.

"Incredibly, the original Hebrew name of Jesus, *Yeshua* was found encoded in the Book of Genesis beginning with the very first verse Genesis 1:1, 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.' Starting with the very first word in the Bible, *B'raisheet* 'In the beginning' the name of Jesus, *Yeshua*, is found encoded.

"A passage in the Book of Genesis declared that the Lord provided 'coats of skin' for Adam and Eve to cover their nakedness after they sinned: 'And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his

wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.' (Genesis 3:20,21). This was a prophetic sign of the perfect sacrifice of the Lamb of God to cover the sins of all those who would confess and ask Christ to forgive them. However, this important passage also contains a hidden message about Jesus. Beginning with the last Hebrew letter *heh* in Genesis 3:20 and counting forward every ninth letter we find the word *Yoshiah* meaning 'He will save.' The word *Yoshiah* is a Hebrew equivalent name for *Yeshua* (Jesus). This encoded name *Yoshiah*, meaning 'He will save,' found in the first few verses of the Old Testament reminds us of the parallel message given to the young virgin Mary by the angel that 'thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) as recorded in the first few verses of the New Testament in Matthew 1:21. The sacred message in Genesis 3:20, 21 containing a reference to Jesus is confirmed by the fact that another code revealing the name *Yeshua* is also hidden in this passage. Beginning with the letter *ayin* in the Hebrew the word for 'coats of skin' and counting forward every seventh letter spells out another form of the word *Yeshua*.

"One of the most astonishing features is that the clearly Messianic passages of the Old Testament often contain the name *Yeshua*-Jesus-encoded beneath the text of the words

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of the prophecy about the coming of the Messiah Jesus. As an example, Yacov found the name *Yeshua* embedded in the text of Isaiah 53:10 that prophesied about the grief of our Lord and the atoning sacrifice that Christ made for our sins when He was offered as the Lamb of God, a perfect sacrifice, on the cross two thousand years ago. 'Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand' (Isaiah 53:10). Beginning with the second Hebrew letter *yod* that appears in the phrase 'He shall prolong,' *ya'arik*, Yacov counted forward every twentieth letter and discovered that the phrase—*Yeshua*—*Shmi* which means 'Yeshua [Jesus] is my name' was encoded in this verse that teaches us about the suffering Messiah who died to atone for our sins. Mathematical experts that have calculated the probability of this astonishing combination 'Yeshua [Jesus] is my name' would occur by random chance in this Messianic prophecy in Isaiah is one chance in 50 quadrillion, an inconceivable number!

"One of the most well known of the Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament describes the exact price of Christ's betrayal, namely 30 pieces of silver. Over five hundred years before the birth of Jesus the prophet Zechariah gave this prediction: 'And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver' (Zechariah 11:12). The phrase in the verse that reads 'My price' is *se'kari*. Beginning with the *yod* Yacov counted forward every 24th letter and found the word

Yeshua. In this hidden message, as He did throughout the Scriptures, the Lord inspired the writers of the Old Testament to chose specific Hebrew words and precise spelling to create this phenomenon. Here in the exact prophecy that five hundred years earlier, described the precise price of our Lord's betrayal, God chose to include a hidden encoded message to His chosen people that identified forever the name of the promised Messiah—'Yeshua—Jesus.'

"The prophet Isaiah announced centuries before the birth of Christ that He would come as the great liberator to mankind. This prophecy of the Great Jubilee at the end of this age reminded Israel that their Messiah would finally cancel all their debts and proclaim liberty to all of those who were captives to sin. 'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because The Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek. He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound: to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn' (Isaiah 61:1,2). Starting with the *yod* in the phrase, The Spirit of the Lord God, *Ruach Adonai Yehovah*, counting nine letters from left to right spells *Yeshua*. In addition, Yacov discovered that the word *Oshiya*, was also encoded beginning with the last letter aleph in the second verse and counting every 36th letter from left to right. This word *Oshiya* means, 'I will save' and is a variation on the word *Yeshua*—'Jesus' as we saw earlier in Genesis 3:20."*

So now the accuser and skeptic arrives on the scene and say, "*Coddie smoddie* that's a batch of manipulated *mumbo jumbo*." Proverbs 25:2 says

"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter." Possibly the first book of the Old Testament to be written asks this question recorded in Job 38:31 "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?" Pleiades—is ever in motion. Can you bind these stars? Or stay them from movement? But who does hold them together? Then look at Orion tonight, a week later, a month, and a year. It does not change. The three stars that form the belt of Orion have been in that position since God ask Job the question. You cannot make the stars of Orion's belt come apart anymore than you can hold the stars of Pleiades together.

Long before modern science and telescopes, how did Job know these things? "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens" (Psalm 8:1).

*Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
in their courses above,
Join with all nature
in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.*

There are no hidden codes in the Hebrew text.

All those prophecies about Jesus—that's just Bible and religion.

That God stuff is for weak people who need a crutch to lean upon.

Men doubt, deny, and determine to believe what they want to believe. Undeniable is the fact that we are here, this vast, complex universe, our world, mankind and all that is, was and shall ever be. You will live and die and death will close the door on who you are and what you believe in

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

AND COMMENTS

RETURN OF THE GODS- A small number of Greeks are reviving the worship of the god Zeus. Doretta Peppa, who is leading this Greek revival, has asked the government for permission for her and her followers to worship at the ancient Temple of Olympian Zeus. Mrs. Peppa, who is involved in the New Age philosophy, said, "We will issue a call for peace, who can be opposed to that?" *World* 2/3/07

REFORMED RAP- The same issue of *World* (2/3/07) tells us of a new sweep of music in our churches. Curtis "Voice" Allen, a hip-hop artist, recently "performed" at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis. Pastor John Piper told the group that met for the Saturday evening concert that Mr. Allen's music would " 'thump' a bit more than typical Bethlehem fare." Here are some of the lyrics of "Voice" songs: "I been exposed to bright lights, the doctrines of grace, I'm elected, imputed, perfected, becuz [sic] of the power of God resurrected and his gift of faith, that when we see his face we're not rejected." "All rap is, is the lust of the flesh that is easily seen through drugs and sex. All rap is, is the lust of the eyes, almost any video can help you realize that all rap is, is the boasting of what he has and does from how we live to MTV cribs. I ain't hatin' but to me rap's the glorification of what led Christ to propitiation." "So God do you accept my contribution? Does 10 • *Voice in the Wilderness* • April 2007

hip-hop not get props with your son? . . . Lord let me know, is the flow inherently evil?" Christcentric is another group that has this style of music. Quincy Jones, one of the three members of the group, said, "We didn't know if our goal of really having our music saturated with the Scriptures and with theology would even be marketable." Titles for Christcentric's latest CD are: "Redemptive History", "Didactic Music", and "Tulip". Chege Njoroge, another member of Christcentric, had this to say about hip-hop: "As long as the music is not glorifying the culture and putting the focus on the artist that is performing it and as long as it is God-glorifying and Christ-focused and causes the listeners to reflect upon the goodness and graciousness of the Lord, then there's a place for it. The danger of hip-hop is that it's a pride-driven culture and that can carry over into the church." {Editor: These men and those who buy into their philosophy need to look at II Corinthians 6:14-18.}



WMD'S- WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION- Students of God's Word understand the root conflict and present struggles

in the Middle East. Even though governments, dictators, religious heads and extremist leaders may have public and hidden agendas, God's people know our sovereign Lord is in control. As I have traveled and met individuals from various nations, religion and backgrounds, repeatedly these people express a desire to be left alone to eke out a living for their families. Yet, around the world, evil men devise the devastation of those who do not believe as they do. Apparently war is an acceptable means to cause the perceived enemy to submit. Sadly, that makes war a forced option for peace loving people.

In the context of the Middle East, war has produced results. In 1948, Israel defeated 5 Arab armies bent on its destruction. In 1956, Israel forced Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal, ensuring the continuation of world trade. In 1967, Syria, Egypt and Jordan were prevented from pushing Israel into the Mediterranean Sea. Don't forget the war of Gog and Magog is soon to come.

Remember 9/11? - The brutal terrorist's attacks and ultimately the removal of Saddam Hussein. Now where were the WMDs? Georges Sada reveals in his book *Saddam's Secrets: How an Iraqi General Defied and Survived Saddam Hussein* the location of Iraq's WMDs. The following is taken from *Israel My Glory* (January/February 2007).

"In Iraq he was known as General Georges, former air vice marshal in

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Saddam Hussein's military and one of Saddam's top advisors. His name is Georges Sada, and he is a Christian. His book *Saddam's Secrets*, published in 2006 divulges stunning information on Iraq's enormous stash of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs, now in Syria), as well as Saddam's plan in 1990 to attack Israel with three types of chemical weapons: the nerve gas Tabun plus Sarin 1 and Sarin 2."

Here are excerpts from this outstanding book.

"Iraqi engineers were very good at manufacturing chemical weapons systems for artillery shells, rockets, missiles, and other ordinance. By August 2002, Saddam was convinced the Americans were coming; but even then the chemical and mechanical engineers continued building and developing all these systems, on into 2003 and after the American invasion began.

"As a former general officer who not only saw these weapons but witnessed them being used. . . I know the names of some of those who were involved in smuggling WMDs out of Iraq in 2002 and 2003. I know the names of officers of the front company, SES, who received the weapons from Saddam. I know how and when they were transported and shipped out of Iraq. And I know how many aircraft were actually used and what types of planes they were.

"Much to his [Saddam's] good fortune, a natural disaster in neighboring Syria provided the perfect cover story for moving large number of those things out of the country.

"Iraq did have weapons of mass destruction both before and after 1991, and I can assure you they were used. They were used on our own people. They were used in artillery shells, cannons, and by aerial dispersion

of toxins by both helicopters and fixed-wind aircraft against Saddam's enemies.

"How Saddam hid these weapons and equipment prior to and during the second Gulf War involves another brilliant bit of deception. Saddam had ordered our weapons teams to hide the WMDs in places no military commander or United Nations weapons inspector would expect to find them. So they hid them in schools, private homes, banks, business offices, and even on trucks that were kept constantly moving back and forth from one end of the country to the other. And then fate stepped in.

"On June 4, 2002, a three-mile-long irrigation dam collapsed, which had been drawing water from the Orontes River in northwestern district of Zeyzoun, Syria. This inundated three small villages and destroyed scores of homes. When Syrian President Bashar al-Assad asked for help from Jordan and Iraq, Saddam knew what he would do. For him, the disaster in Syria was a gift, and there went Iraq's WMDs, posing as shipments of supplies and equipment to aid the relief effort.

"Who would suspect commercial airliners of carrying deadly toxins and contraband technology out of the country? So the planes were reconfigured. All the passenger seats, galleys and toilets, storage compartments, and other related equipment that would be needed for civilian passengers were removed, and new flooring was installed. The airliners were then used for transporting hundreds of tons of chemicals, armaments, and other paraphernalia into Syria under the cover of a mission of mercy to help a stricken nation.

"Eventually there were fifty-six sorties. Commercial 747s and

727s moved these things out of the country. He arranged for most of these shipments to be taken to Syria and handed over to ordinance specialists there who promised to hold everything for as long as necessary."

Mr. Sada is currently the director of the Iraqi Institute for Peace and the spokesman for the prime minister of Iraq. He says that he survived Saddam's regime because he "trusted me. He couldn't trust most of his generals to tell him the truth because of their fear of him. So he would often say to me, 'At least Georges will tell me the truth.'"

CURE OR CAUSE? - Reuters reports that more than 25% of U. S. girls and women ranging from ages 14-59 are infected with an STD (sexually transmitted disease) wart virus that causes most cervical cancer. This revelation means that the human papillomavirus (HPV) is more common than previously considered. Last June, the FDA approved the use of Gardasil (a vaccine made by Merck) for girls and young women ages 9-26. The CDC recommends that girls between 11 and 12 routinely get vaccinated. www.aol.com/news/2/28/07 {Editor: Surely a mandatory vaccination would not be imposed on young girls when the virus primarily is due to SIN. May God help this America.}

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RESPECTER OF PERSONS?

Churches have them. Youth groups have them. Christian schools and Bible colleges even have them. What are they? Those little, exclusive, close knit phenomenons called cliques. Often it is hard to explain how they work, but cliques are interesting to observe. I have personally seen young people brought to tears by being excluded! Church people have dropped out because they felt like an outsider never really fitting in with the inner circle of the congregation. Preachers and Pastors have their cliques. These exclusive fellowships of preachers – “if you ain’t in you are out!” Again what clicks for a Clique? Exactly what do you do or how do you look to be a clique-ee? How does a potential “clique-or”

apply to become a “clique-ee”?

Even at preaching conferences it’s true. One guest speaker or missionary gets the Hilton with room service and concierge while another gets Motel 6 and the light is burnt out. Surely this smacks of “Respecter of Persons.” Granted there are budgets, limitations and constraints. Yes, some individuals have achieved honors and recognition for life’s achievements that another who may be as godly a servant has not. Out of necessity, the President gets the suite while the footman stays in the commoner’s quarters. It is a complicated balance to achieve in the Lord’s work. Some get the call to come up hither while others keep their seat at the back. All that said there is still no excuse

for cliques.

In some groups, Denominational hierarchies, and even churches the stranger is not welcome. “Who are you and what are you doing here?” Why in the First Church of Clique you will get some glaring looks that could melt steel. Granted not all people are people-people. There are some loners among us who make no effort or have any desire to fit in or fellowship with the local church body. However, we as His church must never be the obstacle to a soul coming to Christ or another believer in need of encouragement connecting with brothers and sisters for help. So click off on cliques for there should be no place for such in His church!



A LESSON FROM A FARMER



There is a story told of Davy Crockett while he was representing the state of Tennessee in Congress. One evening, while he and some companions were on the Capitol steps, Mr. Crockett saw the unmistakable orange glow of a fire in Georgetown. He and his companions hurried to aid the villagers put out the fire. The next morning, Congress decided to give the people \$20,000 to help them recover their losses. Congressman Crockett voted in favor of the bill.

The following summer, Mr. Crockett was on the campaign trail gaining support for his return to Congress. Davy met a farmer named Horatio Bunce who was described as “. . . widely known for his remarkable intelligence and incorruptible integrity, and for a heart brimful and running over with kindness and benevolence, which showed themselves not only in word but in acts . . .” Although Mr. Bunce had not received a formal education, he was endowed with common sense. He also kept up with what was happening in Washington, and knew of the \$20,000 given to the people of Georgetown. Mr. Bunce declared to the Congressman that, “I shall not vote for you again.” Upon asking why, Mr. Crockett was informed that the gift was unconstitutional. “It is not the amount, Colonel, that I complain of; it is the principle . . . Congress has no right to give charity. Individual members may give as much of their own money as they please, but they have no right to touch a dollar of the public money for that purpose. The people have delegated to Congress, by the Constitution, the power to do certain things. To do these, it is authorized to collect and pay moneys, and for nothing else. Everything beyond this is usurpation, and a violation of the Constitution.” Upon this statement from the farmer, Congressman Davy Crockett realized the error of his ways. Promising to mend his voting record, Mr. Crockett gained a valuable ally in his reelection bid. The two became close friends, and Davy remembered the lesson that he learned from the farmer. *Taken from: American Government and Economics - A Beka Book, Pensacola, FL, 1991*



Dear Friends:

The heart of the King is in the hand of the Lord - Proverbs 21:1. Without a doubt, our sovereign Saviour and God is on His throne. So let not your heart be troubled but at the same time, be vigilant for Satan is on the prowl. As watchmen we must sound the warning for the very souls of our friends and families. The same Eternal One who reigneth forever has called His people to battle with the forces of darkness. Just in America alone evil is claiming souls as the clock of time ticks.

Never would I have thought in my brief life would this nation plunge so low. Judges striking down state laws allowing "same-sex couples" to adopt while refusing charities the power to place adoptions because that organization based on conviction will not place children with "same-sex couples." Then tax funded public education is force feeding vulnerable school children the belief in a life style of perversion. These militant sodomites spew their propaganda at corporate level with "diversity training" and in apostate churches as diabolical bishops promote and perform homosexual unions.

From public television to comic books, this cesspool flows into the heart of America. May God help us. America is under attack from within. Please dear reader, take up the Sword of the Spirit and fight the good fight of faith.

Many of *The Voice in the Wilderness* readers understand the times and know from the stand

point of a biblical worldview the urgency of the hour. I confess that when Mr. Bush took office, professing to be a Christian, a brief glimmer of reprieve was anticipated. However, Mr. Bush has taken no serious action toward the Clintons' criminal and treasonous reign. To add insult to injury, President George W. Bush's Dad has hopped into the bed of Bill and Hillary's adultery.

The President's pork budgets, the expansion of the obese federal government, U.S. borders left vulnerable plus a ridiculous "guest worker program" and obviously a non-biblical understanding of the Middle East and Islam reveal at minimum a discernment void of scriptural enlightenment. Self-serving, personal agenda driven politicians seemingly have not a clue how close this country is to the precipice.

My wife and I were appalled when conservative economist Water Williams demonstrated his lack of discernment in defending this country's run-away debt. We, the U.S., are slave to the lender and in bondage to the World Bank. Talk Rockefellers and Rothschilds but be not deceived, the One World Government with its Satanically empowered leader is waiting in the wings. Sadly, war with weapons and money flowing on both sides and both ways is fueling this debt bondage. The World Bank, World despots, and UN organizations are in consent with the One World Plan. Like puppets on a string, big energy and oil companies are pieces to the puzzle. Private

property seizures are no accident. The enemy is pushing to gain control of your assets and privacy all clearly a part of end-time events. So what do we do?

1. Examine your heart to be sure you are in the faith. *II Cor. 13:5*
2. Put on the whole armour of God. *Eph. 6:11-18*
3. Be able to give a reason for your hope. *I Peter 3:15*
4. Have a biblical worldview. *Lk. 10:2-3*
5. Contend for the faith. *Jude 3*
6. Watch, work and wait. *II Tim. 4:5-8*
7. Having done all, stand. *Eph. 6:13-14*

P.S. Please keep in mind as a child of God we are in the world but not of this world. Operating all about us is a corrupt, ungodly system. In my home state of North Carolina, just this week I was reminded how laughably ridiculous our government is. The politician in NC who illegally called a session to ramrod the lottery in NC has been found criminally guilty, removed from office and faces imprisonment. Can you believe NC gave him \$30,000.00 to answer charges and now the state wants it back. From state to federal, it's a wasteful joke. I recall the day Congress ran out of money and had to shut down. Paul Harvey asked on his radio broadcast if anyone missed them (Congress, that is). The obvious answer was – NO!



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this vapor of time.

We have this Testament of the Power, Provision, and Promise of Almighty God. This is HIS WILL—"The First and The Last."

The key that fits all the questions of life, death, and beyond is written herein. Now—how say ye? What be your WILL? Revelation 22:13 and 17 contain these two phrases, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." "And whosoever will, let him take...."

What is your WILL in the matter?

The preacher was asked, "What is the greatest challenge in your ministry?" He replied, "Keeping the windows clean." That was obviously a rather peculiar response. This preacher had a ministry working with children who had down syndrome. With all the complexities of taking care of individuals with such special needs, how could the biggest challenge be "keeping the windows clean?" Everyday the children are taught about Jesus – Jesus Loves them – Jesus is their Saviour – and Jesus is coming soon. Over and over the boys and girls are taught about Jesus and that Jesus is coming soon. They had become so enthusiastic about the return of Jesus, that everyday they go to the windows of the home and press their little faces against the glass, looking up into the heavens, for the appearance of Jesus. So the preacher responded by simply saying, "The biggest challenge was keeping the windows clean!"

O' the precious promises to all who believe.

O' the powerful prophesies in the Testaments.

So say ye?

*Jeffrey - Signature of God.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

On April 20, 1718, one of the giants of the faith was born. With his interpreter Moses Tinda Tautamy, David Brainerd rode his horse along the Susquehannan and Delaware Rivers witnessing to the Indians. Dying at the age of 29, Mr. Brainerd did not have a great number of converts; but his life influenced millions around the world. He once wrote: "Oh how precious is time, and how it pains me to see it slide away, while I do so little to any good purpose. Oh, that God would make me more fruitful."



The greatest playwright the world has ever known was also born in April. Born April 23, 1564, and, after writing 37 plays, William Shakespeare died on April 23, 1616. In his will, Mr. Shakespeare wrote: "I commend my soul into the hands of God, my Creator, hoping and assuredly believing, through the only merits of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, to be made partaker of life everlasting."



ON THE LIGHT SIDE

An acquaintance of mine who is a physician told this story about her then 4-year-old daughter.

On the way to preschool, the doctor had left her stethoscope on the car seat, and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it.

"Be still, my heart," thought my friend, "my daughter wants to follow in my footsteps!"

Then the child spoke into the instrument:

"Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



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Study The Word

"Priorities..."

"YE SHALL..."

"Well for me, it's God, family and church. That's the order of priority in my life."

Over the years, I have heard "good" people discuss this matter and even preachers preach a sermon or two on the subject. If you were going to list the priorities of life, it might seem reasonable and righteous to start with God first, then family and church, and possibly adding country or career somewhere on the end. Certainly, the Pastor was correct when he said, "My family is not centered around the church - we build our home around Christ." Then the comment was made: "This brother's family is not church, church, church, they enjoy sports and recreation as well."

Luther said, "Shake the tree and you will see if there is any fruit." When men are bumped and jostled or confronted about that sensitive area it will be obvious what spills out. Is there a quick and sharp defense, or a slow and sweet response? Often, we will carry that spiritual chip on our shoulder just waiting for some pious so-and-so to knock it off. Are we not all rather opinionated people? Each has his little box prejudiced by family upbringing, custom, culture or regional eccentricities. Beware - that box may be a trap.

In Acts 1:7, the Lord Jesus responds to the disciples' inquiry with a firm "It is not for you to know..." Of course, the Master Teacher in all His wisdom sets it all in order. God's timetable and His priorities will secure success!

In this lesson, let us look at two little words. "Ye shall." Note the following:

1. "Ye shall be baptized..."
2. "Ye shall receive power..."
3. "Ye shall be witnesses..."

Thank God for His presence, power and purpose in our lives. His presence dwells within us and is with us in all of life in the person of His Holy Spirit. His

Spirit comforts and guides us, and His Spirit empowers us to walk the walk of faith. His Spirit gives us the power to talk the talk of faith. Yes, "Ye shall be witnesses." Explain to me how one born from above, baptized with the Holy Ghost and empowered by His presence could be anything less than a witness of that glorious gift.

Oh, by the way, that priority stuff - God, family,

church, work, school, sports, whatever. The truth of the matter is, if we get the vertical relationship right, we will get the horizontal relationships right. That is if our heart is right with God (vertical) our lives can be properly ordered (horizontally). Matthew 6:33 says, "...seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness (the vertical) and all these things (the horizontal) shall be added unto you." The truth is if Christ is all in all, a lot of the trivial nonsense of this world will be taken care of. Try it and "Ye shall" see.



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"A Walk through the Book of Acts"

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TOUCHING HEARTS FOR CHRIST

“I’ve done that [prayed for salvation] before, but I didn’t mean it. This time, I really want Jesus to forgive me – I really mean it!”

How precious for Aquila-Priscilla Ministry (Steve and Rebekah Lilly) to teach the Asheville City children about God’s forgiveness of sin and promise of an eternal home in Heaven. Over 35 children attend the Bible club, learning songs, verses, and Scriptural lessons. In times of drugs, alcohol, and abuse in homes, dad’s in jail, mom’s nowhere to be found, decreasingly low academic standards, no discipline structure or biblical love in schools, the greater the need has become to “train up a child in the way he should go.” During the course of the 2006 Bible clubs, APM witnessed many understand Christ’s love for the first time, learn of their sin and need for a Saviour, and listened to little ones ask Jesus to make them a perfect home in heaven. In February, five children prayed for salvation! With only a couple of months left for this school year’s Bible Club, APM with the help of a new Asheville church plant, is striving to use every minute to teach and reinforce God’s truths to these children. Please pray for minds to understand God’s truths and little hearts to yearn for God’s forgiveness and accept His salvation.

YOU CAN TOUCH APM’S BOYS AND GIRLS

APM has determined to not forget the children during the summer, but to reach them through one special week of Bible club in July. During this week, each child will be presented with his own New Testament with salvation passages highlighted for easy reference. APM anticipates 100 children in attendance. What an opportunity to be able to place God’s salvation plan in 100 homes! APM NEEDS YOUR HELP! You can fund a KJB New Testament to be given to a child in the APM Summer Bible Club for as little as \$1.00. A label with your name will be affixed to the inside cover of the Bible so that the child will know that a special person desires for them to know more about God. If you can help with this project, please send your monetary gift to: *The Voice in the Wilderness – ATTN: APM Bible Club – PO Box 7037 – Asheville, NC 28802.* (If funds received exceed the amount needed for Bibles, additional funds will be used to further help APM’s missionary endeavors.) APM counts it a privilege to serve the Lord with you, and as Mrs. Spurgeon said regarding her Preachers’ Book Fund, “This is a real cry for help; will it not touch the heart of any who can respond to it?”



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