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"Blessed be the LORD God of *Israel*; For He hath visited and redeemed *His* people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for *us* in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That *we* should be saved from *our* enemies and from the hand of all that hate *us*; to perform the mercy promised to *our* fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to *our* father Abraham, That he would grant unto *us*, that *we* being delivered out of the hand of *our* enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of *our* lives." Luke 1:68-75; the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian people are *ISRAEL!*

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"An Examination Of Justification By Faith ONLY"

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INTRODUCTION

Most of the systematic theology of today's Christendom is divided into two main camps. Arminianism or Calvinism. The former promotes the Free Will of man while the latter touts the Predestination of a sovereign God. One teaches justification by works; the other justification by faith **only**. Great debates and schisms have been bitterly fought between these two rivers of thought—even to the point of causing division and splits in denominations and movements.

However, like many other hotly contested viewpoints, there is usually more than just the two predominate publicized views. For example, all "Christian" churches are NOT either Catholic or Protestant. There were many non-Catholic churches prior to the Protestant Reformation of the 1500s. And there are still churches today that are neither Catholic nor Protestant.

Another example is the apparent opposing viewpoints of evolution and Christian Fundamentalism. While they differ on the issue of HOW the earth and man came into being—by chance or by a divine Creator—they, nevertheless, both teach regrettably the same anti-Biblical doctrine of the origin of the races: that each race was not created but evolved! The Evolutionist proclaims that all races originated from a single mass of protoplasm in a swampy area in ages long ago, while the Fundamental Creationist believes that all races originated from ONE created man, Adam, only six thousand years ago and/or from the man Noah only 4500 years ago. [they teach that if Adam and Eve were mulattos (mixed breeds) their children could be anything from pure white to pure black and everything in between, in one generation, CIM]

Likewise, Arminianism and Calvinism, while differing on WHO elects a person to salvation—man or God—they, nevertheless, both teach the same anti-biblical doctrine that the elect consists of individuals of all races regardless of the **exclusive** covenant that God made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Not all churches are Protestant Churches—daughters of Romanism. Not all Creationists are Fundamentalists. And not all of Christian theology has been or is either Arminian or Calvinistic. There is a third option.

A SHORT HISTORY OF CALVINISM FROM THE REFORMED THEOLOGY VIEW

The famous Calvinistic theologian, Lorraine Boettner, in his textbook of Reformed Theology—"The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination"—presents the history of Calvinism in chapter XXXVIII of his book. Since what he

writes may be very enlightening to many, I have chosen to quote the entire first paragraph of this chapter (although rewritten into three paragraphs with added emphases):

"It may occasion some surprise to discover that the doctrine of Predestination was not made a matter of special study until near the end of the fourth century. The earlier church fathers placed chief emphasis on good works such as faith, repentance, almsgiving, prayers, submission to baptism, etc., as the basis of salvation. They of course taught that salvation was through Christ; yet they assumed that man had full power to accept or reject the gospel.

Some of their writings contain passages in which the sovereignty of God is recognized; yet along side of those are others, which teach the absolute freedom of the human will. Since they could not reconcile the two they would have denied the doctrine of Predestination and perhaps also that of God's absolute Foreknowledge. They taught a kind of synergism in which there was a co-operation between grace and free will. It was hard for man to give up the idea that he could work out his own salvation. But at last, as a result of a long, slow process, he came to the great truth that salvation is a sovereign gift which has been bestowed irrespective of merit; that it was fixed in eternity; and that God is the author in all of its stages.

This cardinal truth of Christianity was **first clearly seen by Augustine**, the great Spirit-filled theologian of the West. In his doctrines of sin and grace, he went far beyond the earlier theologians, taught an unconditional election of grace, and restricted the purposes of redemption to the definite circle of the elect. **It will not be denied by anyone acquainted with Church History that Augustine was an eminently great and good man**, and that his labors and writings contributed more to the **promotion of sound doctrine and the revival of true religion** than did those of any other man between Paul and Luther."

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It must be noted that Boettner presents an opposite view of Augustine's doctrine as compared with other ecclesiastical historians. For example, the historian Neander observed that Augustine's teachings "contain the germ of the whole system of spiritual despotism, intolerance, and persecution, even to the Court of Inquisition."

Augustine instigated bitter persecution against the Bible-believing Donatists who were striving to maintain pure churches after the apostolic faith. In addition, this revered Roman Catholic convert, who abandoned his wife and child, taught many heresies, such as:

1. The Roman Catholic Church is the Kingdom of God.
2. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was sinless.
3. Purgatory is real.
4. Church tradition should be exalted above the Bible
5. The altering of the Ten Commandments by eliminating the 2nd Commandment (bowing down to statues—and other idolatries) and in its place dividing the 10th into two separate commandments.

In the next paragraph of Boettner's famous book, he makes an astonishing statement about Augustine:

"He (Augustine) taught that the whole race fell in Adam, that all men by nature are depraved and spiritually dead, that the will is free to sin but not free to do good toward God, that Christ suffered vicariously for His people, that God elects whom He will irrespective of their merits, and that saving grace is efficaciously applied to the elect by the Holy Spirit. He thus became the **first true interpreter of Paul** and was successful in securing the acceptance of his doctrine by the [Roman] Church."

Boettner then relates how from the time of Augustine to the time of the Reformation that "very little emphasis was placed on the doctrine of Predestination." This fact leads to Boettner's next section of his chapter and his revealing of a very important statement:

"The Reformation was essentially a revival of Augustinianism and through it evangelical; Christianity again came into its own. It is to be remembered that Luther, the first leader in the Reformation, was an **Augustinian monk** and that it was from this rigorous theology that he formulated his great principle of **justification by faith alone.**"

R.C. Sproul, in his book "*Faith Alone*," pages 18 and 19, details the importance of his doctrine in the Reformation churches:

"Luther called justification by faith alone 'the article upon which the church stands or falls' (*articulus stantis et cadentis ecclesiae*). This strong assertion of the central importance of justification was linked to Luther's identification of justification by faith alone (*sola fide*) with the gospel..."

Since the gospel stands at the heart of Christian faith, Luther and other Reformers regarded the debate concerning justification as one involving an essential truth of Christianity, a doctrine no less essential than the Trinity or the dual natures of Christ. Without the gospel the church falls. Without the gospel the church is no longer the church.

The logic followed by the Reformers is this:

1. Justification by faith alone is essential to the gospel.
2. The gospel is essential to Christianity and to salvation.
3. The gospel is essential to a church's being a true church.
4. To reject justification by faith alone is to reject the gospel and to fall as a church."

Revealingly, in the nine pages of the General Index of "*Faith Alone*," there is no mention of the word "covenant"! How can there be a discussion of the gospel without the mention of the covenant that was made with and the gospel that was preached unto Abraham—"In thee [Abraham] shall all nations [families] be blessed" (Galatians 3:8b, quoting Genesis 12:3)?

COMMENTS ON BOETTNER'S and SPROUL'S VIEWS

(1) To summarize Boettner's view on Calvinistic history and the gospel in a concise manner the following chart should be helpful:

<p>CHAIN OF TEACHING BOETTNER'S VIEW: Apostle Paul... Augustine.... Luther/Calvin INSTEAD OF: Simon Magus...Augustine.....Luther/Calvin</p>
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It certainly "may occasion some surprise to discover" what Boettner teaches in the few previously quoted paragraphs of his history of Calvinism on the previous pages of this issue: That the one man

1. Whose "labors and writings CONTRIBUTED MORE to the promotion of sound doctrine and the revival of true religion" than any other for 1500 years;
2. Who was "the FIRST true interpreter of Paul"; and
3. Who FIRST CLEARLY SAW "the cardinal truth of Christianity"— "the great truth that salvation is a sovereign gift that is bestowed irrespective of merit" and that "justification is by faith alone" was none other than the former pagan—AUGUSTINE.

To deny the understanding of the men who were taught by the Holy Spirit, like the Apostle John, and the men who were the disciples of the original Apostles is quite a state-

ment! To insinuate that Ignatius and Polycarp did not know about Predestination or how to interpret the Apostle Paul's writings, even though many knew and talked with him, is an amazing thought. ONLY Augustine knew the truth of God's true gospel!

How did he learn it? And if he learned the truth, then why did he join the Roman Catholic Church instead of one of the persecuted Christian churches who were separate from this Mystery Babylon monstrosity?

(2) According to Boettner, the cardinal truth of Christianity laid dormant for over a thousand years until the Augustinian monks—Martin Luther and John Calvin—revived Augustine's teachings. Thus, the Protestant Reformation was theologically nothing more than a revival of Augustine's view of "salvation by grace **alone.**" And since it had not been taught since the days of the Apostle Paul (except for the brief time of Augustine), the true gospel had been hidden all these years. Then how could anyone during this time ever have been saved—be they Catholic or non-Catholic, according to Boettner and Sproul?

(3) If, according to Boettner, the Protestant Reformation was a revival of Augustine's theological views, then the Protestant Reformation was a re-establishment of Roman Catholic theology of the days of Augustine.

(4) If, according to R.C. Sproul, the test of a true church is their teaching on "justification by faith **alone**," then Augustine joined a Catholic Church that could not have been a true church by that definition—for they did not believe that aforementioned doctrine until they were persuaded by Augustine.

(5) Therefore, according to Boettner and Sproul, there were no true churches in the entire world from the death of the Apostle Paul till the Protestant Reformation, except for a few brief years when the Roman Catholic Church accepted Augustine's teachings.

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WHERE DID AUGUSTINE LEARN HIS DOCTRINE?

Augustine was a disciple of the first pope of Rome—Simon Peter—also known as Simon Magus and Simon the InterPrETER, mentioned in chapter eight of the book of Acts. Simon Magus, called the “father of all heresies” by the famous church historian Eusebius, was both rebuked by the Apostle Peter and prophetically warned that unless he repented he would be a cause of bitterness and corruption to others. This hopeful usurper, who failed in his attempt to buy himself the office of an Apostle, later went to Rome and fulfilled that prophecy by establishing a rival counterfeit church system.

Justin Martyr in his *First Apology*, written in A.D. 138 or 139, tells how this first pope “in the royal city of Rome, in the time of Claudius Caesar, Simon so astonished the holy Senate and the Roman people that he was worshipped as a god and honoured with a statue.” Justin also informs his readers the important fact that Simon and his disciples—Meander and Marcion, “were all called CHRISTIANS.”

So, this man who taught Augustine “[Simon] appeared among the Jews as the Son, in Samaria as the Father and among other nations as the Holy Spirit” (Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, i.16) and who was glorified by great multitudes as god and who was called along with his disciples as “Christians” (Justin Martyr, *First Apology*) has deceived many people down through the ages. And Simon's doctrine?

“Simon taught that the precepts of the law and the prophets were inspired by the angels in the desire to reduce men to slavery, but those who believed on him and Helen [his wife], since they were delivered from the sinister tyranny of the law, were free to act as they would. **FOR MEN ARE SAVED BY HIS GRACE AND NOT BY GOOD WORKS.** The antinomianism of the Simonians issued in libertine conduct and a compromise with heathenism, possibly also in licentious rites. Their docetic theory of the Saviour's passion presupposed that matter was irredeemably corrupt. The soul of the redeemed could contract no pollution from the deeds of the body, and therefore PURITY OF LIFE was a matter of indifference” (*Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*, edited by James Hastings, “Simon Magus,” pg. 518).

Later on the same page in this Encyclopedia, it mentions that Simon regarded redemption as “the goal to which all things tend and as a universal process whose completion will result in the SALVATION OF ALL MEN. ... For salvation is acquired for Simon's adherents simply BY FAITH IN HIMSELF and his companion.”

Boettner wrote, “The early church fathers placed chief emphasis on good works ... as the basis of salvation.” Justin Martyr and Eusebius wrote that Simon Magus, Meander and Marcion taught that men are saved by faith **alone**.

Therefore, Augustine COULD NOT HAVE LEARNED his “faith **alone**” doctrine from the early church fathers. He had to learn it from the only ones who were called “Christians” who taught it—he learned it from the greatest heretic of them all—the sorcerer-god Simon

Magus and his disciples.

THE FIRST TRUE INTERPRETER?

In addition, Augustine taught Simon's doctrine of the universal nature of the gospel. That is, that the salvation that is acquired by faith **alone** was available to all men of any race without any regard to any covenant—conditional or unconditional. Boettner wrote that Augustine “taught that the whole RACE fell in Adam” but he didn't specify which race fell. Assumedly, it meant the human race—whatever that is.

Secondly, Boettner wrote that Augustine taught “that Christ suffered vicariously for HIS PEOPLE,” but again did not identify who were His people.

Thirdly, Boettner stated that “saving grace is efficaciously applied to THE ELECT by the Holy Spirit,” but implies that the elect are not the physical seed of Isaac but a group of individuals selected by God for salvation from among all races before the foundation of the earth.

This Boettner strongly asserts was what the Apostle Paul taught and was not successfully interpreted until Augustine. But is that what the Apostle Paul taught? Augustine totally ignores the recipients of the everlasting covenant that God made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and THEIR SEED.

Augustine replaces the elect people of God, **Israel**, with another group - a multiracial, “spiritual Israel.” And ignores completely the special chosen people who had God Himself as their reigning King for many centuries. Augustine's theology has no place for the lost, divorced, House of Israel who were taken captive by the Syrians and Assyrians and promised to be grafted once again into the covenant with their brethren from the Southern Kingdom. Therefore, the prophecies of the prophets, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Amos, Joel, and others are completely ignored or misapplied.

For example: To whom would Augustine say were the recipients of the preaching that the Apostle Paul refers to in Ephesians 2:17?

“And [Jesus Christ] came and preached peace to YOU which were AFAR OFF, and to THEM who were NIGH.”

Who were the ones who were preached to that were afar off and who were the ones who were preached to that were near? Pastor Lawrence Blanchard, in his book, “*Is the Judeo-Christian Gospel the Biblical Gospel?*” [#583 @ \$22.00] clearly supplies the answer to this question:

“The context reveals that Jesus Christ ‘preached peace’ to the ‘Gentiles’ (2:11) who were without Christ (2:12) and ‘far off’ (2:13), but by virtue of the gospel were now ‘made nigh’ by the blood of Christ (2:13). These ‘Gentiles’ were the house of Israel scattered among the nations who were also historically at ‘enmity’ with the house of Judah. One of the great purposes of the gospel was that Jesus Christ, being the righteousness of God, would be the ‘peace’ (2:14) between both houses in order to ‘reconcile’ both to God (2:16) to bring them together again ‘in one body’ (2:16). Those who had the gospel preached to them were those who were the ‘Gentiles’ or the house of Israel (‘afar off’) and those who were the Israelites of the house of Judah (‘that were nigh’).

In the wider context, Paul addresses the Ephesian

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believers (both Gentile and Judean) as the ‘chosen of God’ (1:4) and the ‘predestinated’ (1:5) in which they also possess ‘redemption through His blood’ (1:7). Both parties are a part of the ‘members of’ Christ’s ‘body’ (5:30) and thus the wife of the Lord (5:31-32). Further, they are together called ‘brethren’ (6:23). All the above terms have meaning and application to only one race of people—Adamic Israel.

Thus, the gospel of Ephesians 2:17 does not refer to other races, but exclusively to one kindred of people within the context of Ephesians—Israel” (JCG-BG pgs 84,85)

Several pages later (page 88) Pastor Blanchard, after quoting several Scriptures (Isaiah 57:19, Acts 2:39, Ezekiel 11:15-17, Daniel 9:7) that designate Israel as being “near” and “far off”, concludes this section by stating:

“Although there are other Old Testament passages which tie together one or more words or phrases of Ephesians 2:11 with the ‘near’ and ‘far off’ of Israel, the conclusion based on the evidence presented thus far is that the preaching of the gospel relates only to Israel, some of whom were also called ‘Gentiles’ who were ‘afar off’ [in dispersion]. They were the dispersed house of Israel mainly (along with a good portion of the house of Judah), the twelve tribes who were scattered and resided among other Adamic nations. Therefore, the gospel here does not include other races who also happened to be elsewhere around the globe, but only those of Israel who were ‘near’ and ‘far off.’”

Since Augustine differed from the Apostle Paul as to who the recipients of the gospel that was mentioned by the Apostle Paul in his epistles, then how could Augustine be the “FIRST TRUE INTERPRETER OF PAUL”? The Apostle Paul was adamant that it was “In Isaac shall thy SEED be called” (Romans 9:7) and not the children of the flesh—the Ishmaelites or others. How could any individual of a cursed seed such as the Canaanites, Edomites, or Amalekites or the cast out seed of Ishmael, be the elect of God? It makes a mockery of both the Old and New Covenants.

WHO ARE JUSTIFIED?

While Calvinism hates the teachings of Arminianism—it actually agrees with much of its doctrines. Both teach that individuals of any race can become part of the elect. They both nullify the covenant made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their seed. They both deny many Scriptures such as:

“**Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to LOVE them, and he chose THEIR SEED after them, even you above all people, as it is this day**” (Deuteronomy 10:15).

They differ mainly on HOW one becomes an elect person. The Calvinist teaches that God chooses them regardless of any works; while the Arminian teaches the individual chooses God.

Covenant theology and Calvinism both agree on LIMITED ATONEMENT, but differ as to whom it applies. Who are the elect that are justified? The Calvinist applies it to **individuals of all races**. Covenant theology applies the elect of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to the **physical seed of these three Patriarchs**. Jesus came to die for

His people—the elect known as Israel.

“**Ye now hear, O Jacob, my servant; and Israel whom I HAVE CHOSEN**” (Isaiah 44:1)

The tribes of Israel became national identities but were of one racial group from one ancestor. Israel is still an exclusive race existing as families or nations. It is unto these that Jesus and the Apostles were sent.

“**Ye are the children of the prophets, AND OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD MADE WITH OUR FATHERS, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed**” (Acts 3:25).

Without continual recourse to the Old Testament origins, it is impossible to rightly interpret passages in the New Testament. Only by going back can we know what “all nations” means and only then find a doctrine that is 100% consistent. . We can understand that an **exclusive Israel** in the Old Testament remains an **exclusive Israel** in the New Testament. The promises are ever fulfilled “**in us their children**” and never in others. They are fulfilled in “brethren” of the same kin.

“**And the scripture, foreseeing that God would JUSTIFY the heathen [nations] through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed**” (Galatians 3:8).

Translators show what they believe in their translations. In the above verse the two words in bold type: “heathen” and “nations” are identical and yet they were translated differently. Why? Because the translation as “heathen” gives an entirely different connotation to the verse.

The nations whom God would justify by belief were not heathen, but were the nations of Israel. The proof of this is that this is the fulfillment of prophecy and the preaching of the apostles. “And by him all that believe are JUSTIFIED from all things, from which YE could not be JUSTIFIED by the law of Moses...” (Acts 13:39) These justified people must have FIRST been under the Law of Moses, so they could only be Israelites—as only Israelites were under the Law of Moses.

Most of the book of Galatians, written by the Apostle Paul, is written relating Law and Grace to ONE PEOPLE—ISRAEL. The whole argument might be summed up by questioning whether or not they were going to remain under the schoolmaster or whether they were going to believe God as Abraham did. What they were to believe was that Jesus had redeemed Israel and that Jesus was the Son of God.

EPHESIANS 2:8

“**For by grace are ye saved by faith**” is one of the main verses of the Protestant Reformation. But they make a major error in interpretation because they fail to properly identify the “ye” in this verse and book. For who was the Apostle Paul writing to? and who did he say was “saved by faith.”

To teach that the Apostle Paul was writing to all peoples in the world, is not consistent to the fact that this was an epistle that was written to the church that was located in Ephesus, Greece. The following descriptive words that the Apostle Paul uses leaves no doubt as to their identity:

1. Saints
2. Chosen before the foundation of the world

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3. Predestinated
4. Redeemed
5. Forgiven of their sins
6. Heirs
7. Dead in trespasses and sins
8. Uncircumcised
9. Without hope
10. Separated from the other anointed ones
11. Once afar off
12. Now made near by the blood of Jesus
13. Reconciled to God
14. Partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel

All of these phrases identify the “ye” as being the dispersed Northern Kingdom of Israel and not individuals from all races from all parts of the earth.

These long-ago prophesied “lost sheep” and “dry bones” were now found to be members of the local church of Ephesus. These redeemed saints were the House of Israel—figuratively dead in their sins for over 700 years in the *disperia*—that were “saved by faith.”

They were also “justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law” (Romans 3:28b). Since, neither they nor their fathers had kept the “deeds of the law” pertaining to the ordinances of the rituals of the Temple for almost one thousand years, then it certainly is true that they were NOT justified by the “deeds of the Law.”

Since these “deeds of the Law” were not instituted until Mt. Sinai, 430 years after the covenant was made with Abraham, then this added law would have nothing to do with the faith of Abraham. Abraham not only believed the promises of the covenant, he also “obeyed my [God’s] voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my law” (Genesis 26:5).

The blood of Jesus Christ confirmed this covenant. And, as a result, branches of the House of Israel were grafted into the natural olive tree of Judah. The two sticks of Ezekiel were now one, the two men of Ephesians were now one.

TWO STICKS OF EZEKIEL 37

House of Judah House of Joseph

TWO MEN OF EPHESIANS 2

Circumcised Uncircumcised House

House of Judah of Israel

TWO OLIVE TREES OF ROMANS 11

Natural Olive Tree Wild Olive Tree

CONCLUSION

The doctrine of Simon Magus, Augustine, Calvin, and Luther is alive and flourishing in 2005. The rejection of God’s choosing of a physical seed from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is widespread among the theologies in modern Christendom. To apply the blood of Jesus Christ to those who were not in the covenant that God made with Abraham and his only seed—Isaac; and his grandson Jacob is to deny that Jesus saved His people by confirming with the fathers.

The Protestant rally cry of “Justification by faith **alone**” is wrong on several main accounts:

1. It justifies the wrong people;
2. It justifies with a dead faith;

3. It completely ignores the largest group that is justified—the “lost sheep of the house of Israel” (the dispersed nations of the former Northern Kingdom);
4. It justifies a covenant-less faith;
5. It couples justification only with faith;
6. It was concocted by Martin Luther and John Calvin who got it from Augustine, who got it from Simon Magus.

Ultimately, that which is reserved for Israel, namely redemption, salvation, resurrection to eternal life, adoption, covenants, promises of God, the giving of the Law the glory, the service of God (Romans 9:4) pertain exclusively to Israelites. It is their inheritance from Abraham, according to the promise made by God to the fathers of Israel.

The advocate of Arminianism, with its **conditional election and unlimited atonement**, frantically circles the globe in an attempt to preach their gospel to all mankind, hoping that many will choose to accept their universal Jesus. The advocate of Calvinism, with its **unconditional election and limited atone-**

ment, frantically circles the globe in an attempt to preach their gospel to all mankind, knowing that all whom God has chosen will accept their universal Jesus and those who were not chosen by God will be forever damned.

The advocate of Covenant Theology, with its message of the **exclusive covenant** made with the **elected seed** of the Patriarchs and its **atonement** to them, circles the globe in an attempt to preach the gospel of the kingdom and the vicarious death and resurrection of the “Lamb of God” only in locations where the lost sheep of the house of Israel are inhabiting and to them exclusively.

Martin Luther translated the Bible into German. However, he deliberately added the words “only” or “alone” in

several important verses to help add support for his Augustinian position. For example, in Romans 3:28:

KJV “Therefore, we conclude that man is **justified by faith** without the deeds of the law.”

ML “.... **justified** without the works of the law, **through faith alone**.” (Germ: allein)

Martin Luther also attempted to have four books of the New Testament removed from the Bible: James, 1 John, 2 John and Revelation. each of these books contains passages that cause great difficulty for Luther’s “justification by faith only” doctrine.

For example: James 2:24;

“Ye see then, that by works a man is justified, and **NOT BY FAITH ONLY**.”

This conclusion by the Apostle James was arrived after asking three questions:

1. “What does it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and hath not works? (v.14)”
2. “Can faith save him? (v.14)”
3. “Was not Abraham, our father, justified by works, when he had offered Isaac, his son, upon the altar? (v.21)”

The works mentioned in the book of James pertaining to Abraham and Rahab were obviously not works of the Mosaic Law as it was given many years after Abraham died



and was given many miles from where Rahab was living.

Both the faith of Abraham and Rahab were proved by the works that they performed. Their faith was not dead, but alive. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (v.26).

Faith alone, without works, is dead (v.17). What if Abraham would have refused God's command to offer up his son Isaac? What if Rahab would have turned the spies over to the authorities of Jericho?

The great danger of the doctrine of "faith **only**" is that it can very easily give the believer a false sense of security. Many believe that once they have accepted Jesus as their personal saviour, that guilt can nevermore rest upon them, and that no matter what sins they may commit nothing can possibly jeopardize their eternal interests. The consequence has been that a carnal security has been imparted, so that in the midst of fleshly gratification and worldly living it is, humanly speaking, quite impossible to disturb their false peace or terrify their conscience.

All around us are professing Christians sinning with a high hand against God, and yet suffering from no qualms of conscience. And why? Because while they believe that some "millennial crown" or "reward" may be forfeited should they fail to deny self and daily take up their cross and follow Jesus, yet they have not the slightest realization or fear that they are hastening to hell as swiftly as time wings its flights. They fondly imagine that the blood of Jesus covers all their sins.

Make no mistake upon this point, and suffer no false prophet to cause you to believe the contrary: the blood of Jesus covers no sins that have not been truly repented of and confessed to God with a broken heart. But presumptuous sins are not easily repented of, for they harden the heart and make it like steel against God.

In addition, the popular idea in these degenerate times is that under the new covenant era, God has acted, is acting, and will act much more mildly with transgressors, who are holy brethren, than He did under the Mosaic economy. But the very opposite is the truth (Hebrews 3;1; 10:28 and 29).

Justification is by faith—not by faith alone.

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INTELLIGENCE INDICATIONS AND WARNINGS ABOUND ON BUSH IRAN MILITARY STRIKE *by Wayne Madsen* (3 January 2006)

Intelligence and military sources in the United States and abroad are reporting on various factors that indicate a U.S. military hit on Iranian nuclear and military installations that may involve tactical nuclear weapons, is in the final stages of preparation. Likely targets for saturation bombing are the Bushehr nuclear power plant (where Russian and other foreign national technicians are present), a uranium mining site in Saghand near the city of Yazd, the uranium enrichment facility in Natanz, a heavy-water plant and radioisotope facility in Arak, the Ardekan Nuclear Fuel Unit, the Uranium Conversion Facility and Nuclear Technology Center in Isfahan, the Tehran Nuclear Research Center, the Tehran Molybdenum, Iodine and Xenon Radio-

isotope Production Facility, the Tehran Jibr Ibn Hayan Multipurpose Laboratories, the Kalaye Electric Company in the Tehran suburbs, a reportedly dismantled uranium enrichment plant in Lashkar Abad, and Radioactive Waste Storage Unites in Karaj and Anarak.

Primary target: Bushehr nuclear reactor and hundreds of Russian technicians.

Other first targets would be Shahab-I, II, and III missile launch sites, air bases (including the large Mehrabad air base/international airport near Tehran), naval installations on the Persian Gulf and Caspian Sea, command, control, communications and intelligence facilities. Secondary targets would include civilian airports; radio and TV installations, telecommunications centers, government buildings, conventional power plants, highways and bridges, and rail lines. Oil installations and commercial port facilities would likely be relatively untouched by U.S. forces in order to preserve them for U.S. oil and business interests.

There has been a rapid increase in training and readiness at a number of U.S. military installations involved with the planned primary aerial attack. These include a Pentagon order to Fort Rucker, Alabama, to be prepared to

handle an estimated 50,000 to 60,000 trainees, including civilian contractors, who will be deployed for Iranian combat operations. Rucker is home to the U.S. Army's aviation training command, including the helicopter training school.

In addition, there has been an increase in readiness at nearby Hurlburt Field in Florida, the home of the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command. The U.S. attack on Iran will primarily involve aviation (Navy, Air Force, and Navy-Marine Corps) and special operation assets.

There has also been a noticeable increase in activity at Marine Corps Air ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, California, a primary live fire training activity located in a desert and mountainous environ-

ment similar to target areas in Iran.

From European intelligence agencies comes word that the United States has told its NATO allies to be prepared for a military strike on Iranian nuclear development and military installations. On November 17, 2005, Russian President Vladimir Putin spent seven hours in secret discussions with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan during the opening ceremonies in Samsun, Turkey for the Russian-Turkish underwater Blue Stream natural gas pipeline, festivities also attended by Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

According to sources knowledgeable about the meeting, Erdogan promised Putin, who has become a close friend, that Turkey would not support the use of its bases by the United States in a military attack on Iran. That brought a series of high level visits to Turkey by Bush administration officials, including CIA chief Porter Goss, FBI Director Robert Mueller, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Although Erdogan listened to Goss and Rice's pleas for Turkish logistical, political, and intelligence help for an attack on Iran and Turkish Army Chief Yasar Buyukanit heard much of the same from the Pentagon officials during

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his recent trip to Washington. The word is that Putin now has enough clout in Ankara to scuttle any use of Turkey by the U.S. for an attack on Iran. [Mueller delivered Ankara intelligence “proof” of Iranian backing for Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) guerillas in Turkey. Intelligence agencies around the world are now discounting any intelligence coming from the Bush administration as neocon propaganda invented by think tanks and discredited intelligence agencies in Washington, Tel Aviv-Herzliya, and Jerusalem].

A U.S. Attack on Iran: The Perfect Storm for wider nuclear conflict

U.S. political and military officials have also approached Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Jordan, Oman, and Azerbaijan seeking their support for a U.S. attack on Iran. In a replay of the phony pre-war intelligence on Iraq, Washington is trying to convince various countries that a link exists between Iran and “Al Qaeda.”

Polish intelligence sources report that Poland’s Defense Minister Radek Sikorski assured Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld of Poland’s support for any U.S. strike against Iran. Sikorski is a former American Enterprise Institute colleague of such neo-cons as Richard Perle, Michael Ledeen, and Lynne Cheney, the so-called “Second Lady” of the United States. Sikorski and Polish Foreign Minister Stefan Meller assured Rumsfeld and Rice, respectively that Poland would stand by the United States during the split in NATO that will occur as a result of the Americans’ strike. Polish intelligence sources, who are unhappy with the arrangement of the new right-wing government in Warsaw; with the Bush administration, leaked the information about the recent U.S. demarche to NATO in Brussels about preparations for the attack.

Similar intelligence “leaks” about the U.S. attack plans were also leaked to the German magazine *Der Spiegel*. European intelligence sources also report that the recent decision by Putin and Russia’s state-owned Gazprom natural gas company to cut supplies of natural gas to Ukraine was a clear warning by Putin to nations like Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Moldova, France, Austria, Italy, Hungary, Bosnia, Serbia, and Germany that it would do the same if they support the U.S. attack on Iran. Gazprom natural gas is supplied, via pipelines in the Ukraine from Russia and Turkmenistan to countries in Eastern and Western Europe. The Bush administration charged Russia with using gas supplies as a “political tool.”

Putin has additional leverage on Western Europe since former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder accepted an appointment to the board of a joint Russian-German North European Gas Pipeline Consortium that is controlled by Gazprom. The pipeline will bring Russian gas to Scandinavia, Germany, Netherlands, and Britain, giving Putin additional leverage over Washington in Europe.

Southeast Asian intelligence sources report that Burma’s (Myanmar’s) recent abrupt decision to move its capital from Rangoon (Yangon) to remote Pyinmana, 200 miles to the north, is a result of Chinese intelligence warnings to its Burmese allies about the effects of radiation resulting from a U.S. conventional or tactical nuclear attack on Iranian nuclear facilities. There is concern that a series of attacks on Iranian nuclear installations will create a

Chernobyl-like radio-active cloud that would be caught up in monsoon weather in the Indian Ocean. Rangoon’s (Yangon) capital moved 200 miles north over fears of monsoon season Iran nuclear fallout?

Low-lying Rangoon lies in the path of monsoon rains that would continue to carry radioactive fallout from Iran over South and Southeast Asia between May and October. Coastal Indian Ocean cities like Rangoon, Dhaka, Calcutta, Mumbai, Chennai, and Colombo would be more affected by the higher radioactive fallout more than higher elevation cities since humidity intensifies the effects of the fallout. Thousands of government workers were given only two days notice to pack up and leave Rangoon for the higher (and dryer) mountainous Pyinmana.

In neighbouring West Bengal, the leftist government and its national leftist allies around the country are planning massive demonstrations during Bush’s upcoming trip to India. They are protesting the war in Iraq as well as the threats against Iran. Reports from Yemen indicate that western oil companies are concerned about U.S. intentions in Iran since the southern Arabian country catches the edge of the monsoon rains that could contain radioactive fallout from an attack, endangering their workers in the country.

The Bush administration aborted last minute plans to attack Iranian nuclear and political installations prior to the 2004 presidential election. On October 9, Rumsfeld met with defense minister colleagues on the now decommissioned USS John F. Kennedy in the Persian Gulf to seek support for the attack. That meeting has been confirmed by the Danish Defense Minister who was in attendance; however, the topic

of the meeting was not discussed. According to U.S. naval personnel on board the Kennedy, a special “war room” was set up to coordinate the attack. Britain, Australia, Italy, Netherlands, and Japan did not attend the meeting because of their opposition to the attack plans.

Intelligence and military officials around the world are also bracing for the results of a U.S. attack on Iran. This includes the distinct possibility of a major Shia retaliatory attack on Iraq, the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, and Afghanistan against U.S. military, diplomatic, and economic targets in the region. Radioactive fallout from a conventional or tactical nuclear attack on Iran will result in major problems with Pakistan, India, China, Russia, Japan, and other downwind countries in Asia and the Pacific Rim, possibly including the fall of the Pervez Musharraf government in Pakistan and replacement by a radical Islamist regime having possession of nuclear weapons. That would provoke a military response from nuclear power India.

In a counter-attack, Iran would immediately launch its Shahab I and II missiles at the U.S. Green Zone in Baghdad, the Al Udeid airbase in Qatar, the US Navy base in Bahrain, Camp Doha base in Kuwait, Al Seeb airbase in Oman, Baghdad International Airport, and the U.S. Base in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Iran would also launch its long-range Shahab III missiles on the Israeli cities of Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beersheba, Eilat, and the Israeli nuclear complex at Dimona. Iranian missiles would also be launched at US naval ships in the Persian Gulf and oil installations in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

The virtual end of NATO as a viable defense organization may also result from an attack that will drive a final

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wedge between Washington and Europe. And China may elect to respond financially and militarily against the United States since Iran is China's second largest source of imported Middle East oil after Saudi Arabia and plans to use an Iranian terminal for the export of natural gas from Turkmenistan. [China now imports 60 percent of its oil needs, and Iran represents 17 percent of those imports].

Russia recently participated in, through the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), a three-way military exercise (code named "Indira 2005") between Russia, China, and India to prepare for any new U.S. power projections in Asia, including an attack on Iran, a prospective SCO member. Last August, Russia and China held their first-ever joint land-sea-air military exercises.

Iran also held a large military exercise in early December in Bandar Abbas on the Gulf. An Iranian C-130 carrying Iranian journalists from Mehrabad airport to Bandar to cover the exercise crashed into a Tehran apartment building on December 6, killing at least 116 people, including 68 journalists.

Within the U.S. military and across the globe, there is heightened tension about the intentions of the neocon Bush administration and its allies in Israel.

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YE ARE THE SONS OF GOD

by *Sidney Shell*

Studying the scriptures for many years to learn the will of Yahovah, I have to admit I was stonewalled trying to reconcile

the doctrine that the Sons of God mentioned in Genesis 6:2,4, and also but not nearly as important Job 1:6, 2:1, & 38:7, are angels. Angels said to be fallen and having pro-created with pre-flood Adamites producing an evil offspring of giants.

Many study Bibles and books, commentaries, reference these "fallen angels" to II Peter 2:4 and Jude 6 as referring back to Genesis 6:2,4. Is this really true? I sought to be led by the Spirit into the truth of the matter and looked for a more sure word of prophecy:

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the Day Star arise in your hearts" (II Peter 1:19, emphasis added).

Eventually that little light shining in the dark became a great light and forced the darkness away. Christians of the 1st century AD understood the language they used. Today we sometimes have to turn to language reference books to understand ancient meanings. Translators may use words that cause confusion because words and their meanings evolve. As an example take the word "gay," which has evolved into a meaning nearly the opposite of its original meaning in the last few decades. Hopefully, when I am through, you will have acquired some helpful knowledge in your walk with Yahoshua.

The expression "sons of God" is used twelve times in Scripture. In seven of these verses, Hosea 1:10; John 1:12; Romans 8:14,19; Philippians 2:15; and 1 John 3:1-2, there is no doubt as to who the expression refers. These refer to Israelites. In the other five verses they are thought to be "angels." That is, they are "thought to be" angels. But they are not translated as angels - nor are the original words anywhere near being angels. The word used is Hebrew #1121 and Greek #5043 & #5207. Hebrew #1121 is *ben*, pronounced 'bane' and it means son or sons. The Greek words

are the equivalent of the Hebrew. No angels there. Allow me to paraphrase the Genesis verses first, and then we shall study the New Covenant verses where the word 'angels' are used.

"And it came to pass, when men [pre-Adamites] began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the SONS OF GOD saw the daughters of men [pre-Adamites] that they were fair and they took them wives of all which they chose... There were giants in the earth in those days [pre-flood] and also after that [post flood] when the SONS OF GOD came in unto the daughters of men [pre-Adamites] and they bare children unto them, the same became Mighty Men [Heb: #1368 from #1397 gibbor, geber, by implication warrior or tyrant], which were of old, men of renown." (Gen. 6:1-2, 4, emphasis added).

The word 'sons' in these verses are properly translated from Heb. #1121 *bane*, which means sons and not angels. These sons of God were Adam's descendants they were Adamites, and Adam was called 'the son of God' (Luke 3:38) as also were his descendants.

The term "giants" in verse 4 of Genesis 6 is often misunderstood. These bastard offspring were no doubt very tall, but that is because the Adamites themselves were possibly giants. The real meaning of this word "giants" is taken from Heb. #5303 and #5307 *nephil* or *naphal*.

The tradition, wherever it started, I can't tell you. But the margin notes in many study Bibles plus secondary writings about

scripture continues this tradition. Some renderings say these sons of God were fallen angels and others leave it up to the student's discipline to make a choice of his own, making the option of choosing that the Godly seed was Adam's and the one corrupted by "evil angels" was Cain's. No reference in the commentaries is ever made to the fact that Adam was a separate race in the earth set apart from other men-kind. Again, inherent blindness among scholars, who refuse to see the truth when it's right in front of them; speaking of race, our race. They spiritualize the promises away from the very beginning by saying Adam was the father of all races. How absurd! Allow me to paraphrase the New Covenant Scriptures because this is the place where the truth is unveiled:

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment" (II Peter 2:4)

*"And the angels [Greek #32 *aggelos*] which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation [the body is the temple of the spirit], he hath reserved in everlasting chains under the darkness unto the judgment of the great day"* (Jude 6).

Their first estate is called a habitation. Scripture reveals that the body (soul) is the temple of the Spirit (1 Cor 3:16). I believe the Adamites were richly endowed with Yahovah's Spirit and they committed the cardinal sin of pro-creating with pre-Adamites despising the Holy Seed by their miscegenation. The 'angels' in these verses are Adamites.

My belief is that there is nothing wrong with these verses; even the use of the word 'angels' is okay if you correctly understand the context of the message. This is probably one of those instances where Yahovah has hidden a thing to His glory and we as honourable kings are to search it out, cf Proverbs 25:2-3. And yet, the word angels is misleading to most and not a few.

The first Adamic men were angelic in their appearance

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and demeanor being Yahovah's 'Pastors' in the earth. They were endowed with great spiritual authority and power. They had longevity with some living close to 1000 years. They may have been ten feet tall or thereabouts, and it is unreasonable to assume they weren't ugly, fat, or stupid, unless you consider their rebellion stupidity.

The bottom line is they were mortal and not angels or spirits. Their sin was miscegenation with pre-Adamites, earth's aboriginals, if you will. This is how they "left their first estate." They chose strange wives and gave their seed to strange flesh that fouled the holy seed (see Ezra & Nehemiah). They abandoned their pastoral duties and sought their own glory and pleasure, thumbing their noses at the Father. Is it not so today? As Solomon wrote, 'there is nothing new under the sun.' To prove this theory of mine, I present a study of the word "angel" as it is used in some contexts. The word "angel(s) in the Greek means:

Strong's Concordance #32 aggelos, angelos [probably derived from #71; compare to #34] to bring tidings; a messenger; esp. an "angel" **by implication a 'Pastor'**: - angel, messenger.

Strong's #71 ago; a prime verb; **properly to lead; by implication to bring, drive or (fig.) induce ...**

Induce means 1) to lead on to some action, CONDITION, BELIEF etc.; PREVAIL OR PERSUADE 2) to bring on, **bring about CAUSE**; EFFECT.... (Webster's New World Dictionary 3rd Coll. Ed.P.689).

Strong's Greek #34 agele; from #71 a **drove:- herd.**

If you've followed my reasoning, you'll see that the word "angel(s)" as used in the Greek can and does refer to a man in some instances, such as: IN THE CAPACITY OF A PASTOR OR SHEPHERD. This job was to induce to bring about some condition, to prevail or persuade.

This, then, was the purpose of the Adamites in the earth; to cultivate the creation to nurture it to a position, preparing it to be presented to the Father Yahovah. They (we) are the sons of God as messengers and have pastoral duties to keep and make flourish the whole of creation; to bring it unto subjection before Yahovah. This has been an ongoing occupation of this one family for 6000 years.

Yahovah did not abandon the plan with the flood or give up because of the rebellion of His *pastors*. He continued with His plan by purging and expanding and choosing the best [elect] of the land for Himself - His goodly heritage. We should be in awe when this implication hits home. It is a humbling experience. Imagine if you will that you can toe the line with the help of the Holy Spirit and then found blameless and spotless at His coming: at the first resurrection. At the same time you become immortal, see Yah the Father and minister unto Him, as well as the inhabitants of the earth. We as this family have always been the sons of God throughout history. We have taken the name of our God as Christians calling ourselves anointed:

"For this cause [expounding the gospel of the Kingdom of God unto Israel] I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (Eph 3:14-15 emphasis added).

We need to make sure [myself included]; we live up to this namesake by not taking Yahovah's name in vain. When we as Christians intentionally and knowingly sin, we, in effect take His name in vain.

Another place where angels is used, where it most likely should have been pastors is in 1 Cor 11:10. The context is about wives being in subjection to their husbands'

authority and the congregation's pastors (not angels) when they gather to worship - by covering their head. The term "angels" is foreign to the entire context, and seems to be a mistranslation. In verse 13 the context reads: **"Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?"** (1 Cor 11:13, emph added).

Ask yourself: Who has the duty to make judgments of this nature? Is it angels or the ecclesia (church)? This is a husband's duty first and the pastor's secondarily to lead the congregation in an orderly, respectful and submissive fashion, to judge among them what is proper and humble before Yahovah. This topic is also addressed in 1 Cor 14:34 where Paul tells the husbands to command their wives to be silent in the service.

Also, angels do not judge men. Yahovah does. Angels are ministering spirits (Heb 1:13-14), who execute the will of the Father. Scripture also says we will judge angels (1 Cor 6:3). I offer these as examples and you are free to disagree, of course. I'm sure there are other scriptural examples that would make better sense if we examined the choice of words used by the translators.

As a final word about our pastoral duties, some writings are very apologetic about this bequeathed gift, as though it would be a sin of pride or glorying in the flesh to exercise the duty. They sometimes compare this supposed pride with Zionist Jews, who smugly proclaim they, as a people, are the Messiah, and will own two thousand goyim slave cattle people when they come into their inheritance. Well, I'll give them this: They're working on

it!

To be a son of God requires a supreme sacrifice of self. It's a truly humbling experience to die daily as Paul put it. You must obtain the knowledge of Yahovah so you may avail yourself of His great understanding and wisdom. A servant applies himself to become adept in Yahovah's Word.

The Jews wanted to stone Yahoshua because He said He was "The Son of God."

"... and because that thou being a man makest thyself God. Jesus answered them, is it not written in your law, I SAID YE ARE GODS? If he (Yahovah) called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, AND THE SCRIPTURE CAN NOT BE BROKEN: say ye of him whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, thou blasphemest; because I said I AM THE SON OF GOD?" (John 10:33-36 emph. added)

Yahoshua led them back to Psalm 82:6 where Yahovah named the sons of Israel as gods [Hebr #430 elohiym; magistrates, and judges] reminding them this was spoken to the sons of Israel and scripture could not be altered. It is fact.

We should not be afraid to lay claim to this birthright or feel ashamed by thinking we are unworthy. It is a gift we should embrace with all our heart, mind and soul. Let us emulate Christ Yahoshua in manifesting the unconditional agape love for Israel first, and with understanding the rest of creation as the Father cares for it:

"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?" (Luke 12:60).

"One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, TO BEHOLD THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD AND TO INQUIRE IN HIS TEMPLE" (Psalm 27:4, emph. added) My prayer is to see you there in that day.

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Europe Battles Illegal Immigration With Navy



After several terrorist attacks in Europe in the past few years, illegal immigration has become a hot topic for Europe. About 100,000 people are thought to cross the Mediterranean and enter Europe illegally a year. That accounts for a fifth of the total number of immigrants in the EU, many of whom drown on the way over.

Plans to establish a Mediterranean security force to battle the flow of illegal immigration from Africa to Europe were revealed by Franco Frattini, the European Union's justice commissioner, on November 25.

Europe and North African nations bordering the Mediterranean will contribute ships and equipment to the task force, which will be called the European Maritime Border Guard Corps. If the plans are approved, the task force could be operating by next spring.

One of the task force's responsibilities would be to curb the number of deaths, as well as quicken the processes for skilled migrants to be granted asylum and the deportation of rejected immigrants. Some view immigration as needed for Europe to fill gaps in its labour market caused by an aging population barely able to replace itself. The EU is expected to lose 20 million workers by 2020 as people retire. Others point to the fact that Europe already has 20 million unemployed workers.

The critical issue of immigration will continue to be a hot debate as Europe tightens its security. The task force will be the first step toward a European border guard corps that would control the EU's land borders. With radical Islam in its backyard, Europe is starting to take more aggressive action to protect itself.

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U.S. Agency Expects More Hurricanes in 2006

If this record-setting hurricane season was too much to bear, brace yourself—it's not likely to improve next year. The next hurricane season, which begins in only six months, will be another active one, according to the U.S.; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in a November 29 press release.

"I'd like to foretell that next year will be calmer, but I can't," said retired Navy Vice Adm. Conrad Lautenbacher Jr., Ph.D., undersecretary of commerce for oceans and NOAA administrator. "Historical trends say the atmosphere patterns and water temperatures are likely to force another active season upon us."

The 2005 season featured 26 named storms, 13 of which were category 3 or higher hurricanes, and was the most devastating season on record. Three category 5 hurricanes, Katrina, Rita and Wilma, ravaged the U.S. coast, costing multiple billions of dollars in damage.

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CYCLONE LARRY

Already this year in Australia we have had a taste of the cyclone season, with category 5 cyclone Larry hitting Innisfail early on Monday Morning 20th March AD2006. Although reports indicate that there has been no loss of life, and only minor reported injuries, scratches and bruising, it seems people are injuring themselves more in the clean-up process, with chain-saw and other similar injuries being reported in the aftermath. The cyclone carried on travelling West across the cape, and was reported to be still of category 4 when it passed over Atherton on the Atherton table-



land. There have been large convoys of army vehicles travelling north (from Townsville) to Innisfail to help with the clean-up and reconstruction. It has been reported that quite a number of houses have been destroyed, and that one in 3 houses had lost its roof. Also, the power has been cut to the whole area (Cardwell, Tully, Mission Beach, El Arish, Silkwood, Mourilyan, Innisfail, and possibly further). However, what we didn't see on the army trucks were generators of any kind. And while many people do have their own generators, the majority could not get fuel because the service stations had no power to pump it. Our own local station told us that he had a 15KVA two-cylinder Lister diesel generator, and he was able to pump fuel, but Tully and Cardwell did not have any stations dispensing fuel. I heard on the radio, that Innisfail Hospital closed, and patients were referred to their own GP because they could not get fuel for their own generator. I guess they call it Government (dis) organization. How easy it would have been for the army trucks to bring up some generators to run the service stations, to run water pumps to get the water flowing to people's houses again, and even bring some fuel for the hospital's generator. I am typing this now while my computer is being powered by our generator. I may have to still spend a number of days working under these conditions as power is unlikely to be restored for several days at least (it's now 10.30pm on 21/03/06).

I remember when we had cyclone Winnifred, back in early 1986, and 13 of our Caribbean Pine trees were blown over. Cardwell was without power (and water) for quite a number of days, when it was decided to fly a generator up to power the water pumps (and perhaps some of the town) from the Laverack (army) Barracks in Townsville, by hanging it from the bottom of a Chinook helicopter, which first had to be flown from Brisbane to Townsville. By the time it arrived at Cardwell oval to be dropped directly on to a waiting

truck (we were there to watch and have the photos), it was almost unnecessary as power was restored sometime during the next day.

Our cleaning up consists mainly of picking up truckloads of branches which were broken off our Kauri Pine trees (all of which survived), and strewn about the yard, and fixing fences broken by fallen branches and trees.

There was not much rain prior to the cyclone, but much is coming after. Today it has not stopped raining and tomorrow (Wed.) morning will tell how much. (it was 8-1/2 inches or 219mm) [a total of 697mm for the month of March] We were without power and phone for 3-4 days.

Many prayers were offered up and our Heavenly Father in His mercy preserved us all. To Him who can tell the storm to "Peace - be still" be the honour, and glory and dominion - and all thanksgiving!! - - - - CIM

The American economy will take a hit as the world's top car manufacturer, General Motors Corporation (GM), plans to cut back its work force and close plants. On November 21, GM announced it will cut 30,000 jobs and close nine manufacturing plants across North America, in hopes to "get its costs in line with major global competitors" and "return [its] North American operations to profitability as soon as possible" (Associated Press, November

21).

This is no small problem for the American economy. There is a saying: As General Motors goes, so goes the nation. For nearly 75 years, GM has been the world's number-one vehicle manufacturer. Out of the 181,000 US employees, 26,100 will lose their jobs. That's more than 14 percent of its US work force. GM's reign may come to an end, especially when its projected 19 percent decline in North America vehicle production is taken into consideration. Meanwhile, Japanese-owned Toyota looks to take GM's place as the world's top car manufacturer.

This past May, GM's debt, which is sold in bonds, was downgraded to junk status, and even lower this September. This means GM will find it increasingly difficult to fund its operations. So a GM bankruptcy is a real possibility in the future; in fact, the Bank of America says, it is "inevitable." A GM bankruptcy would spell doom for the financial security of many Americans. The time of US dominance in the automobile industry has come and gone. It is just one example of the decline in American industrial power over the past two decades. According to Dave Kassel of the outsourcing firm International Smart Sourcing, "In a decade, Detroit is going to be a fraction of what it is today" (Daily News, New York, August 9).

These layoffs reveal an American auto industry on its way out, as well as a troubling future for the American economy. (Now we hear that Ford also plans to reduce its US workforce by 30,000 for the same reasons. Daimler-Chrysler plans on cutting 6,000 jobs.)

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Islamic Movement Strengthens in Egypt

The final round of Egyptian parliament elections turned to violence on December 1 when an opposition supporter was shot dead during a clash with police. The event followed a two-week government crackdown which led to the arrest of over 1,600 members of the Islamic organization called the Muslim Brotherhood.

This year, the Egyptian government allowed the Brotherhood greater participation than in previous elections, but began to withdraw its friendlier position after the organization's success in the early stages of parliamentary elections (the Brotherhood won 76 of the 444 seats in the parliament). Other methods for the crackdown included using riot police to block entry to polling stations in areas known for being opposition strongholds.

This is the latest maneuver by the moderate Egyptian government to maintain its power as well as to stem the rising Islamic movement in Egypt. However, the Brotherhood's unprecedented success can be seen as a turning point in Egyptian politics. Under President Hosni Mubarak's leadership, Egypt has remained secular and relatively pro-Western, and the government has been able to prevent the Islamic opposition from turning Egypt into an Islamic state. The success of the Muslim Brotherhood shows that there may be a time the government will no longer be capable of holding back the tides of change.

(be warned! In any country where Muslims are settling in increasing numbers, with a 'democratic' election system, in time they will take over and impose their laws! CIM)

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The recent decision denigrating decency reminds me of the phrase in the Bible where evil is seen as good and good as evil. Of course, we have already dealt with the issue of Sodomy in the distortion of the marriage definition which was based on one woman and one man and the practitioners of that activity are well pleased with the way things are going. This caused me to think of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrha and God's reasons. I think we are all acquainted with the story as told in the Bible but there is more detail found in the Book of Jasher. It is mentioned in the books of Joshua and Samuel and although it does not have canonical status, it seems to be an accepted source of information to the ancient writers.

Was Sodom guilty of more sins than recounted in the Bible? Yes! Reading in Jasher, Sodom seems to be a confederation of four cities; namely Sodom, Gomorrha, Admah and Zeboyim. These four cities were governed by four judges. First, they discouraged strangers from coming to their cities by putting them on a bed. If the bed was too large, they stretched the person at both ends while he cried out, and if the bed was too small, they compressed the sides until the stranger cried out, even unto death.

Another strategy was to give a stranger silver and gold but proclaim throughout the city that he was to receive no

bread. If the man stayed and starved to death, they would reclaim their silver and gold and fight over his garments. Lot had a daughter named Paltith (which the Bible totally ignores) and she was caught giving bread to one such person and was taken before the judges of Sodom and Gomorrha who levied a sentence of death. A fire was kindled in the street therein, she was burned to ashes. A similar fate awaited a woman in the city of Admah. Only, her fate was a little different. She was coated with honey from head to foot and placed before a bee hive. She sustained many stings and was

swollen from head to foot but no one paid her any attention. And here I quote from chapter 19:43-45, "And her cries ascended to heaven and the Lord was provoked by this and of all the works of the cities of Sodom, for they had abundance of food and tranquility amongst them and still would not sustain the poor and needy, and in those days their sins became great before the Lord. And the Lord sent for two of the angels that had come to Abraham's house, to destroy Sodom and its cities." But I get ahead of myself; there are other sins.

Jasher 18:12-15 details one of these sins, "And they had in their land a very extensive valley, about half a day's walk, and in it there were fountains of water and a great deal of herbage around the water. And all the people of Sodom and Gomorrha went there four times in the year with their wives and children and everything belonging to them, and they rejoiced there with timbrels and dances. And in the time of rejoicing, they would rise and lay hold of their neighbours' wives, and some, the virgin daughters of their neighbours, and they enjoyed them, and each man saw his wife and daughter in the hands of his neighbour and did not say a word. And they did so from morning till night, and they afterwards returned home each man to his house and each woman to her tent; so they always did four times a year.

WIFE SWAPPING!!!

AND THEIR VIRGIN DAUGHTERS!!!

It was also their custom to rob merchants who come

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with goods to sell and expelled them from the city. There is one more interesting little story that demonstrates that evil is seen as good. Sarah sent Eliezer, Abraham's servant, to Sodom to inquire after the health of Lot. When he saw a Sodomite stripping a poor man of his clothes, Eliezer interfered and the Sodomite hit him on the forehead with a stone drawing blood. Then he wanted Eliezer to pay him for removing the bad blood from his forehead. Eliezer refused and was taken to court. When the judge proclaimed Eliezer guilty in violation of their laws, Eliezer hit the judge with a stone bringing blood from his forehead saying, "if this then is the custom in your land, give thou unto this man what I should have given him, for this has been thy decision, thou didst decree it."

So, there it is! Sexual license, robbery of merchants, lack of support for the poor and needy and unjust laws. In my opinion, that describes a lot of the developing environment in our cities.

Abraham bargained with God, that should he find ten righteous souls in the cities they would be spared. Who will bargain for us and what will the saving number of righteous souls be? Also, those righteous souls, (Lot's family) were warned and the angels took them by the hand and led them out of the city. (I find it an interesting aside that, although Lot was a righteous man, he did not leave the evil city, even after losing a daughter to their unjust laws!!!! I speculate that he could not bring himself to leave behind all for which he had worked through the years). Who will take us by the hand (and lead us out of the city) and will we leave behind that for which we worked?

Well, it is our hope that such decisions will not be required of us. Jesus gave us the parable of the wheat and the tares regarding the time of His return. His angels will gather first the tares to be burned and then the wheat into His barn. We know from the example of Sodom, that there is a price to pay for presumptuous sins, and in terms of God's Law, the Supreme Court of Canada is leading us from living under law, to lawlessness!! God have mercy on us!!! (*The Book of Jasher*, #314 @ \$21.00ppd)

THE PROMISES MADE TO THE FATHERS

Because it has been assumed, quite erroneously, that the books of the New Testament teach only the major Gospel of Personal Salvation, to the exclusion of the minor, but nevertheless indispensable Gospel of the Kingdom, many earnest Christians have jumped to the conclusion that the New Covenant is a covenant of personal salvation. Investigation of the actual terms of this covenant has, however, shown that this cannot possibly be the case, because the New Covenant in Christ Jesus is a national covenant made with Israel and Judah and, moreover, one which is not yet in full operation.

The Gospel of Personal Salvation, is an integral part, not of the New Covenant, but of the Abrahamic Covenant. Under the Abrahamic Covenant the Seed of Abraham (that is to say, his lineal descendants) were to become a blessing to all the families of the earth.

The Abrahamic Covenant was, of course, made with the fathers of the Israel race, Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and it depended, not upon any condition, but solely upon the promises of God. For these reasons it is often described in the New Testament as the "**Promises made to the Fathers.**"

Jesus came, as St. Paul tells us, to confirm the Promises made to the Fathers, in order that, by so doing, he might cause the Nations to glorify God for His mercy.

Thus the Messiah confirmed the Abrahamic Covenant which was before made with our fathers unto us their children, by introducing the New Covenant with Israel and

Judah.

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THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENTS - PT 7 ANSWERING THE OBJECTIONS - Cont. Boaz and Ruth

"... and Booz (Boaz) begat Obed of Ruth." (Matt 1:5)

Boaz, the son of Salmon, was a Judahite and Ruth is five times identified as a Moabitess in Ruth 1:22, 2:2,21, 4:5 and 4:10. However, once again, even if Ruth were a racial Moabite, she would not be of another race. The Moabites were descendants of Lot and his incestuous relationship with his eldest daughter:

"And Lot ... dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him... And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites..." (Genesis 19:30-37).

Lot was a nephew of Abraham, a progenitor of the Israelites:

"And Abraham took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son..." (Genesis 12:5).

There is only one race represented in the relationship between Boaz and Ruth. Nevertheless, there is no reason to conclude that Ruth was a racial Moabite. Ruth could not have been a racial Moabite for the same reason that Rahab could not have been a racial Canaanite - the Israelites were forbidden to intermarry with Moabites:

".... The people of Israel ... have not separated themselves from the people of the lands ... even of the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites... For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands..." (Ezra 9:1-20)

Yahshua could not have become king of the Israelites had He come from a forbidden lineage or mixed race. Therefore, Ruth must have been known as a Moabite because she had lived in the land of Moab, the same as Moses was identified as an Egyptian because of his former residence in Egypt. Evidence that Ruth was a Moabite by residence rather than by race is demonstrated in Boaz applying to Ruth the levirate law that requires Israelite men to raise up a male heir for a deceased brother, thereby preserving his name and estate:

"If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother [or "nigh of kin" Leviticus 25:48-49] shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel." (Deut 25:5-6)

"And he [Boaz] said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth ... thou art a near kinsman. And he said, ... it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit ... will I do the part of a kinsman to thee..." (Ruth 3:9-13).

Had Ruth been a descendant of the forbidden lineage of Moab or of another race, the law of the levirate would not have applied because her previous relationship with Boaz'



kinsman would have been unlawful and, therefore, adulterous. She must have been an Israelite or at least a descendant of a racially-alike lineage with whom the Israelites were permitted to marry. Otherwise the estate would have been lost to a non-Israelite descendant, the very thing that prompted Ezra to command the Judahites to put away their Moabite and other foreign wives (Ezra 9:1 - 10:3) [note that even though it says 'wives' showing they were married, they were required to 'put away' their wives, rather than 'divorce' them. That is because it was not a scripturally recognized marriage!]

For the point under discussion, it does not make any difference whether Ruth was an Israelite or a Moabite. In either instance, she was of the same race as Boaz her husband. The relationships between Moses and Zipporah, Moses and Adoniah, Joseph and Asenath, Salmon and Rahab, and Boaz and Ruth, were not interracial relationships. Interracial marriage was never sanctioned in the Bible.

The Idolatry Agreement

People who promote or condone miscegenation often argue that the Old Testament prohibitions against mixing with forbidden lineages and other races were only to protect Israel from the idolatry that was being promoted by the non-Israelites at that time. This assertion is reflected in the following question and answer that was published in the December 1995 installment of Home Life magazine's "Ask Mike and Mary" column:

Q: What does the Bible teach about interracial relationships or mixed marriages? I am concerned my 13-year-old daughter may be headed in that direction. I have told her this is wrong and I do not approve. The Church doesn't seem to address this problem. Could this be a sign of a more deep-rooted problem? Do you think I should worry?

A: Your question is one that concerns many parents. We would welcome a passage clearly instructing our children not to mix with other races when they date or marry. That would make our parenting assignment easier. The trouble is, I just don't believe the Bible makes that statement. It does not support the idea of keeping race as a dividing line. True, in Deuteronomy 7:3 the Israelites were told specifically not to marry the members of the nations they would encounter when they would occupy the promised land. But the next verse clarifies this warning. It is not about race; it is about faith in the true God.

(Home Life [Nashville, TN: Life Way Press, Dec. 1995], p.10)

Mike and Mary's answer is typical of most of today's churches. But Deuteronomy 7:1-4 does not substantiate Mike and Mary's limited application of this particular passage in its implications concerning interracial relationships:

"When Yahweh thy God shall bring thee [the nation of Israel] into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites ... thou shalt make no ... marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of Yahweh be kindled against you and destroy thee suddenly."

Faith in Yahweh is undeniably central to this particular passage. With this in mind, in Ecclesiastes 1:9, King Solomon declared "that which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So, there is nothing new under the sun." Even if idolatry were the only reason for this prohibition, the consequences of race mixing for Israelites [**God's Covenant People: Yesterday, Today and Forever** provides a documented dissertation identifying Israel with today's Celtic, Germanic,

Scandinavian, Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples. Over 30 biblical characteristics of the people of Israel are provided whereby the Celto-Saxons are contrasted with today's Jews who fit none of the biblical marks of Israel. paperback #803 @ \$23.00ppd] have not changed. In 1776 there were approximately 2.5 million people in America. Less than one percent of the population was collectively represented by 20,000 Catholics, 3,000 non-Israelite Jews, and a few deists. More than 99 percent were white, Christian, Israelite Protestants. In light of these and present-day demographics, it is a fact that the more non-Israelite immigrants allowed to enter and remain here, the less Christian this nation becomes. The more racially-mixed and multicultural America becomes, the more religiously pluralistic she becomes, and - the more pluralistic she becomes, the more heathen and ungodly she becomes. In other words, nothing has changed since Deuteronomy 7. In her book *The Official Guide to the American Marketplace*, demographics specialist Cheryl Russell confirmed this paganizing of America:

"Immigration will slowly change the nation's [predominately Christian] religious affiliation ... Because most of the nation's immigrants are from Mexico ... the Roman Catholic church is likely to gain adherents. The influx of Asian immigrants should boost the share of Americans who are Buddhist or Hindu."

Martin E. Marty, a nationally acclaimed demographics expert and director of the public religion project, also confirmed the inevitable consequences of mixing the races:

"No one noticed it at the time, but the biggest event affecting pluralism [the increasing multi-religious composition of the United States] was in 1965, when immigration quotas that favored Europeans were altered." ("Scholar Sees strength in abundance of faiths", Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Monday, Apr. 26, 1999)

The Bible repeatedly declares that Yahweh is the God of the Israelites. In other words, Yahweh is the innate God of only the Israelites. Without the religious influence of the Israelites, non-Israelites naturally serve other gods. It is a sad commentary, but when Israelites mix with other races, they usually turn to the gods of those people with whom they mix. This is in fulfillment of the principle found in the Apostle Paul's statement in 1 Cor. 15:33 that "bad company corrupts good morals." Nothing has changed since Deuteronomy 7.

NO PROSELYTE EXCEPTIONS

Faith in Yahweh is central to the Bible's prohibitions against mixing with forbidden lineages, but it is *not* the only reason for racial segregation. If it had been, the Bible would have provided exceptions for believers among the forbidden nations. No exception clause for believers can be found in Deuteronomy 7 or anywhere else. Consider again Ezra's instructions:

"... the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel ... have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations ... For they have taken their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands ... I fell upon my knees, and ... said, O my God ... we have forsaken thy commandments which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, ... give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever. ... should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? Wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping? ... Shechaniah ... answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken



strange wives of the people of the land Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them ... let it be done according to the law." (Ezra 9:1-10:3).

Ezra and Shechaniah made no exceptions for foreign wives who had converted to Yahweh nor for the children born of these mixed relationships who might have been converted by their fathers. This important fact is completely overlooked by most of modern Christianity. The prohibition against mixing with certain racially-alike lineages and other races did not pertain to faith in Yahweh.

ADDITIONAL REASONS FOR RACIAL PURITY

In addition to idolatry, Ezra provided two other reasons why the Israelites were commanded to separate from the other nations listed in Ezra 9:

"... they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed [race NASV] have mingled themselves with the people of those lands..." v2.

Mixed relationships were condemned by Ezra not only because they polluted the religion of the Israelites, but because they also polluted or adulterated the race or genes of the Israelites. Verse 12 provides a third reason why the Israelites were commanded to separate from their foreign wives:

"... give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever." (Ezra 9:12).

If these mixed marriages had been allowed to continue, the land of Israel would have been in jeopardy of being lost or turned over to the mixed multitude born to these relationships. This would have occurred even if both parents of these mixed children or the mixed children themselves were believers in Yahweh - Israel would have been dispossessed of her land. Hosea addressed the same problem:

"They have dealt treacherously against Yahweh: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions." (Hosea 5:7).

"Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not..." (Hos 7:9)

This same thing is occurring in America and throughout the world. Someone who spurns his birthright, history, posterity, and future through miscegenation can never regain what was lost, even though he may deeply regret his previous actions. Once a child has been conceived and born from a mixed-race relationship, no one can go back and change it.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

It is politically incorrect to teach that race-mixing is biblically prohibited. It is an emotionally charged issue that is a lightning rod for false accusations from non-Christians and Christians alike. People who believe that miscegenation is biblically condemned and who, therefore, promote separation and purity of the different races are often accused of racism, hatred and, in some instances, even white supremacy. The basis for such accusations is emotional rather than rational in nature.

People who promote integration and miscegenation of the different races are advancing a position that ultimately destroys the purity of each race, and therefore, each race and its distinct culture. People who promote the separation and purity of the races are advancing a position that promotes the perpetuation and preservation of the races and their distinct cultures. It should be obvious which position demonstrates more genuine respect for the people of other races.

GENOCIDEto be continued



11.2 *I have read Dear Abbey's column where she said in past centuries in Europe the Christians called the Jews "Christ-killers." She said this was wrong and "anti-semitic." Our Sunday School teacher says the Jews did not crucify Jesus, but that Pilate and the Roman soldiers did. Who is right, the European Christians of several centuries ago, or Abbey and our Sunday School teacher? Who crucified Jesus?*

This has been a bone of contention between Jews and some Christians for over 1900 years. "Dear Abbey" is Jewish, so she can hardly be blamed for giving the standard Jewish answer. However, teachers in Christian churches should get their answer from the Christian Bible.

In the parable of the householder in Matthew 21, Jesus told of someone who said, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance." It is quite easy to identify Jesus as the heir in the parable, and then in vs 45 it is revealed that the ones who would say, "Come, let us kill him," were the Jewish Pharisees. So before His death, Jesus identified His murderers as the Jewish Pharisees.

Also, in Acts 5:24-30 we find the Jewish priests commanding Peter and the Christians not to preach in Jesus' Name, and in vs 30: "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree." This is a direct accusation that the Jewish priests did the actual crucifying of Jesus.

This entire question is answered in great detail in our 30-page booklet, **Who Killed Christ?** [#108 @ \$5.65] Using a score or more Bible passages from both the Old and New Testaments, we prove the Jewish priests and their own band of soldiers crucified Jesus, and that the Romans have been accused of this in order to hide the real truth of the Jews' guilt in this greatest of all crimes.

This booklet is on our literature list and recommended reading for all Christians. Every Christian should read it!
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While we have done our best to keep things going during the cyclone, we nevertheless did get behind, so if this issue is a little late, you will understand why. We do appreciate all those who enquired after our welfare both by phone and email (when they were working). I hope we have given a sufficient reply to all.

We ran a full-page ad in "Grass-Roots" magazine, for Ray Capt videos, and did not get one reply. When we advertised in "Nexus" last year we received about 4 replies. If you know a publication that may be suitable to put such an ad in, please send us a copy of that publication (not metropolitan dailies!).

We continue to do what we can to spread the word to our people. Thanks so much for your prayers, support and free-will tithes, donations, gifts and love offerings which make it possible for us to continue. May our Heavenly Father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel - our forefathers - bless us and keep us and remember His covenant with them, and show mercy unto us - their children, is our prayer, for You, and us,

