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"[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily, [to see] whether those things were so."—Acts 17:11

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Come, Lord Jesus!

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In 2 Samuel, beginning in chapter 13, we are introduced to a tragic sequence of events in King David's life. God's fourfold judgment for his adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband, Uriah, is about to come upon him (2 Samuel 12:1-4). David's son, Amnon, forces himself upon one of his sisters, Tamar, committing incest. David's favorite son, Absalom, takes vengeance and has Amnon killed, then flees from David's wrath.

Joab craftily engineers Absalom's return to Jerusalem, and the latter proceeds to turn the hearts of the people of Israel away from David. That accomplished, Absalom "sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron" (2 Samuel 15:10). This was the city where David had first been crowned king (2 Samuel 5:1-5).

Upon learning that Israel has rejected him in favor of Absalom, David leaves his throne to the usurper and flees from Jerusalem with his 600 mighty men and many servants (2 Samuel 15:13-22). In allegiance to David, the priests Zadok and Abiathar, together with the Levites bearing the ark of the covenant, seek to join the procession fleeing Jerusalem.

David, however, demonstrates again why God said, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will" (Acts:13:22). He tells the priests, "Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again...but if [not]...let him do to me as seemeth good unto him" (2 Samuel 15:25-26). David then arranges for Ahimaaz the son of Zadok and Jonathan the son of Abiathar to act as spies and bring vital information to him (15:27-29).

David is told that Ahithophel is part of Absalom's conspiracy. Known for his wisdom, this man had been David's chief advisor and was probably the most brilliant strategist the world has ever seen: "And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom" (16:23). David instantly offers a prayer that goes to the heart of the matter.

It is a model for us today of insight, brevity, and effectiveness: "O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness" (2 Samuel 15:31).

Almost immediately, Hushai the Archite, loyal friend and longtime counselor, appears "with his coat rent, and earth upon his head" (v. 32). David recognizes in him the answer to his prayer: not a miracle but a means. Often we ask God to do for us what we could have a part in doing for ourselves if we would use what He provides! David tells Hushai, "...if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king...then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel" (vv. 33,34). And so it would be.

Ahithophel urges Absalom, "Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: and I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed...and I will smite the king only" (17:1,2). Ahithophel's counsel was the only possibility. But playing on the reputation of David and his men as invincible warriors, Hushai cautions, "The counsel that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time...thou knowest thy father and his men [are] mighty men...chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps...thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people...Behold, he is hid now...[W]hen some...be overthrown...whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. And he...whose heart is...of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men. Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee...as the sand that is by the sea for multitude...that thou go to battle in thine own person. So shall we come upon him...as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one" (17:7-12).

Absalom and his men are attracted by the thought of having hundreds of thousands united to attack David's 600 men, and they accept the counsel of Hushai that "the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel" (v. 14). The latter knows that if David and his men have time to get some food and rest, all the men of Israel will not be sufficient to defeat them.

Ahithophel is a tragic figure—a master strategist whose amazing career has been

driven, not by love for the God of Israel and loyalty to David whom He has chosen to be king, but by his love for outwitting Israel's enemies and being admired as the brains behind the phenomenal success that God has given to David. The fact that the despised shepherd boy David defeated Goliath and the Philistines simply by faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has never gripped the soul of Ahithophel. For him, there are no more challenges in serving David after Israel's enemies have all been defeated—whereas guiding Absalom's revolt will bring him out of virtual retirement and into action again.

Ahithophel apparently sees in Absalom's rebellion the opportunity for new demands upon his genius. Here is an exciting task worthy of his remarkable talents. But now his wise counsel has been rejected. Knowing exactly what the outcome will be, he doesn't hesitate a moment: "And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass...gat him home...put his household in order, and hanged himself..." (17:23).

David, too, knows that all Israel is no match for his 600 incredible warriors, one of whom "lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time" (2 Sam:23:8); another "smote the Philistines until...his hand clave unto the sword:...and the people returned after him only to spoil" (23:10); still another slays 300 at one time (23:18). David pleads with his invincible army, "Deal gently for my sake with...Absalom" (18:5). And so it happens precisely as Ahithophel, Hushai, and David have foreseen: under Absalom's leadership, Israel suffers a stunning defeat.

In spite of David's passionate plea, Joab kills Absalom in order to remove any further challenge to David. Israel is ashamed of her disloyalty to her rightful king but doesn't know what to do. Perhaps recognizing God's judgment upon his own sin, David weeps inconsolably in seclusion for Absalom: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (2 Samuel 18:33).

Joab, who for all his perversity is a man of keen insight, rebukes David: "Joab...said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants...for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died..."

then it had pleased thee...if thou go not forth [to the people], there will not tarry one with thee this night....Then the king arose, and sat in the gate....And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent" (2 Samuel 19:1-8).

The people remember that David, after all, has delivered them from the Philistines and other enemies and has ruled them well. With Absalom dead, the word spreads quickly, "Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?" (v. 10).

Even though Absalom has been defeated, David will not go back to his throne in Jerusalem until the hearts of the people have changed toward him and they welcome his return. But David is not idle. He sends Zadok and Abiathar, the priests, to the elders of Judah to say unto them, "Ye are my brethren...my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?" (19:11,12).

This appeal "bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man; so that they sent this word unto the king, Return thou, and all thy servants." Only then "the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king..." (19:9-15).

Surely this story has prophetic implications for the last days in which we find ourselves. In spite of those who claim that God is finished with Israel and that the church is the "new Israel," scores of prophecies foretell a full and final restoration of Israel in her land, with the Messiah ruling over her *forever* on David's throne. This restoration must be yet future because nothing that comes close to these prophetic promises has ever occurred in Israel's history (we will add italics to highlight the permanence of these promises as further evidence that the fulfillment is yet future):

"He that scattered Israel will gather him...they shall come and sing in the height of Zion...they shall not sorrow *any more at all* (Jeremiah 31:10-12)....The city [Jerusalem] shall be built to the LORD....It shall not be plucked up nor thrown down *any more for ever* (vv. 38,40)....As a shepherd seeketh out his flock...so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered....And gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land,...And I will set up one shepherd over them,...even my servant David;...he shall be their shepherd....And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen,...they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid (Ezekiel 34:12,13,23,28). And I will...do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD....Neither shalt thou bear the reproach

of the people *any more*...(Ezekiel 36:11,15). A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you:...This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden (vv. 26,35). I the LORD [will] build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it and I will do it...(v. 36). And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt;...they, and their children, and their children's children *for ever*: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever....My sanctuary shall be in the midst of them *for evermore* (37:24-28). So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name *any more*....[T]he house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God *from that day and forward*....Neither will I hide my face *any more* from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD (39:7,22,29)."

David is one of the clearest Old Testament types of Christ. Therefore, we can see prophetic implications concerning the Second Coming of Christ in the incident from 2 Samuel cited above. This fact becomes even clearer in the passage from Ezekiel 37. That the promised Messiah is referred to as David reflects the fact that He is the ultimate "son of David" who will reign upon David's throne in Jerusalem over restored Israel and the world *forever*.

Zechariah gives further details in enlarging upon these prophecies: "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle;...Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations,...And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem....My God shall come, and all the saints with thee....And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced..." (Zechariah 14:1-5; 12:10a).

Clearly God is speaking—but what could He mean that He has been pierced by Israel? And why does He seem to refer to another when He goes on to say, "...and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son..." (12:10b)? They pierced "me," says God, but they will mourn for "him." Do not the words of Christ explain this when He says, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30)?

Israel's mourning can only be in remorse for having "pierced" her God. But how is that possible? Only if God himself had become a man through a virgin birth and had been rejected and crucified as Isaiah foretold: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive,

and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [God with us]" (Isaiah 7:14); "For unto us a child is born,...a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder [i.e., He is the Messiah who will reign]: and his name shall be called...The mighty God, The everlasting Father..." (9:6); "He is despised and rejected...wounded for our transgressions...bruised for our iniquities...and with his stripes we are healed" (53:3-5). Furthermore, only on the basis of the Messiah, who is God himself, paying the penalty for our sins could Zechariah go on to say that, as a result of Israel's recognition and mourning, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness" (Zechariah 13:1).

Surely Israel stands today in relation to the coming "David" where she stood in relation to the original King David after his rejection. Upon being rejected, Jesus said, "Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 23:39). That will indeed happen in the midst of Armageddon as Israel, attacked by the armies of the entire world under Antichrist, faces annihilation and cries out in desperation for her Messiah. He comes to rescue her and they see that He is a man who was pierced to the death and is risen again, the very Jesus they have despised and rejected, as their own prophet Isaiah foretold so clearly (Isaiah 53).

Could we also find application for the church? Christ has promised to come and take us to His Father's house of many mansions (John 14:2-3). Could it be that, as David waited for Israel to invite him back, Christ will return only when His bride earnestly calls upon Him to do so? The Absaloms of this world have captured the hearts of Christians everywhere. We are in the midst of apostasy. The last thing many Christians want is the Rapture because it would interfere with their earthly plans.

Christ foretold that "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" (Matthew 25:5-6). *Is it not time for that cry to resound throughout the church?* Could this be why Revelation ends, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come....Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:17,20)? *When will the church "speak a word for bringing back the king"?* Let us who "love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8) sound the midnight cry: "Behold the bridegroom cometh! Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" And let us urge many others to join us in this plea to our Savior. **TBC**

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Quotable

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

CHORUS:

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

— Edward Mote

Q&A

QUESTION: I sent a copy of your recent TBC Update on Joel Osteen [author of the bestseller, *Your Best Life Now*] (<http://www.thebereanall.org/content/joel-osteen-unsure-if-jesus-was-poor>) to a friend of mine on staff with Joel's ministry asking if he had any thoughts in regard to the article. He stated [excerpts from a long reply], "To be honest, I can't really discern what [the writer's] point is. Does he have some inside knowledge that I don't regarding the actual amount of funds that were carried in the treasury that Judas oversaw? Like Joel [Osteen] says, it's curious that the robe Jesus was wearing was valuable enough that the soldiers were dividing it up. But also like Joel, I don't really think about it much."

"Why is it so important that Jesus be poor? Is that like a tenet of faith? If so, I never got the memo. As for the 'foxes have holes' quote, I don't see how that refers to financial wealth. To me it's far more likely about the fact that He was not stationary. He was on a mission and on the move. That to follow Him meant that one would have to do the same, forsaking all and going with Him wherever the

Spirit led them.... Joel simply believes, as do I, that God has promised to supply all our needs. He believes...that the apostle John meant what he said when he wrote, 'I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.'"

RESPONSE: Our concern here is the distortion of what the Bible teaches about biblical prosperity. Those who are word-faith/healing and prosperity gospel teachers (including Joel Osteen and, previously, his father, John, in his ministry) have all supported the unbiblical idea that the spiritual hallmark of a faithful follower is riches and good health. According to their claim, if a person lacks those things, it's due to his or her lack of faith. They also mistakenly use Jesus as the model of the result of such beliefs, especially wealth.

There is no indication in Scripture that Jesus was wealthy. What He did have was through the generosity of those who ministered to him. Luke 8:3 indicates where the Lord Jesus may have obtained not only the robe but much of His earthly support: "Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others... provided for Him from their substance." In Scripture, we see several wealthy women who had a role (no doubt moved by the Holy Spirit) in giving to Jesus' ministry. Since the giver was likely wealthy, the garment given to Jesus would naturally reflect that. Such scriptures document that Jesus was not rich in earthly possessions. He relied on others in order to support His travels and earthly ministry. Furthermore, Scripture teaches us how He lived and how the apostles who were trained by Him lived. Paul wrote that he knew both how to "abound" and how to be "abased." The "abasing" part is what the word-faith teachers do not teach other than to say that it reflects a lack of faith.

A common argument in support of Christ's wealth is the fact that He wore a seamless garment, supposedly of greater value than a two- or three-piece one would have been. Yet a study of history reveals that Roman soldiers were allowed to "supplement" their income by confiscation. The point of the seamless garment being mentioned was that it could not easily be divided. The soldiers gambled for it, thus fulfilling Psalm 22:18: "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." Therefore, even if the one-piece garment was more valuable, that hardly supports the belief that Christ was wealthy. It may have been a gift.

Regarding the "foxes have holes" quote, Jesus said in Luke 9:57-58, "And it came to

pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." In fact, this states that the Lord had no earthly home to return to, let alone a mansion. Christ was indeed "on a mission and on the move," as your friend notes, and to follow Him meant that one would have to do the same, "forsaking all and going with Him wherever the Spirit led them."

Certainly the Lord provides faithfully, but that provision is often diametrically opposed to human expectation and the distortion the "faith" teachers give it. Everything the Lord provides for a believer is according to His will. That fact, however, rails against the teaching that God's provision works according to spiritual laws, which the practitioner must learn in order to implement them. If that doesn't produce the desired result, then the fault lies with the one misapplying the laws. That delusion is no different from witchcraft.

Some prominent word/faith ministries have not one but two Gulfstream jets, which means that not only must they purchase two planes, but they must also pay two trained flight crews for each one, not to mention ongoing hangar costs and maintenance. Is that what constitutes biblical prosperity? Consider Benny Hinn's take on God's provision: "Years ago they used to preach, 'O we are going to walk on streets of gold.' I would say, 'I don't need the gold up there. I've got to have it down here'" (Praise-a-Thon, TBN, April 2, 1991).

Yes, the Lord provides all things necessary for us, but emphasizing the "abounding" that Paul on occasion experienced, we miss the point that the Lord is teaching: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." He states that at times he was "in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness" (2 Cor. 11:27). Was Paul out of God's will? No. God had allowed him to experience such conditions for his growth in the faith. Learning to be content in every state doesn't come about when one is only prospering materially.

The saddest part in all of this is that many who follow Joel Osteen's "positive" gospel are not taught the Bible's clear warnings that we will suffer on this earth, and therefore they miss the biblical truth that such suffering provides excellent opportunities for spiritual maturity (see "The Value of Suffering," thebereanall.org/content/value-suffering.)

TBC NewsWatch

DOES ISRAEL HAVE NO ROOTS THERE IN HISTORY?

HUFFINGTON POST, 10/13/12, "DOES ISRAEL HAVE NO ROOTS THERE IN HISTORY?," [EXCERPTS]: On Sept. 24, the president of Iran informed reporters that Israel has "no roots there in history" in the Middle East. [H]e recognizes that Israel's historical presence in that world since antiquity matters—matters enough to deny it. Now, the Bible pictures an Israelite-Jewish population and government there starting in the 12th century B.C.E. and continuing until the end of the [Old Testament's] history about 800 years later. But how do we know if this is true?

[T]he land is filled with Hebrew inscriptions....These are not just an occasional inscription on a piece of pottery or carved in a wall. Nor should we even start with one or two of the most famous archaeological finds. Rather, there are thousands of inscriptions. They come from hundreds of excavated towns and cities. They are in the Hebrew language. They include people's names that bear forms of the name of their God.

The inscriptions also refer to their kings. They include stamps and seals from official documents. They come from tombs where that land's people were buried. They name people who are mentioned in the Hebrew Bible. They include wording that also appears in the Hebrew Bible. Right below the Church of Scotland in Jerusalem, in a Jewish tomb from the seventh century B.C.E., was a silver cylinder with the words inscribed in it: "May YHWH bless you and keep you. May YHWH make his face shine to you and give you peace." It is the words of the Priestly Blessing in the Hebrew Bible (Numbers 6:24-26).

That's just one inscription....As for those foreign inscriptions, texts from the neighboring lands refer to the people, to their kings, to their government, to their armies and to their cities. The basic fact: everybody knew that Israel was there: the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Arameans, the Moabites, the Persians. Pharaoh Merneptah (1213-1203 B.C.E.) refers to the people of Israel in a stone stele. Pharaoh Shoshenq I (c. 945-924 B.C.E.) describes his campaign in which he refers to cities in Israel (including Ayalon, Beth-Shan, Megiddo, Rehob and Taanach). Assyrian king, King Shalmaneser III names King "Ahab the Israelite" among his opponents in his Kurkh monument and names and pictures King

Jehu on his Black Obelisk. Seven other Assyrian emperors also refer to Israel and Judah and name kings who are also mentioned in the Bible. The Babylonian sources, too, refer to the Jews and their monarchy in the years after the Babylonians replaced the Assyrian empire. And the record continues when the Persians replace the Babylonians, as documented in the Cylinder of Cyrus, the Persian emperor. Cyrus' decree in 538 B.C.E., let the exiled Jews return to their land; it was followed by an influx of Jewish population. There was population growth from the reign of Darius I to Artaxerxes I.

The country that the Babylonians had conquered was reestablished as a state of Judah (*yehud medintha*) within the Persian umbrella. You want irony? Persia, now called Iran, the country that re-established the Jews' country in biblical times, now has a president who says that Israel has no roots there.

(http://www.huffingtonpost.com/richard-elliott-friedman/does-israel-have-no-roots-there-in-history_b_1941237.html)

MORMONS PREPARE TO MARCH IN LGBT PARADES

RELIGION DISPATCHES MAGAZINE, 6/21/12, "MORMONS PREPARE TO MARCH IN SEVEN LGBT PARADES," [EXCERPTS]: [On June 22] Mormons [were] preparing to march in seven LGBT Pride parades: New York City, San Francisco, Houston, Seattle, Cleveland, Twin Cities, and Santiago, Chile. More than 140 Mormons are expected to march in Santiago alone.

It is striking to think that it was four years ago that the LDS Church issued a letter to be read to California congregations urging members to full engagement in support of Proposition 8, setting into motion a headline-grabbing Mormon campaign to end civil same-sex marriage in California.

Since then, Mormons for Marriage founder Laura Compton writes, there have been a number of subtle but observable changes in Mormon positioning on same-sex marriage, including:

- The Church Handbook of Instructions no longer includes a request that church members should lobby governments to deny same-sex marriage rights (and rites) via legislative actions.
- LDS rhetoric about same-sex marriage rights is shifting to focus on the need to protect religious freedom, rather than the need to protect families.
- The LDS Public Affairs office actually used the term 'gay' to describe

individuals, rather than [same-sex] attracted or same-gender attracted in its response to HRC's criticisms of Pres. Packer's October 2010 conference talk.

(http://www.religiondispatches.org/dispatches/joannabrooks/6105/mormons_prepare_to_march_in_seven_lgbt_parades_this_weekend_/)

EVIDENCE & PRESERVATION IN DINOSAUR FOSSILS

ANSWERSINGENESIS.ORG, 10/27/12, "EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATES PRESERVATION OF CELLULAR PROTEINS IN DINOSAUR FOSSILS,"

[EXCERPTS]: Ever since Mary Schweitzer identified red blood cells and blood vessels inside fossilized dinosaur bone in 2005, debate has raged. Could protein and cellular structures survive for millions of years?

Some evolutionists have insisted the purported protein-containing structures in Schweitzer's specimens must be bacterial biofilm—a microbial slime. Biofilm proponents believe bacterial slime in old blood vessels just looks like vessels and blood cells. Even a springy texture could, they say, be produced by such "biofilm morphs." Regarding these allegations, Schweitzer, showing a blank slide, said, "Here's the data in support of a biofilm origin. We haven't found any yet."

Schweitzer and colleagues have continued to press the case for the authenticity of preserved dinosaur soft tissue. Newly published data presented at the conference demonstrates that four kinds of protein molecules like those found in modern bone cells remain in fossils of two dinosaurs, *Tyrannosaurus rex* and *Brachylophosaurus canadensis*.

Schweitzer believes additional support for the genuineness of these dinosaur proteins comes from the hypothesis that dinosaurs are "closely related to birds." However, homologous proteins are only an example of common design by a common Designer, not proof of ancestry. The same can be said of many proteins that appear in homologous forms throughout the biological world.

The survival of protein molecules and even cellular structure in dinosaur fossils is now authenticated. The question remains, how long can such biomolecules last? It is impossible to experimentally test for millions of years of survival. Dates claiming millions of year ages for these fossils are based on unverifiable assumptions, not experimentally demonstrable proof.

(<http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/2012/10/27/news-to-note-10272012>)

T. A.'s Speaking Schedule

Dec 3-5 **21st Annual Pre-Trib Study Group**
Dallas/Ft Worth, TX
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Letters

Dear Dave and T. A.,

In the midst of reading every newsletter, I feel I should contact you with a note of appreciation and thanks for your untiring labor for the cause of Christ.

The September 2012 *Berean Call* was no exception. The Harry Ironside quote, almost unheard in today's church, says so much in such a few words. I cut it out and sent it my 30-year-old son...who thinks science holds all the answers to life....I pray that [my son] and all men will heed Ironside's words while there is still time.

A short testimony [from a number of years ago]: After being out of the country for three years and [returning to visit] my parents...I made it a point to stop by the Christian bookstore. After walking around for several minutes and seeing the abundance of resources, I couldn't figure out what to buy and take back with me. I told the clerk that I had been out of the country for three years and asked him what, even to me, was a strange question. I asked him what was new within the world of Christianity and what had I missed while I was

gone. I know now that his pointing me to *The Seduction of Christianity* was not a fluke or coincidence but absolutely a God-incidence. From that time until this time I have received many insights and blessings from your writings. Please accept this "I thank you" from the bottom of my heart. The little work I now do for the cause of Christ was greatly influenced by what I learned from your untiring efforts. TG (FL)

Tom,

Your recent emphasis on how Christian conservatives are setting their affections on things on the earth rather than on things above is right on. I've been into politics since 1960, joined the John Birch Society while in college in 1965, later was active in the American Party, and was on the board of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance. But in 1980 the Lord told me to get out of all those organizations. He showed me clearly (what I already knew) that even if all of our conservative goals were realized but the hearts of the people were not transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ it would profit nothing.

I...know that only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can transform society, one life at a time. And of course the goal is not to transform American or any earthly society but to win souls to citizenship in a heavenly kingdom. CB (VA)

Dear Sirs:

After reading Edwin Newby's article "A Shocking Lack of Discernment," where he compares his understanding and discernment with that of Herbert Armstrong's and Joseph Kovacs' discernment and understanding, I now have a clear picture of what

the truth of God really is. And it is not Newby's! He shows his narrow mindedness and his accepting of the traditions passed down from the Roman Catholic Church without any true understanding of God's purpose for mankind. His lack of research is abundantly evident that he has no or little understanding of God's Word. Newby's prejudice is pronounced by his lack of research and his lack of Holy Spirit. Of course in order to have correct discernment, one must start with the correct premises, and Mr. Newby apparently has no idea what they are. JC (AL)

Dear Brothers & Sisters at TBC,

I appreciate receiving your newsletters each month by email. I know a lot of work goes into the monthly issues and I want to thank everyone involved for their faithful efforts. God is good and *will* be coming soon to take home His saints! BC (Canada)

Berean Call,

I wish to thank you for the publishing of *The Berean Call*....I'm incarcerated and the study items [here] are very few unless you're into eastern or Muslim religions. Your *Berean Call* is passed to many in here to help them understand God's Word and what to be on alert for because many items in here are accepted as "from God." JG (PA, prisoner)

Dave,

I bought *The Cult Explosion* in 1980 and it sat in my bookcase until recently. I am aghast that it took me 30 years to open the second best revelation I have ever heard.... Thanks for writing *The Cult Explosion*, the pages are yellow but the content is bright and powerful. DB (email)

TBC Notes

TBC's Resource Choices and Changes

Why do we sell the resource materials we do, and what is our criteria? First and foremost, our desire is that our materials encourage people to turn to the Word of God as their authority for living their lives in a way that is spiritually fruitful and pleasing to the Lord.

Some of our resources do that more directly than others, yet all are for the purpose of informing and edifying the body of Christ. Sometimes we offer books by non-Christians that contain research information that we believe is valuable for our readers. In some instances, we make available resources with which we do not entirely agree, yet we believe that the material overall is very helpful for the believer. In such cases, we may attach a disclaimer, or we may issue an exhortation for the reader to exercise discernment, i.e., be a "Berean."

We see our material resources as a ministry in itself, providing edifying media that is not usually available in local Christian bookstores. We are very conscious of our stewardship responsibility and try to make what we offer as economical as possible. We are also thankful to the Lord that the sale of materials is a viable source of provision, in addition to the unsolicited donations of those who are blessed by and support The Berean Call.

We have been blessed for the last 14 years to offer no-cost economy shipping and a minimal charge for expedited shipping. That cost to TBC, however, has adversely affected our attempts at being good stewards of God's provision for the ministry. Therefore, beginning January 1, 2013, our new shipping policy applies to customers in the US: \$3 for media mail shipping, and \$7 for First Class/Priority/Fedex Ground shipping (our choice). Wholesale and international customers will continue to pay actual shipping costs.

T. A. McMAHON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EARLY CHURCH ERRORS REPEATING?

BY DAVE HUNT
Excerpted from How Close Are We?

The Blessed Hope

With Christ's *I will come again!* still fresh in memories, the early Christians eagerly waited and watched for their Lord's return. He had said that they were not of this world, but that He had chosen them out of it. Paul would soon write under His Lord's inspiration: "For our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Philippians 3:20,21). The world held little interest for these citizens of heaven. They were homesick for the Father's house, longing to be with their Lord in that eternal haven of rest.

Hated, persecuted, and killed by Rome, the early church took comfort in the belief that Christ might return at any moment to rescue His followers from their trials. Paul called the anticipation of an imminent Rapture "that blessed hope" (Titus 2:13), and indeed it was for those early believers who went through "fiery trials" and "rejoiced at being partakers of Christ's sufferings" (1 Peter 4:12,13). How they longed to leave this world to be with Him!

As the weary weeks became years, however, and the years multiplied into decades, and finally centuries passed, the vast majority of those who claimed to be Christ's followers gave less and less thought to that "blessed hope." The promise of Christ's return was first neglected and then forgotten. Finally it was lost in the maze of new interpretations and heresies which began to multiply. Attitudes and outlook changed. Citizenship in heaven had proved to be too nebulous a concept. Something more tangible was desired. Being despised on this earth, hated, persecuted, and killed, as their Lord had been, no longer seemed a necessary accompaniment of true Christianity. Perhaps this world had something to offer after all. Perhaps the church could even take the leadership in political affairs and transform the world, establishing the kingdom in Christ's absence. A more accommodating attitude toward secular society might even make the unsaved more receptive to the gospel—especially if they realized that becoming a Christian needn't mean persecution or even much of a change in one's way of life.

The First "Vicar of Christ"

The steadily worsening apostasy took on a hitherto unimagined dimension with the ascent to power of a new Emperor in A.D. 313. He was a brilliant military strategist and general named Constantine. He also had a genius for political organization and realism. Constantine faced the fact that almost three centuries of persecuting Christians had not stamped out that strange sect. Instead it had only grown until nearly one out of every ten citizens in the empire was among that despised band.

Tertullian's remark that the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church, inexplicable though it might be, had proved to be true. People apparently wanted something more than pleasure and profit. Only firmly held convictions worth dying for could make life worth living. These "followers of the way," as they were called in those early days of the church, even prayed for the Roman emperors and other magistrates and soldiers who persecuted and killed them! Why not take advantage of that exemplary loyalty to kings and kingdoms which seemed to be a part of this strange religion?

The Christians were conscientious, hard workers. They didn't get drunk or rebel against the government. Insurrection was not in their natures. Then why not encourage them, give them full rights? Perhaps their philosophy of industry and fidelity would spread to other citizens. The empire would be much the better for it if the numbers of Christians multiplied. The new policy was a very pragmatic one.

To further this strategy, Constantine himself claimed to have become a Christian, though he continued, as Pontifex Maximus, to head the pagan priesthood and to preside over the pagan holiday ceremonies. Of course, that was his duty as emperor and it was excused in view of his encouragement of the building of Christian churches. A new day of tolerance had dawned.

Worshiped as God, the emperor was the head of the empire's official religion. Now that Christianity was recognized along with the old paganism, Constantine assumed leadership of the Christian church. In doing so, he took the title Vicar of Christ. Posing as the church's greatest friend and benefactor, and perhaps even doing so sincerely, Constantine became its destroyer.

Christ had refused Satan's offer of the kingdoms of this world if He would but bow down to him. In a moment of weakness, a church weary of persecution accepted the same offer from Satan, this time presented through the Roman emperor. It was the beginning of centuries of what would be known as the church's "Babylonian captivity."

Augustine lamented that those who were now inside the church were "drunkards, misers, tricksters, gamblers, adulterers, fornicators, people wearing amulets, assiduous clients of sorcerers, astrologers... the same crowds that press into the churches on Christian festivals also fill the theatres on pagan holidays." For many Christians, however, it was a welcome change to go from being despised, hated, hunted, and killed, to being popular and even leaders in the world.

Once it had meant almost certain persecution and possible death to heed the gospel. There had been little need to worry about false professions of faith under those circumstances. Now it was just the opposite. False professions were more the rule than the exception.

The Church Marries the World

In the new order of things under Constantine, it had become a great advantage to be a Christian. One had to attend the growing number of Christian churches to get anywhere in business, politics, and even in the military. Conversions of convenience multiplied as church attendance soared.

Corruption quickly reached to the top in the church. The empire's best-paying jobs with the most worldly prestige and influence were in church leadership. Constantine encouraged the growth of an ecclesiastical system that he could use to his own ends. It attracted men whose ambitions were not to gain reward in the world to come but in the present one.

Many who rose to power within the church hierarchy were master politicians who knew how to use Christian terminology but knew not Christ. As Will Durant put it in *The Story of Civilization*, the paganism of Rome "passed like maternal blood into the new religion, and captive Rome captured her conqueror. While Christianity converted the world, the world converted Christianity." What a tragic commentary! Such was the birth of Roman Catholicism, which would dominate the scene from that moment on.

The church that was supposed to be the bride of Christ, awaiting eagerly the return of her Bridegroom to take her to heaven, had tired of waiting for Him and married the world instead. Now occupied with building an earthly kingdom over which she could reign in an adulterous partnership with kings and emperors, the church lost its hope of heaven and began to look upon itself as the replacement for God's earthly people, Israel. Forgotten were admonitions such as this from the Lord: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through

nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

In disobedience to her Lord, the church became the wealthiest institution on earth and gloried in her earthly treasures. Much of the wealth was acquired by selling salvation. Every sin had its price for "forgiveness." The greater and more numerous the sins the wealthier the church of Rome became. Crosses and altars that supposedly depicted the sacrifice of Christ were gilded with gold. Bishops, cardinals, and popes, who claimed to be the successors of barefoot fishermen disciples, lived lifestyles that shamed even secular kings. The perversion of the church which began with Constantine continued to worsen through the centuries, giving us today's Roman Catholicism....

Hope of the Rapture Is Lost

There was no longer any reason for Christ to return. Claiming that Constantine had given them his authority, the popes ruled with an iron hand over what they conceived to be "the kingdom of God" come to earth. To this day the popes proudly bear Constantine's three religious titles: Pontifex Maximus, Vicar of Christ, and Bishop of Bishops....

The Rapture is unknown in today's Roman Catholicism. In fact, it is specifically contradicted by the twin Catholic dogmas of purgatory and indulgences. Although down through the centuries there have been many relatively small groups of evangelical believers independent of and persecuted by Rome, they, too, for the most part lost the hope of the Rapture....

The Reformation did little to recover any hope in Christ's promise, "I will come again and receive you unto myself." The Rapture is generally denied or has little importance among Reformed groups such as Presbyterians and Lutherans. There seemed to be good reason to avoid that teaching due to past fanaticism surrounding it. The best proof that the hope of an imminent Rapture was not biblical was found in the fact that Christ had not yet come.

Unfortunately, when the "blessed hope" of Christ's imminent return has been revived periodically in the last two centuries, the excitement created here and there has usually developed into date setting, causing the Rapture to become an object of derision. Voluntarily divested of their earthly possessions, cruelly deluded, white-robed zealots have more than once waited in vain on hilltop or rooftop while the promised hour came and went. Such fanatical anticipation has always subsided once again into disillusionment and forgetfulness....

In the wake of such excited anticipation and then disappointment, greater disillusionment than ever has now smothered the legitimate hope of Christ's imminent return. The Rapture and Second Coming are now looked upon as topics to be avoided by the vast majority of Christians—and, it would seem, with good reason. The gospel, too, because it was clearly preached by these date setters, has come in for increasing mockery.

Bringing Heaven to Earth

A surprising number of today's evangelicals are rejecting the Rapture in favor of remaining here to take over the world. There is an entire movement known as Manifest Sons which rejects the Rapture. It is up to Christians, according to this teaching, to "manifest" themselves as "sons of God" by attaining to sinless perfection and immortality. This, they say, will not happen at the return of Christ, but must be accomplished to bring Him back. Overcomers who manifest themselves as sons of God in this way are then, in that power, to take over the world. When the church has established the kingdom, Christ will return to earth, not to take anyone to heaven but to rule over the kingdom the overcomers present to Him.

This clearly unbiblical teaching originated in a Pentecostal revival in Canada around 1948.... Though immediately condemned as heresy by the Assemblies of God, and confined to a fanatical fringe for years, this teaching [has become "gospel"] among many Pentecostals and charismatics. In complete disregard for Christ's promise to take us to heaven and for other Scriptures we have already cited, one of the leaders in the movement, writes: "You can study books about going to heaven in a so-called 'rapture' if that turns you on. We want to study the Bible to learn to live and to love and to bring heaven to earth."

The consequences are rather severe for those who embrace this deception. The Scripture plainly declares that Christ is going to catch us up to meet Him in the air and take us to heaven. Therefore all those who meet a "Christ" with their feet planted on this earth—a "Christ" who hasn't come to take them to heaven but to reign over the kingdom they've established for him—have been working for Antichrist!

It is often argued that belief in a pre-trib Rapture leaves one unprepared to face Antichrist and susceptible to deception. The facts are just the opposite. It is those who deny the Rapture who have set themselves up for the most horrible deception. Antichrist will pretend to be the very "Christ" whom they expect to come to earth to reign. He will congratulate them on the good work they've done in preparing the world for his rule. Hundreds of millions of those who call themselves Christians will be completely deceived.

Strong Delusion from God

Antichrist will do exactly what the Bible foretells. For example, as a means of stabilizing world economies, he'll set up a worldwide system for buying and selling which will employ the number 666 in some way.... Those who don't obey him will not be allowed to buy or sell. He will set up his image in the temple—an image which all will be forced to worship on threat of death. How could one witness such events, all prophesied in Scripture and attributed to the Antichrist, and imagine that Christ was doing them?

Paul warns that God Himself will send a strong delusion to those who, prior to the Rapture, refused to receive the love of the truth. Those who reject the clear teaching of Scripture concerning the Rapture and opt instead to take over the world have already demonstrated their rejection of God's truth. They will be completely convinced that Antichrist is Christ and will follow him enthusiastically. He will fulfill all the expectations they had concerning Christ's return.

Won't the disappearance of scores of millions of Christians prove to the hundreds of millions of professing Christians who are left behind that the Rapture has indeed taken place? No. There will be explanations to prove that what occurred was not the Rapture. For example, part of the Manifest Sons teaching is that those who refuse to accept their doctrine and do not become overcomers will be instantly removed to judgment. This is their interpretation of "Then shall be two in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left" (Matthew 24:40,41).

That those who embrace the Manifest Sons teaching have been left behind will not trouble them at all. Indeed, it will prove that they are the faithful ones. It is the missing, so they will believe, who have been taken away to judgment and who are thus to be mourned. What a setup for Antichrist!

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WHO IS JESUS? CORRECTING LDS FALLACIES - BY DENNIS & RAUNI HIGLEY

WHEN an LDS person is asked the question, “Do you know Jesus?”, many will say, “Of course I know Jesus, I have read stories about Him, I have heard talks about Him, I pray in His name, and I belong to a church that has His name on our buildings.” When they say this, the next question to ask is, “Does He know you?” More often than not they then tell about the preexistence, heavenly parents, and how Jesus is our elder brother and that we grew up there with Him – and thus we know Him and He knows us as His siblings, for we all came from heaven. This answer gives an opening to ask how this could be, for the Bible tells us that Jesus alone came from heaven—we did not (John 8:23; 3:13, 31; 6:62; 1 Corinthians 15:46-47). The Bible teaches of Jesus who is God who became a man to save us from our sin (Matthew 1:23; John 1:1, 14, 29; 3:16).

When Adam sinned and death entered the human race, God promised to send a Redeemer, “the seed of the woman” (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14). Jesus of the Bible is that Virgin-born Son of God; God, who is Spirit (John 4:24; Luke 1:26-31). Jesus is indeed Immanuel, God with us. (Matthew 1:23; John 1:1, 14; Galatians 4:4). He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Jesus compared knowing Him to having eternal life (John 17:3). In other words, just knowing about Him without knowing WHO HE IS will not give us eternal life. We have to have a personal relationship with Him. The Bible warns about false prophets and teachers who teach of another Jesus (same name but a different person – 2 Corinthians 11:4, 13-15). Jesus himself said “Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven.” Knowing His name and even having done “wonderful works” in His name but not having personal relationship with Him will not do. “On that day,” Judgment Day, He will have to say, “I never knew you: depart from Me” (Matthew 7:21-23). Jesus is God who came to save us from our sins, but if we do not know and acknowledge *who He is*, the Great I AM, we will die in our sins and therefore cannot enter the kingdom of heaven (John 8:24; 58-59). Only God can forgive sins (Mark 2:7). Jesus is 100 percent God and 100 percent man. “In Him dwells all fullness of the Godhead bodily” (Colossians 2:9). He is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15). He came to fulfill all that the prophets of the Old Testament had foretold about Him. Every book of the Bible is about Him (Luke 24:25-27, 44-47). His life, death, and resurrection is for all who in faith accept Him (1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9). When we receive Him, we BECOME children of God (John 1:12-13; 3:7) and are born again of the Spirit of God.

The Mormon Church and its leaders have taught that Jesus was married and a polygamist—as their God the Father also is married and a polygamist—and that all mankind were born as spirit children

to him and his many wives in the preexistence, Jesus being the eldest of all of them/us. They teach that since marriage is a requirement for gaining exaltation and godhood in the celestial kingdom, Jesus likewise had to be married in order to become fully a god.

It is amazing how many different ways the enemy of our souls tries to confuse people’s minds of the purpose of God becoming a man in Jesus; namely that He became a man to die for our sins, and through faith in Him as our substitute to provide the way for us to go to heaven.

A few years ago, there was Dan Brown’s popular novel, *The Da Vinci Code*, which many, many Mormons and others took as a sure confirmation that Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene and that they had at least one child.... This same confusion, and even excitement is up again among Mormons because some fourth century “faded papyrus fragment, only 1.5 inches by 3 inches, likened to the size of a business card or small cell phone has been found—suggesting that Jesus Christ of Nazareth was actually married.” This fragment was brought to light a couple of weeks ago by Harvard Divinity School professor, Karen King, who also says “the papyrus fragment, even if it’s determined to be authentic, does not provide evidence that Jesus was married, but merely that hundreds of years after Jesus’ death and resurrection, some believed He had a wife.... The Bible never even hints that Jesus was married.” Wolf-Peter Funk, a Coptic linguist, (among others) doubts the authenticity (of this fragment), calling its form “suspicious.” He told the AP “there’s no way to evaluate the significance of the fragment because it has no context. There are thousands of scraps of papyrus where you find crazy things,” said Funk, (co-director of a project editing the Nag Hammadi Coptic library at Laval University in Quebec). “It can be anything,” he said. “Part of the mystery of the fragment is that no one seems to be sure of its origin and provenance, a history of where it has been. Plus, its owner has asked to remain anonymous. This is now being labeled by experts as fraudulent....” (Copied from *WND* report of 9/19/12, emphasis added.)

It is amazing to see how gullible people indeed are. The New Testament, written during the First Century A.D. by eyewitnesses of Jesus’ life and His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension to heaven, does not say anything about Jesus being married, but a tiny fragment by an anonymous writer, without context to anything, written about 350 years after Jesus’ life, is all of a sudden taken as “proof” that He was married! It is incredible that people are so eager to believe something like this, and by so doing they discredit God’s purposes and Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29).



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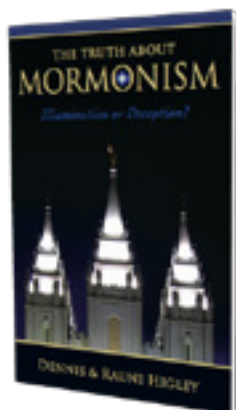
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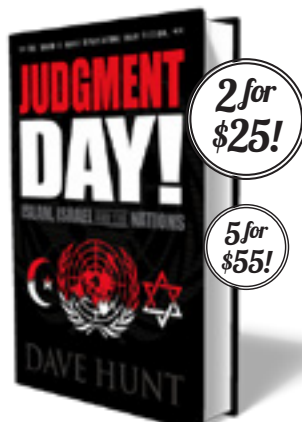
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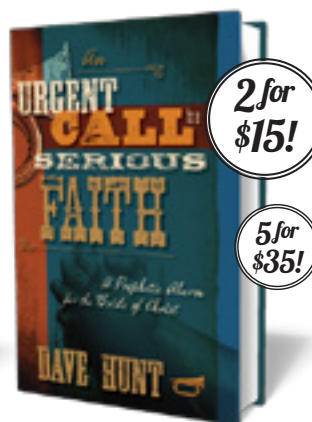
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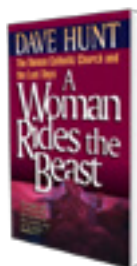
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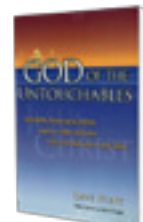
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