

“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so.” —Acts 17:11

## God of Jacob, God of Israel — Part One

Dave Hunt — First published in August 2006

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST *Fox News* polls updated June 26, 2006 (other polls basically agree), “fully 92 percent of Americans say they believe in God”; only 5 percent say they don’t, while the remaining 3 percent are not sure [ed. note: the numbers have not changed substantially today]. In *How We Believe*, Michael Shermer, director of the Skeptics Society and publisher of *Skeptic* magazine, claims that “Never in history have so many, and such a high percentage of the [American] population, believed in God. Not only is God not dead as Nietzsche proclaimed, but he has never been more alive.”

This statistic, however, is not as encouraging as it sounds. When we ask what respondents mean by “god,” very few believe in—much less know—the *God of the Bible*. Yet belief in a false god is no better and could be even worse than believing in no God. For many, “God” is simply a “higher power.” Higher than what? *Power*? What kind? And how could a “power” of any kind have the infinite intelligence (or *any* intelligence) to design the atom, the universe, imprint the written instructions in a coded language on DNA for constructing and operating every cell, and create intelligent, personal beings with a moral conscience and a passion for purpose?

The very thought of a “power” creating *anything* is ridiculous! Then why is belief in a “power” so appealing? Did the *Star Wars* slogan, “May the Force be with you,” have that much influence? It went a long way toward changing movie fans’ thinking, especially among American youth. Of course, this has always been a popular idea because a power/force can’t impose moral laws, demand obedience, or judge and punish anyone—instead, it can be used for one’s own ends. Clearly, the true God who created us for a purpose holds mankind responsible for creation’s witness to His existence and for obedience to the moral laws He has implanted in every conscience (Rom 1:18-25; 2:14-16). He will not be *used*.

Furthermore, just as human beings are jealous of their individual identities, obviously the true God would insist on being properly identified. He will neither reveal Himself to, nor enter into a relationship with, anyone who will not acknowledge Him as He truly is. Nor will He look with broad-minded favor on those who call Him a “higher power.” To do so is an insult to the true God! The God of the Bible (whose existence we have infallibly proved in prior articles) declares to wayward Israel, “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart” (Jer 29:13). Those who hope to find a god that suits their imagination will not find the *true* God.

It is common sense that the true God would only reveal Himself to sincere and earnest seekers who want to know Him in truth in order to obey Him. The first prerequisite to knowing God is the willingness—indeed, the passion—to know Him as He really is, not as one imagines or would like Him to be. It is no less idolatry to create an imaginary god in one’s mind than to make one out of clay, wood, or stone. So, who is the true God who proves Himself by unfailingly foretelling the future in the Bible?

As we have seen in past articles, the Bible identifies Him as “the God of Israel” 203 times, “the God of Jacob” 28 times, “the God of Abraham” 17 times, and “the God of Isaac” 13 times. Never is He called the “God of any other ethnic group.” These designations are foundational to everything the Bible teaches, including the very character of God. To profess to believe in God and at the same time to hold a prejudice against God’s chosen people, the Jews, or against Israel, which turns these clear biblical identifications into meaningless titles, casts doubt upon whether one really knows the true God.

In His refutation of the Sadducees’ denial of the resurrection, Christ’s primary argument was based upon God’s statement to Moses: “I AM...the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob...this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations” (Ex 3:14-15). Clearly, this was the identity of the true God then; it is now and will be forever. God never changes.

Notice Christ’s reasoning: “Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God....[H]ave ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living” (Mt 22:29-32).

Christ is saying that if Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will not live eternally through a resurrection, then it would be a mockery for God to be identified with them eternally. He would be the God of, and have identified Himself with, beings of limited existence—scarcely a blip in eternity. To be called the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, if they no longer existed, would demean God.

If the nation of Israel is dead, or has been replaced by the church and does not have an eternal future, then the very term “God of Israel” would not be to God’s glory but a slur upon His character in view of His many promises that Israel would never cease to exist. Yet that is the position taken by those who say that Israel has been replaced by the church. In *The Last Disciple* (p. 88), Hank Hanegraaff has a key character say, “The covenant between God and Israel was broken with the rejection of His Son.”

Hank gives no explanation how an “everlasting covenant” could ever be broken, nor how Israel’s rejection of Christ could break a covenant that was not conditional upon her accepting Him, for which there were never any conditions Israel had to fulfill, and which God said He would bring to completion in the last days.

Indeed, at the same time that God promises eternal blessings to Israel in a full restoration in the last days, He also recites her unfaithfulness to Him without a hint that the many sins of Israel and the Jewish people would be any deterrent to His fulfilling all of His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:

...the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them...the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever....I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name’s sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen...be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel...in the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities....For I will...gather you out of all countries, and

will bring you into your own land...and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD....I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it. (Dt 1:8; Jer 7:7; Ezk 36:11, 22-26, 32-36)

Here again, as elsewhere (as we have said), it is quite clear that there are no conditions for Israel to fulfill, but God will, for the integrity of His name, fulfill every promise in spite of Israel's rebellion against Him. Furthermore, the prophets foretold that the Messiah would be rejected by Israel and crucified, yet in all of those prophecies there is never a suggestion that because of this rejection God would break His everlasting covenant with Israel. The covenant was made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—not with their descendants (Gn 12:1-3; 15:7; 18-21; 17:7-8, 19, 21; 26; 28:13; 1 Ch 16:14-18, etc.); it was never conditioned upon the obedience of their descendants, and therefore could not possibly be broken by anything those descendants did or failed to do. It is a slap in the eternal God's face to say that Israel has been replaced!

Scripture records literally hundreds of promises from God that Israel *as a nation* would never cease to exist (Jer 31:35-37, etc.). These cannot be annulled even by God himself. To do so would make Him a liar. Nor can they be spiritualized away as though the land of Canaan, which became the land of Israel, could simply mean the heavenly inheritance of the church.

It is irrefutable that Israel once possessed a physical, historical land that was given to her by God's eternal decree. It is equally an historical fact that she was expelled from this land by God himself for her rebellion. And it is no less an historical fact that Israel became a nation once again, May 14, 1948, and that millions of Jews have since returned to that Promised Land from more than 100 countries, just as Scripture foretold. This can be nothing less than the beginnings of God's promised restoration of Israel so that her latter end would be better than her beginning. A very few of God's many promises follow:

Unto thy seed will I give this land...forever...from the river of Egypt unto the...river Euphrates....I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee...for an everlasting covenant.... And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed...all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession...for unto thee [Isaac], and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father...the land whereon thou liest, to thee [Jacob] will I give it, and to thy seed.

Be ye mindful always of his covenant...which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; and hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant....Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance....(Gn 12:7; 13:15; 15:18; 17:7,8; 26:3; 28:13; 1 Ch 16:14-18)

Citing the hatred of Israel's neighbors at that time, Psalm 83:3,4 foretells the Muslims' openly and oft-stated plan to wipe Israel off the map: "They have taken crafty counsel against thy people.... Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation...." In the same effort to destroy her, Christian denominations have initiated a boycott against companies that do business with Israel. Replacement theologians such as D. James Kennedy, R.C. Sproul, and many others allied with them have rejected modern Israel as of any significance in the fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In "An Open Letter to Evangelicals and Other Interested Parties: The People of God, the Land of Israel, and the Impartiality of the Gospel," they declare:

The inheritance promises that God gave to Abraham...do not apply to any particular ethnic group, but to the church of Jesus Christ, the true Israel....The entitlement of any one ethnic or religious group to territory in the Middle East called the "Holy

Land" cannot be supported by Scripture. In fact, the land promises specific to Israel in the Old Testament were fulfilled under Joshua. [See *Judgment Day*, pp. 276-77]

An everlasting covenant fulfilled under Joshua, who only lived 110 years?! Hundreds of "promises specific to Israel in the Old Testament" had not even been foretold by Israel's prophets until centuries after Joshua died! Even the prophecies made by Moses during the lifetime of Joshua that Israel would sin and be cast out of the land were not fulfilled "under Joshua." This declaration by Kennedy, Sproul, et al., is such a defiance of the God of Israel that one finds it unbelievable coming from biblical "scholars"! Here is the Word of the Lord:

Therefore, behold, the days come saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, the LORD liveth which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt [in Joshua's day]; But, the LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country [Russia et al.], and from all countries whither I had driven them....(Jer 23:7,8)

This is being fulfilled in our day. When God told Moses that He would destroy Israel and make of him a great nation, Moses reasoned with God that He would be going back on His Word if He did that, and His critics would say that He was not able to keep His promises. If even one failed, it would reflect on all His other promises. (Ex 32:9-14). Yet today, growing numbers of those who claim to be Christians are declaring that God's eternal covenant with Israel has been annulled!

If the everlasting covenant that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob swore to these patriarchs of Israel is not kept, then God has denied Himself. The same holds true for the literally hundreds of promises God has made that He would restore Israel fully to her land. If just one fails, then God has denied Himself and is not worthy of our trust. Here are a few of the many that could be cited:

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock...so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all the places where they have been scattered...and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel...in a good pasture....I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away...therefore, will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey....I will set up one shepherd over them...even my servant David [i.e., the Messiah]....And I the LORD will be their God...there shall be showers of blessing...they shall be safe in their land...no more be a prey to the heathen...none shall make them afraid....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...for I will...gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land...that I have given unto Jacob...and I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes...and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore....(Ezk 34:12-16, 22-28; 36:11, 15, 24, 27; 37:25-28)

If "everlasting," concerning Israel, doesn't mean *everlasting*, then how can we trust the promise in John 3:16 of everlasting life to those who believe on Christ? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Israel, is the only true God. The Messiah promised to Israel by Jewish prophets of God came 2,000 years ago. He is the Savior of all who believe on Him as the one who, in fulfillment of what the Hebrew prophets foretold, died for the sins of the world, rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father's right hand. He is coming in power and glory to punish the world for its abuse of His people Israel and to rule the world from David's throne in Jerusalem. Let us stand firm on the truth of Scripture and preach the true gospel of God, to the Jew first, then to the Gentile.

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**QUESTION:** I am struggling with the terms “surrender” and “submission.” We have all heard the saying that when we become Christians we surrender or submit to Christ. And to a certain extent this is true. I can’t even find the word “surrender” in the New Testament. When I hear the term “surrender,” I think of it as something you do when you “surrender” to the enemy, are put into prison, or worse. You are put into a prison camp until the war is over. You don’t have the liberty to simply walk out of the camp. The term is also used in AA to describe one of the 12 Steps. Paul was a literal prisoner for Christ, and a prisoner by choice. But Paul’s letter to Philemon did not ask Philemon to receive Onesimus as a slave or prisoner but as a friend and brother in Christ. That seems to be the model. Now I could be wrong...but I did want to run it by you for your thoughts.

**RESPONSE:** Although there are aspects of both “surrender” and “submission” that seem to overlap, as you point out, “surrender” is a military term. It is what the losing side does in a battle when they are overcome by those with whom they are in conflict.

You are correct that the word “surrender” isn’t found in the New Testament. Nevertheless, in Romans 8:7, concerning the unsaved, Paul points out: “The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” “Enmity” is conflict. Nevertheless, in His grace, “God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” And, although Jesus never used the word “surrender” (i.e., in the English translation), nevertheless, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Mt 16:24).

To “deny” ourselves means to abandon our own interests, priorities, and goals. In essence, we would then be “surrendering” to the one with whom we are in conflict. As commentators have pointed out, the individual who is not willing to deny “self” will not trust Christ. Nor will he who is unwilling to suffer hardship or persecution trust Him. In the same way, if a person is unwilling to follow Christ in the path of suffering, he will not learn to truly trust Christ. Yet, these are the very things that the Lord asks of those who follow Him. This doesn’t mean that there won’t be joy, peace, satisfaction, and other blessings, but the Lord warned believers that if they are *in* the world but not *of* it, their path may well be very difficult. If we read the book of Acts or read a history of the church, we will see this. The young man known to us as the “rich, young ruler” was told to give away everything and follow Jesus.

Even though the word “surrender” is not in Scripture, the principle certainly is. So then, what about submission? Is there a difference? It does seem that these words overlap. But it is instructive to look at their use in context. The word “submit” is indeed used in Scripture. In the epistle of James, the writer is addressing his message to Jewish believers. To those who followed the Messiah, James wrote: “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (Jas 4:7).

At salvation, the enmity that formerly existed and was dealt with on the Cross is removed from the life of the person who believes and appropriates God’s provision (i.e., is “saved”). Consequently, from that point on we must learn to submit ourselves to the Lord. A man and a woman are equal before the Lord. Nevertheless, the Lord has an order for the family that includes submission of the wife to her “own” husband (Eph 5:22-24, Col 3:18). As you point out, Paul, in his letter to Philemon, asked him not to treat Onesimus as a slave or prisoner but as “a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord” (Philemon 16).

The order mandated by God is as follows: Believers are called upon to submit “yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in every thing” (Eph 5:21-24).

In conclusion, although we have “surrendered” to Christ at salvation, the rest of our life will present opportunities to “submit” ourselves in love and obedience to Him.

**QUESTION:** Is there a significance in Revelation 2 and 3 for verses to speak of “an ear to hear” versus the plural “ears to hear”?

**RESPONSE:** Though some translations render the passages in Revelation as “ears to hear” (plural), some render each instance as “an ear to hear” (singular). In the Gospels, however, (Mt 11:15, Mk 4:9, etc.) the phrase is most often plural (“he that has ears to hear”). Jesus often used physical examples when discussing spiritual principles. He used bread and wine to convey truth about His sacrifice on our behalf. He spoke of Himself as a “door” to show that He was the way to salvation. When He spoke of ears and hearing, He meant much more than just hearing sounds and words that had meaning. Many people “listened” and “heard” the words that Jesus spoke but didn’t respond in a way that indicated that they fully understood and were obedient to what He had said.

If there is a specific distinction to be seen, the Scriptures often speak of our *focus*, i.e., for the person to be listening to what they are hearing with both ears, or seeing with both eyes. In Matthew 6:22, the Lord states, “The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.”

For the eye to be “single” (we have two eyes), they need to be focused on the same thing. Consequently, whether it says “ear” or “ears,” the distinction is on the *focus*. In fact, ears or eyes, both are the “gateway” to the *heart*. According to Psalm 86:11, “Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.” To “unite” is to remove division and to “focus” the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb 4:12) on serving the Lord. Our eyes must “be single” and our “ears” must “hear.” In other words, don’t be distracted! The message given by the Lord in Revelation is of extreme importance, and both “ears” must clearly hear that the mind may understand.

## QUOTABLE.....

*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. —Luke 2:10,11*

The angel’s message was one of joy and gladness, designed to banish fear and fill the heart with hope and peace. But, alas, there were few indeed who responded to it. And although their glad message has been sounding through all the centuries since, this world is still a scene of strife, and often of terror, and the great majority of earth’s inhabitants are strangers to that peace which Jesus came to give. Men are so slow to learn that it is only as they receive Him and own Him as Saviour and Lord, that they can appropriate and enjoy the blessings He delights to give. From Bethlehem His path led to the cross, where He made peace by His own blood, and now all who believe have peace with God.

— H. A. Ironside



# LETTERS

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**Dear TBC,**

Your ministry has been a real blessing to us. Sometime we use some of your literature to stimulate a Bible study here at home. I was in prison when I was led by the Spirit of God to read and study a little book by brother Dave Hunt. That was in 1997, and God has blessed me with a wonderful wife of 16 years and a strong ministry. We love you, Berean Call, because you stand for truth. We support you and pray for your ministry. LJ (TX)

**Dear Tom and TBC friends,**

Thank you so much for your monthly newsletter, which I received many years by post and now via iPad. I have also appreciated being able to download the 2015 Conference sessions through the Berean Call app. What a blessing! Each speaker is informing and inspiring.

Thank you so much for all the teaching and for always keeping the focus on Jesus, our Lord and Savior. PS (UK)

**Dear TBC,**

Another gentleman gave me a copy of your newsletter, and I've been into my Bible more than ever. Shortly after this, the facility chaplain preached a sermon on the "inclusiveness of all world

religions" and the "many pathways to God." He used statements such as "we all serve the same God," and "who are we to judge another person's lifestyle?" I have since stopped attending after coming to verbal and spiritual odds with this teaching type. May I add, this philosophy is prevalent in many prison's "Christian Protestant service."

Also, I thank God for an organization such as yours that will speak out about the falsehoods in the land—and from a biblical perspective. IT (prisoner, NY)

**Dear Tom,**

I've been a born-again Christian since 1980 and was brought up a Roman Catholic like you. I think you have a wonderful ministry, but I've been reluctant to contribute because I disagree strongly concerning the timing of the Rapture and your take on the status of Israel. I AM A BEREAN!...I pray you have an open mind and the courage to be a true Berean in exploring issues of the utmost importance. JB (NE)

**Dear TA,**

Your recent newsletter about "Damage Control" confirms how we are very close to the Lord's return. I get frustrated in the matter of psychological scrutiny, etc.

This psychology thing appears to rule over many Christians who seem to follow and fall under the control of this nonsense. Poor King David must have been at a loss when he felt depressed that there was no "human method" that he should consult for relief. He trusted in the Lord and poured out his heart to the one who loved and comforted him. MT (NY)

## TBC NOTES

### Love of the Truth

I recently had the tremendous blessing of being with a number of people who have a great love of the truth. Most are involved with discernment ministries and they have a zeal for informing their brothers and sisters in Christ regarding information about things adversely influencing the church. It was a real privilege to spend time with them.

They are on my heart because I know their calling is difficult. I listened to their struggles but also recognized the joy of the Lord that they received in serving Him and His bride. The unpopularity of what they do will never make them rich...except spiritually. This aspect has eternal value that can neither be calculated nor compared to temporal earthly wealth.

Some of them are known by readers of *TBC*, and others our readers will get to know through our ministry's future involvement with them. I will mention a few of them here because we covet your prayers for their special needs: Caryl Matrisciana is currently undergoing further treatment for cancer. We praise the Lord that she has already lived beyond the prognosis that her doctors had originally given her. Warren Smith and his wife, Joy, recently experienced a devastating house fire, which also took the lives of some of their pets. Larry DeBruyn is undergoing cancer therapy that is complicated by heart issues.

Our cry to the Lord is that He will keep them all in our ranks as His effective soldiers, fighting the good fight of His truth.

*T. A. McMAHON*  
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## 2016 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY - AUGUST 26

- 7:30 AM Registration – Auditorium is open
- 8:30 Tom McMahon, "The Pope's New Catholicism"
- 9:15 Larry DeBruyn, "Quantum Spirituality Part 1"
- 10:45 Rob Congdon, "New Calvinism's Upside-Down Gospel"
- 1:00 PM Carl Kerby, "Becoming Bold!"
- 2:30 Ray Yungen, "Ecumenism Gone Exponential!"
- 4:00 Warren Smith, "Be Still and Know That You Are Not God"
- 7:00 Carl Kerby, "10 Things a Christian Can Learn about Evangelism...From an Atheist!"

### SATURDAY - AUGUST 27

- 8:00 AM Auditorium and Bookstore open
- 9:15 Rob Congdon, "Oops! I Thought I Was a Four-Point Calvinist"
- 10:45 Larry DeBruyn, "Quantum Spirituality Part 2"
- 1:00 PM Panel Discussion – Warren Smith, Ray Yungen, Gaylene Goodroad
- 3:30 Tom McMahon, "Days of Apostasy: Scripture's Prevention Program for Believers"

### SUNDAY - AUGUST 28

- 10:00 AM Ed Newby, "The Faithfulness of the Lord"

# NEWSWATCH

News stories are selected for reader awareness and as an exercise  
in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

## BEER AND TATTOO BIBLE CONFERENCE

**CHRISTIANHEADLINES.COM, 7/1/16, "ARIZONA CHURCH RAISING MONEY FOR CHURCH PLANT WITH BEER AND TATTOO BIBLE CONFERENCE" [EXCERPTS]:** Apologia Church of Arizona is raising money for a church plant in Hawaii in an unconventional way. Charisma News reports the church is hosting a Bible conference that includes beer flights and an option to get a tattoo.

Church leader Marcus Pittman said in a video explaining the event, "This is actually a fundraiser for our Apologia Kauai church plant, so people of the church are donating to have another member of the church tattoo them so they can go to Kauai and we can plant a church there. So, it's pretty cool."

The website for the conference adds, "This ticket allows you to get a beer flight from Boulders on Broadway. All the proceeds from this benefit our Kauai church plant! Boulders is all about the food, craft beer, bike riding, rock climbing and adventure! With 30 draft handles and 70-plus bottles of craft beer. Bring a friend and check out our selection."

(<http://goo.gl/j8ZlJN>)

## DNA TRENDS CONFIRM NOAH'S FAMILY

**ICR.ORG, 5/18/16, "DNA TRENDS CONFIRM NOAH'S FAMILY" [EXCERPTS]:** When research biologist Dr. Nathaniel Jeanson plotted hundreds of human mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) sequences onto a tree diagram, the project revealed an obvious pattern: The mtDNA stemmed from three central "trunks" or nodes instead of just one. Three trends in Jeanson's data suggest that the wives of Noah's sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth best explain this finding.

Mothers pass mtDNA to every new generation. It comes from the mother's egg cell and contains 16,569 chemical base pairs—either adenine-thymine or guanine-cytosine—organized to encode vital information, like words in an instruction manual. Sometimes a DNA copying error, known as a mutation, leaves a different base in place of the original. Several empirical studies reveal that about one human mtDNA mutation occurs every six generations. When a mother's egg cell mtDNA mutates in one place, the child conceived from that egg cell—plus, if the child is female, later descendants—inherits

that difference. This leaves a genetic trail that can lead back to mtDNA ancestry.

Jeanson first downloaded mtDNA sequences taken from all major people groups. He then used standard software that arranges the most similar sequences closest together. The result is a tree-like diagram depicting lines of ancestry.

Jeanson's data show that the human mtDNA tree has three nodes. This fits Genesis' claim that all humans who exist today descended from one of the wives of Noah's sons.

In short, if all peoples descended from three genetically unique mothers, then our mtDNA sequences should trace back to their three nodes.

(<http://goo.gl/oEumyC>)

## DOE: NO TALK ABOUT TRANSGENDER BATHROOM

**CHRISTIANHEADLINES.COM, 7/5/16, "DEPT. OF EDUCATION REFUSES TO TALK ABOUT TRANSGENDER SCHOOL RESTROOM RULES" [EXCERPTS]:** The Obama administration is refusing to cooperate with lawmakers who want Department of Education (DOE) officials to answer questions about its recent transgender restroom directive.

DOE representatives were set to testify before a Senate subcommittee on July 6 to explain the controversial "guidance" issued last month to all public schools. A joint letter from DOE and the Department of Justice directed schools to allow students to use the restroom of their choice—regardless of their biological sex—or risk losing federal funding.

DOE officials told Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, they will not be able to make the hearing and offered no explanation or alternative dates.

Administration officials routinely appear before Congress, so non-cooperation is unusual, particularly on an issue of ongoing public interest.

"Not only is the Obama administration twisting the law, now they're not willing to even answer any questions about what they've done," said Greg Scott, a spokesman for Alliance Defending Freedom. "They've jammed a policy down to every school district that affects millions of students around the country."

(<http://goo.gl/jLEHmE>)

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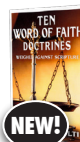
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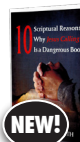
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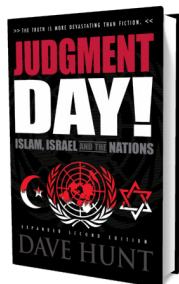
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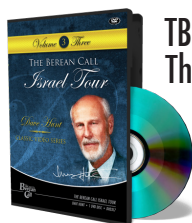


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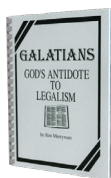


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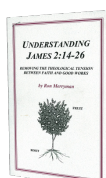


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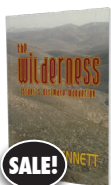
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