

Heroes of the Faith Series, 01/01/2020

Hebrews 11 is about God's recording of the Heroes of Faith throughout history, who usually are called to rescue God's people from bad situations or perform some God honoring work (or both). I believe it is meant to encourage us in our Walk, showing us basically what works and what does not, and inspires us to 'go and do likewise'.

The following (or picture link) is a summary of history though time charts taken from James Ussher's Annals of the World along with the interactions of Heroes throughout time.

Of course I have to add my interpretation. After over 45 years of Bible study, I pray to present a contextual view of Scripture. And of course there will be disagreements according to our particular ism or multiple isms.

Ever since the Beginning, and after the Tower of Babel restart, it has been all about responsible behavior toward God, for all of Creation, including all those who would truly believe the Gospel of the Son with its heavenly reward, and not some -ism-.

Ultimately, sheep are sheep and goats are goats, but how then should those sheep and goats live and die, given the gift of life from the Father Creator? And in what way are we responsible in what happens to us and the world we live in?

God's first Command and Jesus last command are listed below. Do our isms hinder or enhance these Commands?

My ism, Real-ism? Or what does the Bible or God's Word actually say? Is history the key to understanding? Well, as best we can do, with the Spirit's help.

NKJV Genesis 1:28.

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

NKJV Matthew 28:18.

Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20. "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

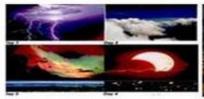
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John 3: 16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18. "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19. "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come

into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20. "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21. "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

Hebrews 11

- 1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 2. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.
- 3. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.









Day 1 to 4

Day 5 Day 6

Exodus 20 - 4th Commandment - 24/7 Mandate)

- 8. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9. Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
- 10. but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.

In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Some say Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Ten Commandments no longer apply. So it is okay to murder, steal, and worship false gods ...? And what about those who do, and injure God's people in lands where we live?

What about work on Sunday?



Mark 2:23. Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. 24. And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ..(ie David) 27. And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath, 28. "Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

Works of necessity versus works of profit or convenience, or even doing no valid works at all.

The Ten Commandments

28. "Therefore take heed to vourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29. "For I know this, that after

my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

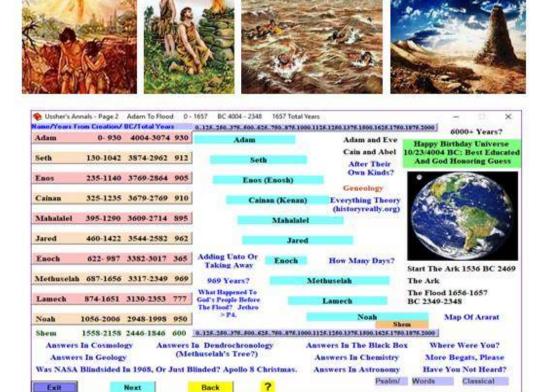
"Also from vourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

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Adding Unto, and Taking Away:

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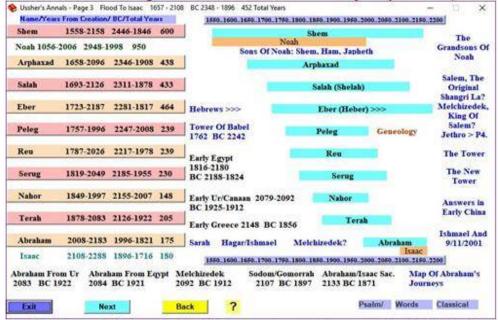
- 4. By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.
- 5. By faith Enoch was translated so that he did not see death, "and was not found because God had translated him"; for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.
- 6. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- 7. By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.



Abel, Enoch, and Noah made it to Hebrews 11. Only 3 heroes in 1656 years? Adam and Eve blew it, but so would we, sooner or later. They showed remorse and God sacrificed an animal, the first death, to cover their shame. Abel picked up on the

sacrifice, (family tradition?), in Seth's days, they called upon the name of the Lord, Enoch exemplified it, and Noah carried it into the new world (Gen. 8:20). Shem, Eber (Melchizedek), ..., Jethro, Moses (Book of the Law) passed it on to us.

Noah drunk? Even our 'learning mistakes' reveal the unreconciled depravity in others (Gen. 9:20-25).



What happened to God's people before the flood? We are talking about 1656 years of mankind living to great ages. Adam lived 930 of those 1656 years. With long lives, the population of the earth (Pangaea) must have been overwhelming, not only space wise but food

wise, etc. If we add the Abel/Cain dispute, then we can assume some type of war between Adam's people and Cain's people. Seems logical that Noah and his family were survivors of that warfare. At this point God said 'enough', Ark done, Flood rescued Noah's family: 8.

Abel was able, but blindsided by Cain. Adam and Eve perfect, but blindsided by the Serpent. Our enemies have not changed.

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About that Tower of Babel:

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- 8. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would afterward receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- 9. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;
- 10. for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
- 11. By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.
- 12. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.
- 13. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were

assured of them, embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

- 14. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.
- 15. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.
- 16. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.
- 17. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,
- 18. of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"
- 19. accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

An artistic expression. What is the Biblical expression? How about 'walk a mile in my sandals'. How about the sandal on the other foot. If I reverse the colors, would things be any different?











Hebrews 7:15. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest 16. who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. 17. For He testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Gen. 14 Abraham at age 84 and 'trained servants' rescue Sodom..., and his nephew Lot. And freed potential slaves and most likely secured the Peace of Salem from the 'Kings of the East' or the 'Babel people'.

Melchizedek (or Eber), first Hebrew, and first Prophet. Priest and King who 'accumulated' information for Book of the Law (how great is that), passed it down to Jethro (a priest of Midian), who passed it to Moses, who 'inspirationally' wrote it down (Jer. 36:4 - Baruch). A man (and eventually Levites), who represents God who has no genealogy, who performed the first sacrifice for Adam and Eve (first death, an animal to clothe their shame) and the last sacrifice of His only Son for those who would believe. 'The position and not the person.'

Abraham, Father of many nations, and the faithful, a diplomat, soldier, great.... grandson of Melchizedek, and a pretty crafty guy in a dangerous world, by faith, of course. My kind of 'Dad'. Like Jesus, Semitic & Brown.

Abraham got the 'Father Promise' at 75. She is my sister thing (well, half-sister): Abraham at 76 told Pharaoh this and at 99 told Abimelech the Philistine. Isaac born at 100. If Abraham did the 'martyr' thing,

Speaking of slavery (or servanthood). As old as the hills. I worked for 50 years, sometimes as a slave, sometimes as a servant. Biblically speaking, Abraham had servants and Pharaoh had slaves. And the Apostle Paul speaks about 'being slaves to Christ', who treats us as servants, or even brothers and sisters. Someone has to be responsible and someone has to do the work, until they are responsible. And we are all responsible to Christ. Sounds good in theory, but the practice has been embarrassing. God did not leave Adam in charge, but left him to be responsible. Pass it to Seth,,,, Moses: Book of the Law and the Ten Commandments, etc..

>> Let us be Biblically trained servants. <<
>> Led by The Spirit of the Living God <<
I suspect many US Early Fathers (and many US Southerners) had 'servants'. Better than being 'slaves' somewhere else. This is All about the Gospel, Great Commission and Commandments (or law and order). Met a current day American Indian Chief (only God is Native) once who said 'it was a mess on both sides, thanks to radicals. But a lot of us got to know Jesus. This all about Christ's Great Commission or the resistance to it.

(Replace victimology with victoryology.)
Of course we have Sarai (Sarah) who laughed when told she would be a mother at 90. How many would say 'no way, not me, not now'. Was not easy I'm sure, but she made it to the Hebrews Hall of Fame.
(Isaac sacrifice testing Abraham at 126.)

well, I guess we would need another Father of Faith. And both leaders respected the institution of marriage and eventually Abraham's God, thanks to God's intervention. Lessons for all of in our journey of faith. (This American Indian Chief I met was in Tallahassee Florida for a taping of a PBS special about his tribe and a mystery of a jeweled cross that he had inherited. He related to me that his people had been influenced by Spanish Missionaries, and still are today, including himself. Of course later that day PBS History Detectives made him look like a child and ridiculed his cross and said that the cross was of Indian origin and had nothing to do with Christianity. Obviously those who do not appreciate Christianity do not appreciate how the founding of America was based on Christ's Great Commission and that all peoples must hear of Christ's Work on the Cross for those who would believe. No mystery in that, history defectives.)

(Note about The Great Commission: after the Tower of Babel incident people ventured out into the world. This venture was about people finding a place to live, and the action was rarely peaceful I am sure. Survival of the fittest. Upon Christ's leaving He told His disciples basically to go out and find the Babel people taking not only the Good News, but the law and order, education, etc. to enjoy and promote the Good News. But those who reject the Good News are determined to silence any Good News. Hence the conflicts that we have.)

- 20. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.
- 21. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.









Was Jacob the 'go to guy' or the 'get away from guy'?

Jacob lived 147 years, his name is mentioned 341 times in the KJV Bible, fathered the 12 tribes of Israel, wrestled with God (and man) and prevailed, and a Pharaoh who knew Joseph, and Jacob, sponsored a large funeral procession back to Canaan to be buried with Abraham and Isaac, etc. in Machpelah (Gen. 49:30). Among other things, but,,, he is remembered for Esau's despising his birthright, or that God loved him best.

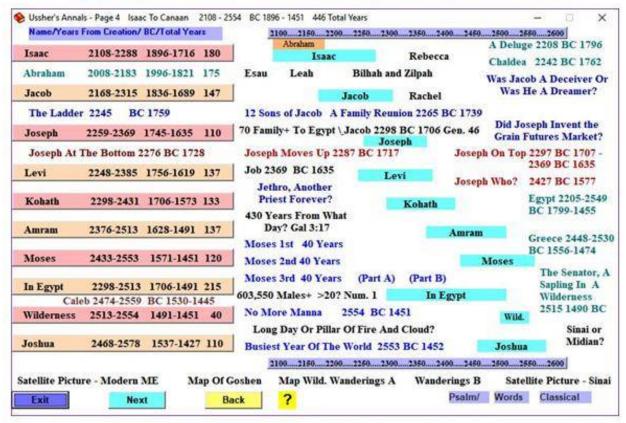
But if we read Genesis 27 (the hairy arm incident), especially verse 13, it was Rebecca who despised Esau being in charge after Isaac's death. Jacob must have thought

'honor your father and mother', or 'I might get hit'. Jacob had to leave town and build his own birthright. A self-made man (well, with Providential help), who through trials and tribulations earned the reputation as 'God's go to guy' and received God's Spiritual Birthright. I know we may falter with age, but did Isaac know leadership?

Sure we are not saved by works, but works prove our salvation. Why do people believe old wives tales and myths without fact-checking the data available to us? We need heroes not scapegoats. May I sit near Jacob's Banquet Table. Hate to be one of those waiting on the Heroes' Table.

- 22. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.
- 23. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.





Did Joseph Invent the Grain Futures Market?

And did he profit from ill-gotten grain?

Or was it a matter of survival for all those around Joseph; or was it a matter of instituting 'provisional' form government, or was it a matter of teaching self-reliance to citizenry; or was it a matter of instituting a 20 percent flat tax (provide for the common good), or was it a matter of opportunistic Pharaohs who turned servitude into slavery and bring judgment on their own people and themselves; or was it a matter of blessing God's people for future accomplishments; or was it a matter of God meaning it for good, but man using it for evil, or was it a matter of man meaning it for evil, but God using it for good?

430 years from promise to Abraham to giving of the Law. Galatians 3:16-17

After Joseph died, my guess is that the Hebrews isolated themselves from the culture (Goshen), aroused suspicion, and eventually were enslaved by a new Pharaoh (and their own poor leadership? Ism's over God's Word - at this point in time, at least the history of God's people). A majority of the population enslaved by one evil man (about 68 years). Sound familiar? We have abandoned our schools & culture and bad pharaohs are just looking for ways to be our taskmasters. Time for a Moses, wilderness, Joshua...

- 24. By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- 25. choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,
- 26. esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.
- 27. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.
- 28. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.
- 29. By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.



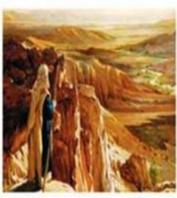












The Ten Commandments Movie 1956, probably my first movie (like Nativity Story, innocent mistakes). Along with mentoring by WW II and Korean War vets (and ouch 1965 Army), & Moses was my generation's childhood heroes. Now?

For 120 years, from basket (infanticide) to mountain top, Moses was God's instrument to free the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt. From what I know, Charlton Heston died a Christian, and Yul Brenner died a prideful pagan. Good type casting (by God of course).

The picture of Moses on Mt Nebo illustrates Moses view of the 'promised land'. Numbers 20 records Moses

An overlooked character in this story is Jethro, a priest of Midian. After some thought, I wondered where did Moses get his mentoring, information, and the uncorrupted Hebrew to write the first 'double tap on the rock' incident. Both Moses and Aaron were censured by God for their anger against the people.

I suppose after 120 years and 40 years in the desert, they did not recognize God's people (new generation, raised on Big 10) were ready for action. Both Aaron and Moses were blessed by going directly to the 'real promised land'. Time for a Joshua and Caleb take over.

?Did Moses murder the Egyptian, or execute justice on a murderer? And at that time 'choose to be with the people of God' when Pharaoh 'chose to persecute the people of God'? (Hebrews-11:24-25)

5 Books of the Bible (God's Spirit inspires the result)? Well, Melchizedek had descendants to pass the information and the torch to Moses. Bible: God Inspired by human sweat&blood.

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Jethro, another hero:

http://historyreally.org/hist05.html

Egyptians and Greeks (some heroes here):

http://historyreally.org/egyptiansgreeks.html

Patriarchal Character:

http://historyreally.org/hist08.html









If you want a job done right, call Joshua, Caleb and Rahab. Caleb the quiet one and right hand man of Joshua. Men of faith, raised in the non PC world of the wilderness under the Big Ten Commandments. Rahab the prostitute of Jericho who aided the two spies of Joshua. Did she lie, or was she according to James 2:25 "justified by works"? And included in Hebrews 11:31, a Heroine of Faith in the Hebrew's God.

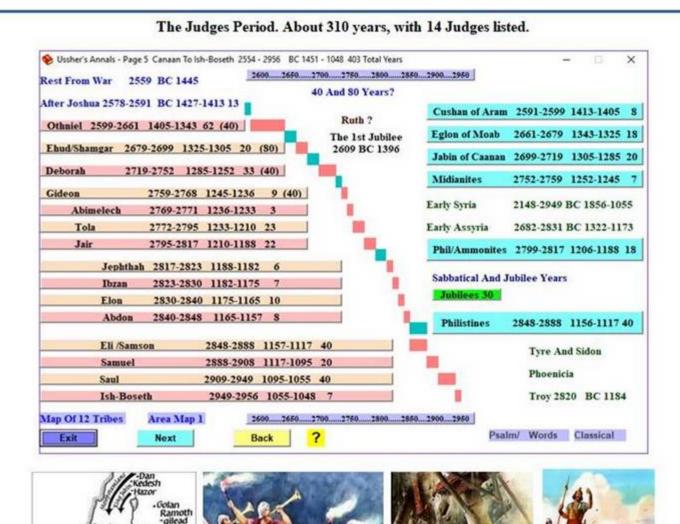
And of course we have Joshua. A man of stellar character and action in obeying God. Well, except for the Gibeonite deception where Joshua showed compassion (Joshua 9)?

God had commanded all inhabitants to be eliminated. It appears that many knew of what happened 40 years ago in Egypt and how a large number of people of the 'Lord or God in Heaven' (Rehab & Joshua 2 view) was leading them in the 'wilderness' by a 'pillar of fire and cloud'. Jasher may have known of it, but wrote the 'Longest Day, Ever' (Joshua 10, or was it Hugh Ross, etc. and his views – justified by faith in God's Word and the 4th Commandment? See Humphries 'Starlight & Time').

God heeded the voice of a man, in 'Canaan'? Why conger up a miracle, when we have the presence of God? God also honored Joshua's compassion, and I assume many Hebrews who showed the same compassion in war. Others, who had warning, and did not leave Canaan, were eliminated. A true testimony to God's 'sovereign knowledge' & action as we progress through the pages of His'tory.

What about today, and the Bible message to 'repent and truly believe on Christ and His Word' (1 John 2:1-6) or face elimination from the real Promised Land, now and forever? Same thing?

- 30. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.
- 31. By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.



I may be the last to realize this, but the 'judges' were more like military leaders. They were actually freeing God's people from God's discipline and judgement by eliminating an invading power. God was Judge'ing His people for pagan practices.

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There was no centralized power base like with the future King Saul. But when one of the 12 Tribes needed help, others would step up.

Four of these judges made it to Hebrews 11 Hall of Fame, Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah.

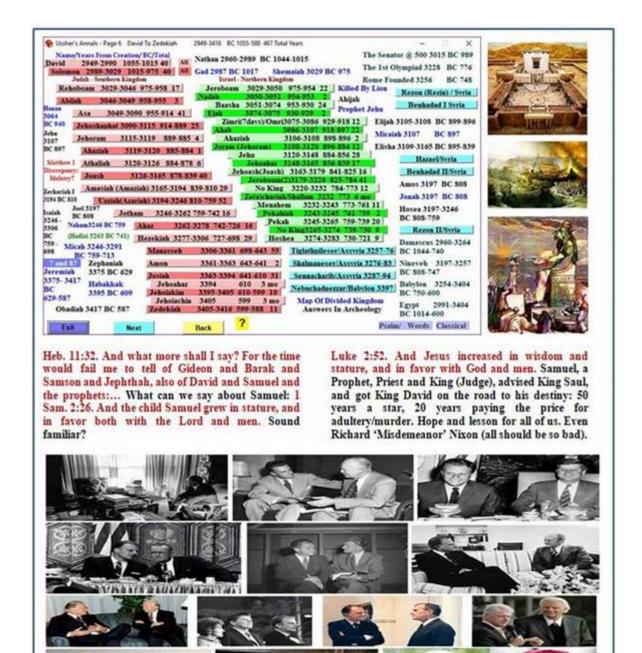
Missing from the Judges story is the lack of a good priest who would interpret and teach the Book of the Law to the people.

Moses in Deut. 31: 9. So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel. 10. And Moses commanded them, saying: "At the end of every seven years, at the appointed time in the year of release, at the Feast of Tabernacles, 11. "when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

Joshua 7 years later did it (Joshua 8:34), but not recorded again until King Josiah found the Book of the Law in the wall (2 Kings 22) 820 years later, and Ezra 170 years later (Nehemiah. 8).

Basically a Six Day Creation to the 10 Commandments, to a 7th Day Historical Rest or Curse. Some lessons here?

- 32. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:
- 33. who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- 34. quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
- 35. Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.



Back in the old days, we got the King's Son, or who could steal it. Today, we vote them in, or who can steal it. Billy Graham recently said, should have stayed out of politics. Right? (ps. I see DDE has his own Bible. Good Old News).

Matthew 28: 19. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20. and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Billy Graham would have been 100 this year. If the universe is 6021 years old, about 60.2 centuries. Say what?

Along with Billy, D. James Kennedy and his EE Program helped fill the Churches in the 70's and 80's with the Invitational Gospel, and helped spawn the cultural and spiritual revival of the 80's (I was there). God's people united in a good Spirit.

Of course we inflicted our ism's on them and turned it all into an Exclusionary Gospel, and a bad Spirit. The Old Testament and Church History is a testimony to a pattern of self-destruction and our own wilderness experiences.

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We have US Presidents and Rulers and Authorities going back to Adam and Eve. We also have the warbetween the attitude of Cain toward his brother Abel who brought a proper sacrifice and attitude before God. A long history of conflict. Conservative leadership

(secular and religious) is about fixing a problem. Liberal leadership (secular and religious) is about avoiding the hard work and choices to fix a problem. I am guesting (Biblically and historically) that Jesus may not be back for about 978 years. Now what?

How many US Presidents will we see at the final heavenly banquet? The link below lists 10 possible Christian Professing Presidents. https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/christian-preside.../

Back in 2001, I saw on TV an interview with GW Bush in the Rose Garden with Peter Jennings of ABC News. Sorry can't find 'any' reference anywhere to this (my memory is very clear on this one). GW confessed Jesus as Lord to Peter Jennings on national TV. GW became a target of our liberal left (secular and religious). Not to mention Al Gore supporters and the challenges of 9/11/2001.

In a nutshell conservative leadership is interested in the proper application of the 10 Commandments and actually fixing a problem (as best we can until the left trashes it). Whereas liberal leadership will bend the commandments and throw a lot of band aids at the problem and then blame someone else for their failures. My parent's generation was led to fix a problem in WW II.

In 1965 I was drafted into a band aid war of political correctness and destruction. The results speak for themselves. LBJ's Defense guy wrote about the big mistakes made in Viet Nam and the same news item finally gave Nixon credit for finally ending it the best way he could and establishing peaceful relations with the Asian countries involved, etc.

I know GW and War seem to be linked, as Nixon and scandal (misdemeanor-all presidents should be so bad), but the war I am talking about is the war with the Devil, and those who belong to him, the scandal they need to project to maintain their defiance to God.

WW I and II were about getting Israel home and both Gulf Wars were about maintaining 'the peace of Jerusalem'. When are we to get this? Come to think about it, Korea, Viet Nam, etc. are wars about world systems seeking to eliminate Judeo-Christian principles, The Great Commission about Redemption through Christ Jesus, and God's Ten Commandments about the universe that God created for us.

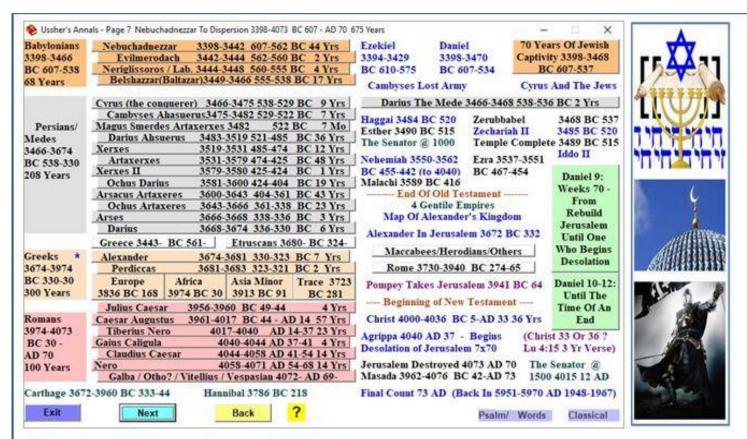
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Political Action Carelessness:

http://historyreally.org/pac.html

Israel's return to Palestine, 1948:

http://historyreally.org/hist15.html



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The above chart and text covers a lot of ground and a lot of heroes of faith. And a lot of years: about 675 years until the 2nd desolation of Jerusalem and about 1900 years until the Jews return from exile (1948 & 1968 Six Day War – Autonomous Rule), and of course until today. The author of Hebrews (Paul, Hebrew of Hebrews) at this point in time was talking about those who preceded him, and maybe even some contemporaries, including himself, who suffered

persecution and an 'unnatural' death, at the hands of 'certain ruling authorities'. But other rulers listened, leading to any future successes of The Great Commission that Christ left with the Church. And I suppose we can carry this forward to include almost 2000 years of NT Church history of heroes.

Verses 35-38 speak to the negative, whereas verses 33-34 speak to the positive or success stories. With people like Enoch and Joshua, we are talking about a lifelong success. While with others, we are talking about varying degrees of partial success. Any in depth study of the heroes of faith should give us understanding of what works and what does not. Sure wish I had been weaned on this stuff, but at some point, where do I, we go from here? Will we wind up in the negative or positive category? Is it Top Down (good leadership) or Bottom Up (fostering good leadership), or both?

Hebrews 12:1. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2. looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

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You cannot see Jerusalem from Bethlehem, but it is still there. About a 6 mile camel ride or shepherd's walk, to take goods-news to Jerusalem. I can just see the Magi listening to those excited shepherds talk of Messiah's Birth. Got to be there! Wise men and women still seek Him.



Jesus at 12. A man among men, after His Bar Mitzvah, and before Rabbi School. Learn who He was from the Scriptures.

Heroes of the Faith. If you read the bio of Alexander the Great, you see the secret of success: die or submit to secular Greek Rule. Of course he had a great army to back him up, but Alexander knew worldly mercy was easier.

The Church operates the same way? As we saw Hurricane Irma move in, I sensed that people re-become aware of death and reality. Our message is: die or submit to Godly Mercy through Christ. Ultimate Reality Program.

But then we add our -ism- or belief system. Somewhat necessary I suppose, but very confusing. Not only to the world, but to people in the Church. Political and Religious Correctness are starting to look too much alike.

And I have my -ism-, prayerfully 'real-ism'. Looking at the Bible for what it says, and not what some tradition says. Good luck, right? About that Joshua Card. I crossed an -ismboundary. I think it is a good possibility that Joshua's long day, was a result of the presence of God, a pillar of fire and cloud. A rational understanding (At least, a Fear of God)?

Like a 6 Day Creation, or Free Will, or 10 Commandments, or Magi in a Nativity Scene, etc., we have our 'don't ask, don't tell' or 'agree to disagree' issues. Unity is good, but I think we have reached a 'tipping point', where necessary truths are lost, and God's people are unnecessarily injured.

With these Heroes of Faith Cards, I hope to find answers to problems that plague us today. 'No sheep are lost, but how should we then live and die'.

I know this may sound crazy, but many people want Jesus back now. But the Heroes of Faith were 'inspired' about the health of God's people, and following generations. Like you and me... Note: on external links, as below, arrow back to return to this page.

Chronological Gospels Link:

http://historyreally.org/lifeofchrist.html

Jesus Wrote, Knew, Did:

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The Magi: Johnny Come Lately's or Avid Historists (and seekers of truth and Arab Heroes?):

http://historyreally.org/hist06.html

3 Days and Nights, or 3 Nights and 3 days?

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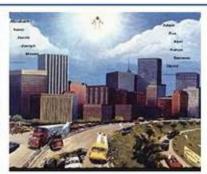
Hebrews 12

- 1. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- 2. looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.







Mt. 27:50. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 52. And the graves were opened; and many * bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53. And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

(*John witness to 144,000 Acts 1)

Acts 1:9. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Dan 7:13. I was watching in the night visions, and behold, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

1 Thess. 4:16. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Rev. 1:7. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

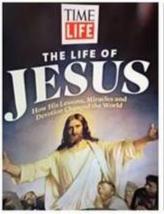
Rev. 11:12. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

(Apostle John (be a witness) Rev 10 > 11 & Antipas, My Faithful Witness Rev 2.)

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into Jerusalem, where they spread murders, dissensions, discords and rapines abroad. First, they imprisoned Antipas, together with a great many noblemen and the chief men of the city. Soon after that, they killed them without any trial, having falsely accused them of intending to surrender the city to the Romans.





The Ten Commandments

- t. Thou shalt have no
- unto thee any graven 7. Thou shalt not commit
- 3. Thou shalt not take the Lord's name in
- 4. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.
- 5. Honor thy Father and thy Mother
- other gods before me. thy Mother
 2. Thou shalt not make 6. Thou shalt not kill.
 - 8. Thou shalt not steal. 9. Thou shalt not bear
 - false witness 10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, wife or possessions.

Matthew 28:16. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17. And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him: but some doubted. 18. Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations. baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 20. "teaching them to observe all things

that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

The secular world recognizes that these twelve men, along with the replacement Apostle Paul, changed the world. The world also recognizes the persecution of these men and the countless Christians of Church history. PBS frequently airs these types of history programs. Looking for a secular hope in a seemingly hopeless and troubled world maybe?

But how did they change the world or history? Was it because God's Spirit activated a conscience in the hearts of the world's leadership toward the people they were responsible for?

It took time and of course there were periods of success and failure in these areas, with wars waged between the forces of good and evil to maintain stability and a conscience toward God.

Can we say that if God's people are not engaged in actively accurately proclaiming the Truth of God's Word (confront not condemn?), God's Spirit is not activated and bad things happen?

Today's Church theologies (again...!) seem to be condemning the depravity of the world and focusing on a 'futuristic' Kingdom where Jesus comes back and rules and everything will be reconciled.

After 40 years of Bible and history studies I do see a strong indication that the Kingdom is now, until Jesus 2nd Coming to rescue us (like in the days of Noah, 2 Peter 2, Mt 24:37). And then, a New Heavens and Earth?

In summary, history, both individually and collectively, particularly in the area of Church and secular leadership, is what we make of it. And, like salvation (Biblical/ intellectual input and proper emotional responses: our part commitment / God's part security), we are responsible and live with the consequences.









Have to add Apostle Paul to Heroes List. A Hebrew of Hebrews who wrote majority of New Testament Books. Traveled extensively and spoke to Churches and world leaders laying the foundation for future Church success. >>

Liberal or theological types *, with a 'depraved agenda', are not going to change the Inspiration of the original Manuscripts of Scripture or their authors, or dates, or even Scripture itself, and only accumulating eternal judgement on themselves and temporal judgement on all of us, just to promote their -ism's-.

Back in the early 1980's I was part of a very conservative Presbyterian Denomination. You know 6 Days, History, Will of the Creature, Biblical Inerrancy, etc. They were a spinoff group from the 1930's liberal churches who had decided that the Bible was not so inerrant after all. Even made their own Bible translation to alter our way of thinking to theirs. What KJV?

We are back there again, and to be honest have been here for some time (1984?). You know almost universalism (or that other easy believe'ism, exclusive'ism), anything goes, and the Bible is what we think it says, or should say.

Rev 20 and 1000 years is the first 1000 years of the Church, and the success they had, 1st Resurrection (of the Church, not individuals). 2033 will be 2000 years since Jesus left. 2054 will mark the 2nd 1000 years of the NT Church. Will there be a 2nd Resurrection, of the Church?

They probably broke up over Premil/Aumil & No Will/Free Will, etc. Sound familiar? 1054 AD Great Church Schism. Or the 'Ism Schism'.

* NT writers seem to have learned from Jesus directly? (Gal. 1:11-12). To ascribe it to anyone else is liberalism'

Rev 12 is about the Woman, or the Church. Mary, birth (Satan/Rome/Herod), death and ascension of Jesus, Paul's 1260 days in the wilderness of Damascus (Gal 1 17-18: after 3 years, +15 days, +convincing – why not? Fits the schedule.), Satan cast down to pursue the Church, the 10 Kings of Rev 17 overcome by the Lamb (empire to north at time of and Constantinople Constantine), Rome (Byzantine 1000?) the two wings of the eagle protecting the church in its beginnings, the Kings of Europe (of the earth) protecting the Reformers from the flood of a corrupted Rome, the continuing mission to conquer the world for Christ: Christian Europe & America for centuries and the 'Go Ye Mission' now falling away to liberalism and Babel chaos, along with the rest of the world.

Agree to Disagree? Soon, what is truth? How about if we Agree to Agree on Real-ism?

I am just a 'will of the creature' guy who believes the Kingdom is now. It is what we make of it, with God's help or curse, of course. Responsibility? I was mentored by WWII Joshua's who played to win, for us...

Historical precedents like Hebrews 3 and 4 and our 'falling away', where Heroes of Faith (Moses, Martin Luther, Jesus & Future 2nd Coming) have to rescue us because we minimize the Book of the Law, starting with the 6 Days Creation to the 10 Commandments to the 7th Day Rest. Maybe we do not break the Big 10, but do we culturally do our best to insure that others don't, especially against us and our offspring. What the Spirit says to 7 Churches?

or a subversive attempt to de-inspiration-ize parts of Scripture that do not agree with their way of thinking. The Book of Hebrews had to be written by the replacement 12th Apostle Paul, the Hebrew of Hebrews (Phil 3:5) who experienced his own wilderness experience in Damascus (Rev. 12, woman/church, Paul and its beginnings) and learned the Gospel by a revelation of Jesus Christ (Gal. 1). Paul, an expert in Old Testament History and a Book to Hebrews, or a book about the wilderness experiences of Hebrews to the 7 Churches of Revelation 2 and 3, and their own predictable wilderness experiences, brought on by 'a falling away', revealed to the Apostle John by a revelation of Jesus Christ?

Hebrews 11, an Old Testament and New Testament review of history, fallings away, recovery (or reform led by Heroes of Faith) and times of a promised rest (Hebrews 3 and 4), until the last one, the Second Coming, and Jesus, the greatest Hero.

Of course we have those who promote the Depravity Ism Shortcut to influence us. And like other Ism's only tend to destroy our influence on the cultures we live in, and our children. We need Heroes not scapegoats. No sheep are lost, but how should we then live and die?

The Apostle John, stayed with Jesus through it all, and now in Heaven with Jesus, and Antipas. Who? And the O.T. Saints. When? A Great Cloud of Witness. *











Matthew 4:21. And going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them, 22. and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Luke 9:53. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. 54. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"

John 16:15. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. 16. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. 17. Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

John 19:25. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" 27. Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

Revelation 1:9. I, John, both your brother and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 10: 10. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. 11. And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

Revelation 11:1. Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2. "But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city under foot for forty-two months. 3. "And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." 4. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

11. Now after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

12. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

The second witness? My guess: Revelation 2:13. "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

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4073b AM, 4783 JP, 70 AD 6978. Jerusalem was destroyed on a Saturday. {*Dio, 1. 65. (7) 8:271}

*Up: Mt. 27:50-53, Away: Acts 1:9, Home: Dan. 7:13, Back: Rev. 1:7. If a lot of prophecy has already happened, the Kingdom is now. A lot work to get done.

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In another article, (Jethro, Another Priest Forever) I tried to build a case for the post flood patriarchs from Noah to possibly even Eber (4th from Noah) not being part of the Tower debacle, but were in a place called Salem (Peace). They may have been in the Tower area in the beginning. After all they were family and all spoke one language. The days of Peleg (5th from Noah) indicate a divided world.

But at some point and possibly very soon, I sense that God's leadership and their followers realized that God's people had no part with any chaotic godless endeavors. There was necessarily a place for them to go and God had a purpose for them: building a city on the hill. From Salem came Abraham's father Terah (9th from Noah – maybe a prior) to Ur, and eventually Abraham was called by God to build a new people of God that would eventually return to Canaan, via Ur, Canaan, Egypt and Canaan and eventually to build a new Salem on a hill under King David, Jerusalem (pray for peace).

After God confused their language and forced the Babel'onians to scatter, this action had worked until civilization developed the technology to reach out to each other and are now very much uniting again with English language (not hip-hop, I hope), European culture and technology, United Nations, Olympic Games, Evolutionary Science, etc. Some are uniting because of the Gospel that went with the technology, while others are uniting again, but in making a 'name, so we will not be scattered'. But this time, realistically nowhere to go.

If we follow current events, we do see a blending of cultures, of differing disciplines, as never before. Some is obviously necessary, some due to war or failing economies, but most of it is just bad management from 'powers that be'. Without Christian influence and disciplines, as at the Tower, there is mass confusion. We have been better at this in the past, but the future does not look good, unless the Church and governments understand the dynamics of World (the what) and Biblical (the why) Histories. It may be as simple (?) as a review and reinstitution of the Ten Commandments (or basic law and order). Of course the Church united in prayer would not hurt. And of course, some kind of war is inevitable. The Babel Pushback.

After Christ's Resurrection, the Great Commission, and the death of the OT Church, there were, necessarily, places to go. The resurrected NT Church of the first thousand years essentially reigned (Nero to Great Schism 54 AD to 1054 AD – making many converts is reigning – or the 1000 years of the Byzantine Empire) in Europe (via Rome) and even Asia and Africa (maybe influence in China, etc.) through Kings who worked with the Church and missionary activities and claimed divine authority.

Of course the church weakened (the devil is restrained when God's people are united in Spirit) and the Kings became suspect in their authority (especially the corrupted power of Rome at that time, and of course the divisive and unproductive ism's, as we have today). The following Dark Ages led to a revival. The world calls it a Renaissance, but it was more likely that the Reformation (Europe vs Rome) fueled the Renaissance.

After the Reformation, religious wars broke out in Europe — whose theology would reign. But missionary efforts continued. The Pilgrims of Plymouth fame represent a new place to go, with a new start, which eventually led to America, Independence from King George, and freedom of Religion guaranteed. Of course this led to more revolutions in Europe which overthrew the kings and replaced them with basically secular governments like America, but without God as the basis for its freedoms. Darwin and the Enlightenment saw to that — and the Church just watched (it does not matter) and some even joined in — if we compromise, they may listen to us, they said.

The Church and 'political correctness' or 'it is the white man's religion that is to blame': God originally inspired Christians to take the Gospel (and law and order) to the nations. It is those, on the giving and receiving side, who have rejected the Gospel who are the problem. I also believe the conventional wisdom was: if we fix it there, they won't all have to come here.

(The Migration and Victimology Crisis.)

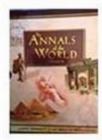
Today in America we have an out of control Judiciary (humanist activism – 10 Commandments sub planted with 10 or more rights), Congress (not enough conservatives – give them what they want, not what they need), and a leadership and media who mock our country's Christian founding and responsibilities. We also have had a multigenerational education system dedicated to the proposition that 'all mankind is created equal under the eyes of humanism, unless you are deemed unnecessary' or 'survival of the fittest'. No wonder in world democracies (yes, America too) we do not vote for godly principles, we don't know what they are anymore (or at best, we are out voted).

Wait until the Church is faced with the dilemma: support gay marriage and abortion rights (who knows what else follows or is) or lose your tax exempt status. Goodbye 501C3, Hello 666.

And we have a world that has united under the name of let us say 'humanism' with its primary goal of building a Utopia (or another Tower) here on earth. In expediency and with all the disasters occurring, pending or imagined (even manufactured), the world has decided to throw off the Commandments of God in order to fix things 'our way' with the assumption that this universe is all there is. And now God's people have nowhere else to go. Or do we? Will we be Victors or submit to 'victimology'?

Revivals have occurred before haven't they? Should we give up and be part of that last generation that goes 'down in a blaze 'to' glory', during or before Jesus' has to return, to rescue us? Only good thing is 'we have somewhere else to go'. Journey's End to the 'Eternal Jerusalem' or 'Eternal Peace', at last.











James Ussher's Annals of the World Excerpt:

From the Epistle to the Reader: For who does not know history's first law to be that an author must not dare to tell anything but the truth? And its second that he must be bold to tell the whole truth? That there must be no suggestion of partiality anywhere in his writings? Nor of malice? {*Cicero, De Oratore, 1. 2. c. 15. 3:243,254}

Censorinus dedicated the book, De Die Natali, to Quintus Caerellius on his birthday in 238 AD. The first part dealt with human life and its origins and the second part dealt with time and its divisions. In his preface he wrote {Censorinus, De Die Natali, l. l. c. 20.}

If the origin of the world had been known to man, I would have started there. A little later, speaking of this time: {Censorinus, De Die Natali, l. l. c. 21.} Whether time had a beginning or whether it always was, the exact number of years cannot be known.

Therefore Ptolemy, from his book Astronomical Calculations, concerning the creation and history of the world, stated that this is beyond the knowledge of man: {Ptolemy, Great Syntaxis, 1. 3.} To find the details of the history of the whole world or such an immense period of time, I think is beyond us who desire to learn and know the truth.

Julius Maternus Firmicus, in his discourse on birthdays, stated concerning the creation of the world (as received from Aesculapius and Anubis): {Julius Maternus Firmicus, l. 3. c. 2.}

That was not the creation of the world. Nor, indeed, did the world have any certain day for its beginning. Nor was there anything existing at the time when the world was formed by the wisdom of the divine understanding and provident deity. Nor could man in his human frailty so far extend himself, that he could easily conceive or unfold the world's origin.

Even among Christians, that most renowned chronographer Dionysius Petavius, when asked his opinion concerning the creation of the world and the number of years from creation down to us, made this disclaimer: {Petavius, De Doctrina Temporum, 1. 9. c. 2. The number of years from the beginning of the world to our time cannot be known, nor in any way found out, without divine revelation.

Philastrius Brixiensis disagreed with him and called it heresy: {Philastrius, De Heres., c. 6. p. 63.} To know the number of the years from the creation of the world is uncertain and men do not know the time of it.

Lactantius Firmianus made this bold assertion: {*Lactantius, Divine Institutions, 1. 7. c. 14. 7:211}

We who are trained by the Holy Scriptures in the knowledge of truth, do know both the beginning and the end of the world.

James Ussher 1581-1656. Annals first published 1658 and republished in English in 2003. In 1658 this work was praised in the secular world and the religious world as a scholarly best educated guess.

I started working on the Annals in the form of charts to outline the entire work in 2002. At first the work of 2003 was praised, much like the work of 1658.

But it did not take long for the secular and the religious world to realize that this work threatened their belief system, or their ism, and discounted and even undermined the entire work.

When Jesus gave The Great Commission about taking the Gospel and Commandments (or law and order) to all the earth an underlying assumption could/should be that we also back up our claims with the historical reality of the claims of the Bible. Starting with Gen. 1.

At times the Church has done this and been successful in fulfilling Christ's Commission as well as God's First Command to fill the earth and subdue it (Gen 1:28). And of course we have those times, like now, when we disregard reality and parts of the Bible, and then the earth and the Devil subdues the Church.

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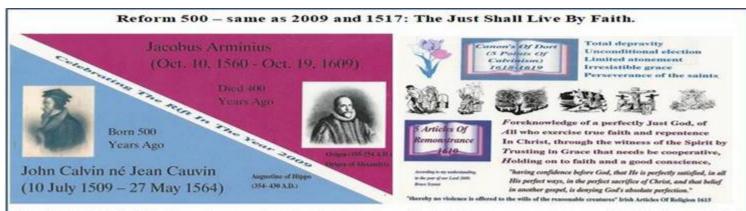
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The Five Articles Of The Remonstrance 1610

Article L That God, by an eternal, unchangeable purpose in Jesus Christ, his Son, before the foundation of the world, hath determined, out of the fallen, sinful race of men, to save in Christ, for Christ's sake, and through Christ, those who, through the grace of the Holy Ghost, shall believe on this his Son Jesus, and shall persevere in this faith and obedience of faith, through this grace, even to the end; and, on the other hand, to leave the incorrigible and unbelieving in sin and under wrath, and to condemn them as alienate from Christ, according to the word of the Gospel in John iii. 36: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him," and according to other passages of Scripture also.

Article II. That, agreeably thereto, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, died for all men and for every man, so that he has obtained for them all, by his death on the cross, redemption, and the forgiveness of sins; yet that no one actually enjoys this forgiveness of sins, except the believer, according to the word of the Gospel of John iii. 16: "God so loved the world that he gave his only-

in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"; and in the First Epistle of John ii. 2: "And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

Article III. That man has not saving grace of himself, nor of the energy of his free-will, inasmuch as he, in the state of apostasy and sin, can of and by himself neither think, will, nor do anything that is truly good (such as having faith eminently is); but that it is needful that he be born again of God in Christ, through his Holy Spirit, and renewed in understanding, inclination, or will, and all his powers, in order that he may rightly understand, think, will, and effect what is truly good, according to the word of Christ, John xv. b: "Without me ye can do nothing."

Article IV. That this grace of God is the beginning, continuance, and accomplishment of an good, even to this extent, that the regenerate man himself, without that prevenient or assisting; awakening, following, and co-operative grace, elm neither think, will, nor do good, nor withstand any temptations to evil; so that all good deeds or movements that can be conceived must be ascribed to the grace of God in Christ. But, as respects the mode of the operation of this grace, it is not irresistible, inasmuch as it is written

concerning many that they have resisted the Holy Ghost, -Acts vii., and elsewhere in many places.

Article V. That those who an incorporated into Christ by a true faith, and have thereby become partakers of his life giving spirit, have thereby full power to strive against Satan, sin, the world, and their own flesh, and to win the victory, it being well understood that it is ever through the assisting grace of the Holy Ghost; and that Jesus Christ assists them through his Spirit in all temptations, extends to them his hand; and if only they are ready for the conflict and desire his help, and are not inactive, keeps them from falling, so that they, by no craft or power of Satan, can be misled, nor plucked out of Christ's hands, according to the word of Christ, John x. 28: "Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." But whether they are capable, through negligence, of forsaking again the first beginnings of their life in Christ, of again returning to this present evil world, of turning away from the holy doctrine which was delivered them, of losing a good conscience, of becoming devoid of grace, that must be more particularly determined out of the Holy Scriptures before we ourselves can teach it with the full persuasion of our minds.

The Pride of the Theology (stiff knee) versus the Humility of the Gospel (bent knee).



Martin Luther 31 October 1517. 500 year anniversary in 2017.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Who hijacked the Reform of 1517 & every revival since the Beginning?

Remonstrance 1610 / CANONS OF DORDT 1619

(Arminius 1560-1609 / Calvin 1509-1564)

(Origen 185-254 / Augustine 354-430)

The just shall live by grace?
No one wants God?
Rom. 3:11 (none seeks after God).
Rom. 3:22 (faith of all that believe).

"Resisting the Holy Spirit can lead to: insecurity, insincerity, virtual depravity, limited focus, and even conditional unelectability."

Maybe even the dreaded
'Belgic Waffle Syndrome'
Or even the
'Cultural Meltdown Of Today',

Many big names say: "I have no choice, (hem and haw; election & Predestination)". Or what is at the 'book table' becomes the belief in the churches. A contextual argument, but Jesus says "whosoever". 93 whosoevers in New Testament NKJ. (Does mankind's section heading over Roman's 9 and changing elect to chosen. Negate Jesus' whosevers?")

John 3:16-18 and John 12:46. The "Ultimate Tie Breaker." John 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.....

And Paul uses the same thought in Romans 9:33, and the contextual element of trust in Ephesians 1:13. Romans 10? Even the Reformation verses Romans 1:16-17. Wow.

The pride of the preology over the humility of the Gospel. Or we cry "holiness and chosen since the foundation of the world". A gospel of prideful intellectualism and a desperate need to impose it on others. 'Ultimate easy believe'ism'.

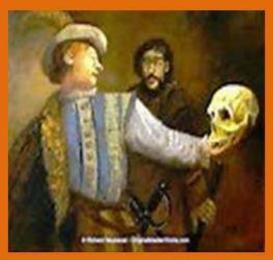
Augustine, like Calvin seemed more intellectual than emotional. If their 'heart/soul' was in it, ok. But, the 'intellectual' (humbly submit to a choice?) followers of Augustine trashed Origen as the 1st Arminian (or Grace is cooperative). God has spoken, we respond appropriately, or not, or renege on a prior decision.

Romans 8:29 & Ephesians 1: God's foreknowledge and actions for those who will bend the knee to Jesus: a prayer for calling, chosen to service.

Ephesians 2:8 - Faith in Grace. Election:our part-Productivity and Predestination:God's part-Security.

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To choose or not to choose. That is the question. If all the world is a stage, and all is predetermined, who cares about the slings of outrageous fortune? But aye the rub, if all is just foreknown, then everything makes perfect sense, including the final act.

And alas, poor Yorick, I knew him well, but what of judgment day?

To be, or not to be right with God, that is the real question.

Not sure if Shakespeare (1564-1616) was a Christian. As a learned man I am sure he was aware of the 'free will debate', still a tempest.

Sheep are sheep and goats are goats, but was he given an adequate understanding of the choice we all have to make? Are we chosen because we are electable and finish our performance? See 1 John 2.

1 John 2 (NKJV)

- 1. My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.
- 3. Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.
- 4. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him
- 5. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.
- 6. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Luke 8 (NKJV)

- "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
- 12. "Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.
- 13. "But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.
- 14. "And the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.
- 15. "But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

On a prior Sunday a musician in the Church Band played the keyboard, prayed, and gave sort of a soliloquy about life and its trials, and of course God's Solution. The Bible and Jesus.

And of course I talked to him about it, and of course we kind of have our differences about how we interpret God's Word. His grace is not cheap, but it is limited, and of course my grace is not cheap, but it is cooperative. Agree to disagree?

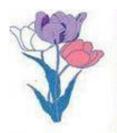
Sort of sounds like Shakespeare's time, just after the Protestant Reformation, and just before the English Civil War. Who knows, maybe Cain and Abel had the same issues. Of course their parents decided they had a right to choose, to disobey God.

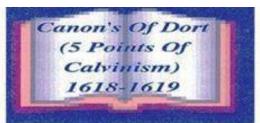
I grew up just after WWII and times were tough. I can still taste war surplus foods like powered eggs and milk, handsaws, motor less mowers etc. But throughout my life things got better until now, I am totally spoiled. Just like the rest of us.

But I had good work opportunities and worked with a lot of good people, of all flavors by the way, to improve life, in the world. Of course we had a few who had petty arguments and accusations, and tried to disrupt everything. But they were minimized.

Today I am afraid these people are maximized by a manipulative media and self-seeking politicians and lawyers and schools and even some 'stiff kneed' theological types and a somewhat unaware populace.

And we are again involved in a great civil war. So what is the solution to godless behavior in our lands? I really got into Hebrews 11 and stand up for them and countless others who stood up for Christ's Great Commission. Need new Heroes of Faith to stand up and be counted. http://historyreally.org/pitcairn.html





Total depravity
Unconditional election
Limited atonement
Irresistible grace
Perseverance of the saints















According to my understanding, in the year of our Lord 2009. Bruce Szwast Foreknowledge of a perfectly Just God, of
All who exercise true faith and repentence
In Christ, through the witness of the Spirit by
Trusting in Grace that needs be cooperative,
Holding on to faith and a good conscience,

"having confidence before God, that He is perfectly satisfied, in all His perfect ways, in the perfect sacrifice of Christ, and that belief in 'any other gospel', is denying God's absolute perfection."

"thereby no violence is offered to the wills of the reasonable creatures" Irish Articles Of Religion 1615

Christian Terrorism: those in the Church who are embarrassed to say they had 'a free will emotional/intellectual encounter with Christ' (if they ever had one), imposing their spiritual deprayity on others. My thoughtful side.

But my compassionate side says:

What do we say to those who do not win life's lottery and experience that 'eternal weeping and gnashing of teeth', all because they did not have a choice? Our God would do that?

But my experiential side says:

The pride of the theology replaces the humility of the Gospel and sheep confused.

The unproductive nature of the theology versus the humility of fulfilling the Great Commission. With responsible governments.

If we have basic truths and then allow varying opinions (agree to disagree) then we have as 'they' say, a mystery. Soon, what is truth, and we have religious and cultural chaos.

Much like the Pharisees of Israel at the time of Jesus and John the Baptist, influencing young men like Paul to persecute true believers.

But my contextual side says:

If we only read the Gospels, we can be easily be liberalized. Especially the Sermon on the Mount.

If we only read the Epistles, we can fall into the 'Chosen' mentality, and eventually liberalized.

If we only read the Old Testament, we never get to the fulfillment of the New Testament. Or if only the New, never understand the Beginning.

If we only read Revelations, or focus on prophecy (or mostly completed), we are looking for a way out of being responsible.

If we consider it all, then find out that OT Israel was chosen for a purpose and not all were saved (Rom. 9:6). Bring the 1st Advent of Christ.

Could say the same about the Church. Chosen to bring the 2nd Advent of Christ.

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Start Of Babylonian Captivity	3398 BC 607
70 Weeks Prophecy Given	3467 BC 538
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Middle Of Week 70: Christ's Crucifi	ixion 4036 AD 33
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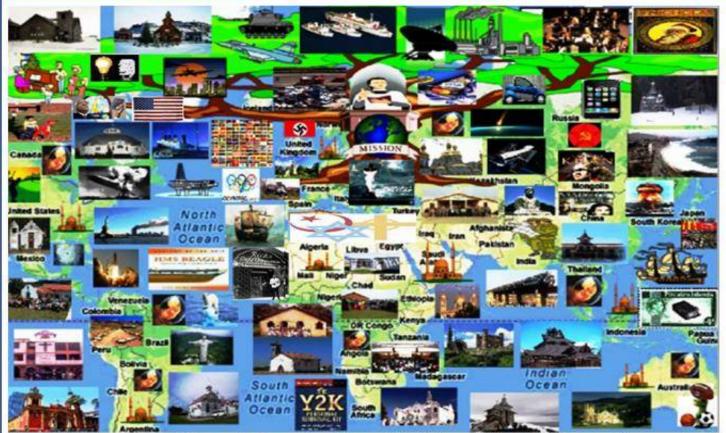
Jews Return-6 Day War 5951-5970 AD 1948-1967

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Daniel 9 - KJV 24. Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

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- 25. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.
- 26. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.
- 27. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.
 - Byzantine Empire 1000? Expand Christ 33 Or 36 When Crucified Luke 4:14-15



For 4000 years (After Adam & Eve sinned, and showed remorse, God slew an animal, first example of death and a sacrifice - Abel showed his acceptance -Cain his defiance -, God made clothes to cover their shame...) human rights and technology stagnated. But then one called Jesus of Nazareth (the only Son of God, and ultimate sacrifice for our sins), offered us hope for eternal life with Him, for those who would have truly believed in Him. He told His disciples to take not only the Gospel to the nations, but also His Commands (Big 10) or law and order. The Gospel is about God's Law & Order: Conviction + Repentance = Justification. The nations being the original Tower of

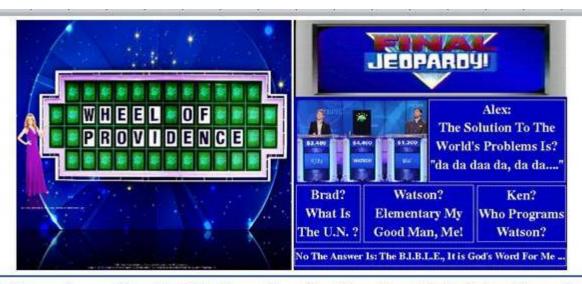
The nations being the original Tower of Babel people who repopulated the earth. And I am sure this repopulation was rarely peaceful. And as we have today the re-blending of cultures, differing in disciplines is rarely peaceful, without law.

Christians (first 1000 years) eventually conquered their known world for Christ, including governments who elevated 'human responsibilities'. For centuries, technology, science. medicine. religion, etc. were developed to take human progress to the nations, as well as the Gospel. Of course there were those on both the giving and receiving side who abused the Commission. And I guess we abandoned could say many the Commission, or tainted it with our divisive -isms-. Unless we have the Total Commitment, we basically have what we have today. How should we then live and die? We need to teach lessons from the Bible that inspires us to interact with our world, not condemn it. Soon to complete 2nd 1000,, Until He has to Return. Y3K? John 3:17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

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Full Holiness writeup:

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A few weeks ago I watched the Jeopardy Team Tournament. The best champions since early 2000 competed. Of course Alex is 78 (believe it or not, with cancer) and still as sharp and enthusiastic as ever. Reminds me of Joshua 14:11 and being as strong as ever (the strong and courageous guy). Of course he grew up making bricks for Pharaoh, spent 40 years in the wilderness (thinking about Moses & Big 10), and conquered the promise land as God instructed that generation.

Alex is part of the generation I grew up with and since the mid 80's he and Pat & Vanna have been a reminder of that time period. Inspired by WWII heroes. It was also a time of Ronald Reagan and the economic and spiritual revival of that time (Graham and DJ Kennedy filling up the churches again with an invitational Gospel). I also got my 30 year ground floor PC computer job then and found Jesus too. Does not get any better than that: a reason to be productive. Thank God I avoided those isms, about Him.

Alex and I also grew up under a Joshua and Caleb, or the greatest generation. A time of integrity, honesty, and development, etc. No affirmative action back then. It was about personal responsibility and achievement, and church goers. Even if one was impaired somehow, there was compassion, assistance, and encouragement. People of all flavors understood and worked together. Of course there were trouble makers but they were admonished and punished for their behavior.

Today, this is not the norm. How far we have fallen. Everyone is a victim and deserves compensation. Or it is not your fault.

Liberalism! Promoted by not only by deceitful political forces but also the church in America. It is too hard to make people responsible and we take the easy way out.

A conservative church or government is about fixing the problem, not more band aids.

Do we need a brick making episode to help us realize this? Or a wilderness experience. Hate to see a great depression and another war.

Time for Double Jeopardy? Or at least God's people united in the Gospel, and not some ism like liberal-ism, or all the other isms we have, like 'no personal responsibility-ism'.

From: The Author and Finisher of Life To: Whosoever @ Wherever Place, In Whatever State, All the World



Are we rescued by keeping the 10 Commandments?

Or are we rescued by the personal contract/maintenance agreement we make with Jesus, about the Big 10 that convicts us to begin with?







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Two thieves meet the Author/Finisher of Life in the ultimate reality. One stops mocking and finds eternal life. The other, eternal death? Was it a 'Godly coin flip' or was it one man who, with an 'ongoing conscience issue', found resolution with God by 'humbly' facing reality?

Luke 23:39. Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." 40. But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?

41. "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."
42. Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43. "And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Back in 85, as a young Christian, I was 'coerced' into VBS. 10 Commandments? Saw the movie back in 62. Big Box Office hit, and my first and lasting exposure to the Bible and basic Christianity. Sounds like fun.

Of course the kids knew more than I did. Even with the study guide. 1st day we exhausted basic do's and don'ts. 4 more days? Now what?



In the 10 Commandments Movie (well Exodus 2:11-12), Moses killed (?) the Egyptian. Did Moses murder the Egyptian or did he execute justice on a murderer? And I suppose, that day 'chose to be with the people of God'. Hebrews 11:24-28. The rest of the week, was very interesting. There are 9 more Commandments!

(if forewarned of consequences, shame on us)

Currently, I am thinking, with the liberalization of America and 'The Great Commission', are we, the Church, being 'coerced' into the same liberal attitude? Did we forget Christ's last words to us?

Matthew 28:19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20. "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Today I hear 'mercy to the afflicted'. Band-Aids? What about 'justice to the offender' (with proper mercy of course – all lives matter, even the unborn)? We need both to walk 'humbly before our God'. Else, we and our offspring live and die with lawlessness, until the 2nd Coming for the final rescue of 'a remnant'. 'Go Ye Mission' aborted!

Micah 6:8. He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah OT Prophet (and others), in a time of lawlessness, especially among leadership, warning of God's impending judgement.

The OT prophets had priests, hopefully with the Law, to instruct Kings and the people of God honoring behavior. Today we have the Church as priests to instruct. Or do we?

I have the beginnings of a 7 Millennium Theory which works out to about 978 years until the 2nd Coming. 2nd Peter 3. Adam may have seen the 1nd Coming as soon? Now what?

We do need God Fearing politicians, judges, and 'lawyers' (and laws about lawyers – judicial and moral chaos between providers and clients, etc.), educators... that fight for Godly responsibility and moral stability.

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Answers in Cosmology:

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I thought it may be time for a career change, like getting into video game technology.

At first I thought how about a video game called 'Donkey Kong' or 'Elephant Kong' or 'Back to the Future' or 'Everything is Free, if you vote for me. No responsible behavior too'.

But to be timely, I thought how about 'Space Invaders', or the 'Tower of Babel Revisited'. You know the game about a group of hard working and disciplined people living under laws based on God's Law.

These people are successful and develop a good food and technology chain with disciplined children ready to take over. Even have controlled immigration and strong borders. Even have well trained people to interact with other places, to lift them up also.

But then these people get lazy and forget how they got to this point, and then allow others, with a devious intent, to come in and take over by promoting 'myths and old wives tales' about the 'foundings and purpose'. Even religious people. Liberalized or dumbed down.

And of course the resulting chaos causes patriots or Heroes of Faith to rise up and object, but are shouted down or ignored or out voted by the misinformed masses.

And then these patriots move to another place and start to rebuild the 'good place' again. Of course at some point there are the indigenous peoples. Those of a like mind are welcoming but then the resistance already there or following complicates the interaction. Call this game 'Risk and Reward'? Or call it 'The Great Commission Must Go Thru'? But then, these people get lazy and forget (or not reminded by its leadership thru His Word)....
(Jesus said take His Word, not the theologyisms.)

Wow, people could play this game for centuries and the game could be very successful. Really?

Seriously, is this what God intended in:

Genesis 1:27. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Or when Jesus gave the Great Commission: Matthew 28: 19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20. "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen

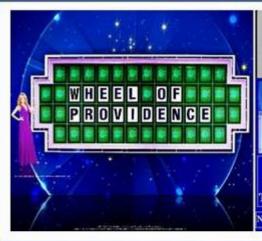
Or at the Temple dedication with Solomon:

2 Chron. 7:13. "When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,

14. "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

15. "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

How do we win at this game? Be energized and remember? Prayerfully it will not take 'a wilderness experience' to motivate us, like the Hebrews in the desert 40 years, or WWIII...





Creation Week 10/23-29/4004 BC
(The best, Biblically based, educated guess)

"Those who forget history, are doomed to repeat it."

Adam and Eve,
Circa October 30, 4004 BC

I am pretty sure the first Reformation occurred on the 31st of October that year.

The Last Day, like Adam and Eve, we find out we blew it on the first five verses of the Bible.

Genesis 1 {The Creation - 1a AM, 710 JP, 4004 BC}

- 1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- 3. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
- And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.
- 5. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.
- 6. Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."
- Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.
- And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.
- Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.
 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering
- together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.
- 11. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.
- 12. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
- 13. So the evening and the morning were the third day.
- 14. Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;
- 15. "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.
- Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.
- 17. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth,
- 18. and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.
- 19. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

- 20. Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."
- 21. So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
- 22. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."
- 23. So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
- 24. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so.
- 25. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
- 26. Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- 27. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- 28. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
- 29. And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.
- 30. "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.
- Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Judgement Day Doco. for those who lead the 'falling(s) away': 4th Commandment (if we can confuse the 1st 5 verses, all is fair game):

Ex. 20: 11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.



Make Christ Enlightenment Great Again 1620 Approximate Start of the 'Age of Enlightenment'. 1620 Official start of the Great Commission in America. 1620 Official start of the objection to Great Commission.



Matter 28

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26. "Building them to observe off things that I have communited year and is, I am with you always, over to the end of the age." Aprel.

Let's see now, in the late 1700's the American founding Fathers 'agree to disagree' that indentured servants, (earn your passage/learn the system) are ok; in the 1800's certain elected officials slavery for approve economic development (plus African self-appointed officials who sell own people to slavers) and press for Dred Scott decision that slaves are not people, compassionate approve the 'servant principle' for people; the Civil War frees the slaves and servants and causes integration havoc, especially with certain elected officials who impose segregation, compassionate types work it out; in the 1960's certain elected officials enact the Great Society Forever Giveaway making many forever dependency slaves, compassionate types approve 'helping hand principle' for people (1962: No God in schools); in 1973 Roe v Wade says the unborn are not people, compassionate types adopt the 'adoption protest movement' for people; in the 2000's certain elected officials wreck our foreign policy efforts for peace there, and many dependency slaves are imported to replace the aborted babies and vote for their favorite certain elected officials, compassionate types try to 'make room for everyone and care for people'.

Whew, enough is enough? Maybe we should all go back to where we came from, the Tower of Babel. Well anyway, certain 'Godless' elected officials (who appoint judges > Tort Reform). If only we understood and had and support more Biblical Heroes of Faith as elected officials, and even all walks of life.

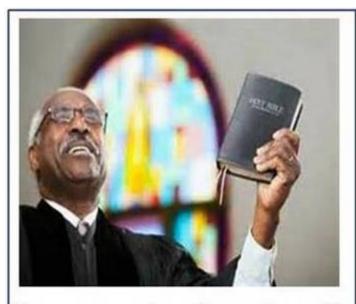
Let us make the Great Commission, Great Again.

I met an American Indian Chief (we are all native to Babel) in Tallahassee Fl. He was there for a PBS special about a mystery jeweled cross that he had inherited. He related to me that his people had been influenced by Spanish Missionaries, and still are today, including very much himself. Jesus is LORD. Of course later that day PBS History Detectives made him look like a child and ridiculed his cross and said that the cross was of Indian origin and had nothing to do with Christianity.

Obviously those who do not appreciate Christianity do not appreciate how the founding of America was based on Christ's Great Commission and that all peoples must hear of Christ's Work on the Cross for those who would believe. No mystery in that, history defectives.

Who are certain elected officials? Jesus said in Matthew 7:15: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16. "You will know them by their fruits."

History+Bible=Wolves&Good Shepherds Diff.



If every preacher this week would preach on the 6 day creation, how many would have a job on Monday? Not a good idea?

If every preacher would do as Moses instructed in Deut. 31 to read the Book of the Law every 7 years at the Feast of Tabernacles: Joshua did it in 7 years, thereafter?) or Josiah or Ezra and read the Book of the Law (first 5 Books – fundamentally 6 Days to 10 Commandments – 6 days imbedded in #4) to the people, how many would have a job before the Benediction. Not a good idea?

How about if every preacher would actually read their Scripture reference in the historical context (even contextual) of Scripture instead of their favored theology, myth or old wives tale, or personal beliefs, or even agree to 'not to disagree' with those distort and mangle Scripture to support their ism-?

We are sinners, saved by Grace, if we 'bend the knee to Jesus', and arise and walk, knowing 'The Spirit of God' is stronger than 'the spirit of the Devil'.

Maybe then we could talk about salvaging our culture, and our well-being, by redeeming the concept of personal responsibility? The present and eternal issue here. And I believe we have a 'fear of God' problem in world cultures.

Might be worth a try. Jesus may not come back for years. And if like the flood of Noah's time, at the last minute, to rescue a remnant - maybe it is up to us? Sorry, a very good possibility, even historically.

What then to us, and our posterity? What about martyred Christians across the world? What about the world chaos that seems to be coming here? A universal law: don't fix it there, it comes here (even from down the street).

We can be chosen and indifferent (and enjoy ourselves), or we can choose to make a difference (and enjoy ourselves).

And I believe this has eternal significance. The heroes of the faith believed it.

Got to start somewhere. Not a paid political ad, but sure hope it is approved, by the 7 Churches.





Matthew 7.13. "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14. "Because narrow is the gate and difficult in the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Old Chinese Proverb: 'he who walks on left side of road may be hit by oncoming donkeys'.

Confucius 551 BC - 479 BC.

Ecclesiastes 10: 2. A wise man's heart is at his right hand, but a fool's heart at his left.

King Solomon. 1015 BC - 975 BC.

I used to think the narrow path was an isolated road. Now I think that path is really an interstate. And we can see each other, on the highway of life.

And of course we have crossover accidents and exits and reentry points. Places where we can refuel, rest, intermingle and change directions even.

Only God's Word can help us determine if our direction is right. And of course, there are always those who are looking for directions to Jesus, Author and finisher of Life, but also needing 'the rules of the road':

The 10 Commandments. Without Law & Order, both sides of the road are dangerous.

Some say No Way, some insist My Way, some relent to Their Way. But those who humbly bend the knee to the God-Man Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross, and boldly witness to 'No Other Way'.

1 John 2:3. Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Been sampling liberal news and conservative news. Left spin, right spin. Like watching a tennis match. Back and forth. My neck is getting sore.

My brother is a good table tennis player. I really could not beat him. One day, being the ambiguous guy that I am, switched the paddle to my left hand.

All of a sudden I was being successful. Then my brother noticed the ambiguity, compensated, and proceeded to make things right, again. But, nothing wrong with being left handed. A lefty bowler spins the ball to the right and a righty bowler spins the ball to the left.

Both with the same objective, to hit the 'pocket' rightly, and avoiding the game changing 'splits and gutter balls'.

I meet so many good people in my life's journey. Mostly they want to live a good life and be right in the eves of the Creator.

And of course we have the uninformed and those frustrated with lefty spin who strike back in unrighteous anger.

Unfortunately with our ever increasingly 'depraved and deprived schools, media, even lefty churches', we are not being taught to recognize the spin on the ball.

In the last Fl. election we came that "" close to having a lefty Governor and Senator (pro-choice). A right group in Florida sending voter guides and information to right churches saved the day, for now (pro-life).

Of course we sent more lefty Congress people to Tallahassee and Washington. Hence our dilemma and difficulties right now. Year 2020, a Constitutional Crisis?

But then, it is all about the 'right to choose' which of the Big 10 Commands of God we want left out of the conversation.

Nothing left but to pray and hold classes on recognizing the spin and being an influence for right in our world again.

Time for a paradigm shift, a game changer, or back to the basics. It is God's wisdom and Commandments versus the Babel mentality of rebellion against God.

The Bible, history of the right (faith in the Living Christ and His Sacrifice >) and those who are left out, and why.

John 3: 16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.









Merry Christmas NASA December 24, 1968, with Stamp of Approval no less, and No More!

From Wikipedia:

On December 24, 1968, in what was the most watched television broadcast at the time, the crew of Apollo 8 read in turn from the Book of Genesis as they orbited the moon. Bill Anders, Jim Lovell, and Frank Borman recited verses 1 through 10, using the King James Version text.

Bill Anders "We are now approaching lunar sunrise, and for all the people back on Earth, the crew of Apollo 8 has a message that we would like to send to you: 'IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness."

Jim Lovell "'And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the

firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."

Frank Borman "'And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas: and God saw that it was good.' And from the crew of Apollo 8, we close with good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas – and God bless all of you, all of you on the good Earth."

Lawsuit: Madalyn Murray O'Hair, an atheist, responded by suing the United States government, alleging violations of the First Amendment. The suit was dismissed by the Supreme Court due to lack of jurisdiction.

Later (after the memo), on the Apollo 11 mission, Buzz Aldrin received communion on the lunar surface shortly after landing. Although he did not keep his actions secret, he only said a non-religious sentence on the intercom, and read from the scripture off-air.

4th Commandment..: Ex 20:11. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.







About 4032 years after The Tower of Babel incident, mutineers from the British ship HMS Bounty founded a Christian colony on Pitcairn Island. God scattered humanity after the Tower and God eventually used a strange set of circumstances to found this community at the remotest part of the world. Some may say this was not an official missionary endeavor, but I like the original intent and success of God's purposes. When 'take the -ism- into all the world' replaces 'take the Gospel into all the world, the 10 Commandments, and undistorted history', Mission is just about over. (Church (& World) History in a microcosm?)

Excerpt from Wikipedia: Further information: Mutiny on the Bounty: In 1790, nine of the mutineers from the Bounty, along with the native Tahitian men and women that were with them (six men, eleven women and a baby), settled on Pitcairn Islands and set fire to the Bounty. The wreck is still visible underwater in Bounty Bay, discovered in 1957 by National Geographic explorer Luis Marden. Although the settlers

survived by farming and fishing, the initial period of settlement was marked tensions serious among Alcoholism, murder, disease and other ills took the lives of most mutineers and Tahitian men. John Adams and Ned Young turned to the scriptures, using the ship's Bible as their guide for a new and peaceful society. Young eventually died of an asthmatic infection. The Polynesians also converted to Christianity. (Used Ship's Bible to teach English!)

They later converted from their original form of Christianity to Seventh-day Adventism, following a successful Adventist mission in the 1890s. After the rediscovery of Pitcairn, John Adams was granted amnesty for his part in the mutiny. (Ned Young slept thru the mutiny, when awakened, he was Pitcairn bound.)

(ps 7th Day is just another ism, that divides us – today Pitcairn needs Wyatt Earp & Doc Holliday to clean up Tombstone Territory. The Clanton's have hijacked the OK Corral).