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Greetings friends!

This months information is **non gratis** [Free, gratis, nonpaying, entered, free visit, without expenses] and in part is also from last years report [edited]. And based upon the current and persistent drought conditions in the Western USA, as well as in other certain areas of the country, better free as opposed to the ever increasing rates for water and other utility usage that we in the West are facing, while in some neighborhoods the neighbors just keep on watering their sidewalk, street and cars! This probably sounds similar to statements you hear in your own corner of the world, perhaps for different reasons, but all the same, it only helps to prove, as **Bill Bonner** once stated about our economic senses, "*The entire world economy rests on the consumer; if he ever stops spending money he doesn't have on things he doesn't need -- we're done for.*"

Yes, there's some more dry jokes at the end of this months report for those of you who share in this, our second year of serious drought. Better to laugh than to dry up and blow away - eh? And yes, it's really that time again to stand our watch for the next new moon. Here's **the**

DATA:



The DATA!

On May 20, 2004 in Jerusalem Israel, at around 6:00 PM there will be a 1 day 9 hour old new moon displaying only a 2% illumination. This same day in the Western hemisphere, after sunset before 10:00 PM [daylight savings time applied], we shall see the new moon with a 3.5% illumination. If a sighting is not successful in Israel we will default to a 30 day month [chodesh]. This would move the Roman calendar start date of **Sivan** as May _ as compared to the daytime date shown in the banner - top right. *Sunrise 5:39, Sunset 20:07. Moonrise 06:22, Moonset 21:58 MST.*

Scriptural Allusions

Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

(See page 9 for a complimentary OT verse.)

Note the date shown above in the right box of the banner. I've displayed the daytime date as opposed to the preceding days date for the new moon sighting. The first DAY is best represented by naming the daytime date which started [by biblical definition] at sunset the evening before. I'm just trying to be numerically correct as opposed to say, stating the year of "0". There really wasn't any year "0"; the year was either -1 or +1 at all times.

Chodesh **3** begins Biblical calendar month "three". Why is it month 3 and not 4 or 2? For answers to this question and more please see a helpful bible study titled [Calendar Studies - Abib](#). A complete booklet with answers to all your biblical calendar questions may be found at "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)", <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

Data this month is also from [Home Planet for Windows](#) and [Ephemeris vs. 2.0](#) software for Windows operating systems. These are free software packages and are available free for download at: <http://www.fourmilab.ch/>

Actual new moon sightings list for the last 2-3 years dates can be seen at the monthly new moon chart at: [Calendar Info](#) <http://users.adelphia.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/nmcaltchart.html>

Names of the Month

Roman month

May -- Maia's month

Old French *Mai*
Old English *Maius*
Latin *Maius* "of Maia"
Latin *Maius mensis* "month of Maia"

Maius has always had 31 days.

Maia (meaning "the great one") is the Italic goddess of spring, the daughter of Faunus,



and wife of Vulcan.

The Jewish calendar month



May 20 [at even] month 3 begins. This will be the 3rd biblical month of the year, also called **SIVAN**.

From **Easton's Sivan** a Persian word (Assyr, sivanu, "bricks"), used after the Captivity as the name of the third

month of the Jewish year, extending from the new moon in June to the new moon in July [[Est 8:9](#)].

The Biblical Calendar Month [KJV]

3	Sivan	Esther 8:9
Sivan (May/Jun)	Dry season	Wheat harvest begins

Est 8:9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, ...

Strong's H5510 siyvan see-vawn' Probably of Persian origin; **Sivan**, the third Hebrew month: - Sivan.



We also are at the end of the **50 days count to Pentecost** per biblical instruction and example of **Pentecost** in the New Testament [[Acts 2](#)].

The Feast of Pentecost

The Feast of Pentecost, also called the **Feast of First Fruits**, falls on the 50th day after the Passover Sabbath. This feast is a reminder, a guarantee of Yahweh's power to produce spiritual fruit in the field of human salvation. The literal first fruits of the soil are merely the physical types or expressions of the real first fruits of the Holy

Spirit.

The first fruits of the Holy Spirit are the true believers won to God by His Son the firstborn. ([1 Cor. 15:20&23](#), [James 1:18](#), [Rev. 14:4](#))

The ancient ceremony of presenting the Almighty with the firstfruits of the earth ([Deut. 26:1-11](#)) with two oven-baked loaves, in which the leaven had been de-activated ([Lev. 23:15-17](#)), was a figure, a type, a shadow of the spiritual harvest of human souls in whom the yeast of sin will one day cease to exist. There is coming a day when the power of sin will be de-activated in us believers just as the power of leaven is neutralised in an oven baked loaf.

The breathtaking experience recorded in [Acts 2](#) was but the early harvest, a kind of "firstfruits" of an even greater out-pouring of divine power scheduled to fall upon the church in the near future when the main harvest of human beings will be gathered in.

The Feast of Pentecost, in short, prefigures, guarantees and commemorates the early harvest, the first fruits of human souls: and those who celebrate it declare their willingness to be part of that spiritual multitude which will one day be gathered in and presented to the Almighty by His Son - the Firstborn!

For a more complete explanation of the **Feast of the First Fruits** please see the **free Festival Booklet - [The Feast Days of the God of Israel](#)**

Note from the author: The differences of the traditional Hebrew calendar, the Biblical and the Roman calendars reveal much regarding the histories and customs of their respective authors. We today use the civil Roman calendar for our commerce and governments with almost global acceptance. However, for the Bible student it should be noted that there are several factions among each of

the faiths thus the sometimes confusing and differing names of the months, seasons, beginning of years including sometimes even the **Holy Days**.

For further reading see **The Sacred Calendar Book**. Most common Roman calendar month references are NOT correct per biblical calendar - [see tefukah](#)]

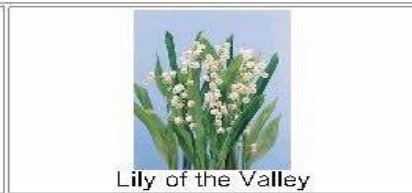
The **Birthstones** for the month of **May** are:

- Modern Birthstone - [Emerald](#)
- Traditional Birthstone - [Emerald](#)
- Mystical Birthstone - [Sapphire](#)
- Ayurvedic Birthstone - [Agate](#)
- Other Birthstone - [Chrysoprase](#), Beryl

The **birthstone** for the month of **May** is the *emerald*, the color is **white**, the flower is the **Lily of the Valley** meaning *Humbleness / Humility* and *Return of Happiness*.



Emerald



Lily of the Valley

For the Biblical student the only source for true and accurate information regarding birth stones and colors based upon heraldry comes from the [KJV] Bible under the list of the names of the **The Tribes of Israel (Jacob) Gen 32:28, Gen 49:1-33** [See below for this months featured tribe].

Drought Info:

The graphic below is of the current Western USA drought as given from NOAA and the others whom comprise the Drought Monitor:

from the April 27, 2004 edition - <http://www.csmonitor.com/2004/0427/p03s01->

usec.html

West faces a sixth year of epic drought

In some areas, conditions rival 1930s Dust Bowl

By Todd Wilkinson | Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

DILLON, MONT. - With a cloud of dust behind his pickup truck, Larry Martin drives through miles of barren ranch land. In a "normal spring," he'd be surrounded by green fields of alfalfa and barley stems half a foot high.

But in passing his empty irrigation canal, then striding in cowboy boots along a barbed-wire fence buried in parched tumbleweed and windblown topsoil, Mr. Martin admits he's given up hope for a crop this year.

Today, he's praying that he can

get by with a reduced cattle herd and hold on to the family ranch. Last week he watched a neighbor lose his property to foreclosure, and rumors are that scores of other ranching families may follow.

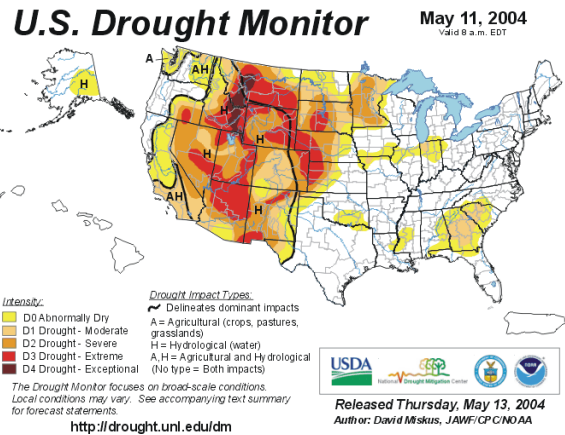
"We were always told that tough times will make you bend, but a drought will break you," says Martin.

What hasn't broken here is the sixth consecutive year of drought, with portions of the usually verdant Rockies looking more like the Mojave Desert. In what scientists call a combination of drought cycles and global warming, nine Western states are seeing extreme dryness:

"In California, the high Sierra snowpack is melting faster and earlier than during any spring in 80

years.

"In Colorado, sinking reservoirs have brought restrictions for 1.2 million Denver water users, who now can irrigate their lawns only twice a



week. Without spring rains, water use could be radically curbed and made more costly.

"In Arizona, where forests and soils are the driest in a century, fire danger is extremely high.

"And in New Mexico and Nevada, low rivers may spur fights between farmers and cities over scarce water sources.

Meanwhile, Montana's tensions are rising: Even outfitters who make their living guiding trout anglers on the streams worry their business could come to an early halt.

"Historically, there have been more people shot in the state of Montana over water than women," Mr. Martin says with a laugh. Yet on a somber note, Dennis Miotke, who oversees water allocation from the Clark Canyon Reservoir, says desperate ranchers call him daily.

"This is reminiscent of the Dust Bowl," says Larry Laknar, disaster and emergency services coordinator for Beaverhead County, Mont.

While a huge swath of the West is gripped by "severe" and "extreme" drought conditions, the Jefferson River Basin, which encompasses Martin's ranch, is classified on the latest federal index as "exceptional

THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL (JACOB) Gen 32:28, Gen 49:1-33



Gen 35:18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name **Benoni**: but his father called him Benjamin. **Gen 49:27** Benjamin shall **ravin** as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

drought" - one of the driest areas west of the Mississippi.

According to the National Weather Service, little relief is in sight even with the official start of summer seven weeks away. That's only exacerbated predictions of economic calamity in cattle country while fueling anticipation of an epic wildfire season, an eruption of water wars, and serious shortages in cities.

Mr. Miotke recently told 75 families that no water will flow through their irrigation ditches, a virtual guarantee that some may be pushed into bankruptcy.

The Jefferson River Basin, known as Montana's "beefbasket," produces more cattle and hay than any other part of the state. But now this anchor of Montana's \$1 billion agriculture industry is reeling.

The trauma, Miotke notes, has trickled down to affect thousands, from ranchers to grocery stores, restaurants, auto dealerships, and schools that will be receiving less tax revenue. "A lot of ranchers over the last several years sank everything they had into irrigating their pastures. But if they don't have water, it's like trying to run a bank without money," Miotke says. "I never thought it would come to this."

Four decades ago, the Clark Canyon Reservoir was built with federal dollars as an insurance policy against dry spells, but drought has reduced it to 36 percent of capacity - and less every day. The reservoir is in its 47th month of below-average flows. Behind it, the Lima Reservoir is 20 percent full.

The scene is remarkably similar to Utah's Lake Powell, which is half-full and shrinking as inflow from the Colorado River Basin falls short of

the amount lost to evaporation and Glen Canyon Dam. Some hydrologists believe the artificial lake bed could be dry by fall, prompting conservationists to ask Congress to decommission the dam.

While that's unlikely, lawmakers are considering the option of federal disaster relief for drought-stricken areas. For evidence of water shortages, Mr. Laknar points to the crater of Clark Canyon Reservoir. The National Weather Service's Gina Loss says it would take months of rain to bring levels back to normal.

"For five years, we've been going into each autumn trying to tell ourselves it can't get any worse than this," Larry Martin adds. "The reality is there might not be a next year for some of us. Even if it rains, it won't be enough."

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May 9 was **Mother's Day 2004!**

[May - Lily of the Valley]
Happy Mothers Day to all Mothers, Ma's, Mom's and Mommy's!

Holidays May 21

Ancient Rome : Agonalia
Chile : Battle of Inquique/Navy Day (1879)
Macedonia, Greece :

Anastenarides Feast-dance barefoot on hot coals
New York : Armed Forces Day
US : Lindbergh Flight Day (1927)
Canada : Victoria Day (1819) - - -
- - (**Monday**)
US : Armed Forces Day - - - - -
(**Saturday**)

Religious Observances May 21

Orthodox : Feast of SS Constantine & Helen
Lutheran : Commemoration of John Eliot, missionary to the Indians
Jewish : Shavuot (celebration of 10 commandments) (Sivan 6, 5759 AM)

Religious History May 21

1536 The General Assembly of Geneva, Switzerland officially embraced Protestantism by accepting the evangelical faith of the Swiss reformers.

1739 Methodist hymnwriter Charles Wesley, 31, on the first anniversary of his religious conversion, penned the hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues."

1740 English revivalist George Whitefield wrote in a letter regarding Jesus' character; 'He was God and man in one person, that God and man might be happy together again.'

1864 Belgian missionary priest Father Damien, 24, was ordained on the Island of Hawaii. Born Joseph de Veuster, the Picpus Father began a work among the lepers on the island of Molokai in 1873. Contracting the disease in 1884, Father Damien succumbed to it five years later.

1944 German Lutheran theologian and Nazi martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote in a letter from prison: 'God alone protects; otherwise there is nothing.'

Source: William D. Blake. ALMANAC OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987.

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Health tips from the Old Farmer's Almanac
Are you too skinny or just right?

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{(W \times 705) \div H}{H}$$

Body Mass Index (BMI), now thought to be a more accurate indicator of relative body size than the old insurance charts. W is your weight in pounds and H is your height in inches.

If the result is 25 or less, you are within a healthy weight range.

If it's 19 or below, you are too skinny.

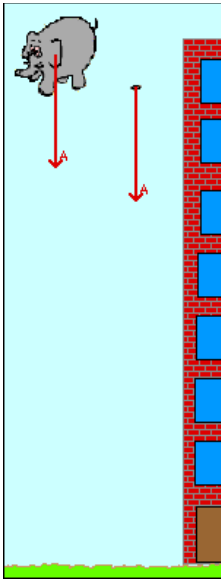
Between 25 and 27, you are as much as 8 percent over your healthy weight.

Between 27 and 30, you are at increased risk for health problems.

Above 30, you are more than 20 percent over your healthy weight. It puts you at a dramatically increased risk for serious health problems.

There are a couple of exceptions to the above. Very muscular people with a high BMI generally have nothing to worry about, and extreme skinniness is generally a symptom of some other health problem, not the cause.

Here's another way to see if you are dangerously overweight. Measure your waistline. A waist measurement of 35 inches or more in women and 41 inches or more in men, regardless of



height, suggests a serious risk of weight-related health problems.

... a basic physics lesson here which compliments the previous article regarding weights.

Elephant and Feather - Air Resistance

Suppose that an elephant and a feather are dropped off a very tall building from the same height at the same time. We will assume the realistic situation that both feather and elephant encounter air resistance. Which object - the elephant or the feather - will hit the ground first? The animation at the right accurately depicts this situation. The motion of the elephant and the feather in the presence of air resistance is shown. Further, the acceleration of each object is represented by a vector arrow.

Most people are not surprised by the fact that the elephant strikes the ground before the feather. But why does the elephant fall faster? This question is the source of much confusion (as well as a variety of misconceptions). Test your understanding by making an effort to identify the following statements as being either true or false.

The full explanation can be found at [The Physics Classroom](http://www.glenbrook.k12.il.us/gbssci/phys/mmedia/newtlaws/efar.html): <http://www.glenbrook.k12.il.us/gbssci/phys/mmedia/newtlaws/efar.html>

Signs in the lights of the heavens?

What is the Sign of the Messiah's second coming? Click on this link: [Signs](#) or copy:

<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/course/lesson14.html>

For current biblical calendar information please see the articles [Calendar Info](#) and [Calendar of the Saints II](#). Further reading of [The Sacred Calendar Book](#) can also be seen at: <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

Scriptural Reading Scriptural Reading -

[Excerpts from the article [Baptism by the Holy Spirit](#)]

Rising to a life of Righteousness / Obedience

The next sign of a valid baptism is a **righteous life**. The believer has not merely stopped sinning (that statement merely tells us of what he does not do). But **he rises from the baptism to live a life of righteousness** (This statement tells of what he does do). The Spirit-baptised believer, in short, will stop sinning (Sign 1) and will go on to do righteous deeds (Sign 2). He will obey the Law of God. He has not only stopped breaking the Law of God, but has now started to obey it. In symbolic language righteousness (obedience) is referred to as **good fruit**. And that is why when John the Baptist saw that true righteousness was very often missing from the lives of those who came to him for baptism, he spoke these scathing words:

Luk 3:7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Luk 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Luk 3:9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

This man of God knew very well that if **righteousness** (right actions, good fruit) did not follow water baptism, then the whole symbolic exercise was invalidated and pointless. John was looking for good fruit - true repentance followed by obedience in the lives of those who came to him - and when he didn't find it his denunciations were voiced in no uncertain terms:

"Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire."

The Saviour expressed the same thought when he said:

Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves.

Mat 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Mat 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Mat 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

In other words, a believer who is Baptised in the Holy Spirit will live a righteous life. He will be eager to **obey** the Law of the Most High. He will not merely stop sinning (**Sign 1**) but he will go on to produce good fruit by obeying Yahweh's Law (**Sign 2**).

Bible Versions
Which is the **real** Word of God?

~ Continued from last issue ~

6. THE CHURCH FATHERS

Before the art of printing was known (before AD 1450) the church fathers of the early Christian era wrote - **by hand** - their letters, sermon notes, commentaries and books. Their

manuscripts contain many quotations from the **original autographs** or the **earliest copies**. Some fathers had actually seen the New Testament autographs or very early copies; and had personally hand-copied large portions of Scripture. The writings of these early elders help verify the original text and form a valuable source of information as to what the first apostles wrote. Scripture tells us that Satan began his attack on the New Testament Scriptures very early, even before the first apostles died. Listen to Paul's testimony concerning this matter about corrupting of the **Word of God**; and of some who even wrote letters as though they were composed by the apostle himself.

Paul writes:

2Co 2:17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

During the latter part of his life the apostle John strongly defended the **Word of God**. Being an eye-witness of many events involving the ministry of **Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ)**, John was well qualified to refute written or spoken error and to put the record straight. The enemies of truth had this reliable eye-witness banished to the island of Patmos.

John writes:

Rev 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

There were many church fathers who hand-copied the whole or portions of Scripture. Let me mention a few who greatly influenced the church, particularly in Europe.

In his book **Story of Our English Bible**

W Scott wrote: "**Crysostom**, the most eloquent of the fathers, spoke of them (the Scriptures) as *The Divine Books*, **Polycarp**, who lived at a still earlier date, having been personally instructed by the Apostle John, spoke of the Bible as *The Sacred Scriptures*, as also the *Oracles of the Lord*. **Clement of Rome**, whom Paul styles his 'fellow-labourer' (*Phil. 1V.3*), termed the *Scriptures The True Sayings of the Holy Spirit*. **Irenaeus**, of the second century, makes about 1200 citations or references from the New Testament; **Tertullian**, also of the second century refers to or quotes from the New Testament about 2500 times; **Clement of Alexandria**, another of the second century Fathers, cites from or refers to the New Testament 800 times; and **Polycarp**, already referred to, in a brief epistle addressed to the Philippians, quotes from the New Testament about 50 times." (Ref: A6)

Lucian of Antioch

Lucian (AD 250-312) was born in Antioch in Syria where the early believers in Jesus were first called Christians. (**Acts 11**) In his book **Truth Triumphant** Benjamin George Wilkinson Ph.D writes this about Lucian:

Quote: "**Lucian** founded a college at Antioch which strove to counteract the dangerous ecclesiastical alliance between Rome and Alexandria. How bitter the situation became and how it finally split West and East will be clarified by the following four facts:

First, the original founders of the ecclesiastical college at Alexandria strove to exalt tradition. Justin Martyr, as early as 150, had stood for this.

Second, Clement, most famous of the Alexandrian college faculty and a teacher of Origen, boasted that he would not teach Christianity unless it was mixed with pagan philosophy.

Third, Victor 1, bishop of Rome, entered a compact with Clement, about 190, to carry on research

around the Mediterranean basin to secure support to help make Sunday the prominent day of worship in the church. Sunday was already a day exalted among the heathen, being a day on which they worshipped the sun; yet Rome and Alexandria well knew that most churches throughout the world sanctified Saturday as the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.

Fourth, when Victor I, in lordly tones, pronounced excommunication on all the churches of the East who would not with him make Easter always come on Sunday, Alexandria supported this exhibition of spiritual tyranny by the bishop of Rome. **Lucian opposed Alexandria's policies and for this has been bitterly hated and his name kept in the background.**" (Ref: J1)

Patrick in Ireland

Patrick belonged to the Celtic race. Tradition has it that he was born about **AD 360** in the kingdom of **Strathclyde in Scotland**. Wilkinson writes of Patrick:

Quote: "Patrick preached the Bible. He appealed to it as the sole authority for founding the Irish Church. He gave credit to no other worldly authority; he recited no creed. Several official creeds of the church of Rome had by that time been ratified and commanded, but Patrick mentions none. In his Confession he makes a brief statement of his beliefs, but he does not refer to any church council or creed as authority. The training centres he founded, which later grew into colleges and large universities, were all Bible schools. Famous students of these schools - **Columba, who brought Scotland to Christ, Adrian, who won pagan England to the gospel, and Columbanus with his successors, who brought Christianity to Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy** - took the Bible as their only authority, and founded renowned Bible training centres for the

Christian believers. One authority, describing the hand-written Bibles produced at these schools, says, 'In delicacy of handling and minute but faultless execution, the whole range of palaeography offers nothing comparable to these early Irish manuscripts. Patrick, like his example, Jesus, put the words of Scripture above the teachings of men. He differs from the papacy, which puts church tradition above the Bible. In his writings he nowhere appeals to the church of Rome for the authorization of his mission. Whenever he speaks in defence of his mission, he refers to God alone, and declares that he received his call direct from heaven... Patrick believed that Christianity should be founded with the home and the family as its strength. Too often the Christian organisations of that age were centred in celibacy. This was not true in the Irish church and its Celtic daughters in Great Britain, Scotland and on the continent. **The Celtic Church, as organized and developed under Patrick, permitted its clergy to marry.**" (Ref:J3)

Columba in Scotland

Quote: "**Columba, an Irishman, was born in Donegal in 521, and both his parents were of royal stock. He founded a memorable college on the small island of Iona which was a lighthouse of truth in Europe for centuries. That the Celtic, not the Latin, race populated the British Isles was a determining factor, for the Christian churches in which Patrick had been reared received their doctrine, not from Rome, but from their brethren of the same faith in Asia Minor. Here was the link which connected the faith of Patrick and Columba with primitive Christianity. The farthest lands touching the Atlantic saw the rise of a vigorous apostolic Christianity not connected with the Church of Rome, but independent of it. Columba possessed a superior**

education. He was familiar with Latin and Greek, secular and ecclesiastical history, the principals of jurisprudence, the law of nations, the science of medicine, and the law of the mind. He was the greatest Irishman of the Celtic race in mental powers; and he founded in **Iona** the most learned school in the British Islands, and probably in Western Europe for a long period.." (Ref:J4)

Comparatively few Christians know that **Columba** kept the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. Wilkinson writes about this little known fact. Quote: "The last hours of Columba are recorded as follows: Having continued his labours in Scotland thirty four years, he clearly and openly foretold his death, and on Saturday, the ninth of June, said to his disciple Diermit: 'This day is called the Sabbath, that is the day of rest, and such will it truly be to me: for it will put an end to my labours.'" (Ref:J5)

We in Scotland are greatly indebted to **Columba**, who founded many churches in this country. He is credited with having hand-copied the New Testament **300 times!** His writings show that he used the **Itala** version of the Bible. In **Stewarton** there is a church called **St Columba's Church**.

7. ANCIENT VERSIONS

Bear in mind that a **version** is a translation made directly from the original Hebrew or Greek: i.e. from Hebrew or Greek into Syriac, Latin or English: whereas a translation of a version into yet another language is simply called a **translation**. Bible versions were made in several languages within a few years of the New Testament's creation. This was a rarity in the ancient world for any book.

Josh McDowell writes on pages 16-17 of his book **Answers to Tough Questions**.

Quote: "...Translation of a document into another language was rare in the ancient world, so this is an added plus for the New Testament. The number of copies of the versions is in excess of **18,000**, with possibly as many as **25,000**. This is further evidence that helps us establish the New Testament text. Even if we did not possess the **5,500** Greek manuscripts or the **18,000** copies of the versions, the text of the New Testament could still be reproduced within 250 years from its composition. How? By the writing of the early Christians. In commentaries, letters, etc., these ancient writers quote biblical text, thus giving us another witness to the text of the New Testament.

John Burgon has catalogued more than **86,000** citations of the New Testament in the writings of the early church fathers who lived before A.D.325. Thus we observe that there is so much more evidence for the reliability of the New Testament text than any other comparable writings in the ancient world." (Ref: M1)

In his book **Final Authority** William P Grady quotes John Burgon on pages 33-34 concerning the reliability of a version over any single manuscript.

Quote: "I suppose it may be laid down that an ancient Version outweighs any single Codex, ancient or modern, which can be named: the reason being, that it is scarcely credible that a Version - the **Peshitto**, for example, an Egyptian or the Gothic - can have been executed from a single exemplar (copy).

A second reason for the value of ancient versions is in their ability to exhibit a text which antedates the oldest Greek manuscripts. Readings which are challenged in the Authorized Version for their non-existence in the 'two most ancient authorities' (Codex Sinaiticus or A; and Codex Vaticanus, or B, fourth century)

are frequently discovered in the Syrian and Latin translations of the second century."

In the course of time many versions (translations from the original language) of Scripture were made. Let us now consider a few.

The Peshitta Version (AD 150)

The Peshitta was the first Syrian translation from the original languages. Even to this day there are around **350 copies** of the Peshitta (or Peshitto) version in existence. In his book **Which Bible?** David O Fuller writes this of the Peshitto:

Quote: "It was at Antioch, capital of Syria, that the believers were first called Christians. And as time rolled on, the Syrian-speaking Christians could be numbered by the thousands. It is generally admitted that the Bible was translated from the original languages into Syrian about **150 AD**. This version is known as the **Peshitto** (the correct or simple). This Bible even today generally follows the Received Text. One authority tells us this - 'The **Peshitto** in our days is found in use amongst the Nestorians, who have always kept it, by the Monophysites on the plains of Syria, the Christians of St. Thomas in Malabar, and by the Maronites on the mountain terraces of Lebanon.' " (Ref: F8)

The Old Latin Vulgate (AD157)

The word 'vulgate' is Latin for vulgar or common. The Old Latin Vulgate is a version. It was used by early believers in Europe when Latin was in popular use. It was sometimes referred to as the **Itala** version.

The Old Latin Vulgate must not be confused with Jerome's

Vulgate, which was produced over 220 years later in AD 380. Jerome's Vulgate (also written in Latin for the Roman Church) was rejected by the early Christians for almost a millennium. The **Waldenses, Gauls, Celts, Albigenses** and other groups throughout Europe used the **Old Latin Vulgate** and rejected Jerome's Vulgate. In his book **An Understandable History of the Bible** Rev. Samuel Gipp Th.D confirms this fact. He writes:

Quote: "*The Old Latin Vulgate was used by the Christians in the churches of the Waldenses, Gauls, Celts, Albigenses and other fundamental groups throughout Europe. This Latin version became so used and beloved by orthodox Christians and was in such common use by the common people that it assumed the term 'Vulgate' as a name. Vulgate comes from 'vulgar' which is the Latin word for 'common' It was so esteemed for its faithfulness to the deity of Christ and its accurate reproductions of the originals, that these early Christians let Jerome's Roman Catholic translation 'sit on the shelf.' Jerome's translation was not used by the true Biblical Christians for almost a millennium after it was translated from corrupted manuscripts by Jerome in 380 A.D. Even then it only came into usage due to the death of Latin as a common language, and the violent, wicked persecutions waged against true believers by Pope Gregory IX during his reign from 1227 to 1242 A.D.*" (Ref:B2)

David Fuller confirms this fact: "It is clearly evident that the

Irish Proverbs

- A good beginning is half the work.
- You'll never plow a field by turning it over in your mind.
- Many hands make light work.
- Long churning makes bad butter.
- It's no use boiling your cabbage twice.

Latin Bible of early British Christianity was not the Latin Bible (Vulgate) of the Papacy." (Ref:F9)

The Italic Bible (AD157)

"Italy, France and Great Britain were once provinces of the old Roman Empire. Latin was then the language of the common people. So the first translations of the Bible in these countries were made from the Greek Vulgate into Latin. One of the first of these Latin Bibles was for the Waldenses in northern Italy, translated not later than 157 AD and was known as the Italic Version. The renowned scholar Beza states that the Italic Church dates from 120 AD. Allix, an outstanding scholar, testifies that enemies had corrupted many manuscripts, while the Italic Church handed them down in their apostolic purity." (Ref:D2)

The Waldensian (AD 120 & onwards)

"The Waldenses were among the first of the peoples of Europe to obtain a translation of the Holy Scriptures. Hundreds of years before the Reformation, they possessed a Bible in manuscript in their native tongue. They had the truth unadulterated, and this rendered them the special objects of hatred and persecution ...Here for a thousand years, witnesses for the truth maintained the ancient faith...In a most wonderful manner it (the Word of Truth) was preserved uncorrupted through all the ages of darkness." (Ref:F7)

The Gallic Bible (Southern France) (AD177)

The Gothic Bible (AD 330-350)

The Old Syriac Bible (AD 400)

The Armenian Bible (AD 400)

There are **1244 copies** of this version still in existence.

The Palestinian Syriac (AD 450)

The French Bible of Oliveton (AD 1535)

The Czech Bible (AD 1602)

The Italian Bible of Diodati (AD 1606)

The Greek Orthodox Bible: Used from Apostolic times to the present day by the Greek Orthodox Church.

All the above mentioned Bibles and the vast majority (about 99%) of the **5200 extant New Testament MSS** are in agreement with the text now known as Textus Receptus; the Text which underlies the **Authorised King James Bible.**

ENGLISH BIBLES

John Wycliffe's Translation

(1380-82). This was the first manuscript (hand-written) Bible in the English language. Strictly speaking, it was not a **version**, but a translation into English from the Old Latin Vulgate. Wycliffe, often described as the **'Morning Star of the Reformation,'** was an able Latin scholar. Alas! so hated was he for making Scripture available to the common man that some 44 years after his death his bones were dug up and burned, and his ashes cast into the river Swift.

William Tyndale's New

Testament (1526) was the first printed Testament in the English language. Unlike Wycliffe's translation, Tyndale's New

Testament was translated directly from the Greek, from the **Majority Text**, now known as **Textus Receptus**. More about this Text later. Tyndale's work, in other words, was a **'version.'** The first printings of Tyndale's version were burned at St Paul's Cross (London). At that time it was a grievous offence, punishable by fine, imprisonment or death to even possess a copy of Tyndale's New Testament. It was said of William Tyndale that he was:

"A man so skilled in the seven languages, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, English and French, that which ever he spake, you would suppose it his native tongue." (Reef: E4)

He it was who said to the ignorant clerics of his day that he would **'cause the boy who driveth the plough to know more of the Scriptures than them.'**

Quote: *"The martyr was first confined in the castle of Filford, about 20 miles from Antwerp. He was taken from prison on Friday, October 6th 1536, fastened to the stake, strangled, and his body burned to ashes. The fervent prayer of the martyr Tyndale, when bound to the stake, 'Lord, open the King of England's eyes,' was about to be answered shortly." (Ref:A3)*
 Quote: *"Before Tyndale's day the English versions of the Bible had been translations of a translation, being derived from the Vulgate or older Latin versions. Tyndale, for the first time, went back to the original Hebrew and Greek. And not only did he go back to the original languages seeking for the truth, but he embodied that truth when found in so noble a translation that it has ever since been deemed wise by scholars and revisers to make but a few changes in it; consequently every succeeding version is in reality little more than a revision of Tyndale's. It has been truly said that 'the peculiar genius which breathes through the English Bible, the mingled*

Scriptural Allusions

Joe 2:28-32

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. ...

Research Reveals Ministers' Favorites Among Various Bible Versions

By Allie Martin

May 11, 2004

(AgapePress) - A new study shows that, although there are many different Bible versions available, the market continues to be dominated by just five.

The study by Ellison Research found that the Bible version most likely to be used by pastors in their work is the *New International Version* (NIV). In fact, 31 percent of pastors favored the NIV, followed by the *King James*, the *New Revised Standard*, the *New King James*, and the *New American Standard Version*.

The study was conducted among a representative sample of 700 senior pastors throughout the United States. Ron Sellers, president of Ellison Research, says the survey found that ministers tend to select their preferred Bible versions based on perceived accuracy of the translation and its readability.

Sellers points out that many of the newer versions and translations of the Bible have yet to make significant inroads into the market. Meanwhile, he says, "When you take everything other than those [aforementioned versions], just nine percent of all Protestant ministers rely on anything other than the big five, if you will. So it was a bit of a surprise that other ones have really done very little to impact the clergy market."

The study also revealed that there is "tremendous variation denominationally in what Bibles are used by ministers as well as what Bibles they would recommend to their congregation," Sellers says. He notes that different denominations appear to have obvious favorites.

"Number one among the Pentecostal churches was the *King James Version* -- it almost wasn't mentioned among Methodists," the researcher notes. "The *New American Standard* was very popular among Southern Baptists," he adds, "and among Lutherans it was fairly popular, but it was not one of the most popular versions among Methodists and Pentecostals."

Ministers also appear to have strong opinions about which versions they choose not to use. According to the Ellison Research, the Bible versions ministers are most likely to recommend against for their congregations include the *Living Bible*, *Today's NIV*, *The Message*, and the *King James Version*.

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tenderness and majesty, the Saxon simplicity, the grandeur - unequalled, unapproached in the attempted improvements of modern scholars - all are here, and bear the impress of the mind of one man, and that man is **William Tyndale**." (Ref: E5) But alas! Tyndale was to suffer the wrath of blind ecclesiastical authority. He was burned at the stake!

David Fuller writes of Tyndale:

Quote: "In the Reformation period the Church of Rome sought to maintain its dominant position by burning not only the copies of the bible, but also those who recognized the supreme authority of God's word. **Tyndale** was burned at the stake at Vilvorde outside Brussels in Belgium on August 6, (October according to some historians) 1536. His great offence was that he had translated the scriptures into

English and was making copies available against the wishes of the Roman catholic hierarchy." (Ref:F3)

Miles Coverdale's Bible (1535).

This was the first complete Bible in the English language.

Coverdale was not the scholar Tyndale was, for his translation relied heavily on Tyndale and Luther's German Bible. It was printed just one year before his friend Tyndale was martyred.

Matthew's Bible (1500-1555). This

was the first Bible issued with the king's license. It was mostly taken from Tyndale's and Coverdale's work which had gone before. It was printed in Hamburg by the king's printer John Rogers and was dedicated to Henry VIII by Rogers under the name Thomas Matthew, hence its name.

The Great Bible (1539). This Bible was printed in large folio (15x9 inches) hence its name. It was printed in Paris and was mostly a revision of Tyndale's and Matthew's work which went before.

The Geneva Version (1560).

During the reign of the Catholic Queen Mary many Protestant believers from Britain fled to the Continent. The Scot **John Knox** was one. The Geneva Bible is a true '**version**' having been translated from the original Hebrew and Greek throughout.

Quote: "A number of these intellectual pilgrims rendezvoused in Geneva (known as the Holy City of the Alps) to form the first committee to attempt a translation of the Bible. Such men as Theodore Beza, **John Knox**, William Whittingham and Miles Coverdale laboured six years to produce the celebrated **Geneva Bible** in 1560. Although this Bible was the first to feature numbered verses and italics, its main achievement was the Hebrew to English rendering of Ezra through Malachi, **thus representing the first English Bible translated entirely out of**

the original languages." (Ref: E6)

"The **Geneva Bible** was the first complete translation into English from the originals throughout. It was addressed to 'the brethren of England, Scotland, and Ireland,'... There were two Bibles at this time in general use in England. The Geneva Bible was the more popular of the two, and was generally read in the household and in private study of the Word by the people. The Cranmer or Bishops' Bible was the one, however, which obtained most favour amongst the clergy and was read in the churches." (Ref: A4)

The Bishops' Bible (1568).

"Archbishop Parker was the master mind in the preparation of this new edition of the Holy Scriptures, assisted by about 15 scholarly men. He distributed the **'Cranmer Bible'** into parts, assigning portions to various learned bishops, the whole being subject to his own personal supervision. The large number of the revisers being from the Episcopal bench gave the name and character to this bible. It was printed in large size, and beautifully executed. It was adorned with numerous cuts; its notes were brief, and, like the **'Geneva Bible,'** was divided into verses. It was used

in the Churches for about 40 years. Various revised additions of the **Bishops' Bible** were published. Soon after the appearance of the **Authorised Version of 1611**, the Bishops' Bible - the last edition of which was published about five years before its noble successor - fell into general disuse..." (Ref:A5)

The King James Version (1611)
This is the Real Word of God for our generation. The Almighty has used it to further His work for coming on 400 years. See Section 10 for further details of this Bible.

~ To be continued next month ~

A sounding of the trumpet!!!

Mat 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

THE CREED OF THE ALEXANDRIAN CULT

1. There is **no final authority** but God.

2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.

3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority** on what is right and what is wrong: what constitutes truth and what constitutes error.

4. There **WAS** a series of writings one time which, **IF** they had all been put into a **BOOK** as soon as they were written the first time, **WOULD HAVE** constituted an infallible and final authority by which to judge truth and error.

5. However, this series of writings was lost, and the God who inspired them was **unable to preserve their content** through Bible-believing Christians at Antioch (Syria), where the first Bible teachers were (Acts 13:1), and where the first missionary trip originated (Acts 13:1-52), and where the word Christian originated (Acts 11:26).

6. So, God chose to **ALMOST** preserve them through Gnostics and philosophers from Alexandria, Egypt, even though God called His Son **OUT** of Egypt (Matthew 2), Jacob **OUT** of Egypt (Genesis 49), Israel **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 15), and Joseph's bones **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 13).

7. So, there are two streams of Bibles: the most accurate though, of course, there is **no final, absolute authority** for determining truth and error: it is a matter of preference are the Egyptian translations from Alexandria, Egypt, which are almost the originals, although not quite.

8. The most **inaccurate translations** were those that brought about the German

Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Boehler, Zinzendorf, Spener, etc.) and the worldwide missionary movement of the English-speaking people: the Bible that Sunday, Torrey, Moody, Finney, Spurgeon, Whitefield, Wesley, and Chapman used.

9. But we can tolerate these if those who believe in them will tolerate US. After all, since there is **NO ABSOLUTE AND FINAL AUTHORITY** that anyone can read, teach, preach, or handle, the whole thing is a matter of PREFERENCE. You may prefer what you prefer, and we will prefer what we prefer; let us live in peace, and if we cannot agree on anything or everything, let us all agree on one thing: **THERE IS NO FINAL, ABSOLUTE, WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF GOD ANYWHERE ON THIS EARTH.**

This is the Creed of the Alexandrian Cult.
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Obituaries

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Robert Artman, 59, died unexpectedly of heart failure on Nov. 17, 2003, following a year-long battle with cancer. Mr. Artman was a member of God's Church for over 30 years. Following three years of military service in Vietnam, Mr. Artman lived for two years in Paducah, Kentucky, where he came into contact with God's Church. He was baptized in the late 1960s and later was a charter member of the United Church of God. Bob used his knowledge of electronics to serve the Church through the years setting up sound systems for Sabbath services, weddings and other activities of his congregation. In recent years, he also supported LifeNets to assist the less fortunate of underprivileged countries. Surviving family members include his son, Donald Artman, a member of UCG in Indianapolis, Indiana, and daughter, Rebecca Lynn Oliver, wife of Steve Oliver of the Spokane, Washington/ Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, congregation of UCG. Mr. Artman's father,

Joseph Artman; stepmother, Joan Artman; and his step-sister Patty Ballenger also survive him. His mother, Geraldine Artman, preceded him in death in 1980. The funeral service was conducted by Darris McNeely, pastor of the Indianapolis and Fort Wayne congregations, with the graveside committal service conducted by Victor Kubik, pastor of the Terre Haute and Lafayette, Indiana, congregations.

Damaris Wanjiru Mweha of the Bagaria, Kenya, congregation, died at the Nakuru General Hospital on Dec. 27, 2003, at the very young age of 21. She was born on March 14, 1982. Damaris is survived by her father, John Mweha Kahara, leader of the Bagaria congregation; three brothers and one sister: Daniel Kahara, Jeremia Muigai, Patrick Magondu and Eunice Nyambura. The cause of death was diabetes.

E. Landis Singletary of Gonzales, Louisiana, a member of the New Orleans congregation, died Nov. 13, 2003. He was 78, and a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Landis was baptized in 1967. A longtime deacon, he had many responsibilities in the Church over the years and loyally served God in each. He was always there to greet any visitor and make them feel welcome with his infectious smile. He retired after 37 years as the manager of the Exxon cafeteria in Baton Rouge. Landis will be missed by his family, friends and all those who knew him and appreciated his quick sense of humor, integrity and kindness. He was preceded in death by a son and is survived by his wife of 58 years, Giovanni (a deaconess), a daughter, two sons and nine grandchildren.

Maggie Jo Thomas, 71, a longtime member of the Flint, Michigan, congregation, died

March 7, 2004. She was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and had three brothers and seven sisters. She always appreciated her background working on a farm, knowing that overcoming difficulties made her stronger. She struck out on her own at age 12, worked as a cook for a Jewish family and came to Flint in 1954 to work for General Motors. Maggie was baptized in 1982 and has been faithful, loyal and dedicated. No matter where she traveled and whatever congregation she visited, everyone loved and remembered Maggie. She was filled with energy and concern for others. She loved to gather funds to help others in financial trouble. She blessed others with a meal when she had opportunity. She had a long bout with cancer and thought it was completely cured when it returned with a vengeance. Her last Feast was dedicated to helping others by providing rides, carrying luggage for 11 others despite her health condition. Most of the Thomas family preceded Maggie in death due to cancer. She is survived by Rosetta William (sister), Leslie Thomas (brother) and numerous nieces and nephews.

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From Journal Connections
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Andrew Milton Prettyman, 83, a professional engineer, died Feb. 17. He was a native of Lee County, Ky., and a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II. Mr. Prettyman was an elder of the Church of God and a member of the church for more than 45 years. He was an avid Bible student and served in churches in Gathersburg, Md.; Appleton, Wis.; Chicago, Ill.; Toledo and Findlay, Ohio; Memphis, Tenn.; and Lexington, Louisville and Mount Sterling, Ky. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, and children, Tony Prettyman, his wife, Alethia

Cowan Prettyman; Anetta Prettyman Nichols, her husband Garlan Nichols; Jonathan Prettyman, his wife Margie Lyons Prettyman; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Joe Waller, a Church of God minister of Piedmont, Mo., died March 1 of cancer. The family would like to thank everyone for the many calls and cards. They are also thankful for the prayers on Joe's behalf and that he did not suffer much pain throughout his short ordeal. The family receives mail at 111 Ann St., Piedmont, MO 63957.

Al Dennis, a longtime pastor in the Church of God, died March 10 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. JoAnn Dennis receives mail at 9512 Colegate Way, Hamilton, Ohio 45011.

Bernard Andrist, a longtime Church of God elder from Geneva, Switzerland, died March 21 after suffering with cancer. His love of the brethren, his devotion especially to the work in French Africa, and his sparkling sense of humor will be greatly missed. His wife receives mail at: Mrs. Bernard Andrist, 89, rue de la Servette, Apt. 54, CH-1202 Geneva, Switzerland.

Ken Gully, 61 years old, died unexpectedly March 27 of a heart attack. Ken is survived by his mother, Sylvania, and by a brother, Mark. Mark and Sylvania receive mail at 312 Oak Plaza Cove, Georgetown, TX 78628.

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Night is a good shepherd ... it brings home man and beast.
 ~ olde Irish proverb ~
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And lastly, on a Lighter Side

In light of our current [ongoing in 2004] widespread drought it would do us well to find a sense of humor in an otherwise parching matter.

"Drought probably sums up the rancher's sense of humor about as well as anything. One time I was with a group of ranchers having coffee out in

Fort Stockton, Texas, talking about the current drought, when a fellow from back East, visiting one of the ranchers, asked, 'Has this drought broke anyone around here yet?' 'No,' one the local replied, 'but we're all bent pretty bad.'

So how hot and dry can it get? Some responses gleaned from Texas folklore:

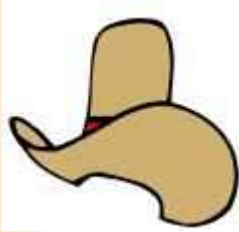
- * It was so dry, the cows were giving evaporated milk.*
- * It was so hot, we had to feed the chickens cracked ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.*
- * It was so hot the birds had to use pot holders to pull the worms out of the ground.*
- * It gets so dry is some parts of West Texas that citizens have to fasten stamps to letters with safety pins.*
- * "The drought in Texas is so intense," a Kentucky newspaper wrote in 1886, "that potatoes are cooked in the ground, and all the people have to do is dig them up and eat them. Workmen carry salt in their pockets and don't have to go home to dinner."*

** And finally, a visitor to Texas once asked, "Does it ever rain out here?" "Yes, it does," a rancher quickly*

answered. "Do you remember that part in the Bible when it rained for 40 days and 40 nights?"

"Yes, I'm familiar with Noah's flood," the visitor said.

"Well," the rancher puffed up, "we got two and a half inches during that spell."



**Happy NM
watching ya'll!**

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A friend in Christ,
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