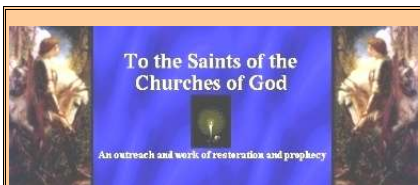


**To the Saints of the Churches of God**  
**Chodesh Newsletter**  
 Rosh Chodesh [*a new month*]



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**Greetings friends!**

June and July officially starts the summer season by Roman calendar reckoning. This translates into barbecue season for many - it's a year round thing for most in the Western USA. This month we will share some summer fun and anecdotes with you about summer culinary practices of the sometimes far out Western backyard chef. But first, a monthly reminder for new moon **4** watch and some **must have DATA!**

**The DATA!**  
 NOTE: New moon seen the even before date shown in banner [top right].

**June 19, 2004** at even [after 6:00 PM] and before 9:27 PM Jerusalem time zone [JST] is 30 days from the last new moon sighting new moon **4** should be sighted. The moon will be about 1 day, 18 hours and 50 minutes after conjunction with an illumination of around 3%.

Calculations show that we will see the new moon here in the USA [Mountain Standard Time] on **June 18** at even with about a 1.3% illumination. This is prior to the new moon being seen in

Israel however and by reason of Biblical explanation [KJV] we default to the **June 19, 2004** sighting.

This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> chodesh [Strong's 2320 - new moon] of the biblical calendar year. See **1 Samuel 20:5** for a biblical example of the use of the word "chodesh" actually translated into English for us as *new moon*.

The Calendar of the Saints [new moon chart](#) has a graph near the bottom showing the number and names of all the months and the expected beginning dates.



**Caution:  
 BBQ Quotes  
 ahead**

New Moon watch for moon **4**, Tammuz, referred to as "... the fourth month ..." in **Jeremiah 39:2** but was never named in the Bible, is upon us! Yes, that's correct. There has been no name found in the scripture for this month, but Roman calendar

**Scriptural Allusions**

**Jam 1:23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

**Jam 1:24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

**Jam 1:25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

(See page 10 for a complimentary OT verse.)

(See page 9 for a complimentary OT verse.)

month 6 was named June and the Jewish month named Tammuz - origins are as follows:

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.

### Names of the Month Roman month

#### The Roman month of June

Middle English jun (e)

Old French juin

Old English junius

Latin Junius "of **Junio**"



Latin Junius mensis "month of **Junio**"

Junius had 30 days, until Numa when it had 29 days, until Julius when it became 30 days long.

**Junio** is the principle goddess of the Roman Pantheon. She is the goddess of marriage and the well-being of women. She is the wife and sister [Hera](#).



From "The History of Valentine's Day": In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor **Junio**. **Junio** was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The

Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the 'Feast of Lupercalia', which was a time to honor several other Gods and Goddesses. Mars, the god of war, was the son of Jupiter and **Junio**.

### The Jewish calendar month



From **Easton's Tammuz** - a corruption of Dumuzi, the Accadian sun-god (the Adonis of the Greeks), the husband of the goddess Ishtar. In the Chaldean calendar there was a month set apart in honour of this god,

the month of June to July, the beginning of the summer solstice. At this festival, which lasted six days, the worshippers, with loud lamentations, bewailed the funeral of the god, they sat "weeping for Tammuz" ([Eze 8:14](#)).

The name, also borrowed from Chaldea, of one of the months of the Hebrew calendar.

For a really interesting article regarding Baal and Istoreth and other variations on the topic of sun and earth worship see the article:

[BAAL: Pagan God of Fertility!](#)

**BBQ** Quotes: "Spare rib anyone?" - Adam

### The Biblical Calendar Month [KJV]

The correct Biblical nomenclature for month four is: month **4**.



<b>4</b> Tamuz	Jeremiah 39:
Tamuz (Jun/Jul)	Wheat harvest completed / first figs

Chodesh **4** begins Biblical calendar month "four". Why is it month 4 and not 5 or 3? 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/sbs/777/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/nmcalchart.html>

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 Birthstone for the month of June is:

Modern Birthstone - [Pearl](#), [Moonstone](#)

Traditional Birthstone - [Alexandrite](#)

Mystical Birthstone - [Moonstone](#)

Ayurvedic Birthstone - [Pearl](#)

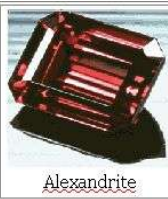
Other Birthstone - [Opal](#)

The **Birthstone** for the month of **June** is the [Alexandrite](#), the color is white, the flower is the [Rose](#) - meaning [Love](#) and [Romance](#).

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](#)



Opal



Alexandrite



Red Rose

**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:

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**Holidays for June 20**

Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

**Argentina** : Flag Day

**Senegal** : Independence Day (1960)

**West Virginia** : Admission Day (1863)

**US** : Father's Day (Remind the guy how much you care) - - - - - ( **Sunday** )

**Religious Observances**

**June 20**

**RC** : Feast of St Silverius, 58th pope [536-37], martyr

**Religious History June 20**

**1529** Clement VII and Holy Roman Emperor Charles V signed the Peace of Barcelona, which ended attacks on Rome by the Lutheran armies.

**1599** The Synod of Diamper reunited a native church in India with Rome. Discovered in 1498 by Portuguese explorers, this isolated pocket of worshipers traced their Christian origins back to the missionary efforts of the Apostle Thomas.

**1776** Anglican clergyman and hymnwriter John Newton wrote in a letter: 'A Christian is not of hasty growth...but rather like the oak, the progress of which is hardly perceptible, but in time becomes a deep-rooted tree.'

**1779** Birth of Dorothy Ann

missionaries landed on the shores of Alaska and founded the Bethel Mission. During the first year of their mission work among the eskimoes, winter temperatures outside their makeshift housing plummeted to 50 degrees below zero!

Additional information supplied by the author. Contact via E-mail: William D. Blake. ([pilgrimwb@aol.com](mailto:pilgrimwb@aol.com))

**BBQ Quotes:** "The larger the mass of food, the more energy it will take to cook. This energy input should be distributed over a larger time period or the surface of the food will receive a disproportionate amount of that energy" - Albert Einstein

has been oiled, sprinkled with garlic, and toasted on a grill or in a toaster oven.

- 3 pounds leg of lamb or shoulder, cut in 1-1/2-inch cubes
- 1 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed rosemary
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 green bell pepper, cut in 1-1/2-inch squares
- 1 red bell pepper, cut in 1-1/2-inch squares
- 1 large onion, cut in 1-1/2-inch squares
- cherry tomatoes

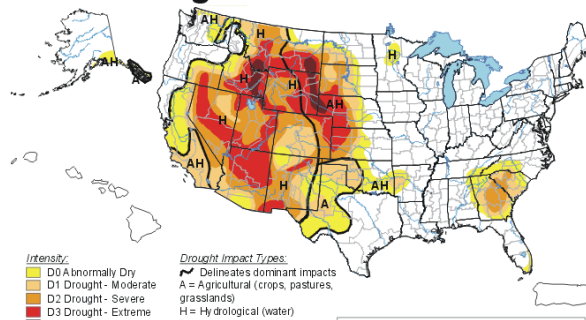
Place the lamb in a large shallow baking dish. Combine the olive oil, lemon juice, rosemary, garlic, salt, and pepper. Pour over the lamb, cover, and marinate overnight in the refrigerator, turning once or twice. Just before serving, preheat the broiler or prepare a

fire in the barbecue. Arrange the meat and vegetables on separate skewers. (The meat takes longer to cook than the vegetables do.) Broil or grill, turning and brushing with the marinade every few minutes. The meat will be done in about 10 minutes, the vegetables in 5 to 6 minutes. Serve at once.

(Right: Texas chuck wagon )

**U.S. Drought Monitor**

June 15, 2004  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**Intensity:**  
 D0 Abnormally Dry  
 D1 Drought - Moderate  
 D2 Drought - Severe  
 D3 Drought - Extreme  
 D4 Drought - Exceptional

**Drought Impact Types:**  
 ~ Delineates dominant impacts  
 A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)  
 H = Hydrological (water)  
 (No type = Both impacts)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>

USDA  
 National Drought Management Center  
 Released Thursday, June 17, 2004  
 Author: Brad Rippey, U.S. Department of Agriculture

A special insert from the **The Old Farmer's Almanac Shish Kebabs**

**Yield:** 6 to 8 servings

This traditional way to prepare lamb is simple and simply wonderful, especially if you can cook it outside on a grill. Serve on or off the skewers with rice, a green salad, and pita bread that

**How Weather Effects Us**

Studies show that the most healthful conditions occur when the temperature is 64 degrees Fahrenheit and the humidity is 80 percent.

Hot, dry winds exert a tremendous influence upon people often causing irritability and an

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

Rueben	sardius	Tamuz(Jun/Jul)	Redness	Odem	Frante	Man/Water	1Leah*	Gen 29:32
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Gen 29:32 Leah conceived and bore a son and named him **Reuben**, for she said, "Because the LORD has seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me." Gen 49:3 "**Reuben**, you are my firstborn; My might and the beginning of my strength, Preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. Gen 49:4 "Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have preeminence, Because you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled *it*--he went up to my couch.

increase in drunkenness.

Lowell Thomas writing ... "People in this frozen corner of Siberia live longer than anywhere else" ...

Four-fifths of the world's crops are produced on one-fifth of the earth's surface. The crops are at their best where the weather is stormy and changeable ...

The complete article is located at URL:  
<http://www.almanac.com/tour.2001/weatheraffects.html>

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## Scriptural Reading

**Question: Are the angels of the seven churches mentioned in the Revelation of John, chapters 1 through 3, men or angels?**

Rev 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Rev 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Rev 1:14 His head and *his* hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

Rev 1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice

as the sound of many waters.

Rev 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

Rev 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

Rev 1:18 I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Rev 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

Rev 1:20 The mystery of the

seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.**

Depending upon the context some references in the scripture are used allegorically. For example: in Revelation chapters one through three the **candlestick**: represents the light-bearing church of God; and a **star**: an angel. (Rev. 1:20)

For a separate and helpful article on deep study see: **Study**: How readeest thou?

This historic record written by John around 96 A.D. yields a

### 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."

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spiritual meaning for the saints. In each verse quoted above the angel is singular and unique to the seven Churches to which they are assigned, as noted:

- Rev 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; ...
- Rev 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; ...
- Rev 2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; ...
- Rev 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; ...
- Rev 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; ...
- Rev 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; ...
- Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; ...

For the saints today the original seven churches of Asia reflect the predisposition, the character of which at any given time an individual saint may be as one of these in their process of spiritual growth. Church - **G1577** ekkle?sia - especially a religious *congregation*. The question here, however, is: ... **the angels of the seven churches ... men or angels?**

**The Angels of the Seven Churches**

**Strong's G32** aggelos ang'-el-os From ?????????? aggello? (probably derived from G71; compare G34; to *bring tidings*); a *messenger*; especially an "angel"; by implication a *pastor*: - angel, messenger.

Paul was once likened to an angel ...  
Gal 4:14 ... received me as an angel of God ... Yet he was only

**You know that sleepy feeling after a good BBQ? Well, grab the hammock. Here's good news!**

**Power Naps**

What do Albert Einstein, Napoleon Bonaparte, Thomas Edison and Winston Churchill have in common? They all took daily naps. The restorative effects of the power nap -- after this on Earth and Sky.

**Sunday, April 4, 2004**

DB: This is Earth and Sky. A listener writes, "I was talking to my teacher about 'power naps' and he said that if you sleep for longer than 20 minutes and less than 40 minutes, you get a lot of energy." (At right: Napoleon Crossing the Alps. His secret to military prowess... power naps?)



JB: Your teacher's advice is right on. No matter how long you sleep at night, your body's programmed to get sleepy in the early afternoon. A short nap can give you alertness and energy. Studies suggest that a 30-minute nap is usually more restorative than a nap of, say, two to three hours.

DB: That's partly because with a long nap, your sleep can progress into deeper slow-wave sleep, which contributes to "sleep inertia" -- that grogginess you feel for a while after waking up. Even a short nap can produce some sleep inertia, but it doesn't last long. You can overcome it by increasing metabolic activity in your body and brain -- that is, get up, move around, splash water on your face.

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a man. In the context of the vernacular spoken and written around 60 A.D. by the disciples become Apostles [koine' Greek] this was an accurate statement since he was a *messenger* of God as *received* by the Galatians. The Romans of that time and some others today say otherwise and will again even to the faces of Gabriel and Michael in the near future.

However we can not ignore the fact that in each of the Biblical quotes the angel of each church is singular. These angels are as one whom can span the element of time, they by whom the congregations have an overseer, a messenger in Truth, they who stand with the saints within and without their places of gathering and all the while behold the very face of God.

Additionally, in every case that the phrase 'of angels' is used in the scriptures it clearly sets apart men and angels. [Psa 68:17](#); [Mat 26:53](#); [Luk 24:23](#); [Act 7:53](#); [1Co 13:1](#); [Col 2:18](#); [1Ti 3:16](#); [Heb 2:16](#); [Heb 12:22](#);

The one often used verse to blur men with angels is: [Act 7:53](#) Who have received the law by the disposition of angels ... of which also refers to the angels as angels in fact. Various Roman biased bible interpretations [books about the Bible, all revised and LXX] actually change the words to promote a hierarchical system - which would obviously teach the doctrine of men governing men; diabolically in opposition to sound Biblical doctrine. [KJV] Such a perversion of scripture

might read something like this: "[Act 7:53](#) who received the law by arrangement of messengers, and did not keep it ." [YLT]

A warning to all about the angels at large ...  
[Mat 18:10](#) Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always

behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.  
[Note that every *little one* has an angel(s) assigned to them].

### disposition G1296

*dee-at-ag-ay'* From G1299; *arrangement*, that is, *institution*: - instrumentality.

### G1299

*dee-at-as'-so* From G1223 and G5021; to *arrange thoroughly*, that is, (specifically) *institute*, *prescribe*, etc.: - appoint, command, give, (set in) order, ordain.

We all would do well to remember the angels who serve and minister to the saints, others and the churches. They are very much a part of God's purpose and in your life.

So, are the congregations of the saints led by a man or an angel?

God's purpose is so very perfect indeed! Once called, responded to, with true repentance, baptism, with the help of the ministry [elders] from among the

saints, the angels and the Spirit within; the saints are edified by the comforting assurances of God's own words [the divinely preserved **KJV Bible**] and all by the gift of common faith among the participants. All things DO work *together* for them that love Him, **Rom 8:28**.

Armed with this Truth every saint should desire to expound the message of the Gospel [Good News] both as an individual and as a congregation. Perhaps not as a Star can, but as it is likened to in the Bible.

**Mat 5:15** Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Yes, the saints are more like a candle when compared to a star, except for the most humble servants among the saints as was Paul; and thus he was called an angel [star] by the Galatians. The Glory of God shined bright through him by the Words of Truth and example from which he taught. Paul was truly a super star among men!

Does the Spirit illuminate your houses and places of work through obedience to the Truth of God's Word in your life?

**Mat 13:11** He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

To summarize:  
**Question: Are the angels of the seven churches mentioned in the Revelation**

### of John, chapters 1 through 3, men or angels?

**Answer:** The angels of the seven churches are angels, not men.

### Dietary Laws in Scripture

In this article we examine the subjects of **Vegetarianism** and the **dietary laws in Scripture**. Let me deal with vegetarianism first.  
**Vegetarianism**

Millions of people do not eat meat for a variety of reasons:

- It is against their religion (Hinduism).
- Man's original diet according to Genesis 1:29 did not include meat.
- Meat from diseased animals can be a danger to one's health, and it is difficult to be sure that the meat bought in the market place is disease free.
- Meat is a major source of cholesterol, a fatty substance found in animal tissues, thought to cause hardening of the arteries.
- Meat is expensive and the money spent on it could more profitably be spent on fruit and vegetables.
- Meat is difficult to digest etc.

There are other reasons, but these are amongst the main ones. ... However, there are certain meats which **Yahweh, the Almighty God of Israel** has forbidden His followers to eat. This is discussed later. Our observations concerning vegetarianism are as follows.

- The Scriptures do **not** forbid believers from eating **clean meats** (from animals that chew the cud and have the cloven hoof, or fish that have scales and fins).
- Most Israelites in Bible times (the prophets, patriarchs, apostles and the Saviour) ate meat. The Bible has scores of

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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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- texts to prove this point. See John 21:13 where the record states that the Messiah even ate fish after His resurrection. Yahweh - as stated - has not forbidden His people from eating meat. He even symbolically talks of giving us "a feast of fat things full of marrow" (the choicest parts of a meat dish) at the great spiritual banquet still to be held in the future (Isaiah 25:6-8).
- Most of the offerings made to the Most High on His Sabbaths were meat offerings, of which the priests partook (Leviticus chapters 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14 and Numbers chapters 28 and 29). Those animal sacrifices represented Yahweh's Son the Messiah whose "flesh" we believers symbolically partake of at each communion service. (John 6:53-56)
  - Meat is also a symbol of the advanced doctrines of Yahweh; whereas the eating of vegetables is likened to a spiritual babe's diet. (Hebrews 5:2-14, Romans 14:1-13)
  - Vegetarianism as a spiritual requirement originated in heathen India, where multiplied millions are strict vegetarians. We note that even after thousands of years of vegetarianism there is no evidence that Indians are any healthier than other nations. Their neighbours the meat-eating Moslems of Pakistan, for example, live just as long as the vegetarian Hindus of India: and both countries have the same climate. The Indians are no healthier, stronger or long-lived than their Moslem neighbours. Neither do Indians excel in sport when competing in the Olympic Games.
  - Forbidding a believer to 'marry' or 'eat meat' is a deception of Satan's. In his letter to Timothy the apostle Paul calls this practice "**a doctrine of demons.**"
    - 1: *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed*
    - 4: **to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**
    - 2: *Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*
    - 3: **Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.**
- Students of the Bible** know to make it a point of duty not to go beyond the authority of the Scriptures. You will see from the above arguments that a believer in Yahweh is allowed to eat **clean meats**; and no one should judge him/her - least of all a vegetarian.
- Ro 3: *For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth*
- 14: **herbs.** *Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not, and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for Yahweh hath received him.*
- Conclusion**
- Vegetarianism is not taught in the Scriptures. It may or may not have advantages: most certainly they are not evident in vegetarian nations such as India. Indians are no healthier or long-lived than other nations.
  - According to the Scriptures, believers are allowed to eat the flesh (**but not the blood or the fat**) of clean animals: **animals that chew the**

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JB: In the early '90s, NASA researchers studied airline pilots on long transpacific flights. They allowed one of three pilots to take up to a 40-minute nap during non-critical times in the flight. The pilots who were allowed to rest were more alert and performed better during descent and landing than the unrested pilots. These so-called "power naps" can help anyone boost their brain function. That's especially true for healthy people who aren't getting enough sleep. But even though they're great energizers -- naps can't substitute for longer periods of healthy sleep.

JB: That's our show. We're Block and Byrd for Earth and Sky.

**Author(s): Eleanor Imster**

**cud and are cloven footed.** Clean animals include cattle, sheep, goats and deer. Animals such as the pig, the horse, the rabbit, the mouse and the snake are unclean. They do not have those two qualifying points. **Fish which have scales and fins are clean.** Shell fish are unclean. Birds of prey are unclean. See Leviticus 11 for further details.

- When an unbeliever, of whatever race, accepts the Saviour and is washed in his cleansing blood, he/she then becomes clean and is henceforth acceptable to **Yahweh the Almighty God of Israel.** Cornelius the Gentile became a believer, and was cleansed through his faith in the Saviour's blood. Cornelius became clean and was acceptable to the Most High. That was the lesson God was

teaching Peter in the experience recorded in Acts 10. In no way was the Almighty reversing His law regarding clean and unclean animals.



- **Unclean animals are still unclean.** Dogs, cats, pigs, rabbits, rats and mice have not been cleansed. They are still unclean animals: and eating their flesh will bring down judgement on the eater.

The above excerpts are from the article by Stewarton Bible School URL: [Dietary Laws](#)

About **BBQ** foods, "To BBQ or not to BBQ, that is the question" - William Shakespeare

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**BBQ** Quotes: "Strong the sauce in this one truly is" - Yoda



**BBQ** Quotes: "It is better to have burnt and lost, then never to have barbecued at all" - William Shakespeare

### 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/sbs/777/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/sbs/777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

### 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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The Marriage of Zachary Bush and Amanda Lacey June 7, 2004. (Pictures below).

#### Classified Ads

Seeking real estate info in Western Missouri, USA. Small acreage farms 40-75 acres desirable. #1-719-633-2514 David.

#### Help Want Ads

None to report.

#### Obituaries

From:

#### Church of God News

Positive News of the Churches of God  
June 2004, No. 15

<http://www.giveshare.org/news/>

**Carl McNair** passed away on April 14, 2004 in Helena, Montana after a short battle with cancer. His wife Dorothy, children Peter, Karla, Jonathan, Kathryn, and Rod survive him. He was buried in his home state of Arkansas. Cards may be sent to Dorothy McNair, PO Box 5238, Helena, MT 59604.

**Linda Mae Woods**, wife of Paul Woods passed away. She grew up as the daughter of the pastor

of the Seventh Day Church of the Man," "I Thirst," and others. God in Caldwell, Idaho, and for For an audio CD or audio the last 21 years was the cassette, write: **Seventh Day Church of God, PO Box 804, Caldwell, ID 83606-0804.** There is



Paul has been a consultant to no price on these recordings, me on our mutual but a donation would help defray Church contacts expenses.

in Nigeria, India, May all of God's people be and other inspired to serve Him by the life international of Linda Woods! I am looking areas. Linda and forward to the day when Linda Paul have long Woods and all the saints will see reached out to other Jesus.

Sabbatarian groups.

by Richard C. Nickels

For years, they have cooked for several camp meetings, including the Meridian Camp Meeting in Meridian, Idaho, and the Feast of Tabernacles at Salmon Falls Bible Camp in Washougal, Washington.

Linda's Journal Notes contain these gems: "Our faith weakens when we are without works of righteousness." "Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden" (Corrie Ten Boom). "Safety isn't in the absence of danger, it's in the presence of the Lord."

In the summer of 2003, Paul and Linda made a wonderful recording of some of their vocal and instrumental music. "We Shall See Jesus," contains sixteen selections, including "City of Gold," "I'm Free," "Pity

the front and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He participated in the liberation of Dachau, hunting

**Loy L. Baker**, age 79, of Nixa, Missouri died after a long illness on April 23, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Alice (1651 N. Emerald Hills Dr. Nixa, MO 65714). Loy was drafted into the US Army on November 4, 1943, and was sent to Omaha Beach, Normandy. He commanded an attack tank platoon, which spearheaded the allied breakout from Cherbourg and met the SS Panzer divisions on the roads as they attacked. During an attack, Loy's lead scout vehicle was hit by enemy canon and machine-gun fire and he was wounded severely. As one of the first GIs to receive penicillin, Loy recovered and was sent back to the front and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He participated in the liberation of Dachau, hunting

#### Scriptural Allusions

**Eze 33:31** And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their covetousness.

**Eze 33:32** And, lo, thou *art* unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

**Eze 33:33** And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

*God's message to you in a sentence ...*

**Ecc 12:13** Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

down escaping SS officers and March, 1969.

guarding prisoners until his discharge with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Loy returned to Mountain Home, AK, then to Springfield, where he had a long and peaceful career as a cost analyst. He retired at the age of 62, to Nixa, MO.

He will be remembered as one of the generation of Americans who brought our country through one of its greatest challenges. His love of God and his country were visible to all He was buried with military honors and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

(Loy's story was published in the January & February 2003 issues of COG News.)

**Alvin R. Dennis**, 75, of Hamilton, Ohio, died March 10, 2004, the result of a fall and trauma to his head. Al was born in Canadian, Texas, July 4, 1928. He grew up on a ranch in central Texas, near Waco. After high school and two years of college, he served in the Air Force. He served the Churches in San Bernardino, Bakersfield, Fresno, Modesto, and Long Beach, California; Eugene and Salem, Oregon; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Chicago, Illinois. He returned to the Cincinnati area for his retirement years.

Al was an accomplished musician, and the greatest joy of his life, other than being a pastor, was directing choirs in the churches where he was pastor. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Jo Ann; four children, Thomas, Deborah, Patricia and Andrew; his mother, Dolores Dennis; three sisters, Anita Dennis, Marjorie Friddle and Norma Kelly; one daughter-in-law, Laura; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Al Dennis and Frank Bruce

submitted by Richard C. Nickels

*From:*

**Connections: Member to Member**

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**John Albert**

**Ambrosavage**, 84, of Big Sandy unexpectedly died April 22 of an apparent heart



attack. Mr. Ambrosavage, a member of the United Church of God, was a house painter, veteran of the Army Signal Corps and retired railroad brakeman. He, along with his wife of 28 years, Delores Moyers Ambrosavage, was active in the local congregation. They are known for visits to the sick and afflicted. Their kindness, including Mr. Ambrosavage's hug therapy philosophy, has even generated local newspaper coverage. Mrs. Ambrosavage receives mail at 300 Hillcrest California; Eugene and Salem, Cir., No. 3, Big Sandy, Texas 75755. 30 Words: 265

**Loy Baker**, 79, of Nixa, Mo., passed away peacefully after a long illness April 23. Loy was a strong Christian and attended church regularly. Loy loved his family, people and animals. He was always there with a smile and a handshake. As a young man in World War 11, he survived his test of fire and came out a hero, having been awarded a bronze medal and a purple heart. he will be remembered as one of the three generations of Americans who brought our country through one of its greatest challenges. Loy is survived by his wife, Alice, of

the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Loy L. and Linda Baker of Springfield; a brother, James Baker of Mountain Home, Ark.; and three cherished sisters-in-law, Susan Flanagan, San Antonio, Texas, Carolyn James, Springfield, and Marion Gross, Rogersville, Mo. He was preceded in death by a brother, Leffel Baker.

*From UCG:*

**Leonard 'Buddy' Keltner**, 82, of Chesapeake, Virginia, died after a long illness on March 31, 2004. He was a disabled veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by two daughters, Roxanne Petersen and Linda Basham, and a son, Michael Keltner. A graveside service was held on April 4 by Todd Carey, pastor of the Williamsburg, Virginia, congregation.

**Lillar Mae Hicks**, 88, a native of York,



Alabama, and resident of Mobile, died April 26, 2003. Mrs. Hicks was baptized in the late 1950s by Gerald

Waterhouse and George Meeker. She spent her last five or six years in a nursing home in Mobile. Many of the brethren knew and visited Mrs. Hicks in her last days. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Jefferson Hicks; two daughters, Edison Frances Hodo Griest and Shammy Cole; two stepsons, Ernest Hicks and Floyd Hicks; and one step-daughter, Ora Mae Miller. She is survived by two daughters, Margaret (Archie) Deakle and Wanda Lewis; her step-daughter, Bertha Madison and son-in-law, Jesse Cole; her sister, Tom

'Tommie' Waller; 15 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

**Clara Frederiksen**, 85, a loving mother and friend, died Nov. 12, 2002, in a Freemont, Nebraska, hospital. Clara was baptized on Sept. 24, 1987. She attended the Garden Grove, California, congregation for many years until moving to Colorado, Missouri and eventually Nebraska. She is survived by two daughters, Pat Jenkins and Barbara Frederiksen, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Herb Teitgen visited Clara toward the end of her life, assuring her that God would honor her faithfulness to Him.

**Christine Carter** (1942-2004) passed away May 12 after courageously battling several strokes, the first of which occurred after a motor vehicle accident five years ago. Chris was a kind, gentle, thoughtful and giving person who leaves many friends and family members with wonderful memories of her. She leaves behind her loving husband of 37 years, George Carter, assistant pastor of Toronto and associate pastor of the Hamilton, Ontario, congregation, together with her four heartbroken sons: Matt and his wife, Cheryl, in Waterloo, Ontario; Jeff in Kitchener, Ontario; Rob and his girlfriend Heather Horton in Burlington, Ontario; and Steve and his girlfriend Cindy Kobe in Kitchener. Chris will also be missed by her sister Sheila Raczy and her husband Tony, and their sons Stefan, Greg and David in



England, as well as in-laws, nephews, nieces and their families in western Canada, and in various parts of England and Wales. She was predeceased by her father and mother, Frank and Vera Price. Born in London, England, on Dec. 24, 1942, Chris grew up in post-war Britain, and graduated from Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, in 1967. A few months after graduation, she married George on Oct. 15, 1967. Together with three sons they migrated to Canada on Jan. 1, 1976, and there their fourth son was born four years later. Over the years Chris worked as a homemaker, a babysitter, a bookkeeper, a typist and receptionist, and found great satisfaction in them all. A woman of considerable and evident faith, Chris loved her church. She enjoyed reading, walking, music, cats and children. She consistently gave of her time and resources to family, friends, neighbors and the Church, and she supported some favorite charities. Her contagious smile and kind, gentle nature will be missed by all who knew her. She loved to see people happy! The funeral service was May 16.

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*Night is a good shepherd ...  
 it brings home man and  
 beast.  
 ~ olde Irish proverb ~  
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#### Prayer Requests

For a collective list, See:  
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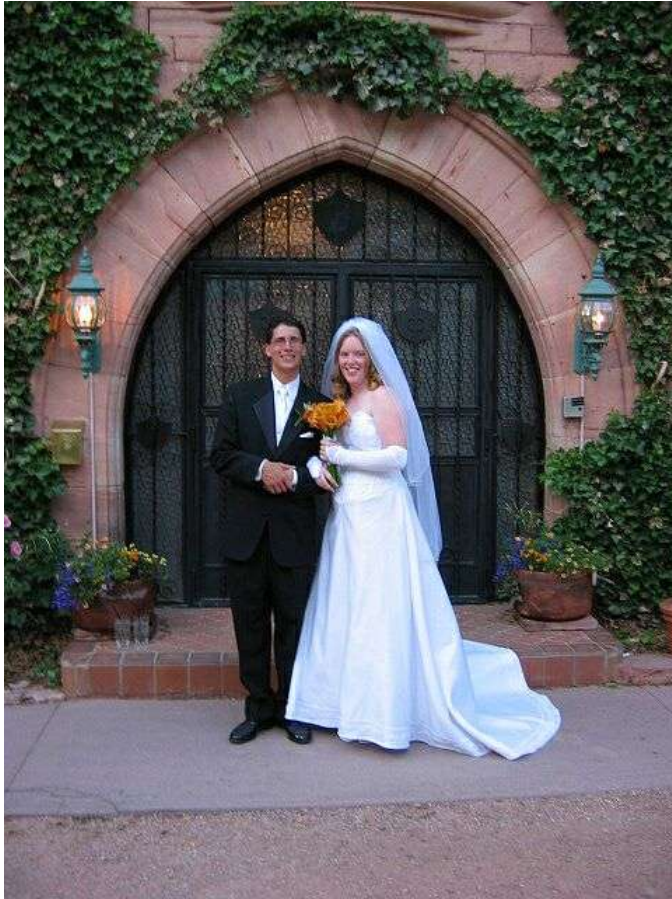
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*A June Wedding ...*



*Zach and Amanda, the bride and groom.*



*Bush's left, Lacey's right.*

*... and we danced a dance of celebration ...*



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**In coming issues:****The data:**

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A friend in Christ,  
David W. Lacey

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