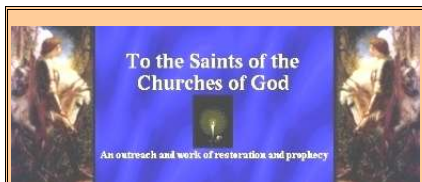


To the Saints of the Churches of God

Chodesh Newsletter

Rosh Chodesh [a new month]



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Greetings friends!

For the last two years the theme for month **5** has been **cultural incongruities** that may exist between us in the North Americas and those from over seas. This year we will build upon that with some different and very important information.



This is an election year in the USA and by the media we can see clearly the predisposition for European political views by the contenders. The fact is that there are some who are only contemporaries of a more ancient origin. Upon inspection these attitudes and political ideologies are, as they were in



ancient times, in opposition to the government of Biblical Israel and the original intent of the *founding fathers* of this great country. Some call it progress even though the evidence confirms it as a demoralization and a straying away from what made this country so great. These contrary beliefs are at the core of our current and future political officials characters and drives them ever forward in what seems to undermine some extremely important fundamental freedoms that have, since the beginning, been afforded to its citizens.

The gaps between the beliefs of these persons and God's saints are not to be taken lightly.

There are powers within the countries where the saints abide as designed by the nature of its elected kings and officials, and of whom the saints must try to submit [1Pe 2:13-15].

Since manmade laws are quickly closing the doors of religious freedoms it is very important to know just where you stand with respect to these laws; and to know if you are in jeopardy of violating God's Sacred Laws - sin [1Jo 3:4, Romans 3:20].

For purposes of clarity we at TTS_COG find it most timely and we hope helpful for some to include in this months new moon report some illuminating comparisons of this cultural and political contrast. And, of course, a few humorous addins about American politics. But first ... **the DATA!**

The DATA!

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



July 18, 2004 at even [after 6:00 PM] and before 9:48 PM Jerusalem time zone [JST] new moon **5** should be sighted. The

Scriptural Allusions

2Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

(See page 9 for a complimentary OT verse.)

moon will be about 1 day and 6 hours after conjunction with an illumination of around 1.7%.

Calculations show that we will see the new moon here in the USA [Mountain Standard Time] on **July 18** at even with about a 2.8% illumination.

This will be chodesh **5** [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*.

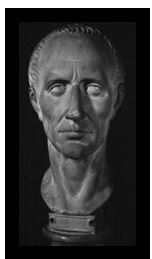
The Calendar of the Saints [new moon chart](#) has a graph near the bottom showing the number and names of all the months and the expected beginning dates.

New Moon watch for moon **5** Ab, referred to as ... *the fifth month* ... in **Numbers 33:38**, **Zech.7:3** was never named in the Bible, is upon us! Yes, that's correct. There has been no name found for month **5** as was month 4 not named in the Bible either. So just where do the names of the months come from?

Names of the Month Roman month

The Roman month of July
The Roman calendar month JULY

Named for Julius Caesar in 44 BC. The month originally had the Roman name of Quintilis. July has 31 days.



In the year 46 BC, the Greek [Sososigenes](#) convinced Julius Caesar to reform the [Roman calendar](#) to a more manageable form. At this time, Julius also changed the number of days in the months to achieve a 365 day year. In order to "catch up" with the [seasons](#), Julius Caesar also added 90 days to the year 46 BC between November and February (Vardi 1991, p. 238).

"Veni, Vidi, Vici." -- "I came, I saw, I conquered" said Caesar.



A bust of the "the last Pharaoh" - Cleopatra.

In the summer of 47 BC, having married her younger brother Ptolemy XIV, Cleopatra and Caesar embarked for a two month on a trip along the Nile, aboard a legendary boat. Together, they visited Dendara, where Cleopatra was being worshipped as Pharaoh, an honor beyond Caesar's reach. They became lovers, and indeed, she bore him a son, Caesarion. In 4 BC, Cleopatra and Caesarion left Alexandria for Rome, where they stayed in a palace built by Caesar in their honor.

Caesar's acts were anything but overlooked by the Romans. In 44 BC, he was killed in a conspiracy by his Senators. With his death, Rome split between supporters of [Mark Antony](#) and Octavian. Cleopatra was watching in silence, and when Mark Antony seemed to prevail, she supported him and, shortly after, they too became lovers.

I suppose that one could say the conqueror had been conquered?

The Jewish calendar month



'Abh (not named in the Scriptures - **KJV**)

In some sects of Jewish the traditional oral teachings we can find information regarding the month AV. It is as follows [bible version referred to is the Torah]:

"Chodesh Av," the Month of Av, is referred to in the Bible as the "Fifth Month," counting from Nisan, the "First Month." There is a Biblical reference in BaMidbar (33:38), where we find "And Aharon the Priest went up to Hor Hahar at the command of

G-d, and he died there in the fortieth year after the Jewish People had left Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first of the month."

Another sect version reads:

Bamidbar: 33: 38

Then Aaron the Kohen went up to Mount Hor by the mouth of Hashem and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel went forth from the land of Egypt, in the fifth month on the first of the month.

In the KJV Bible we can confirm parts of these writings, but not the Jewish name for the month itself as do not the original Torah readings either, except to mention the "fifth month".

Numbers 33:38 And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month. [**KJV**]

The Biblical Calendar Month [KJV]

Biblical happenings in the **fifth month**:

[Num 33:38](#); [2Ki 25:8](#);
[1Ch 27:8](#); [Ezr 7:8](#);
[Ezr 7:9](#); [Jer 1:3](#); [Jer 28:1](#);
[Jer 52:12](#); [Eze 20:1](#); [Zec 7:3](#);



5	Ab	Numbers 33:38 , Zech.7:3	Name not in Bible
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Harvest time in Israel:

Ab (Jul/Aug)	Summer heat	Vintage (grape harvest) begins
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For further reading see "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)". Most common Roman calendar month references are NOT correct per biblical calendar - [see tefukah](#)]

Chodesh **5** begins Biblical calendar month "four". Why is it month **5** and not 6 or 4? 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)", <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

Data this month is also from [Home Planet for Windows](http://www.fourmilab.ch/) and [Ephemeris vs. 2.0](http://www.fourmilab.ch/) 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/nmcalhart.html) <http://users.adelphia.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/nmcalhart.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](#).

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The birthstone for the month of **July** is the **ruby**, the color is **red**, the flower is the **Larkspur** - meaning **passionate attachment**.

Modern Birthstone - Ruby
Traditional Birthstone - Ruby
Mystical Birthstone - Ruby
Ayurvedic Birthstone - Ruby
Other Birthstone - Carnelian



1649 In London, Edward Winslow, governor of the Plymouth Colony, helped organize the Society for Propagating the Gospel in New England, for the purpose of converting the American Indians to Christian faith.

1692 Five Massachusetts women were hanged for witchcraft. Fifteen young girls in the Salem community charged as many as 150 citizens in the area with witchcraft during the greater part of this year.

1825 The American Unitarian Association was founded by members of the liberal wing of the Congregational churches in New England.

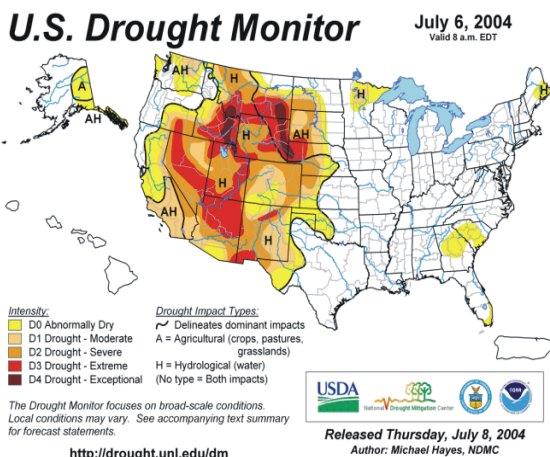
1835 Birth of Jesse Engle, pioneer missionary. In 1898 he led the first party of five missionaries to Africa under sponsorship of the Brethren in Christ Missions.

1904 Construction began on the Liverpool Cathedral in England. The cathedral was completed 20 years later and consecrated on this same date in 1924.

Biblical stones for this month: (see below)

Drought Info:

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



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

Cultural Incongruities

Psa 33:12 Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

From this psalm of David, an instruction, we can know the source of the manifold blessings upon this country we call the USA. The founding fathers understood this and established it with this in mind.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ! For this very reason peoples of other

Holidays for July 19
 Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

Burma : Martyrs' Day
Laos : Independence Day (1949)

Religious Observances

July 1
Old Catholic : Feast of St Vincent de Paul, confessor

Religious History July 19



Simeon: Gen 29:33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I *was* hated, he hath therefore given me this *son* also: and she called his name Simeon. Gen 49:5 Simeon and Levi *are* brethren; instruments of cruelty *are in* their habitations. 6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine



honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. 7 Cursed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.



faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity and freedom of worship here.
--- Patrick Henry

The pilgrims and the early patriots shared the same spirit of Providence once understood more clearly by ancient peoples and sometimes mentioned in their oratory.

"It must be felt that there is no national security but in the nation's humble acknowledged dependence upon God and His overruling providence."

--President John Adams, Second President of the United States

"The Hand of providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked, that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations."

George Washington's letter of August 20, 1778 to Brig. General Thomas Nelson

From the earliest beginnings of this great nation there has been a core of true patriots who first acknowledge God and His hand in the affairs of men, then there are the others. First there were the pilgrims, then came the Puritans. First there were the patriots, then came the politicians. First there were the local peacemakers, then came the lawyers. In every matter that man has presumed authority over God catastrophe often soon ensues. And except for the final divine purpose of mankind the future itself would

not be kept for any time longer prison. [Rev 7:3].

Today we have only a few, as first prophesied by Moses [Deu 4:24-31], scattered saints amidst the rule of men, the times of the Gentiles. The rule of the Gentiles has, in some countries, allowed free and open worship of God within their cities. However, the *rules* are changing. Just several months ago the Canadian government passed a law which determined that certain passages of the Bible are to be considered as *hate speech*.

'Bible as hate speech' signed into law in Canada -

[World Net Daily ^](#) | April 30, 2004

Posted on **04/30/2004 7:43:23 PM PDT** by [UnkiGene](#)

'Bible as hate speech' signed into law in Canada -

Canadian measure said to 'chill' opposition to homosexual behavior

Posted: April 30, 2004 12:01 p.m. Eastern

Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote!
Benjamin Franklin

The bill, passed 59-11 by the Senate on Wednesday, adds sexual orientation as a protected category in Canada's genocide and hate-crimes legislation, which carries a penalty of up to five years in

The House of Commons passed the bill in September, 141-110.

For a long time European views have been quite adverse to the realities of the Bible as any kind of authority at all in all matter of law, doctrine and the beliefs of the peoples. In fact, most Europeans express fear the religiosity of Westerners.

A writer for Britain's The Economist magazine wrote, "To Europeans, religion is the strangest and most disturbing feature about [America]." European elites worry that "fundamentalists" are "hijacking" the country. They find it extraordinary that three times as many Americans believe in the virgin birth as in evolution. Elgood said, "I actually think we don't understand it [American Christianity] at all ...

Religion is an especially dirty word in European politics; many European leaders are atheists. ...

Some analysts say religious differences between America and Europe are reaching the point of driving the two continents apart.

From the article: EXISTENCE, Is Europe the New Dark Continent? By Dale Hurd

CBN News Sr. Reporter

It is noteworthy that the clergy has been most active itself in

the changing of the *rules*. From the Anglican Church in Europe to most recently the Western Presbyterian clergy acceptance of minority groups demands such as from the homosexuals among them, including some from among the clergy itself, demand a more private interpretation of the Bible allowing their choice of lifestyle. Activity such as this yields only to promote by example the power of plurality and legalistic approach in forcing others to accept their understanding. Fear is driving the masses, politicians and the clergy. Fear of *lawful* penalties and sometimes incarceration if they will not adhere to these un-Biblical principles. Tactics such as this were once more quickly identified and aggressively eliminated during the Nazi period of WW II.

Isn't this the same thing they were doing in Nazi Germany? If you are black you have to say one thing, if you are "gay" you have to have one point of view, and if you are feminist you have to spout yet another party line. If you don't follow these lines, you are "bad," "hateful," or a "turn-coat." To be a decent person in America today, in terms of political correctness, you have to support "gay" marriage, abortion, unwed motherhood – in fact, celebrate that, especially if mom is a movie star – gun control and a growing acceptance of child sexuality, even with adults. Holding these views prevents you from being verbally attacked by others.

The individual no longer matters. One must conform to the party line or be destroyed.

From: Dr. Laura Schlessinger
America is afraid
Posted: November 11, 2002

Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for.
~ Will Rogers ~

1:00 a.m.
Eastern

It is so very natural and quite easy to fall into the seductions of politics and religious debate among the general population. It seems so very right, or left, to be actively involved in deciding who shall be the leader and what shall be the next new rule of the day. This is not at all unlike the ancient Israelites electing their kings, or the priests electing only from among themselves in the former temples, like today's on or off-grid corporate worship centers do.

So where does this all leave the saints? When the governments and priests of the congregations fail where *then* can the people turn? Where do the saints stand?

Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ... the Bible, God's divinely inspired and preserved Word, says this:

To the congregations of the saints God instructs very directly, "Arise ye, and depart; for this *is* not *your* rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy *you*, even with a sore destruction." And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. **Mic 2:10; Rom 12:2**

Make no mistake, the saints are *still* among the Gentiles and subject to their rule and laws, so long as it doesn't violate God's Law causing them to sin [**Eze 6:8; Joh 14:15; Tit 1:14**]. Not unlike the shedding or putting off of the old man upon baptism the saints are to be separate from yet submissive to the body of the authorities over them.

Eph 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught

"Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves." **Abraham Lincoln**

by him, as the truth is in Jesus: **Eph 4:22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

1Pe 2:13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

1Pe 2:14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

1Pe 2:15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

Does this give the saint permission to participate in the affairs of men? Perhaps in times past, but what about after conversion begins?

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The saints rather walk in His statutes serving their Lord.

Deu 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Deu 10:13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

It is noteworthy to consider the historical example in scripture that when confronted with the choice of obedience to man's law when in opposition to God's law we may find a saint in an unlikely dwelling. Paul and Peter were both imprisoned for voicing the Gospel to the masses. Of course discretion is the rule in

these matters and it is not to be considered just the exception.

So do the saints dismiss the matters of men as being of no moment with regard to their conversion even in the sight of the coming judgement.

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Rev 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong *is* the Lord God who judgeth her.

There is, however, a quiet wisdom that allows for such incidents as may cause one to sin - unknowingly.

1Jo 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

1Jo 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

Can a saint then plead ignorance and continue in sin?

Act 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

2Ti 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

Phi 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

To whom then do the saints display patriotism and allegiance? To the polity and Church of Zion. Here we find the saints whether it is in spirit for now or for eternity later.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Heb 12:23 To the general

assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

“ But ye are come unto mount Zion,” ... through conversion, a quickening as David states it [**Psa 119:25**], you are communing with and participating in the very polity and Church of Zion; not yet fully converted, yet in progress of perfection [**2Cor 7:1**; **Eph 4:12**].

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Heb 13:14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

ZION

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

Rev 21:12 And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

Having the glory of God--not merely the Shekinah-cloud, but God Himself as her glory dwelling in the midst of her. Compare the type, the earthly Jerusalem in the millennium (**Zec 2:5**; compare **Rev 21:23**).

Zion, the City of God! Imagine the immeasurable excellence!

An excerpt from the article **Zion**, SBS: **Zion** Eternal City of Peace, Holiness & Truth!

WHO WILL ENTER ZION?

It is, of course, easy these days

to visit Jerusalem or join a church. But who will ascend the holy hill of Zion **when** the Saviour sits on his throne there? Bear in mind that mount Zion in Jerusalem is also a shadow of the high and holy place where **Yahweh** currently sits on His throne. That universal seat of government on high is scheduled to be moved to Jerusalem when Jesus Christ returns to earth. Think about that astonishing fact. **Will you then qualify to visit Zion?** This passage gives the answer.

P 3: Who shall ascend into sa the holy hill of the Lord? or .2 who shall stand in his holy 4: place?

4: He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5: He shall receive the blessing from the Lord...

'Clean hands' and a 'pure heart' mean those with **righteous actions** and **pure minds**. This redeemed host, having been cleansed by the **blood of the Lamb**, and empowered to live holy lives by the Holy Ghost, will enter Zion with great joy and gladness. Then, at last, will Jerusalem live up to her name as the **City of Peace, Holiness** and **Truth!** No unbeliever - of whatever race - will be allowed to walk the streets of **Zion** when the Messiah returns. It will be a city **free from sin: unbelief, strife, commercialism, paganism and vanity.**

I 11: Therefore the sa redeemed of the LORD shall :5 return, and come with 1: singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

I 1: Awake, awake; put on sa thy strength, O Zion; put on :5 thy beautiful garments, O 2: Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

I 7: How beautiful upon the
sa mountains are the feet of
:5 him that bringeth good
2: tidings, that publisheth
peace; that bringeth good
tidings of good, that
publisheth salvation; that
saith unto **Zion, Thy God
reigneth!**

I 14: The sons also of them
sa that afflicted thee shall
:6 come bending unto thee;
0: and all they that despised
thee shall bow themselves
down at the soles of thy
feet; and they shall call
thee, **The city of the LORD,
The Zion of the Holy One of
Israel.**

J 16: The LORD also shall
oe roar out of **Zion**, and utter
l:3 his voice from Jerusalem;
: and the heavens and the
earth shall shake: but **the
LORD will be the hope of his
people, and the strength of
the children of Israel.**

17: So shall ye know that I
am the LORD your God
dwelling in **Zion**, my holy
mountain: **then shall
Jerusalem be holy, and
there shall no strangers
pass through her any more.**

Z 10: Sing and rejoice, O
ec daughter of Zion: for, lo, I
h: come, and I will dwell in the
2: midst of thee, saith the
LORD.

We can see from the above passages about **Zion** that she has a glorious future. The city of Jerusalem, though still to pass through a painful period, has a glorious future. In the same way the people of **Zion**, the true believers in the LORD God of Israel, have a glorious future. Nothing can alter these facts. Though the whole world were to gather against **Zion and her People** (wherever they currently live) the **Word of the Almighty God of Israel** will come to pass. First **Zion**, the city of God, will be captured and brutally dominated by the Gentiles for a period of 42 months. (Revelation 11: 2) After this period Zion will be rescued and cleansed. **Zion** will then be empowered by God Himself.

Zion will be glorified. **Zion's King** is about make **Zion** the beauty of the whole earth. Have no doubt, all these things will come to pass as prophesied in the Scriptures.

P 8: As we have heard, so
sal have we seen in **the city of
m the LORD of hosts, in the**

48: **city of our God: God will
establish it for ever. Selah.**

9: We have thought of thy
lovingkindness, O God, in
the midst of thy temple.

10: According to thy name,
O God, so is thy praise
unto the ends of the earth:
thy right hand is full of
righteousness.

11: **Let mount Zion rejoice,
let the daughters of Judah
be glad, because of thy
judgments.**

12: Walk about **Zion**, and
go round about her: tell the
towers thereof.

13: Mark ye well her
bulwarks, consider her
palaces; that ye may tell it
to the generation following.

14: For this God is our God
for ever and ever: he will
be our guide even unto
death. **Selah** (Selah means,
pause and take note)

Say **Amen, Amen and Amen**
again to these verses. Because
they summarise our dearest
hopes and give us great
confidence that **Zion**, the eternal
city, the **City of the Great King!**
is the one place in all space
that, by His grace and mercy,
we want to - and will - enter!
**Blessed be the LORD God of
Israel!**

Scriptural Reading

A Psalm or Song for the sons
of Korah.

Psa 87:1 His foundation *is* in
the holy mountains.

Psa 87:2 The LORD loveth
the gates of Zion more than all
the dwellings of
Jacob.

Psa 87:3
Glorious things are
spoken of thee, O
city of God. Selah.

Psa 87:4 I will

make mention of Rahab and
Babylon to them that know me:
behold Philistia, and Tyre, with
Ethiopia; this *man* was born
there.

Psa 87:5 And of Zion it shall
be said, This and that man was
born in her: and the highest
himself shall establish her.

Psa 87:6 The LORD shall
count, when he writeth up the
people, *that* this *man* was born
there. Selah.

Psa 87:7 As well the singers
as the players on instruments
shall be there: all my springs
are in thee.

Signs in the lights of the heavens?

What is the Sign of the
Messiah's second coming? Click
on this link: [Signs](http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs/777/course/lesson14.html) 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.

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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

*Things will get better -- despite our efforts
to improve them.*

~ Will Rogers ~

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

From:

Connections: Member to Member
Jerry Hyatt (brother-in-law of Wayne Schatzle) was taken to the hospital June 5 for a cancerous tumor on lung and liver. He died there later that day. Please pray for his wife, two sons, one daughter and three grandchildren. Jerry was only 64 years of age and will be greatly missed. The Hyatt family receives mail c/o Freedom Info., PO Box 1806, West Chester, OH 45071.

Don Owens of Redding, Calif., passed away. He was a longtime member of the Church of God, attending with congregations in Southern California and in the Bay area before moving to Redding. Please keep his wife, Helen, and his family in prayer.

Dorothy Hartman died Sunday, June 6, at 1:30 am at her home. Her family and church members had been taking care of her with help from hospice. A graveside funeral was held on Tuesday morning. Cards for the family may be sent to her husband, Robert Hartman, Rt. 3, Box 276-1, Muldrow, OK 74948.

From:

Church of God News
Positive News of the Churches of God
June 2004, No. 15
(none reported as of issue date)
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From United News:

Van B. Lisman, well known to many former Ambassador College students and employees, passed away May 16, 2004, at the age of 82. He was a longtime member of God's Church, baptized in 1962.

Van was born Aug. 17, 1921, in

San Pedro, California. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, School of Optometry and served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946.

Upon discharge from the Navy, he joined his father, Hal, in his optometric practice in San Pedro. He also worked one day a week on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus helping students and others with their optical needs during the 1960s on through the early '80s. Van retired in 1984.

Van was dedicated to his family and through many years of illness he maintained comfort through his unwavering faith in God and His way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hal and Mabel Lisman, and by his grandson Erik Lisman. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy; son Gary Lisman and his wife, Margi, of Oregon City, Oregon; son Lee Lisman and his wife, Pat, of Brush Prairie, Washington; son Ray Lisman, also of Oregon City; and daughter Linda, wife of Walt Moffitt, of Folsom, California; plus his sister Loma Clayson, formerly of Pasadena and now living with her daughter in Arlington, Texas; as well as nine grandchildren and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Dorothy (Dot) Walker, beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, died June 5, 2004, after a long illness and pneumonia. She attended the Greensboro, North Carolina, congregation and was a baptized member of God's Church since 1976.

She is survived by her two sons, Alvin (and Brenda) Walker and Terry (and Betty) Walker; three sisters; two granddaughters, Kimberly Preston and Jamie Walker; and one great-grandson, Andrew Preston.

Services were held June 8 in Lexington, North Carolina, among family and friends.

Edith "Carlene" Robertson, 58, of Salem, Oregon, died March 11, 2004, after suffering a massive stroke.

Carlene was baptized in January 1994 and attended the United Church of God congregation in Salem. She was a gentle, loving person. Carlene is survived by a large family, including her husband, one daughter, two sons, her mother, four sisters, two brothers and eight grandchildren.

Judy Kay Markley, 59, of Corvallis, Oregon, died May 4, 2004, from complications following heart surgery. Judy was baptized in April 1964 and attended the United Church of God congregation in Salem, Oregon. She is survived by her husband of 18 years, Joe Markley; by a daughter, Darla Buhlig; and by two grandsons, six brothers and two sisters.

A graveside service was conducted on May 11 in Tonganoxie, Kansas, by Greg Sargent.

Prayer Requests

For a collective list, See: <http://darwinlauralee.150m.com/index.html>

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Night is a good shepherd ...
it brings home man and
beast.
~ olde Irish proverb ~
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Scriptural Allusions

Psa 119:98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.

Psa 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation.

Psa 119:100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

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And finally, *on the lighter side*, a *well-spring* of summer color ...

Pro 16:22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly.

Pro 18:4 The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.



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A friend in Christ,
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